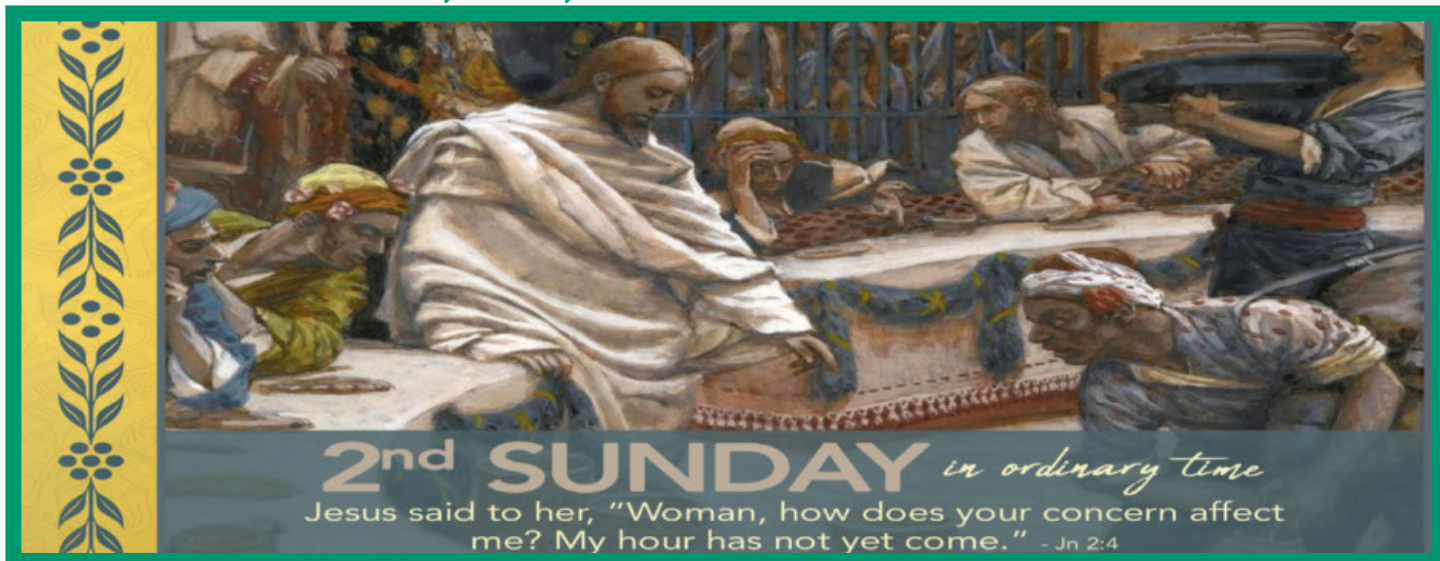


Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



JANUARY 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL MEDITATION: 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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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Penance: Saturday at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8a.m. Baptism: Contact the church office at 672-6352

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires a minimum of a four month preparation period. Please make early arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment.

IMPORTANT DATES

16th: CGS at 10am to 12pm

19th: All PSR/CGS classes meet normal

21st: 8:00am Mass/ 7pm Spanish prayer

Office closed on the 21st.

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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 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following:

Rita Haen (sister in law of Ruth Menzer), Madison Hunt-continue prayers for health, Doug Will – health concerns; Michelle Jochems-anaemia, Lyola Hatfield-health issues; Elton Bowman-health issues; Barbara Agnew - health issues; Dawnetta Park (Linda Johnson cousin)-health issues, Tom Wenrich, Ann Souza-health issues, Teri Simpson's twin granddaughters, Chandler and Chloe: in hospital with RSV, Jim Kiley-healing from surgery, Becky Ellis-cancer/health issues, Matthew Egging-heart issues, Tristin McDonald-loss of child, Larry Conkle, Jeff Jochems-prostate

Stewardship of Treasure for the

Weekend of Jan. 2, 2022

Number of Envelopes -83

Envelopes	\$10,895.00
Auto Withdrawal Envelopes	1,130.00
Offertory	170.00
Online giving	750.00
Building Fund	10,000.00
School Rental	70.00
Oil Gas Royalties	12.35
Misc. Church Income	571.45
Votive Lights	18.00
Total	\$23,616.80
Required Budget	\$7,200.00
Net Surplus	\$16,416.80
	Year to Date
Total Receipts	\$237,251.87
Required Budget	194,400.00
Net Surplus	\$42,851.87

VISION STATEMENT: As Disciples in Christ, we are called to know, love, and serve God and each other in celebrating and living the message of the Gospel.

MISSION STATEMENT: We are a faith community who recognizes and acknowledges individuals' gifts and talents, encouraging spiritual growth.

Bulletin Entries

The deadline for bulletin submissions is Monday at noon for the following week's bulletin. If your submission is not on time, it will be held for the following week's bulletin. Please carefully proofread your entries for the bulletin, as they will be published exactly as received. Do not send attachments. All submissions must be emailed to: sacred_heart_bulletin@live.com

We are still in need of more servers, Eucharistic ministers, Rosary leaders, and ushers on Saturday. Thank you.

THANK YOU to all who helped take down and store the Church's Christmas decorations.

They are ; Stephanie Becker, Mike Westerhaus, Luke Kumberg, Kim Evert, Diana Barnard, Kay Schnitker, Judy Doolittle, Jan Clarkson, Mary Harms and Chris Himmelwright.

Pictorial Directory in February

Feb. 23-26th we are making a new pictorial directory and you can easily make your appointment to be photographed by going to the church website and clicking the link. Please plan on an hour for your appointment. You will have a chance to review your pictures. You can also click the link in the newsletter, or the church Facebook page. You will need to go to February on the calendar to see the days to sign up.

<https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=3534502&typId=63945&step=2>

If you do not have computer access, you can make your appointment today. Just stop at the parish office. Be photographed for the new directory and receive your copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait of your family at no charge. To get your copy of the directory you must be in the directory. Make your appointment and do your part to make this the best directory ever!

The parish office will be closed Jan. 21st, Erin will be out of town that weekend to a family event.

Father Charles made it safely home to Nigeria. Please keep him in your prayers.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah used marriage imagery (bride and groom) to describe the Lord's love for his people, Israel. What do you see as some implications of this marriage imagery?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Corinthians that the individual gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to benefit and unify the community of faith. How do you use your spiritual gifts within your faith community?

Gospel:

Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana was one of the first public "signs" he performed revealing his divinity. It also showed Jesus' compassion, sparing the family shame at running short of wine. How do you imagine the family reacted to Jesus' intervention and rescue?

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

Roses for Expectant Mothers: ARE YOU EXPECTING A BABY or KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS EXPECTING.....and would like a rose placed in the vase on the wall next to Our Blessed Virgin Mary? As a parish, we would like to pray that you will have a healthy pregnancy and a safe and blessed delivery. After your baby is born, you will receive your rose from the vase and keep as a memento from our parish, the day your baby is baptized.

If you are expecting a baby and would like a rose placed in the vase so our congregation can pray for you, please call Marla Stucky, 620-672-6178 or email [sstucky@cox.net](mailto:ssucky@cox.net).

- The red roses in our vase represent our current expecting families in our parish.
- The white rose reminds us to pray for life from conception to natural death.

Calendar of Events
January 2022

Mon. 17

Tues. 18

No Mass in St. John

Wed. 19

NO Mass

4 – 6pm CGS class

6 – 7pm 2nd-6th PSR class

7 – 8pm 7th-12th PRS class

Thurs. 20

No 8:00 Mass

Fri. 21

Office is closed

8am Mass

7pm Spanish prayer/rosary

Sat. 22

4:30pm Confession

5:30pm Mass

Sun. 23

8:00am Confession

8:30am Mass

10am-12pm CGS class

10:45am Mass in St. John



January

18-20 No Mass

14 Marvin & Nancy Schmidtberger by Marla & Scott Stucky

15 (Sat. eve.) Don Prosser by Lorraine Prosser & Family

16 (Sunday) Calvin & Priscilla & Clint Eck by Venard Family

St. John – Pro populo

New to the Parish?

We would like to welcome you to Sacred Heart. Please fill out this short form and drop it in the collection basket or in the mail slot at the rectory. Someone will contact you to help you complete your registration.

Name _____
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Thank you for helping us include you here at Sacred Heart.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 2022

Week 4

SATURDAY, Jan. 22nd, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Dianna & Mike Fisher
Commentator: Luke Kumberg
Servers: Justin Kiley
Joseph Kiley, Ryan Haas
Euch. Ministers: Ken Beckman
Gifts: Volunteer
Ushers: Volunteer
Sacristan: Linda Fletcher
Rosary Leader: Janet Horton

SUNDAY, Jan. 23rd, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Gene Cannata, Volunteer
Commentator: Stephanie Becker
Servers: Maisy Fields
Eve Fields, Cruz Tresner
Euch. Ministers: Kim Evert
Gifts: Fields Family
Ushers: Jeff Shumway, Steve Strecker
Sacristan: Jill Nech
Rosary Leader: Deb Roberts
EM to the Sick: Not at this time

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