# Catholic Churches of St. Mary, St. Joseph & St. Charles

Pastor: Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala MCBS (Fr. KK)

# 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

St. Mary 15 1st Ave NE Deer River, MN

Weekend Mass: 8:30am Sunday Daily Mass: 8:30am Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri

St. Joseph 51061 Wolf Drive Ball Club, MN

Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:00pm

St. Charles 308 Central Ave N Cass Lake, MN

Weekend Mass: Sunday 11:00am

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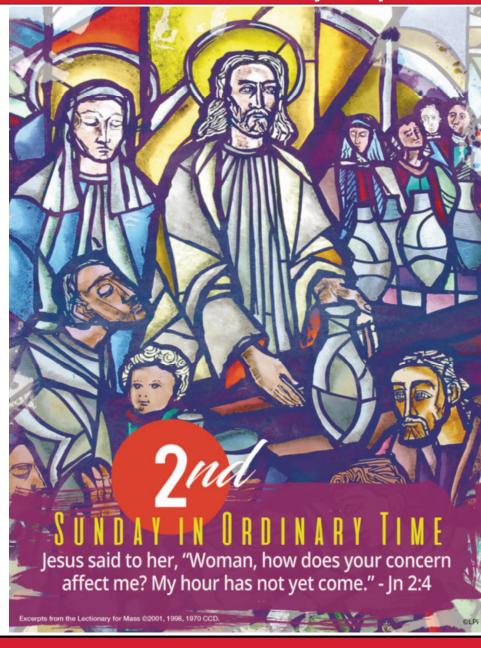
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January 17 - January 23								
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday		
Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr  8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 9 Adoration SM	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 3:30 Conf SJ 4 Mass SJ	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin  8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 10:30 Conf SC 11 Mass SC		
SJ = St. Joseph, Ball Club SC= S			Charles, Cass Lake		SM=St. Mary, Deer River			

# **GOSPEL MEDITATION -**FNCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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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. ©LPi

	January 17 - 23	
Mon Private Mass	Mary Lou Bunce †	
Tues. 8:30	Greg and Liz Villeneuve	SM
Wed. 8:30	Earl Goracke †	SM
Thur. 8:30	Pro Life Intention	SM
Fri. 8:30	Juliette Villeneuve	SM
Sat. 4:00pm	Lavonne and Max † Villeneuve	SJ
Sun. 8:30	For the People of our Cluster Parishes	SM
Sun. 11:00	Joan Peters †	SC

## St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Religious Education

There will be religious education classes this coming Wednesday, January 19, for all grades.

2:30pm - 4:00pm Grades K - 5

6:00pm - 7:00pm Grades 6 - Confirmation

#### A Note From Father KK

The funeral rites of my sister Mrs. Aleykutty Joseph (1940-2021), began at her home on Friday, 31 December 2021 at 10.30 am and thereafter at Mary's Parish church.

NB:Funeral ceremonies will be conducted observing Covid 19 protocol.

#### St. Joseph and St. Mary's Ministry Schedules

There are copies at the back of the church of the January and February ministry schedules for St. Joseph and St. Mary's. Please feel free to pick up a schedule on your way out after Mass if you would like a copy. Thank you.

#### St. Mary's Church Cleaning Schedule

There is a new cleaning schedule for the 2022 year near the stairwell to the balcony. Please feel free to sign up for a month that works for you. Thank you for your generosity in donating your time to help take care of our church!

### **2022 Envelopes**

The 2022 Collection Envelopes will arrive late this year. I apologize for any inconvenience. They should arrive sometime in January or by February for sure. Thank you for your patience.

# 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 serve? 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 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 ©LPi



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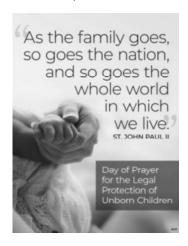
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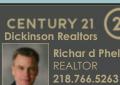


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