



## 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

January 16, 2022

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### LaCuesta's Quest

I'm sure you enjoy candy like I do! Chocolate is probably tops on the lists of many people. But as a child I've always preferred candy that comes in many flavors. Those of us of a certain age can remember when many of these types of products only came in a handful of flavors. Whether it was popsicles, hard candy, jelly beans, *Life Savers* or whatever--certain flavors predominated. It was hard to find other flavors, other options. They might have existed somewhere but most candy on the shelf stuck to a few common flavors.

Then Ronald Reagan was elected President. (No, I'm not having some kind of medical emergency.) The election of Ronald Reagan actually brought attention to a little-known candy that had been around for a long time but which was not known by most of the country: *Jelly Belly*! Their popularity exploded once it became known that they were the 40<sup>th</sup> President's favorite. *Jelly Bellys* really became "a thing". It's my understanding that there are currently over 50 flavors, and who knows how many there have been in the history of the company.

What about faith? What about faithfulness? What about holiness? Do they only come in a few flavors? "*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.*" (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11)" Do we believe that? The reason I ask is because, on the surface, it seems not so much. I'm talking about how Catholics view other Catholics, how we view those sitting on our left and on our right (as in those pews in church) but even in an ideological sense--in the way we might view certain issues. Do we think that all faithfulness looks exactly the same? Do we believe that Catholics are all expected (dare I say, commanded?) to be carbon-copies of each other? Do we believe there is only one way to be holy, that it only comes in one flavor?

My friends, it takes deep faith to embrace what St. Paul is getting at, that God's work is accomplished through our differences (not our similarities), through countless gifts (not just a few), through complex individuals coming together for a greater purpose. But it can't happen if we over-romanticize the old days, the days when Catholicism only seemed to come in one flavor, when Catholics seemed to never

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## Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the sick of our parish especially: G.P.A, Bruce & Kathy Anderson, Alicia & Tim, Anderson, Christine Anne, Chloe Arnold, John Barber, Beth Bartja, Dave Beutler, Larry & Susan Bialecki, Rich Brenner, Ava Burkey, S.C., Mike Chambers, Sue Chitwood, Seth Clark, Howard Cook, Dcn. George Cousino, Patricia Davis, Tom Dieter, Bob & Ruth Drudge, Ron DuVall, D. & A. E., Charles Esteves, Jim Etts, Caroline Flaczynski, J. Flanagan, Tom & Joanne Foster, Carollee Gilmore, Florence Grandowicz, David Greer, Gayle Grove, Sharon Grycza, A.L.H., Nan Hankenhof, Doris Hervieux, Gerogianne Hobson, Shannon Huber, Thelma Humphrys, Jessica Jenkins, Virginia Johnson, Eugenia Jones, Jacob Kahn, Gloria Karczewski, C. & M. Kehoe, Thomas Kern, David Kolar, Rich & Lexie Kopas, Dick Laurell, Vicki LaValle, Josh LaVigne, Loren LaVoy, Madeline & Mary Lemerand, Laura Lorenzo, Katie M., Ed McCormick, Nick McCoy, Regina Meszaros, Betty Miller, Joseph Mitchell, Rick & Madeline Mitchell, Amanda Moore, Ken & Lynn Muntz, Pat Myers, Patricia Novembre, James Nyhan IV, Carita Pakulski, David Perry, Margie Perzynski, Lucille Pirrone, Jamie Poupard, Marie Rakolta, Crystal Regnier, Lu Rosser, Mary Russell, Joe Rutkowski, G.S., Joan Salisbury, Pat Schoenradt, Paul Schornack, Joe Seager, Midge Sherman, Ernestine Slaviero, Tracy Smith, Jill Stoll, Barbara Szczurek, Christy Szymanski, Tenney Family, Alice Truna, Erick Urbaniak, Cheryl Usery, Andy Vebenstad Jr., L.W., M. Walentowski, Walter, Pat Webber, Ralph Wenski, Roberta Wesolowski, Dana Willi, Hazel Young, and Tom Zoldowski.

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

**\*Weekend Masses:** Saturday, 4:30 PM;  
Sunday, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

**\*Daily Mass:** Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat, 9:00AM.  
Church open daily until 2:00PM (no Thurs & Sat).

**Confession:** Saturdays, in Room 1, 9:45-10:30AM;  
3:00-3:45PM; weekdays by appointment—call the Parish Office.

**Baptism and weddings:** Prearrangement required.  
Call the Parish Office for details.

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### The St. Vincent de Paul "Fill the Top Hat" fund



raiser is January 29/30. You'll see SVDP members holding top hats at the entrances of the church at the end of each Mass. Proceeds will support Gabriel's Gift Baby Closet. Your donation will help us help those in need.

Is there someone you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul **734-847-2805, #20**, so together we can help those who are hungry or in need.

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## Knights of Columbus

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See.

For information on joining the Knights, contact local Membership Director, Rob Stoiber  
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## Your Envelope Speaks...

### January 9:

Budgeted Weekly	\$ 10,400
Actual	\$ 7,213
Over/Under	\$ - 3,187
Budget YTD	\$ 291,200
Actual YTD	\$ 248,002
Over/Under YTD	\$ - 43,198

**Christmas Collection** (as of 1/9/2022): **\$100,126.10**

**Bless you for your generous support of our parish.**

## Flowers for Our Lady

The flowers donated in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel are provided this weekend by **LuDonna Wlodarski in memory of Joe & Mike Wlodarski.**

To donate flowers and have your intentions lifted in prayer, sign up at the church bulletin board, or call the Parish Office, 734-847-2805; [olmc@bex.net](mailto:olmc@bex.net)

## GOSPEL of LIFE

“In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. fought for the equal dignity of every human life. “If we are to have peace on earth,” he wrote, “we must be concerned about...the sacredness of all human life. Man is a child of God, made in his image, and must be respected as such. When we truly believe this, we won’t kill anybody.” Lord, thank you for the privilege of defending human life through the pro-life movement.

## Free Throw Contest Sunday, January 23 OLMC Gym

**Boys & girls, ages 9 - 14** are encouraged to participate in the Knights of Columbus annual Free Throw Contest.

Registration is at 12:30 PM, contest begins at 1:00 PM.

Contestants participate in their respective age groups. Proof of age required, as well as parental/guardian consent.

For questions or an entry form, email Dan Przyojski at: [mrmichigan@bex.net](mailto:mrmichigan@bex.net)

Winners awarded trophies and can participate in the next level of the competition.



Please remember in prayer JoAnn Dusseau and Marcella “Marcie” Majka, buried from our parish last week.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, an let your perpetual light shine upon them.*

## Day of Prayer for the

# LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

## JANUARY 22, 2022

*(LaCuesta's Quest continued...)*

have a reason to disagree, or wrestle with how best to follow Jesus. For good or bad, those days are largely gone and are probably not coming back. You see, if we are truly going to be leaven in the world, if we are going to help transform the world into something of great beauty, meaning and love it's going to take all of us, all of us using our unique gifts, abilities, insights, perspectives and ideas to help bring it about.

But it can't happen if each one of us thinks we have cornered the market on holiness, if we think that our individual way is the best way or the only way. For example, it can't happen if we think that all that matters is what we believe, **not** what we do. And it can't happen if we think that all that matters is what we do, **not** what we believe. Each of us has something beautiful to offer (something given to us by God) and part of being Church is being able to recognize the gifts of one another and embrace them.

I guess you could say that the best to be disciples of Jesus Christ is to let him transform each of us into something wonderful. But don't forget: even though we may all be growing in the same vineyard, and all being nourished at the same table, we are blessed with grapes unique to each of us. That means the wine each of us has to offer the world (and each other) is one-of-a-kind too. And it's ALL of our varieties together that keep the celebration going, that keep God's love and mercy alive throughout the world. Who knows? Maybe there's something in you (or in me) the world has never yet experienced. Let's find out...together.

— Fr. Don A. LaCuesta

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 17

9:00 AM † Bill Feltman

### Tuesday, January 18

9:00 AM † Mike Moreau

### Wednesday, January 19

9:00 AM Intentions of Jennifer, Julie & Monica Slovak

9:30 AM **Eucharistic Adoration**

4:00 PM Benediction

### Thursday, January 20

No Mass

### Friday, January 21

9:00 AM † Ted Szewczykowski

### Saturday, January 22

9:00 AM † Leonard Nuorala

4:30 PM

† Louis Grill

† Living & Deceased of Helm Family

† Lena Reidling

### Sunday, January 23—Third

### Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 AM

† David Szymanski

† Benny & Stella Zielinski

11:00 AM

† Howard Humbert

† Fr. Dan Nusbaum

† Lanny Szczurek

## Readings for the Week

January 17

Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tues: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/  
Mk 3:1-6

Thu: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/  
Mk 3:7-12

Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/  
Mk 3:20-21

Sun: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/  
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27/  
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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