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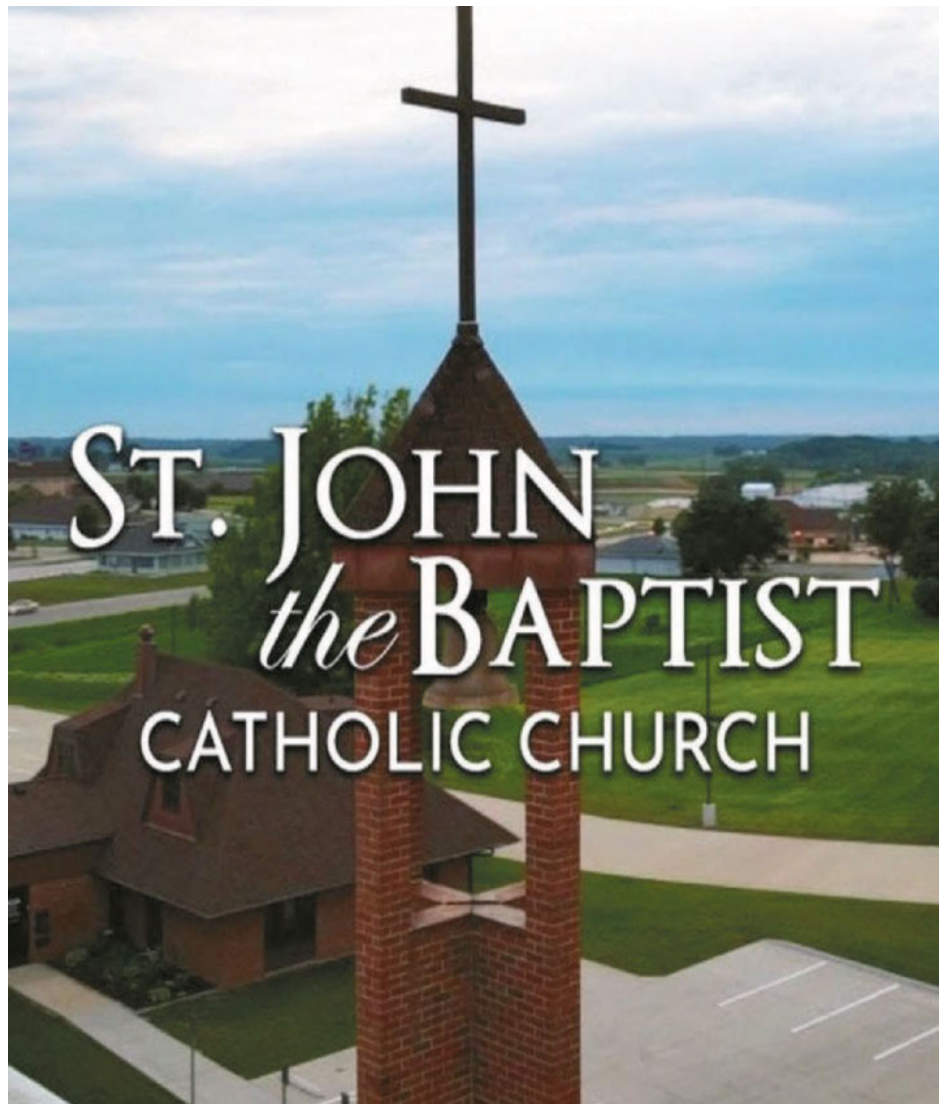
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January 16, 2022

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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PARISH THEME: RETURN TO ME AND RENEW YOUR SPIRIT

To Our Parishioners & Friends

Second Sunday in OT-*Living life as “a gift to others”*

This weekend the gospel is about the wedding feast at Cana. The appearance of Jesus at the wedding feast constitutes the last of the four manifestations of Jesus as God among us. The feasts of Christmas, Epiphany, and Baptism are the other three.

In narrating the details of the wedding event in which Jesus turned water into wine, St John underscores its theophanic character by reminding us that “Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory,” prompting the disciples to “begin to believe in him.”

Commenting on this passage in the Magnificat for this weekend, Pope Francis interprets the Cana wedding event as Jesus manifesting himself as “the spouse of the people of God,” to show the “depth of the relationship that unites us to him.” The prophet Isaiah spoke about similar divine “espousal” of Israel in these words: “No more shall people call you ‘Forsaken, ‘or your land ‘Desolate, “but you shall be called ‘My Delight, ‘and your land ‘Espoused.’ For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse”(Is 62: 4).

Understanding that love is the central tenet of this God-humanity relationship is key to living our life accordingly as “a gift to others.” St. Paul expounds on the covenant love understanding in his teachings on the gifts of the Spirit, asserting that God gives to each of us gifts through his Spirit for the benefit of others. Paul names numerous gifts, with each possessing one or more to serve others, to live for them.

The passage further highlights Mary’s exemplified commitment to live with others in view. Consider her request on behalf of the wedding party to her son: “They have no wine.” It is a gesture that supports the pope’s assertion that Jesus seeks to bind us to himself by acts of mercy. Also, it signifies her solicitude for others as a matter of her love for all.

To the world in need of stable and universally authentic love, the wedding feast at Cana is understood as establishing a new covenant of love, a relationship between God and all humanity. What took place at Cana does not happen to the groom, the bride, and the others present. Instead, Jesus lived that moment to bind “his disciples to himself in a new and final covenant,” says the pope.

In the main, we should understand that the wedding feast at Cana was a sacred moment, a moment of love to bring us to understand our calling to live our lives as “a gift to others.”

Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier

Last week I referred to the first two characteristics that Joe Paprocki identifies in his book “*Practice Makes Catholic.*” Today I will share his last three.

3. Respect for Human Life -

How we treat one another and how we think about the value of each person should reflect Gospel values. Being Catholic means being people for others. But are we always? Where in parish, school, or family life does this characteristic break down?

4. Reverence for Scripture and Tradition -

Yes, there really is a core of Catholic knowledge and belief, and we must continue to hold up the bar. Catholic need to learn and remember the teachings of the faith.

5. An Attitude of Faith and Hope -

In spite of life’s challenges, a Catholic turns away from despair and seeks comfort in the faith and the community. Knowing one another and being there to encourage and support each other in challenging times reminds us that we do not journey alone. In what ways to parents and students receive our support through life’s difficulties.

**There really is something special
about being a Catholic!**

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Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 2:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Wednesday, January 19th

8:30 am - Special Intention

Friday, January 21st

8:30 am - Rosalyn Ludwig

Sunday, January 23rd

8:30 am - Wayne Tauke

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Tuesday, January 18th

6:30 pm - Faith Formation Mtg.

Wednesday, January 19th

6:30 am - Finance Council Mtg.

9:00 am - St. Anne's Group

6:00 pm - FF for grades 4th - 8th

7:00 pm - FF for grades 9th - 12th

7 - 9 pm - Adoration

Sunday, January 23rd

8:30 am - Preschool FF

9:30 am - K - 3rd grade FF

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Sacrificial giving.....	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,444.46
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 151,846.24
YTD collections received.....	\$ 163,822.08
YTD	\$ 11,975.84

Liturgical Ministers January 23, 2022

Sacristan: Brett Kimm

EM:	Charlene Vig	Ann Thuerauf
	Lisa Thuerauf	Ellen Bentley

Lectors:	Patty Lynch	Charlie Liberko
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Rev. Phillip E. Schmitt funeral Mass will take place this Monday, January 17th @ 10 am at Immaculate Conception Church, Cedar Rapids. Archbishop Michael O. Jackels will officiate. Masks are recommended. Funeral Mass will be lived stream at:

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