



**Our Lady of Grace Parish**  
**GX. Đức Mẹ Ban Ôn Lành**

**The Year of Grace**

**January 16th, 2022**

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**Mon thru Thur: 9AM-12Noon — 1PM-4PM**

**Masses/Thánh Lễ**

**Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8:30AM**

**Tues, 8:00PM (Vietnamese)**

**Weekend: Sat 4PM (English)**

**Sun 9AM (English)**

**12Noon (Vietnamese).**

**Holy Day: To be announced/Sẽ thông báo.**

**Confessions/Giải Tội**

**Sat: 2:00PM - English (in Church)**

**Sun: 11:45AM - Vietnamese (in Church)**

**“... you have kept the good wine until now.”**

Jesus and his mother are attending a neighbor's wedding in Cana with many other people, including his disciples. The couple is celebrating the first day of their new shared life, blessed by the presence of family and friends. But then the unthinkable happens. The waiters, who had been generously serving wine to the guests, noticed that the supply is running low. Now the headwaiter discreetly approaches the bridegroom to inform him of the problem.

Mary, ever attentive, notices and brings the problem to her Son. He feigns unconcern. “How does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” But Mary knows him and tells the waiters to do whatever her Son suggests. Jesus realizes that his Mother has provided the occasion, and he decides that this is the hour he has awaited. He scans the scene and chooses the large stone jars used to hold water for ceremonial washing. He tells the waiters: “Fill the jars with water.” Each jar holds twenty to thirty gallons of water, and the waiters fill them to the brim.

Jesus appears satisfied with this and does nothing further. We can imagine the waiters looking at one another and shrugging their shoulders as if let down. Quietly observing their reaction, Jesus then tells them, “Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.” They are stunned when the headwaiter approaches the bridegroom and gently chides him for saving such. This is the miracle of beginnings. Not only is it the first of Jesus' miraculous signs, but it is also the first glimpse of his glory. The disciples are beginning to sense that their new friend is a very special individual. And we, from our present perspective, can see reflected in this miracle the continual transformation of water and wine into the Lord's sacred Blood in our celebrations of the Eucharist. Are we still amazed by this miracle in our midst?

*This article is taken in part from Ordinary Grace by the Daughters of St. Paul.*

Deacon Kevin

**Parish Mission Statement:** The Combined Catholic Community of Our Lady of Grace and St. Cletus, led by Jesus Christ and His Good News, endeavors to be renewed in Spirit, grow in faith, and live the Gospel. We invite all people to join us in joyful worship in service to God and neighbor.

**Sứ Mạng của Giáo Xứ:** Giáo xứ kết hợp hai cộng đoàn Công giáo Đức Mẹ Ban Ôn Lành và Thánh Cletus, dưới sự dẫn dắt của Chúa Giêsu Kitô và ánh sáng Phúc âm, quyết tâm đổi mới trong Chúa Thánh Thần, để cùng nhau tăng trưởng trong đức tin, sống chứng tá để loan báo Tin mừng. Giáo xứ xin mời gọi tất cả mọi người đến cùng hoan hỉ hiệp thông trong việc thờ phượng Chúa và phục vụ tha nhân.

<b>Minister's Schedule Jan. 22nd &amp; Jan. 23rd</b>				<b>FOR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS</b>
	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>	
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Hoang	Fr. Hoang	Fr. Hoang	<p>Sophia Adams, Julie Ambris, Richard Barner, Joanne Bergmoser, Janet Bishop, Andrew Bisson, the Boyce Family, Betty &amp; Richard Brochu, Don Bruzdewicz, Christine Buhay, Laura Burns, Gloria Castro, Castro family, Erika W. Cavanaugh, Ruth Ann Clancy, Shawn Doan, Anne Doan, Laurie Dodge, Pat Drobek, Alantra, Lori Feret, Arlene Fleishans, John Fornelli, Al Fracassa, Caroline Fredal, Mary Fromm, Thomas Gajda, Sylvia Gentile, Rose Giacalone, Lorraine Gianfermi, Welda Gilbert, Gregg Golden, Christine Gorski, Euncik Gorski, Larry Gorski, Marie Gregory, Carl Hahn, Maria Hang Ha, Becky Hertzberg, Julie Hertzberg, Rose Jenion, Melissa Jones, Susan Joseph, Carol Karain, Susan Korolowicz, Ann Koval, Dennis Krass, Judy Kupiec, Margaret Kurkowski, Gregory Kruk, Suzanne Kyc, Charna Latosz, Sue Loffreda, Lynn Macieczni, Anthony Mazzenga, Keith McCrudden, Brian McGee, Julie McLachlan, Veronica Morrison, Linda Nardechia, Thuan Maria Nguyen, Sean Norris, Salome Ocampo, Gordon Olis, Lorraine Osinski, Leonard Parada, Mark Parks, Anita Parks, Mary Ann Pazdiora, Callan Pen, Kristen Peterson, Nancy Phillips, Judy Pienta, Joann Plachta, Amy Raggio, Lagrimas Saens, Audrey Salet, Rosa Maria Santos, Jennye Schroeder, Kay Schutte, Gary Sheretko, Theresa Terzo, Batolomeo Dinh Tran, Tham Thi Tran, Patricia Waligora, Thaeer H., Matthew M., Lillian H., Anna Warner Mayes, Krisztina Kortuesi, The Haino family, The Arabbo family, Maria Kim Vu, Leilani Ware, John Wessels, Suzanne Wessels, Pat Wojnarowski, Sophia Dulkiewicz, Karyn Suwinski, Leilsni Ware, Angela Yancey, Cheryl Ymiszewski, Brian Zatelli, Yvette Zubeck, and all home bound brothers and sisters, that God's healing hands will touch them. <b>To update, call the office at 586-755-1313.</b></p>
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<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	
<b>Hospitality</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Cuc Phan	
<b>Mass Intentions</b>				
<p>Mon. January 17th 8:30am pray for vocations</p> <p>Tues. January 18th 8:30am NO MASS 8:00pm +Soul of Martha by anon.</p> <p>Wed. January 19th 8:30 am Those who are suffering with Covid and seasonal flu</p> <p>Thur. January 20th 8:30 am +Those who have died from Coronavirus</p> <p>Fri. January 21st 8:30 am For the people of the parish</p> <p>Sat. January 22nd 9:00 am For the clergy of the Archdiocese of Detroit</p> <p>4:00pm +Michael &amp; +Robert Thompson by Ruth Dodge</p> <p>Sun. January 23rd <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00 am +Patricia Coffee, by Westbrook &amp; Doyle families</p> <p>12:00 pm +Soul of Daminh &amp; Teresa by Yen Tran, +Soul of family by Quoc Nguyet, +Soul of Joseph Kevin Nguyen Dan by wife &amp; Phuong My, +Soul of Joseph Nguyen Van Nhi by Le thi Liian, + Souls of Joseph Vo Van Dan, &amp; Anne Maria Le Thi Buom by Long-Lng family, All intentions announced today.</p>				
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## Inspired by Detroit project, Madonna professor brings 'tiny homes' concept to Toledo

Laurie Bertke Jan 10, 2022

Construction on the first two tiny homes in Bluff Street Village, a tiny homes community in Toledo, Ohio, was recently completed and residents have moved in. Madonna University assistant professor Sarah Jo Twitchell, Ph.D., serves on the planning committee for the project, which was inspired by a similar project spearheaded by Cass Community Social Services in Detroit. (Photos by Laurie Bertke | Special to Detroit Catholic)

Tiny Homes transform lives, revive communities, says educator working to make home ownership a reality for low-income Toledo residents

TOLEDO, Ohio — It's a pressing question faced by Detroit and other Rust Belt cities with dwindling populations: what to do with all those vacant lots in residential neighborhoods?

During a service learning experience with her students from Madonna University, Sarah Jo Twitchell, Ph.D., was first introduced to the concept of tiny homes as one answer.

The assistant professor of social work and sociology from the Catholic university in Livonia was doing research with her class several years ago at Cass Community Social Services just as the Detroit nonprofit was beginning work on its Tiny Homes Detroit initiative. Twitchell was intrigued by the project, which was the first rent-then-own tiny home development in the United States.

Cass Community Social Services is building 25 homes ranging in size from 250 to 400 square feet on vacant lots in northwest Detroit. The project provides a path to home ownership for extremely low-income residents, who rent the homes for \$1 per square foot each month. At the end of seven years, ownership is transferred to the individuals.

Sarah Jo Twitchell, Ph.D., an assistant professor at Madonna University, serves on the planning community for a tiny home development in Toledo for low-income residents.

Many people make assumptions about tiny homes that are not necessarily accurate, Twitchell said. They are permanent homes that are "right sized" for the residents who live there. "It provides what they need at a cost they can afford," she said.

Twitchell observed similarities between the area served by Cass Community Social Services and the neighborhood surrounding her own church in Toledo, where she resides. Like many urban congregations, Monroe Street United Methodist Church anchors a neighborhood afflicted with blight, boarded up homes and vacant lots.

Its pastor, the Rev. Larry Clark, Ph.D., was looking for ways to revitalize the Monroe Auburn neighborhood, in particular an empty block adjacent to the church where almost all of the structures were lost to fire or torn down for other reasons over the years. Clark, Twitchell and other members of the congregation saw Bluff Street as an opportunity for ministry, and they began making trips to Detroit to learn how they might bring the tiny homes concept to their community.

"We wanted to see something new happen in a neighborhood that's not seen anything new in the way of development for many years," Clark said. "To take an empty street and reclaim it for housing made a lot of sense."

Prior to construction beginning on the tiny homes, Bluff Street was an almost entirely empty city block located adjacent to Monroe Street United Methodist Church.

They received guidance from the Rev. Faith Fowler, executive director of Cass Community Social Services, and her book, "Tiny Homes in a Big City," as they began laying the groundwork for a similar development in Toledo. Initial plans call for the construction of 20 tiny homes on Bluff Street, and work was recently completed on the first two. Residents have moved in and foundation work is underway on three more homes.

Building community

Bluff Street Village is an undertaking of Monroe Street Neighborhood Center, a nonprofit that operates out of Monroe Street United Methodist Church and provides food and other services to the community.

"This is an empowerment project for low-income people — people who oftentimes have never had the opportunity to build any kind of equity," said Clark, the project director. "In the United States, the primary way families build equity is through home ownership."

Applications for the homes are limited to persons earning less than \$18,000 a year, with tenants selected based on residential history, financial readiness and personal references. Rent is \$400 a month for seven years, at the end of which the tenant takes ownership of the home.

To ensure their success, tenants will meet with a case manager and attend workshops on home ownership, finances and more. All residents are also required to volunteer in the neighborhood, and they will eventually develop a home ownership association to set the rules for Bluff Street Village.

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## The Deeper Meaning of Mary's Intercession at Cana

By Stephen Beale

### *Woman, what have I to do with thee?*

This question—posed by Jesus to Mary after she asks for His intervention at the wedding at Cana in John 2:4—is often cited by Protestants attempted to refute Catholic devotion to Mary. The translation above—which dates back at least to the King James Bible—has even seeped into some Catholic translations. Of course, as Catholics we know that in addressing her as ‘woman’ Jesus was universalizing Mary’s role in salvation history, identifying her both as the New Eve and looking forward to her role at the crucifixion and later in the Book of Revelation. We know that, even though He hesitates, Jesus relents and performs the desired miracle, thereby marking the start of His ministry and confirming His mother’s intercessory role. But there’s an even simpler reason why the Protestant interpretation is so wrong: Jesus did not actually say that to His mother.

The original Greek yields a different reading. The most literal translation goes like what the Douay-Rheims Bible has: ‘Woman, what is that to me and to thee?’ This reflects the Greek where the pronouns for ‘me’ and ‘you’ are used with an ‘and’ connecting them.

**This seemingly minor error in translations has immense ramifications.** Suddenly, rather than seeming like a rift between Jesus and Mary, Jesus’ words make it seem like they are in this together. A fair paraphrase of their words might go something like: How should *we* intervene? What should *we* do about this?

His response thus intensifies Mary’s intercessory role. Rather than balking at it and only later giving in to her request, Jesus affirms Mary’s participation in His redemptive mission.

This dynamic recasts our interpretation of His address to her as ‘woman.’ Not only is He affirming the universality of Mary as the New Eve, He is also using a form of royal address. As one commentator notes, the Greek tragic writers employed ‘woman’ in “addressing queens and persons of distinction” and the Roman historian Cassius Dio quotes Augustus as doing the same with Cleopatra.

The reality of Mary’s queenship is relevant because in the Old Testament one of the functions of the queen mother was to intercede on behalf of others for her son. This is illustrated in 1 Kings 2:

Adonijah, son of Haggith, came to Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon. “Do you come in peace?” she asked. “In peace,” he answered, and he added, “I have something to say to you.” She replied, “Speak” (verses 13-14). Adonijah proceeds to ask her to pass on a request to Solomon that he be allowed to marry Abishag the Shunamite. She then refers to the matter to Solomon. Notice how he responds to her:

Then Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah, and the king stood up to meet her and paid her homage. Then he sat down upon his throne, and a throne was provided for the king’s mother, who sat at his right. She said, “There is one small favor I would ask of you. Do not refuse me.” The king said to her, “Ask it, my mother, for I will not refuse you.” So she said, “Let Abishag the Shunamite be given to your brother Adonijah to be his wife” (verses 19-21).

Intriguingly, this Old Testament precedent is also wedding-related. It also occurs at the very beginning of the reign. In fact, it is the first story of Solomon’s reign recorded in 1 Kings. The verse immediately preceding this one reports that Solomon had just been seated and that his throne had been ‘established.’

In John 2, then, we can see Mary’s intercession as also contributing to the establishment of Christ’s kingdom, which was to be a quite different one than visible, material kingdoms. In fact, in some ways it would become the complete opposite of any human standard of what it means to establish a kingdom—ending in the scattering of His already-small band of followers, His condemnation as a criminal, and, finally, the crucifixion of the king.

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### Thông Báo

**\*\*Giờ Châu và Nhận Phép Lành Thánh Thể 6PM—8PM mỗi chiều thứ Tư** tại Nhà Thờ của Giáo Xứ tiếng Anh.

**\*\*\* Hội Mân Côi: Lăn chuỗi Mân Côi ngay sau Thánh Lễ** tại Nhà nguyện Thánh Cletus, mời Quý ÔBACE tham dự.

### Announcements

**\*\* Recitation of the Holy Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

Every Sunday at 9:25am in Church.

**\*\* Holy Hour of Adoration with Benediction**

Every Wednesday evening, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Church.

**\*\* Bible Study—Biblical Walk through the Bible Timeline**

Bible Study has been temporarily suspended.

We will advise on a new start-up date and time.

*fm. pg. 4* This event is foreshadowed at Cana where, as many Catholics well know, the changing of the water into wine anticipates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Moreover, Jesus' declaration that His 'hour' had not come also points to the cross: in John 'hour' typically refers to Jesus suffering and death. What doesn't get sufficient emphasis is the significance of Mary's role in all this. In his book, *Life of Christ*, Bishop Fulton Sheen suggests that Mary's order to the servants to do whatever Christ tells them came *after* she grasped the full implications of what she was asking Jesus to do. We could probably be more pointed than this: there really is a direct line we can draw from her intercession here and what happens on Golgotha. In other words, it would not be an exaggeration to say that her intercession helps to bring about the crucifixion.

Much as her consent was essential to the Incarnation—her 'Yes' and *fiat* to God—so also was her active participation critical to the redemption.

Her queenship intensifies this sense of sorrow. For this involves much more than a mother giving up her son. Just as Jesus contradicts worldly standards of what a king should be and do, so also does Mary depart from the mold of queen mothers in the ancient world. She helps her son establish His kingdom, but she does so in the most strange way—by asking Him to offer Himself up in self-sacrifice.

John reports that in response to Jesus' message Mary—already anticipating His action—issues this order to the servants at the wedding: "Do whatever he tells you." Those are her last recorded words in the gospels. Having set in motion the events leading to the Passion of the Son, Mary has no need to say anything else. At that point, her intercession had already achieved more than that of any other mere human being in history, past and future.

*fm., pg. 3* An artist's rendering depicts the vision for Bluff Street in Toledo once construction is completed on the development of 20 tiny homes.

"During that time that they're renting, they're building community," noted Twitchell, a member of the project's planning committee. "That was, I think, what really attracted us to the model — it was a chance for a neighborhood to really redevelop and to be able to create community by creating interactions amongst the neighbors and for them to have some say in the development process."

A model for sustainability

Earlier this year, a grant proposal written by Twitchell was approved, and Bluff Street Village received \$200,000 from Lowe's through its 100 Hometowns initiative. Along with funding construction of one tiny home, the money is being used to renovate a long-abandoned gas station behind the homes into a tool-lending library.

Tiny homes do not have much storage space, Twitchell explained, and it can be difficult for low-income residents to afford all the tools needed for maintenance. The tool-lending library will alleviate those challenges and be a resource for the entire neighborhood.

All homes on Bluff Street have a footprint of 400 square feet and are handicap accessible with a space that includes a large kitchen, combined living area and bedroom and a bathroom. They also have front and back porches.

Once Bluff Street has been redeveloped, project backers envision more tiny homes could be built on empty lots scattered throughout the neighborhood that are too small for traditional homes built according to current regulations. Twitchell said the tiny homes are a win for the city because land becomes taxable again, a win for the community because it creates new living space and a win for residents who are able to become homeowners.

"I see this as a real model for cities to be able to use," Twitchell said.

**Parish Guideline:** With good intention to welcome others to worship and pray with our Church, we ask the invited person, with your free will, be registered in our Parish for at least three (3) months in order to schedule for the Sacrament of Matrimony or Baptism. Otherwise, a letter of permission is definitely required from your Pastor.

**Sacrament of Baptism of a Child:** Second Saturday of the month after 4:00 PM Mass. Arrangements are to be made at least one (1) month in advance. Contact the office for the date of training.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Arrangements are to be made with our Director Religious Education (DRE) for the further assistance.

**Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage):** Arrangements are to be made at least six (6) months in advance. See Parish Guideline.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the office for prayers and receiving of the Anointing of the Sick: 586-755-1313.

**Hướng dẫn:** Xin lưu ý quý vị dự định đón nhận Bí tích Rửa tội hay Hôn phối nên vui lòng ghi danh gia nhập Giáo xứ và sinh hoạt với Cộng đoàn ít nhất ba (3) tháng trước khi chuẩn bị thủ tục giấy tờ. Nếu không là thành viên của Giáo xứ, quý vị bắt buộc phải có thư ủy quyền của Cha sở của quý vị.

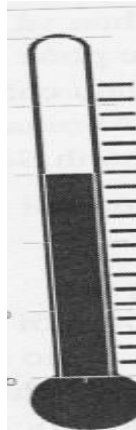
**Bí tích Rửa tội trẻ em:** Thứ bảy tuần thứ hai trong tháng sau lễ 4:00 pm. Xin nộp đơn trong văn phòng Giáo xứ trước một (1) tháng. Xin tiếp xúc Văn Phòng để biết chi tiết tham dự lớp chuẩn bị rửa tội.

**Tân tòng (RCIA):** xin liên lạc với Trưởng Ban Giáo lý (DRE).

**Bí tích Hôn phối:** Luật của Tổng Giáo phận đòi hỏi phải sắp xếp với Giáo xứ ít nhất sáu (6) tháng để chuẩn bị.

**Bí tích Xức dầu bệnh nhân:** Xin liên lạc Văn phòng: 586-755-1313.

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**Goal: \$ 31,019**

**Received as of 1-10-22: \$19,780**

**Balance Remaining: \$ 11,239**

**Completed: 63%**

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## Reporting Sexual Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities or to AOD by calling Victim Assistance Coordinator at 866-343-8055 or emailing [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). In addition, the Michigan Attorney General's office can be contacted at 844-324-3374 (Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm) or email at [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

## Trình Báo Lạm Dụng Tình Dục

Mọi cá nhân có thể liên lạc cơ quan thực thi pháp luật hoặc trình báo qua tổng giáo phận Detroit bằng cách gọi số điện thoại 866-343-8055 của văn phòng điều phối viên hỗ trợ nạn nhân hoặc liên lạc qua thư điện tử [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). Ngoài ra, đường dây nóng miễn phí 844-324-3374 của văn phòng tổng chưởng lý Michigan có thể liên lạc từ thứ hai đến thứ sáu từ 8 giờ sáng đến 5 giờ chiều, hoặc qua hộp thư điện tử [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

## Welcome to New Parishioners!

If you are not currently registered, please take a moment to fill this out and return it to an usher, the parish office, or you may drop it in the collection basket, thank you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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New Parishioner

Update Parish Information

Moving/please remove from registry

Would like to speak to the pastor

## Xin Đón Chào Thành Viên Mới!

Nếu ÔBACE chưa là  thành viên của Giáo xứ, xin dành một vài phút điền vào đơn  xin gia nhập này và trao lại cho các thừa tác viên tiếp  tân, văn phòng Giáo xứ, hoặc bỏ vào vỏ thu  tiền hằng tuần, chân thành cảm ơn.

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## Words on the Word

### *January 16, 2022 – Born to Run*

For those who follow such things, the news was incredible.

Bruce Springsteen, aka “The Boss” to his legions of fans around the world, late last year sold his music portfolio, essentially his life’s work, to the Sony Music Group for somewhere more than \$500 million.

“The ... (valuation) represents more than 30 times the annual royalties on the combined recorded music and songwriting catalog,” according to a story in *The Wall Street Journal*.

The story compared Springsteen’s deal to similar transactions done with Bob Dylan and Stevie Nicks, among others.

More power to him, and, indeed to all of them. There is no way to overstate the amount of work these artists dedicate to their crafts.

That said, it’s also important to remember that such abilities are gifts from God. And whether the talents are musical or something along other lines, it’s for God’s greater glory that they – and we – are called to use them.

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord,” we hear in today’s second reading from St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians.

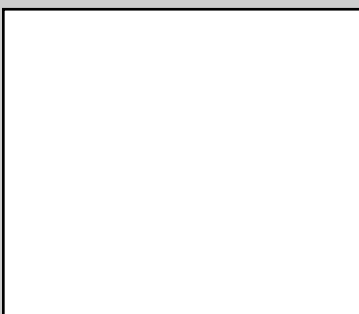
“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another, 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.”

Bottom line, St. Paul reminds us, is we’re obligated to put our talents to work for the one, true Boss, God our heavenly father.

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