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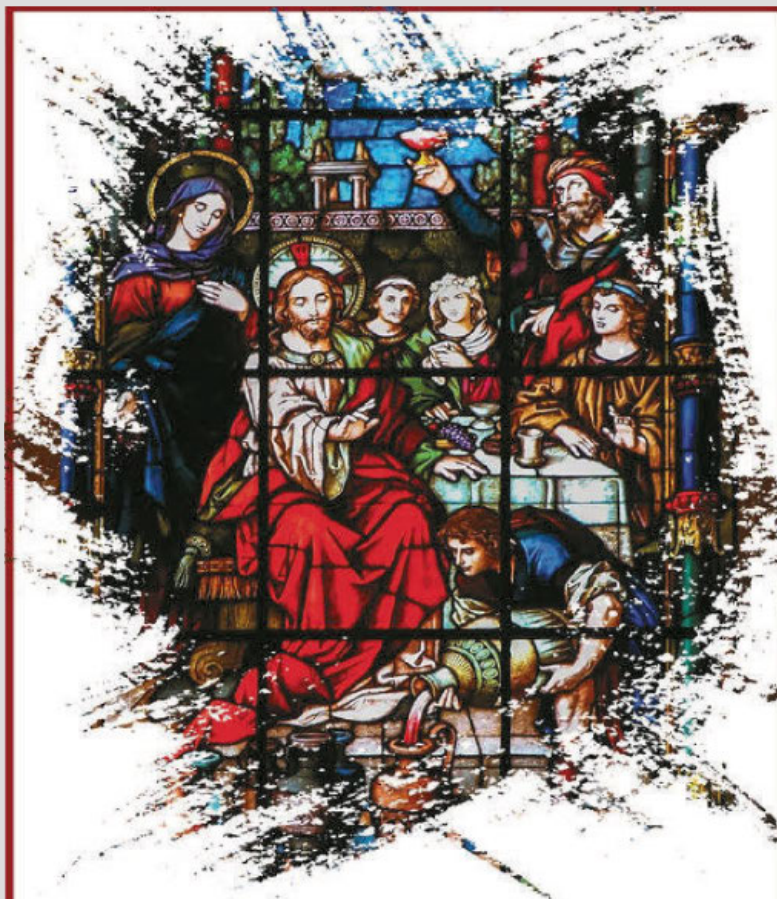
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The parish office is closed
Monday, January 17th in
observance of
Martin Luther King Day

Mass Schedule

Mon—Fri: 8:00am
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30pm-4:30pm

Office Hours

Mon—Thurs: 9:00am-2:30pm
Closed Friday's

Mission Statement

We, the parish of St. Benedict, are called through our Baptism to share the mission of Jesus. Enabled by the Holy Spirit, we strive to proclaim the good news by living His message of love, peace and hope. We welcome everyone to our parish community and encourage all to reach out to one another in faith, prayer and service.

**Mass Intentions
For The Second Week
in Ordinary Time
January 15th — 23rd, 2022**

Saturday, January 15 Weekday

5:00pm †Denise Murphy by Mesker boys

Sunday, January 16

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am †Thomas Breedlove
by Pete and Marylou Magrino

10:30am Parishioners of St. Benedict

Monday, January 17 St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00am ♥Cole Eskay by Mary Frances McCown

Tuesday, January 18 Weekday

8:00am ♥Barbara Becker
by Mary France McCown

Wednesday, January 19 Weekday

8:00am †Marie Nicol by Loving Sister Judy DiLeo

Thursday, January 20 St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr

8:00am ♥Kristin, Chase, Richard, and Kyle
by Mary Frances McCown

Friday, January 21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:00am ♥Carmelita Bernabe

Saturday, January 22

5:00pm †Mary and Joe Meglem
by The Samm and Clemmer Families

Sunday, January 23

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Parishioners of St. Benedict
10:30am †Roy Sheppard by Loving Wife Margaret

**Pray for our People...
Our Sick...**

Clarence Redd, Michael Bottichio, Gordon Gould, Irene Cmar, Michael Grivois, Julia Covert, Maria Canale, Steven Doyle, Don Miller, Ann Darling, Dan Clymer, Marvin Long, Linda Fusco, Kevin Terrell, Chris Grivois, Annetta Wieczorek, Ralph Esposito, Doug Sheppard, Agnes and Michael Ross, George Williams, Frank Polash, Cole Eskay, Randy Sailor, Eugene Janusz, Barbara and Fred Born, Una Lewis, Ron and Mary Guadagnini, Joan Turcotte, Dayden Floyd, Tiffany Nickel, Diane Clemmer, Michael Celentano, Doug Raney, Bill Obermeier, Vincent Smith, Roman Jakubowski, JoAnn Dunton, Smirna and Ed Velez, Luella Eggenberger, Barbara Brackin, Sigmund Sobiesiak, Elliana Deane, Angelina Jesselli, Joel Scime, Michael Hembree, Alma Stephens, Matthew McCown, Lindsay Longo, Issac Black, Mary Jane Eggleston, John Kilduff, Ann Boakes, Josh Rodgers, Elizabeth Trepanier, Fr. Mike Lydon, Lorraine Fricke, Paul Fulton, Carolyn Darling-Sullivan, Louise Williams, Judy and Atlas Pierce, Fawn Aungst, Lydia Ehrman, Randy Heasley, Hank Stankiewicz, Gail Rosenow, Peggy Dorman* Mary Lou Shersty, James Dexter, and Brianna Muller

**The sick list and active duty
needs to be updated!.**

If there is a name that needs to stay on please call and let the office staff know. If we do not hear from you we will assume all is well and remove them from the list.

Active Duty...

Those protecting us at home and afar..

Anna Bily, Chandra Walton, Steve Sunstrom, Sean Ross, Ian Ross, Christopher Dergosits, Kevin Knudsen, Billy Keating, Cody Albritton, Lucas Zobel, Dadrian Ruiz, Michael Turcotte, Robert J. Milan Jr., Matthew and Michael Zarek, John Kelley, Ron Casasanta Jr., Butch Tonnessen, Boyer Kornfeind, Matthew Baker, Chris Grillo, Dakota Giles, Tim Dottillis, Todd Vanderbogart, Garrett Gibson, Gage Gibson, Dylan Ludec, Richard J. Surowiec, Blake Leibach, and Dakota Visaggio

Our Deceased...

Into your hands, O Lord we commend the souls of our dearly departed. Grant unto them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Tax Man Cometh

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Reading 1 — [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.

READING 2 — [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.

ALLELUIA — R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Until local health conditions improve significantly, our preferred method of distributing and receiving the Eucharist remains ***only in the hand***. At communion time you are asked to sanitize your hands.



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Appeal

We're called to love like Jesus does. Jesus shows us that love means responding to the concrete needs of our community. One of the needs of the Diocese is the Catholic Ministry Appeal. Ask Jesus how he wants you to respond in love and make a contribution.

WEEK OF PRAYER *for Christian Unity*

"I pray not only for them, but also for those
who will believe in me through their word, so
that they may all be one."

JOHN 17:20-21

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Visit the **Donor Portal** to find a drive or make an appointment at **lifesouth.org**

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Blood Drive

Sunday, January 23

8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids before donating

All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show photo I.D. 16-year-olds require written parental permission.



LIFESOUTH
Community Blood Centers



Fr. Ryszard will be cooking again!

So mark your calendars for February 13th
following the 10:30 Mass.

A traditional Polish meal "to-go".

Cost will be \$10.00

More information to follow!



Dreams that Lead to Action Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is one of the most important African-American leaders in U.S. history and one of the iconic figures of the civil rights movement in the United States during the 1950s and 1960s. King's fight against discrimination and segregation changed American history and gave hope to millions of a future of equality.

One of the most inspiring moments of King's life was the August 28, 1963, March on Washington, and his "I Have a Dream" speech, where he stated, "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

King's call for racial equality is echoed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. "Created in the image of the one God and equally endowed with rational souls, all men have the same nature and the same origin. Redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ, all are called to participate in the same divine beatitude: all therefore enjoy an equal dignity." (CCC 1934). In his remarks, Pope Francis noted that King's message of equality is rooted in the Gospel passage of the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Mt 7:12).

As the Holy Father stated:

"This Rule points us in a clear direction. Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us. The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development."

The struggle for equality often places us in conflict with policies or laws that seem to contradict this Gospel message. Determining how to respond can be a great challenge. In his famous "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," King eloquently conveyed his approach to resolving this conflict. His answer was rooted in the teaching of St. Augustine that "An unjust law is no law at all," as well as the guidance of St. Thomas Aquinas: "Now, what is the difference between the two? How does one determine when a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law, or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. To put it in the terms of St. Thomas Aquinas, an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal and natural law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust."

Recent events demonstrate that we still have much work to do to achieve the racial equality of which King dreamed. It is clear that the wounds and effects of slavery and segregation remain enormous challenges facing our country, its citizens, and its policymakers.

Yet, while the struggle began by Dr. Martin Luther King and others continues, Pope Francis reminds us not to lose hope: "Building a nation calls us to recognize that we must constantly relate to others, rejecting a mindset of hostility in order to adopt one of reciprocal subsidiarity, in a constant effort to do our best. I am confident that we can do this."

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



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)

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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.

KIDS CORNER

READ THE
GOSPEL AND
COMPLETE A
PUZZLE!

Find the two identical jars.



ANSWERS: NUMBERS 7 AND EIGHT

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Mary had great faith in God. She also knew that God could do anything. So when the wedding servers ran out of wine, she knew Jesus could help. She said, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do." That's the smartest thing any of us can do.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to do everything you say. I know you can do anything.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

What does Jesus tell you to do in his word, the Bible? Find out by reading the Bible for 15 minutes a day with your family. You could start by reading Luke.



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