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SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

### 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) ©LPI

## 2<sup>ND</sup> 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



**Saturday, January 15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time****Confessions are by Appointment Only****4:00 p.m. Mass**—+Patrick Foley—by Rita Foley**Sunday, January 16, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Paul Kuchta—by Fred Nitz

+Virginia Favor—by St. Sabina Queenship of Mary Guild

+David Maccani—by Angie and Dino Maccani

**11:00 a.m. Mass**—+Cunningham Family—by Florence Cunningham

+Robert Iafrate—by Fabiano Gentile

**Monday, January 17, St. Anthony, Abbot, Dr. Martin Luther King, Holiday****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Joseph & Theresa Aiello, Sam & Dominic—

by Stiplosek Family

+Mary Mahday—by David Smith

**Tuesday, January 18, Weekday****6:30 p.m. Mass**—+Ceil Kobylarz—by Richard & Pat Toporowski**Wednesday, January 19, Weekday****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Patrick Foley (1st Anniv.) - by Chris & Liz Fulks,  
Lauren Fulks, Jenna Fulks**Thursday, January 20, St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Kathleen Joyce—by Bob and Joann Terski**Friday, January 21, St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Leja & Markey Family—by Larry & Margie Leja**Saturday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Richard Czapski—by Family  
(Privately celebrated at Mariannahill Chapel)**Saturday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time****Confessions are by Appointment Only****4:00 p.m. Mass**—+Joseph Rodler—by Family

+Jeanette Niemiec—by Jane Evers Family

+Charles Pulis—by Frances Pullis

**Sunday, January 23, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Karl Kakaley—by Pat & Mary Kay Koss

+Christian Zebrowski—by Ray and Marlene Vincent

**11:00 a.m. Mass**—+Harry and Eleanor Sacha—by Family

+Patrick Sieszputowski—by Mike Fusco

+Jeanette Niemiec—by St. Sabina Fish Fry Family

+George Cremona—by Linda Wielkopolan

+Virginia Favor—by Richard and Joanne Fronczak



A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

*"In our present social context, marked by a dramatic struggle between the 'culture of life' and the 'culture of death', there is need to develop a deep critical sense, capable of discerning true values and authentic needs.*

*What is urgently called for is a general mobilization of consciences and a united ethical effort to activate a great campaign in support of life. All together, we must build a new culture of life."*

**Pope Saint John Paul II  
Evangelium vitae (1995)**

**WEEK OF  
PRAYER  
for  
CHRISTIAN  
UNITY**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

*Our Father, We seek you in so many ways and places in our life. We seek you for guidance and for comfort. But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry. We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in*

*common. Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will.*

*We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



## Now Pinch Hitting

January 16 2022

Fr. Jim was in such a remote place for his vacation, he was unable to complete his article for this week. So in the brief moment he had cell service, he texted me and asked that I fill in for him. I hope he had a relaxing time and didn't give his nephew much grief.

In our Second Reading today, St. Paul tells us that there are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit. Having just come out of the Christmas season, I'm sure many of us received different kinds of gifts. I'm a big Star Wars fan, so my oldest daughter Emilee always tries to get

me something Star Wars related. Last year she got me a Star Destroyer Spaceship that is a bluetooth speaker and this year she got me two silicone ice cube molds that make Death Star ice cubes. I'm quite certain that some people may have gotten these gifts but I'm just as sure that there were many people who didn't. It's the same with our spiritual gifts. The Spirit has many gifts, but these gifts are distributed to us as the Spirit sees fit. It is our job to recognize the gifts we have been given and use those gifts in the service of others. So which gifts do you have?

I wasn't able to be around during the Christmas and New Years masses due to being under the weather a bit along with my work schedule. I missed seeing everybody. I'm feeling better now. I hope everyone had a Merry and Blessed Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year filled with many blessings! God Bless!

Deacon Matt

*January is not a common month for weddings in this country. Nevertheless, a wedding is at the center of today's Gospel. It is at this wedding feast that Jesus performs his first miracle, changing water into wine. Though we are not here today to celebrate a wedding, today's celebration includes both feast and miracle, ones we often take for granted. Let us consider the miracle that takes place in our presence today—the bread and wine becoming Christ's Body and Blood—and give thanks for the invitation we have been given to this Eucharistic feast.*



## KNIGHTS' CORNER

### *The Miracle of Faith!*

In today's Gospel reading, we hear the story of the wedding feast at Cana and the miracle of water turned into wine. Jesus performs this great miracle at the request of His Mother Mary. Mary has perfect faith in her son Jesus. Even when Jesus protests that it is not yet His time, she turns to the servers and directs them to do whatever Jesus tells them. She makes the request with full knowledge that her son will provide the best possible solution. She has no doubt whatsoever in His providence and doesn't presume to tell Him how to go about providing more wine. We need to take a lesson both from Mary's deep unquestioning faith as well as the peace of knowing the Lord knows both what we really need AND how to provide it. Turn it over to Jesus and rest in the sure knowledge that He's got you covered!

**COMING SOON:** Knights' Annual Superbowl Party at St. Linus – Stay tuned for more details!

If you are an adult Catholic male that would like to join the Knights of Columbus Father Veryser Council at St. Linus and St. Sabina's, please reach out to any of us that you see around the Parish. Joining the Knights is a terrific way to socialize, grow in Spirituality, and to participate in many rewarding works of Charity and Mercy. We look forward to counting you as a brother!

God Bless You and your families and we pray that you continue to grow in Faith and Love!





*Right to Life -*  
**LIFESPAN**

**Motor City Caravan for Life is January 22**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Motor City Caravan for Life** takes place next **Saturday, January 22 at 11:30 a.m.** to commemorate the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the same day as the National March for Life in Washington. **The car caravan begins in Royal Oak, at Shrine Catholic Grade School**, proceeds on Woodward Ave. and Gratiot Ave. and ends in Detroit. Our theme is "Love Life"! This allows all ages to promote life from the warmth of their own cars!

Many people and churches also put out *LIFESPAN* **Luminaries** overnight on January 21 to commemorate the somber anniversary. **THERE WILL BE LUMINARY KITS AVAILABLE FOR YOU (as long as supply lasts) IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX, AFTER ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND.** Please call 734-422-6230 or visit [www.milifespans.org](http://www.milifespans.org) if you need more details on these awesome events!

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**  
**January 17 2022**

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MERELY THE ABSENCE  
OF TENSION; IT IS  
THE PRESENCE OF  
JUSTICE.

—MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

"The time is always right to do what is right."  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



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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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- Jn 2:1-3*

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From the desk  
of Fr. Don

**GOD’S LOVE  
CAN FIND US  
ANYWHERE - EVEN IN  
PRISON**

**Father Frank Roof** was the chaplain of Kentucky State Penitentiary for many years. He tells about inmate Paul Kordenbrock, born in Kentucky and growing up with little restraint in the ‘60’s, with the “If it feels good, do it” Philosophy.



**Paul’s life went from** one bad experience and crime to another. Unwilling to conform to society, young Paul soon found himself on death row.

**Living two floors above** the electric chair, Paul one day in 1982 asked Fr. Roof for confession and Communion. That led to more meetings and mellowing.

**Paul met other Catholic** prisoners on death row and petitioned officials to let Father Roof celebrate Mass for their small Catholic group.

**Permission was given** and the little group gathered regularly with Fr. Roof in a noisy steel cage available to them. The prisoners adopted St. Paul for their patron saint because long ago St. Paul had met the same fate of jail and death under harsh Roman emperors and persecutors.

**Fr. Roof saw** soon that Paul Kordenbrock’s activities were coming from a growing change in his life. an took on-line courses in his faith, including Old Testament and New Testament, Church history, Church doctrine, Catholic morality and Catechetics.

**Paul even became** a certified catechist conducting an RCIA program there on death row.

**Fr. Roof asked Paul** what brought about the change of heart, Paul listed four things:

- 1.Letting go of the “stuff” and fears that bothered him, and trusting Jesus.**
- 2. Meditating and praying daily.**
- 3.Daily scripture reading.**

**4.Sharing with other prisoners how Jesus changed their lives.**

**In addition,** Paul had a strong sense of how God used even his mistakes to draw him closer. “If I had not done all those dumb things, got myself into all those messes and screwed up to where I wound up here on death row, I would never have known Jesus as I do now. It sounds strange, I guess, but I thank God for the mistakes I made and I think God even likes me for making them and using them to grow!”





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*We become the Real Presence of Christ through prayer, education, worship, and service. Gathering in Christ's name we share our time and talents with our community, and welcome all.*

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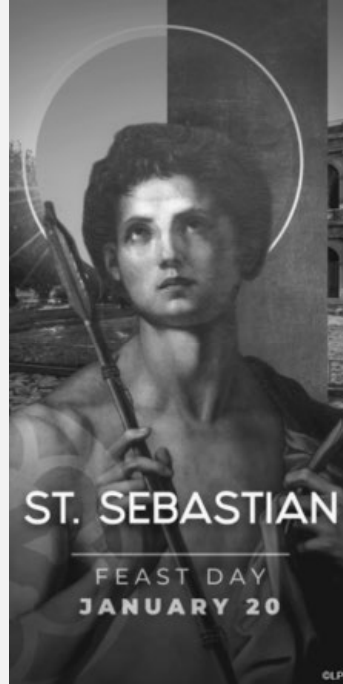
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**SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH**

St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.



One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.  
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*May Jesus be the source of strength for those who suffer from heavy burdens of life, a haven of hope and light in darkness. Keep all the sick, those in the hospital, the homebound, and those awaiting surgery in your thoughts and prayers. "Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen!"*

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**Weekend Lector Schedule  
 January 23 2022**

4:00 p.m. J. Wojnarowski  
 8:30 a.m. P. Kasproicz  
 11 a.m. M. L. Janiga

**Weekend Eucharistic Minister Schedule  
 January 23 2022**

4:00 p.m. M. A. Owens, T. Ostafinski,  
 K. Policicchio  
 8:30 a.m. M. Koss, P. Koss, K. Laczkowski  
 11 a.m. L. Tallieu, J. Chackunkal, M. Lizbinski





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