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January 16, 2022

2nd
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

Masses: Sat. 4:00pm (Vigil), Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am
Weekday: 8:30am (M-F) Reconciliation: Sat. 3:00pm



From the Desk of Fr. John

Welcome to St. John XXIII. Ordinary Time is in full bloom, and you can see how our Altar has now transitioned to a new Season. As newness awaits us, today's Gospel appropriately places us at the Wedding Feast at Cana, the Church's third Epiphany moment (*i.e.*, the first the Magi's visit to Manager; and second the Baptism of the Lord). The beauty of the Wedding Feast is that every time we join in the Mass, we indeed join a Messianic Banquet, with the Lord inviting us to be transformed and, in turn, changing ourselves and our families. The changing of the Ordinary Bread and Wine demonstrates the sheer goodness of God, and the giving of His all to us.

I really like today's Readings because they speak of God's mercy. Isaiah prophesized the mercy of God to a people undeserving of it. To Isaiah, Israel would be fully vindicated. The Gospel emphasizes Jesus' birth into this world as signaling newness and change. As Ordinary Time begins, use these few weeks before Ash Wednesday to become your better self. Our Lenten Program, just a few weeks away, will be outlined shortly. Let's all deepen our faith lives during this Winter.

Finally, thanks to all who have participated in the upcoming Raffle for "Oklahoma!" Musical at Shea's Buffalo (sold after Masses), our Hearts Galore Calendar Raffle, and please gear up for Vera Bradley Bingo on Feb. 27th.

God's abundant blessings, Fr. John.
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DONATION UPDATE! THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MAILED OR DROPPED OFF THEIR WEEKLY DONATIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL. PLEASE HELP US.



Welcome Visitors!

In this time of change, we welcome everyone to our vibrant community, so "consider yourself invited" to join us! Call the Rectory for a Registration Form or find it on our website at www.stjohn23.com. Welcome!



JANUARY FUEL COLLECTION

Please be sure to help with our January Fuel Collection. It greatly helps in paying winter costs. Please use your envelope or a write on a blank envelope "fuel." Thanks for your generosity!



MONDAY MORNING EXERCISE CLUB

Many thanks to the Monday Morning Exercise Club that generously donated \$240 to our Parish. We are so grateful. Interested in joining this fun club? Consider YOURSELF invited every Monday Morning at 9:30 a.m. Thanks again — it really helps us!

Stewardship in Faith:
For the week January 9, 2022:
Regular: \$ 7,818.00



Help Us! Without Sunday Mass for several months due to COVID-19, our annual collections have been affected. Would you help us? As you know, our collection revenue is down overall, and without regular contributions, we will experience problems with bills. *Please prayerfully consider increasing your contribution if you are able.* Help us help you. God's generosity can't be outdone.



"Dustbusters, Inc." ... Team #4 will clean the Church the week of January 16th. Thanks!



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An appreciative Note of Thanks to the Fr. Justin Knights of Columbus (Union Rd.) that donated \$1,000 from its Bingo operations. Thanks for your help — you made a difference in our lives & we are extremely appreciative.



Family Moment. In today's Gospel, we meet Wedding "servers." How can YOU be a better "server" in your family — to wait on God's instruction and carry it out in your family life? Go ahead, make a difference.



INCOME TAX TIME!

Would you like a statement of your recorded contributions for income tax purposes? Call (823-1090) or write us by depositing a note in the collection. We're happy to help! Most of all, we're *very grateful* for your support.

We pray through the power of Christ for the healing of ... Robert Rath, Stephen Boryszewski, Leo Schiffhaer, Alice Morrisley, Jeanette Watkins, Judy Kelly, Michael Weishaupt, Lynn McKenna, Grace Lord, Fred Postollese, James Hogan, Rosalie Diaspara, Marian Spoor, Patricia Walczak, Thomas Lavelle, Marge Dutka, JoAnne Hahn, Max Wojciechowski, Tony Peters, Christopher Travis, Rick Stoddard, Kaylin Kline, Elizabeth Fay, Rick McEvoy, Cheryl Lane, James Ruggiero, Gladys Roche, Norman Dailey, Mary Laubenthal, Heidi Sheehan, Beverly Smith, Harry Gray, Sharon Quinn, Hugh & Judy Bondanza, Andrew Dodges, Phyllis Elbers, Alice Kowalewski, Patti Catanzaro, David Smith, Eleanor Szeffler, Roslyn Hawthorn, Kevin Denecke, Mary Jane Lane, Melissa Piskor, Jack Fadeley, Robert Loniewski & Rhonda Strumpf.



From the Desk of Jennifer Lang, Director of Faith Formation

This Weekend's Gospel is the Wedding at Cana. I remember when my brother was getting married and all the preparations that went with it, as well as a good amount of anxiety. My parents lived across the street from the caterer. My mother happened to see her the day before the rehearsal dinner. She waved and talked casually, then said, "Well, we'll see you tomorrow." The caterer looked surprised, because she thought the dinner was the following week. The caterer sped up the plans for the rehearsal and everything was delivered on time the next day. While Jesus, with the prompting of my mother, did not turn water into wine that evening, there was a small miracle that occurred. Next Sunday, January 23rd, is a Family Activity that will be celebrating Catholic Education. Everyone in the Parish is invited to see exhibits of the Schools and Faith Formation Programs of the Diocese over the past 175 years.

Jennifer Lang, Director of Faith Formation

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Catechetical Corner A Weekly Faith Growing Bulletin Corner

The Wedding Feast At Cana

The Lord Jesus Christ began His supernatural, miraculous signs in Cana. The first sign profoundly symbolized the Kingdom of Heaven's imminent need to be spread beyond Judea into the entire world. The Wedding setting at which the Lord performed His first miracle is also symbolically important, emphasizing His union with His chosen bride Israel. The emptiness of those six water pots at the Wedding feast signifies the void of Judaism and its failure to meet the spiritual needs of the Jewish population leaving them unfulfilled with much to be desired. Jesus waited until the pots were completely empty before He could move in with His new, fresh, good wine. It is the same today. He waits until our hearts are completely empty of all filth and love of the world before He can move in and allow His Grace to work and fill them with good wine of love for God and for one another.



A SMILE MAY TAKE JUST A MOMENT, BUT THE MEMORY OF THAT SMILE CAN LAST FOREVER!



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. 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.



"GIVE AND TAKE" WITH GOD, AND CHANGE THE WORLD . . .

"There is a beautiful "give and take" in the different relationships of life where all are united in one great love in Him who sacrificed His life for us, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If only everyone could feel this, how perfect would be the harmony on Earth." -St. Teophane Venard



Okay, We All Struggle.. Never underestimate the pain of a person. In all honesty, everyone struggles. Some people are better at hiding it than others.

LESSONS LEARNED: WEDDING AT CANA

1. Take Your Requests to Jesus but Humbly Accept His Answer. *The mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." [And] Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect Me. My hour has not come" (Jn 2:3-4).* Mary couldn't make Jesus do anything even though she was special to Him. Jesus wanted to be sure He was working on the Father's schedule toward the ultimate goal of redemption for His people. **Lesson:** God doesn't work on our cues. We must trust Him with our plans and the timing of those plans. **2. Cultivate a Humble and Obedient Heart.** *His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).* **Lesson:** Since you can't make Jesus do your will, resign yourself to do whatever He says. Obey Him and you'll have more peace. **3. Remember that in God's Hands, the Ordinary Becomes Extraordinary.** Ordinary things can become extraordinary when they're blessed by God. The disciples themselves were ordinary people before they were called. **Lesson:** The goal of a follower of Christ should be that Christ becomes more noticeable in our life. *We want people to see Him in us.* With God, "ordinary" things and people become "extraordinary."

Strengthen Marriage. "Date your spouse" to strengthen the marriage. Visit www.stjohn23.com.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 15, 2022, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm. Pauline Malczewski - *by Bob & Kathy Ives*

AND: Camille Rybarczyk - *by Family*

Sunday, January 16, 2022, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am. Edward Perillo - *by Family*

AND: John & Elizabeth Kostek - *by Children*

10:30am. Bob Berger - *by Dan & Gail*

AND: Wallace S. Piotrowski - *by Dick & Barbara Lavelle*

Monday, January 17, 2022, St. Anthony, Abbot

8:30am. Mary Elizabeth Bauer - *by Estate*

AND: Parishioners of St. John XXIII

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, Weekday

8:30am. Lorraine Gancarz - *by Family*

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, Weekday

8:30am. Laura Adamski - *by Estate of Nancy Adamski*

AND: Parishioners of St. John XXIII Parish

Thursday, January 20, 2022, St. Fabian

8:30am. All Souls' Intentions

AND: Parishioners of St. John XXIII Parish

Friday, January 21, 2022, St. Agnes

8:30am. Ted Wieleba - *by Wife, Ellie*

Saturday, January 22, 2022, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm. Nancy Guindon - *by Ron & Janet Shamrock*

AND: Stephen & Paulina Labedz - *by Gary Labedz*

Sunday, January 23, 2022, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am. Leona & Eugene Antkowiak - *by Daughter, Annette*

AND: Barbara Kossowski - *by Gavin Family*

10:30am. Wallace S. Piotrowski - *by Val & Family*

AND: Eric Wozniak & the Holy Souls - *by Mother*



Scriptures for Next Sunday

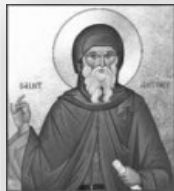
First Reading: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm: 19:8-10, 10-15

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30

Gospel: Lk 1:1-4, 14-21

The Sanctuary Light will shine this week for Chad Lomas by Rose Glodzik.



St. Anthony (Jan. 17th)

St. Anthony (251-356), was born into a wealthy Egyptian Family. At age 20, he was so moved by the Gospel message, “*Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor*” (Mk 10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. He saw the world completely covered with snares and gave the Church and the world the witness of solitary asceticism, great personal mortification and prayer. He drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance. At 54, he founded a sort of monastery of scattered cells. At 60, he hoped to be a martyr in the renewed Roman persecution of 311, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving moral and material support to those in prison. At 88, he was fighting the Arian heresy. St. Anthony is associated in art with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the cross are symbols of his valiant warfare with the devil; the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits; the pig a symbol of the devil himself. He died in solitude at 105.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday Mass. We're Open: Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil, Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Also view Mass live on Facebook, YouTube, and at www.stjohn23.com.

Choir Rehearsal. Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word. Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Healthy Living: Fun low-impact exercises while sitting with Kathy Zawadzki. Monday at 9:15 a.m.

Rosary. Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Liturgy of the Hours: Morning Prayer. Thurs. at 9:00 a.m.

Bingo. Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday at St. John's

Faith Formation Family Activity: Catholic Education. Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal. Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word. Sunday at 10:30 a.m.



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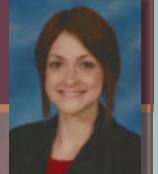
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