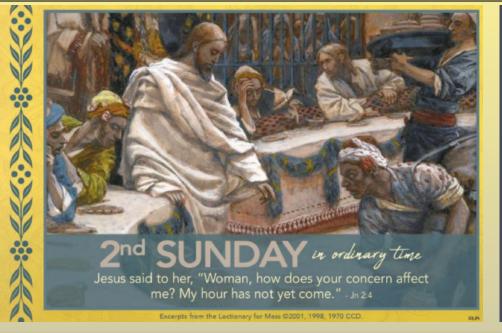
January 16, 2022 The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time





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Call the office (378-4431 ext. 2) to register full or part-time.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 am—St. Pius and 10:30 am—St. Mary Monday: *No Mass* Tuesday: 9 am—St. Pius Wednesday: 9 am—St. Mary's Thursday: 9 am—St. Anthony Friday: 9 AM - St Pius Saturday: St. Anthony 4 PM

> Mass Intentions Week of 01/16/22–01/22/22

> > † John Cosgrove

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Building Fund.

Visitation of the Sick

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.



Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

The Bishops have requested this prayer be recited for the Synod of 2021-2023. This prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

- We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
- With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
- Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
- We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
- Do no let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we ay jour-
- ney together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every

place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Jan. 16, 2022: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time by <u>Mary M. McGlone</u>

"My hour has not yet come." Don't try to use that excuse with your mother! It didn't even work for Jesus.

Today's Gospel story could have been a wedding story that John picked up from the oral tradition. But whenever John retold an anecdote, every detail and word assumed layers of meaning. Just as the Josephs of Scripture were famous for dream interpretation, John knew how to uncover depth in every facet of an incident better than the finest jeweler can appreciate a cut diamond. Thus, today we hear about wine at a wedding and God's gift to a people who had lost touch with joy.

It starts out simply. Mary and Jesus and friends were at a wedding celebration. But the subject is not really the wedding. John tells us nothing about the goodness and aim of marriage. We have no idea who the newlyweds are. We know nothing about the ceremony, the dress, the music. No society page would pick up the story John tells. If the tale were to be published, it would probably go in the "Believe It or Not" section of the paper.

Here is the short version. Two people are supposed to be enjoying the happiest day of their lives with all their friends and the wine runs out. That's not just an embarrassment, but it seems a terrible omen: if there was too little wine at the wedding, what else will be lacking to the marriage? Who is to blame? The parents, godparents, steward? Maybe the people who drank too much from the get-go? Sure, blame can be spread all around, but even if a culprit is found, there is still no wine.

But for one woman.

Mary, the woman who taught Jesus to pray. She will not just sit back and watch the feast fizzle. She finds Jesus and announces: "They have no wine." Whether she used only those words or made them the centerpiece of a cajoling mother's entreaty, she got her point across.

Unfortunately, what she saw as a problem didn't fit Jesus' master plan.

At this point, John the Evangelist begins to write as much between the lines as in the text. Jesus says, "Woman, how is that our problem? My hour has not yet come." Jesus doesn't call her *immah* (mom), nor does he use her name as if he were addressing her with formal distance. No, the Greek says he called her *gune*, woman, as if she represented all of Israel, God's own bride. John is framing this incident as a symbolic depiction of God's people who have run out of joy.

In John's Gospel, Jesus does not teach about prayer as in Matthew, Mark and Luke. We might see Mary here as an image of Luke's persistent widow and the friend who comes in the night or the Syrophoenician woman of Mark and Matthew's Gospels. Like the psalmists who plea, "For the sake of your name, hear my cry!" Mary believes that God's name is too great, God's generosity is too famous to allow people to remain joyless and ashamed.

"My hour has not yet come." Jesus' reply was not enough for Mary. Representing her people, representing her needy world, she simply told the servants to do what Jesus bid them, knowing that when that happened, all would be well.

Two millennia later, Martin Luther King Jr. picked up Mary's theme in his book *Why We Can't Wait.* He wrote: "Time itself is neutral; it can be used destructively or constructively." Like Mary telling the servants to obey Jesus, King said, "Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of [people] willing to be co-workers with God." King wrote about the change that was past due for people of African descent in the United States. Like him, women and impoverished people in the Catholic Church are saying that necessary changes can't wait for the "right time" because when it comes to reform, that time never arrives.

As we enter into a new church year, Mary of Nazareth, the persistent guest at Cana, urges us to believe that the hour has come. The hour has come for us to believe that the reign of God can be palpable in our midst. The hour has come for us to listen to the urgings of the Spirit. The hour has come for the church to become genuinely synodal, appreciating and listening to the voice of each of her members, especially those on the margins. The hour has come for all of us to be coworkers with God and to listen to the Gospel. The hour has come to look at Christ and do whatever he tells us. Then we will know the joy God intends for humanity.

[St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet]

01/04/22	Solon	Gordon	Minong
Envelopes	\$790	\$1145	\$8581
Loose Change	\$29	\$81	\$63
Fuel			\$5
Building Fund	\$22	\$51	\$4
Solemnity of Mary	\$10	\$111	\$12
Christmas	\$60	\$25	
Haiti		\$480	
First Collection	\$2	\$30	\$75
Total	\$1492	\$1145	\$8740
Electronic Donations (December)	\$710	\$320	\$1204.14
CSA Goals (2021/22)	\$10,655	\$6,460	\$14,026
CSA Results (as of: 11/02/21	\$4530	\$5965	\$6795
% of Goal	43%	92%	48%

Pray *For* our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

Laverne Treb	Joseph Treb
Virginia Bartelt	John Poole
Jocelyn Collins	

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: 2nd. Sunday of Ordinary Time

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: St. Anthony Abbot / Martin Luther King Jr. Day $1\ \text{Sm}\ 15:16\text{-}23/\text{Ps}\ 50:8\text{-}9,\ 16\text{bc}\text{-}17,\ 21\ \text{and}\ 23/\text{Mk}\ 2:18\text{-}22$ 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: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: St. Agnes

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19 Saturday: Day of Prayer For the legal Protection of the Unborn 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21





Announcements and Upcoming Events

- St. Mary's is looking for nominations or volunteers for two Parish Counsel members . Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in filling these positions. If you know of someone who you would like to nominate or if you feel called to this position please contact the parish office!
- If you are interested in being a Reader/Lector please contact Fr. Kinney at the parish office: 715-378-4431
- A Zoom Synod gathering will be offered for parishioners who are out of the area for the winter. It will be on Thursday, February 10th from 6-9PM. More information to come!
- A Synod gathering "In Person" will be held on Saturday, February 12 from 9–12PM at St. Pius. All parishioners are invited!

Religious Education Schedule for January

St Mary's Classes:

January 16 January 30

St. Plus Classes: January 30

St. Pius Atrium: Due to cancelled classes and illnesses these past few months the Atrium will be offered on January 16 and the 23 after Mass for any child in the atrium that would like to make up sessions. The added sessions are not obligatory for attendance.

For more information on events and activities, Little Flowers or Catechesis of the Good Shepherd check out our website at: https://www.stspiusmaryanthony.com/

Synod on Synodality

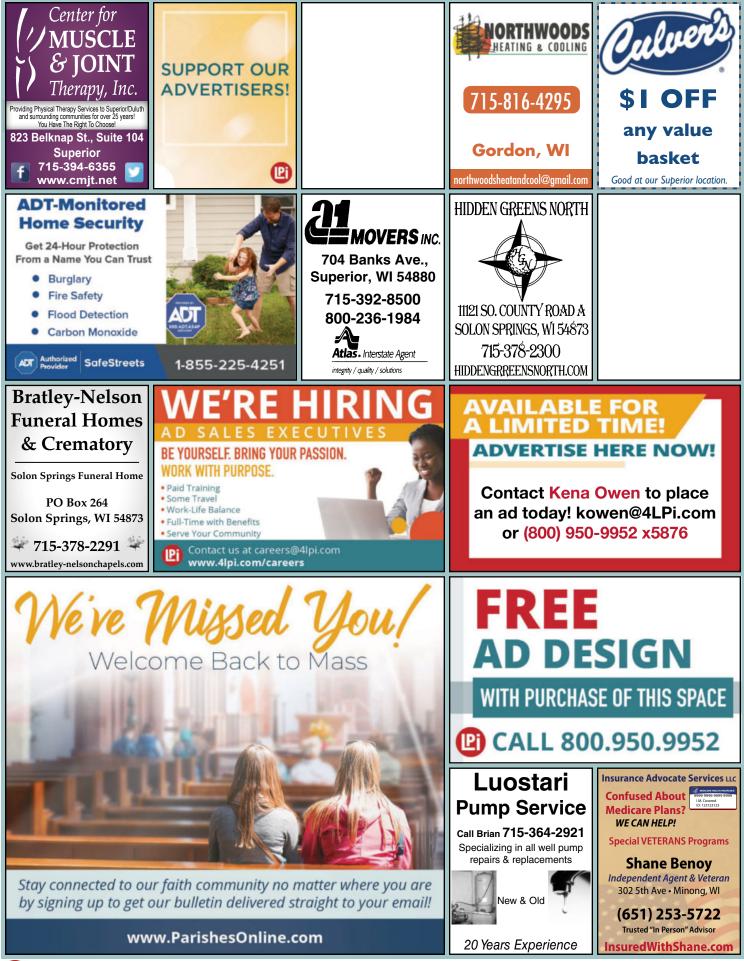
Worldwide diocesan reports will ultimately go to the Bishops' 2023 Synod gathering in Rome, <u>all</u> members of our Triparish are being asked to participate in a January/ February synod gathering—the time, date and place for which will be

announced on our Triparish website:

(https://www.stspiusmaryanthony.com)

and bulletin in the coming weeks. In the meantime parishioners can access the details for the Synod on our Triparish website as well as on the Diocesan website's dedicated Synod page: https://catholicdos.org/synod





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