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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

Stewardship Reflection Today's Gospel reading from John recounts the familiar story of the wedding feast at Cana when Jesus launched His public ministry by performing His first miracle at his mother's request. In the midst of the feast, the Blessed Mother noticed that the wine had run out and pointed out the problem to Jesus. Then, she gave the servants instructions that are equally applicable to us modern-day stewards, saying, "Do whatever He tells you." Jesus gives the servants a simple and seemingly mundane task, telling them to fill some stone jars with water. They did what He told them to do. And Jesus used their obedience in the accomplishment of that simple task to perform His first miracle, turning the water into the choicest wine. Our Lord didn't have to include those servants in order to perform this miracle — He chose to. And today, 2,000 plus years later, He still chooses to include us in the performance of His miracles through our cooperation with Him in using the gifts and talents He has given us. Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother: let's examine our lives this week to see if we really are "doing whatever He tells us," cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and parish. Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother. Let us examine our lives this week to see if we really are doing whatever He tells us and cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and parish.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE To appear in the bulletin, items must be received no later than 12:00 noon on the preceding Tuesday.

Attention Business Owners Gary Stang from Liturgical Publications Inc. will be in our office this week setting up the advertising sponsorships for the bulletin. We need and appreciate your help. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Gary at 800.950.9952 ext. 5838 or at gstang@4LPi.com.

New Ministry Schedule Our current ministry schedule runs through January 30. A new schedule will be prepared to run through May 29. If you are unable to assist at Mass during this time, please sign into *Ministry Scheduler Pro*, chose *Profile*, and under *Ministries and Scheduling* add you unavailable dates and times. Make sure to click on the *Submit* button. The deadline to update your profile is by noon next Monday, January 24.

Missals There is still a limited supply of the *Living in Christ* Missals available for purchase from the ushers before or after Mass at a cost of \$5.

Extra Stable The church has an extra stable for a Nativity scene. If you are interested in a large stable for decorating, please contact Sandy in the Pastoral Office.

Rosary Leaders Please contact Sandy in the Pastoral Office if you would like to volunteer as a Rosary Leader. We will begin scheduling this ministry in February.

Volunteer Photographer Needed We are looking for a Volunteer Photographer to capture the special Sacraments of our Youth in the Religious Ed program this spring. We would love for you to share your talent with us! The dates required are May 4th and 15th. If you are interested, please contact Karla Schams at stteresacre@wsbcwi.org or at 608.786.0610 ext. 2.

DVD Player Needed The religious education program is in need of a dvd player with an HDMI input. If you have a dvd player you would like to donate, please contact Karla Schams at 608.786.0610 ext. 2 or stteresacre@wsbcwi.org.

Adult Bible Studies Forgiveness is powerful! We often struggle with how God can be so merciful to us as sinners. His love for us is almost unfathomable. Many of us understand the need for confession, but find it difficult to actually go and confess. If this is you, then now is the time to understand God's forgiveness and accept it. As we await the Lenten Season, join us for **Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession**. A Bible Study that explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love in 5 sessions. Please join us on Tuesdays, January 25 - February 22 at 6:15 p.m. and register by **tomorrow**, January 17. Following the Forgiven Bible Study, we will take a break before

MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
January 22 - 23: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Ushers	4:30 PM	Joe Bolwahn, Darrel Bradley, Arnold Muellenberg
	8:00 AM	Dominic Keivel, Steve Keivel, Trent Keivel, Duane Rodenberg
	10:00 AM	Brennon Anderson, Drew Anderson, Jeremy Anderson, Steve
Servers	4:30 PM	Andrew Lorenz
	8:00 AM	NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
	10:00 AM	NOT FILLED
Cantors	4:30 PM	Michelle Lorenz
	8:00 AM	Wyatt Molling
	10:00 AM	Sydney Martin
Readers	4:30 PM	Jane Mathison
	8:00 AM	Kay Kesler
	10:00 AM	Melissa Anderson
Musicians	4:30 PM	Renee Bradley
	8:00 AM	Kelli Martin
	10:00 AM	Kelli Martin
Counters		Margette Baker, Cheryl Lang, Destiny Longworth-Quam

beginning **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist** in preparation for Easter. A Pew Survey from 2019 shows that 69% of Catholics no longer believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, but that the bread and wine are simply symbols. However, transubstantiation is a basic tenet of our Catholic faith. The Presence Bible study will explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. Please register by February 10 for this session which will be on Tuesdays, March 8 – 29 at 6:15 p.m. Each Bible Study will begin in the Annex following the Tuesday evening 5:30 pm Mass. The meetings will run approximately 90 minutes. The cost is \$10 each and payment is due at the first session. To register, contact Karla Schams at 608.786.0610 ext. 2 or stteresacre@wsbcwi.org.

Inspiration for the Week Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT		
2021-22		
\$ 32,080.00		Parish Target
\$ 42,005.00		Amount Received
131%		Percent of Target Met
\$ -		Amount Needed
\$ 9,925.00		Monies Returning to Parish
READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mk 2:18-22		
Jan 17	Private Mass	† Bob & Mary Laxton by Bill
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28		
Jan 18	5:30 PM	† Lynn Lambert by Jane & Brandon Mathison
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6		
Jan 19	8:30 AM	† Sharon Friet by Mary & Jamie Cleaver
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/Mk 3:7-12		
Jan 20	8:30 AM	† Rollie Huebsch by Paul & Judy Schams
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19		
Jan 21	8:30 AM	† Joan Leland by Roger & Donna Elsen
	10:00 AM	Residents of Mulder
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21		
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30		
Jan 22	4:30 PM	† Angie Dickman by John & Rita Diekroeger
Jan 23	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
	10:00 AM	† Kevin Hilby by The Zietlow Family

discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing! ©Lpi

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The Lighter Side
Divine Delivery A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain. "It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK		
Wed Jan 19	6:30 PM	Grades 8-10 CCD
Sun Jan 23	9:00 AM	Grades 4-7 CCD
Budget vs. Actuals		
July - Dec 2021	Actual	Budget
4110 Adult Envelopes	117,536.42	120,500.00
4111 Youth Envelopes	115.00	150.00
4112 Plate Collection	8,087.24	6,300.00
4120 Societies Income	409.82	0.00
4125 Votive Lights/Memorial Flowers	1,076.81	300.00
41403 Program Income, Catholic Ed	4,215.00	4,600.00
4150 Proceeds from the Sale of Assets	870.20	0.00
415021 Cemetery Donation	1,000.00	0.00
4155 Annual Appeal Rebate Income	6,005.00	0.00
4165 Miscellaneous Income	1,400.00	0.00
4212 New Church Fund	1,823.00	1,800.00
4220 Gifts to Works of Charity	380.00	0.00
4230 Restricted Mass Stipend Income	1,140.00	1,270.00
4240 Restricted Stole Fee Income	150.00	0.00
8530 Interest/Dividend Income	24,874.21	24,036.00
Total Income	\$169,082.70	\$158,956.00
Total Expenses	\$188,779.68	\$189,474.98
Net Revenue	-\$ 19,696.98	-\$ 30,518.98

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
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| BELIEVE | GIFTS | JOHN | SIGNS |
| CANA | GLORY | KINGS | SILENT |
| CORINTHIANS | HEALING | KNOWLEDGE | SPIRIT |
| DELIGHT | ISAIAH | LORD | WATER |
| DISCERN | JARS | PAUL | WEDDING |
| DISCIPLES | JERUSALEM | PROPHECY | WINE |
| FAITH | JESUS | REJOICE | WISDOM |
| GALILEE | JEWISH | SERVICE | ZION |

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 16, 2022

WATCH

JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)



PSALM

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the
nations. (Ps 96)



SECOND READING

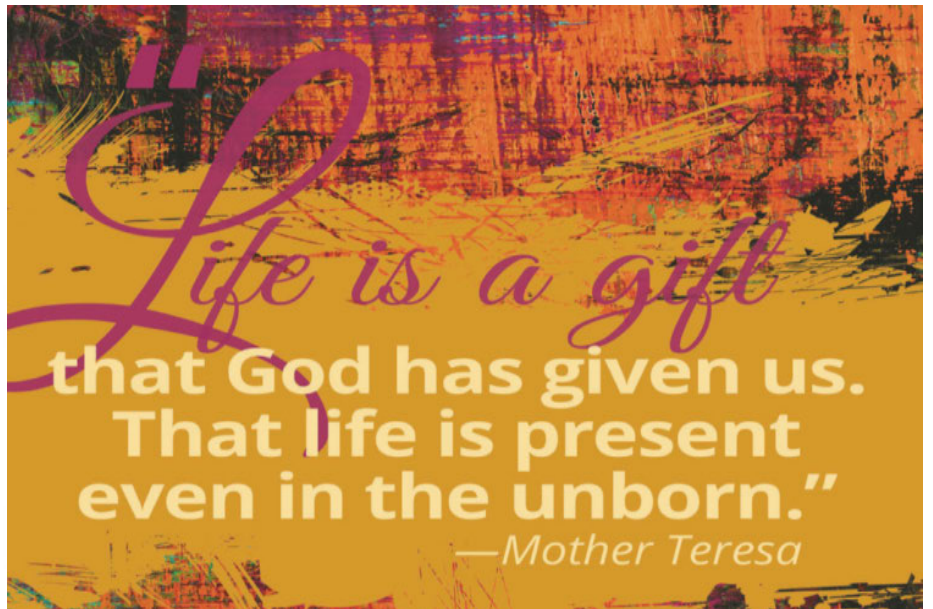
But one and the same Spirit produces all
of these,
distributing them individually to each
person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)



GOSPEL

Jesus did this as the beginning of his
signs at Cana in Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in
him. (Jn 2:11)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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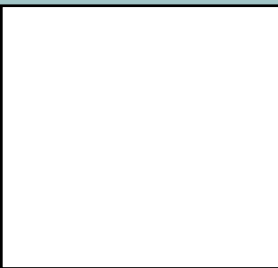
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