



# OF WINE AND WATER

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 15/16 2022

*'...and his disciples began to believe in him.'*  
(John 2:11)

The last line of the Gospel this weekend after Jesus performs his first miracle of turning the water into wine shows how even Jesus had to prove himself to his disciples. This wasn't a situation of Jesus saying, "Hey, guys, I'm the Messiah," with them responding, "Cool! We'll follow you anywhere!" Even the Son of God couldn't be taken at face value. There needed to be tangible evidence and proof like a miracle.

So, looking on the flipside, if Jesus had to prove to his followers that he was the Lord, how do **we** prove to Jesus that we are **his** followers?  
In an age of "fake news" and filtered photos,

how do we show that we are real, authentic disciples of Jesus Christ?

If we are to see Jesus in everyone we meet, let's ask ourselves some questions:  
Do we bully and harass others... or do we try to build each other up? Do we talk negatively or lie about someone behind their back... or do we try to foster healthy communication? Are we unkind, unjust, cruel, mean, and un-Christian... or do we show empathy, compassion, mercy, and love?

Sadly, we don't have the power to turn water into wine. However, we do have the power to be the example of a Christian. And **that** is a miracle all to itself.

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## FROM FR. STEVE...

Dear Family,

We are about to embark on a new journey here in South Buffalo! Our mission to create a new family of parishes that will minister together, share resources and most importantly worship our God together begins this week! God is calling us to see things in a new way. He is sending the Holy Spirit to us to lead this process and to inspire all of us to share our gifts for the benefit of all. Our Second Reading this weekend is taken from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. In this passage, St. Paul is reminding the people of Corinth, and also us, that God has distributed many different gifts to many people. No gift is too small and no gift too great! He reminds us that all these gifts are important and God has given them to us to share with others. We are called to build up our Church. We are all, by our baptism, on mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus to the world! None of us can build up the Church alone. So, as we begin this renewal process, the Holy Spirit is calling each of us to pray about what gifts God is calling us to use to build up the Church. What is God calling you to do? How can you get involved in the new family of parishes? Together we can make great things happen here in South Buffalo! Are we up for the challenge? The Holy Spirit is calling! Are we listening? God is entrusting this mission to us! Are we going to respond?

Praised Be Jesus Christ...Now and Forever!!!

Father Steve

**URGENT WARNING:** If you receive an email that appears to be from Fr. Steve asking you to contact him regarding an urgent need, most often asking for you to purchase gift cards or some other item, **DO NOT ANSWER IT AND DO NOT DO IT!** First, Fr. Steve would never ask for these things at all, but especially via an email or text message! There are many evil people out there across the world who are creating bogus accounts of priests and ministers around the world using their names trying to trick people. They are evil and will one day have to answer for their actions! Fr. Steve's email is [fr.steve@olcp.org](mailto:fr.steve@olcp.org). That is the only one that he uses at the parish. Any other account is bogus. If you receive one of these types of emails, please call the office to let us know.

## POT O' GOLD: GET IN IT TO WIN IT!

**Saturday, March 12, 2022 (Now VIRTUAL - SEE PAGE 4)**



**Top Prize: \$10,000**  
(10) \$500 Prizes

**Early Bird Drawings:**  
Sweetheart Drawing (Feb. 14): \$250



**Tickets are \$30 each or (2) for \$50 - (Each ticket admits one to the party drawing.)**  
Tickets on sale after all Masses, at the parish office (260 Okell Street), or mail in ticket requests. Please make sure name, address, and phone number are included. Please send to Our Lady of Charity Parish • 260 Okell Street • Buffalo, NY 14220. Adding a self-addressed stamped envelope will get you entered into a mystery drawing! If you are interested in selling tickets, please see one of the ticket sellers or pick some up at the office.

# DISCIPLES STAY ACTIVE

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**St. Ambrose Site**  
 Yoga, 6:00pm, Parish Center

**Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Family Site**  
 Cub Scouts, 6:00pm, Hall

**Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Family Site**  
 Yoga, 6:00pm, Hall

**St. Ambrose Site**  
 Boy Scouts Troup #256, 6:00pm

**Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Holy Family Site**  
 Community Dinner, 4:30pm, Hall

**St. Ambrose Site**  
 OLCP Seniors, 1:00pm, Parish Center

**Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**St. Ambrose Site**  
 Confessions, 3:15pm, Church

### FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

**January 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm - 7:30pm, St. Ambrose Site**  
 Confirmation Class Grades 9-10

**January 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm - 7:45pm, Holy Family Site**  
 Faith Formation Grades 1-8

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

**January 8/9, 2022**

Collection: \$6,892.00

Renovation: \$628.00

Mary, Mother of God: \$246.00

Thank you for financially supporting Our Lady of Charity Parish (especially as we enter the heating season)!

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**THIS Weekend:** Fuel Collection

**January 30<sup>th</sup>:** Catholic Relief Services

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NDA

Do you know anyone looking for a great Catholic School? Please tell them about Notre Dame Academy. Please call 716-824-0726 today. For more information on South Buffalo Catholic School Notre Dame Academy please visit [www.notredamebuffalo.org](http://www.notredamebuffalo.org)

Save the Date for an NDA Open House! Notre Dame Academy will hold a safe Open House on Friday, February 4th from 5 - 7pm at 1125 Abbott Road.

Are you a graduate of a South Buffalo Catholic Elementary School? Please check out this brand-new Facebook group just for you! Search South Buffalo Catholic Elementary Schools Alumni Group.

## OLCP SENIORS

Our next meeting is **Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 1:00pm** in the Parish Center. Please watch the weather and stay safe getting here!

## KEEP UP TO DATE WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Don't delay your goals! If you're ready to earn your high school equivalency diploma or become career ready, contact Catholic Charities Department of Workforce and Education at (716) 893-3500. Services offered for youths and adults in Erie and Niagara counties include tutoring, high school equivalency preparation instruction, basic skills upgrades, employment readiness preparation, post-secondary school education planning and more. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org). Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



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### FUN FACT:

Pop the cork!  
 The word wine is mentioned 233 times in the Bible. Water, however, is mentioned an astonishingly 722 times.

# DISCIPLES STAY IN THE KNOW

## POT O' GOLD PARTY UPDATE

Out of an abundance of caution, it has been decided not to have the in-house party this year for the drawing on March 12. Details on the virtual drawing will be announced soon. While it's disappointing to all, our concern for all of you comes first. Thank you for your continued support of this fundraiser and good luck to all! Reminder: February 14 is our next early bird drawing! Tickets continue to be sold after all Masses, at the parish office, in person at Mineo's pizzeria and you can mail in a request (if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope, you will be included in an extra mystery raffle!).

## A VOCATION VIEW

Back to Ordinary Time, where we strive to serve God faithfully with our daily labors. Is Jesus asking you to labor in the Vineyard to save souls in religious life? If so, contact Fr. Dave Baker at (716) 847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

## WEATHER CLOSINGS

If Buffalo Public Schools are closed – morning Daily Mass is **CANCELED**. Please know that Fr. Steve will pray for the intention of that Mass privately. If the weather is looking bad, please pay careful attention to local news sources for all closings. And by all means: stay warm and safe.

## COMMUNITY DINNERS

If you are interested or would like some more information please contact the parish office at 822-5962 or Mary Anne at 822-1837. Thank you!

### Sponsors for the coming weeks include:

January 21: Boy Scout Troop #256

January 28: Sisters of Mercy

February 4: MAK & Friends

**February 11: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**February 18: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**February 25: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

## TAX STATEMENTS

Any parishioner who would like a statement of your donations for 2021 should submit your request in writing. Please include your name, address, and envelope number. All requests should be in the parish office by January 31, 2022. You may put your request in the collection basket. Thank you very much for those who include a self-addressed stamped envelope. We will get them to you as soon as we are able. Thank you for being patient.

## BRING BACK YOUR PALMS

We invite you to start bringing back your dried palms from last Palm Sunday. We will use them to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Containers will be at each of the doorways of the churches.

## MASK MANDATE UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE

A reminder that masks should be worn not only when entering and exiting churches and worship spaces, but throughout the duration of the liturgy, even when seated. While we want to build places of worship that foster the welcome of all, particularly at this beautiful time of year, part of our pastoral outreach in this extraordinary time should be to ensure the safety of all of our congregants.

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### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday

4:00pm (St. Ambrose Site)

#### Sunday

8:30am (Holy Family Site)

10:00am (St. Ambrose Site)

11:30am (Holy Family Site)

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 4:30pm  
(Office will be closed 12:00pm - 12:30pm for lunch)  
Friday, closed

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Please consider remembering our parish community in your will.

# THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## First Reading

Is 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. 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.

The word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

**R/. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name. **R/.**

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **R/.**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise;  
give to the LORD the glory due his name! **R/.**

Worship the LORD in holy attire. Tremble before him, all the earth;  
Say among the nations: The LORD is king. He governs the peoples with equity. **R/.**

## Second Reading

1 Cor 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

The word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

Jn 2:1-11

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." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# DISCIPLES PRAY TOGETHER

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Let us remember all those who have gone before us:

+Jean M. Conlon, +Millie McNierney,  
+Mieczyslaw Sierhart, +Richard Fisher  
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time + Order of Mass +

- **Processional:** Songs of Thankfulness and... (#459)
- **Gloria:** Mass of Creation (#193)
- **Readings and Responsorial Psalm:** #1097
- **Offertory:** God Is Love (#699)
- **Mass Parts:** Mass of Creation (#198, #199, #202)
- **Communion:** Take and Eat (#950)
- **Recessional:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (#614)

## PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

*In every age, O God, you have called us to be your people, to be your Church.*

*In this time, we begin anew to discern the pathways that will lead us, your people, closer to you.*

*Continually Bless our journey as we proclaim your Good News, celebrate your saving presence among us, serve others with charity and justice, and steward the world you have entrusted to our care.*

*Send your Spirit to lead and guide our Emmaus journey as we commit ourselves to the renewal of our Church.*

*This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

“MASTER, THE ONE YOU LOVE IS ILL.” (JOHN 11:1-2)

Edna Albert, Irene Andrzejewski, Irene Barrett, Louise Beamish, Teresa Beamish, Lillian Beyers, Ann Alvira-Buchnowski, Patricia Cajak, Maureen Canney, Cheryl Clontz, Patricia Colern, Caroline Dominesey, MaryAnn Forsyth, Vara Jones, Madisyn Ledder, Janet Murray, Karen O’Neill, Mary Pilon, Maryann Rigby, Sandy Riley, Jane Rozek, June Stebbins, Ruth White

Daniel Barry, Michael Beyers, Leon Bolick, Owen Chase, Eric Crawford, Vincent Crawford, Frank Czapezyk, Francis Davis, Larry Deskiewicz, Richard Dinnocenzo, Paul Fitzpatrick Sr., Jason Florea, Eric G., Jacob Heberling, Emmett Jakubowski, Rob Karr, Andrew Kuper, Gabe Lopez, Robert Maggio, George Rodriguez, Josean Rodriguez, The family of Coach Frank Rossi, Jeremiah Smith, Jim Sweeney, Tom Walsh, Christopher Zuercher

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sat./Sun., Jan. 15/16 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time

- SA • 4:00pm  
Paul Fitzpatrick, Jr. (req. by the Charleton Family)
- HF • 8:30am  
James Coughlin, Sr. (req. by Deborah Godwin)
- SA • 10:00am  
Karen Blake (req. by Mary Blake & family)
- HF • 11:30am  
Dottie Davis (req. by the OLCP Seniors)

### Mon., Jan. 17 - St. Anthony, Abbott

- SA • 8:00am - Mary Adams (req. by Rev. Steve Jekielek)

### Tues., Jan. 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- SA • 8:00am - All the Souls in Purgatory

### Wed., Jan. 19 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- SA • 8:00am - People of the Parish (req. by Fr. Steve)

### Thurs., Jan. 20 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- SA • 8:00am - Bruce Sage (Birth. Rem., req. by his family)

### Fri., Jan. 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

- SA • 8:00am - Mark Ruff (req. by Lorraine McClure)

### Sat./Sun., Jan. 22/23 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time

- SA • 4:00pm  
Donovan Miller (req. by the Sherk & Hayes Families)
- HF • 8:30am  
Sr. Patricia Collins (req. by Holy Family Alumni)
- SA • 10:00am  
People of the Parish (req. by Fr. Steve)
- HF • 11:30am  
Frank Switalski (req. by “Your Loving Book Club Gals”)

## ENVELOPE UPDATE

Please note: Collection envelopes have been mailed to your house. If you did not receive 2022 envelopes (and are not using WeShare), please call the office. If you are not registered and would like to join our parish community, simply stop by for a registration form or download one from our parish website. (Found on the front cover)

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> in observance Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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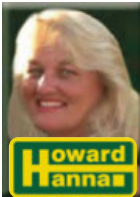
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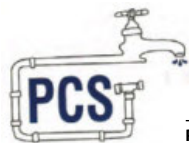
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