



Day of Prayer

for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The right to life is the first
among human rights.

Pope Francis

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Worship in Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 17th -
8:00am †Bernard Starr
Tuesday, January 18th -
8:00am †Joe Blandford
Wednesday, January 19th -
5:00pm †Kimberly Beshears
Thursday, January 20th -
8:00am Intentions Helen Knouse
Friday, January 21st -
8:00am †Martin Gonzalez
Saturday, January 22nd -
5:00pm †Adam Gutjahr
Sunday, January 23rd -
8:00am †Larry Hine
11:00am Our Parishioners
12:30pm Spanish Mass

The Rosary is prayed before the weekday Masses

Readings for the Week of January 16, 2022

Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 62: 1-5/ Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/
1 Cor 12: 4-11/ Jn 2: 1-11

Monday Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot
1 Sm 15: 16-23/ Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mk 2: 18-22

Tuesday 1 Sm 16: 1-13/ Ps 89: 20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2: 23-28

Wednesday 1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51/ Ps 144: 1b, 2, 9-10/ Mk 3: 1-6

Thursday 1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7/ Ps 56: 2-3, 9-10a,
10b-11, 12-13/ Mk 3: 7-12

Friday Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 24: 3-21/ Ps 57: 2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3: 13-19

Saturday Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/ Mk 3: 20-21

Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ Ps 19: 8, 9,
10, 15/1 Cor 12: 12-30 or 1 Cor
12:12-14,27/ Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

The time is
always right
to do what
is right.

~ Martin Luther King Jr.

*The Office will be closed on Monday,
January 17th, 2022 in observance of
Martin Luther King Day.*

Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 22nd - 5:00pm
Lectors C. Gutjahr & R. Haluska
Greeters J. Leader & J. Leader
Eucharistic Ministers K. Cueller & E. Stachura
Sacristan J. Klotz

Sunday, January 23rd - 8:00am
Lectors Children
Greeters Children
Eucharistic Ministers G. Vicari & J. Hathaway
Sacristan G. Faitak

Sunday, January 23rd - 11:00am
Lectors M. Grasha & C. Grskovich
Greeters B. Erdelen & Open
Eucharistic Ministers L. Metros & P. Metros
Sacristan P. Metros

Proclaim his
marvelous
deeds to all
the nations.

Will the road you're on get you to my place?
~God

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16 January 2022

Isaiah 62:1-5. Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. John 2:1-11.

Believing Signs. At first glance, these readings lead us to bride and groom, gifts, and marriage. But there are important things underneath, important truths at the heart of these proclamations. God has not and will not abandon us (Isaiah). Charisms, that is, gifts of the Spirit, are given to everyone to use for the common good, not just one's own good (Corinthians). The miracle of water to wine is the first of many signs of the Messiah, the Christ (John). God's signs and good activity are everywhere.

- What evidence do I have that God is with us still?
- What gifts that I have, given by the Spirit, will I put to use for the good of another?
- Christ is active all the time. What little and big signs of this goodness can I be part of? What signs will I rejoice in?

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Saint Edward Parish Family:

This coming Saturday, January 22, 2022, on the 49th anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision, all dioceses of the United States will observe a "day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

The United States of America rightly prides itself as a beacon for human rights around the world. The first inalienable right mentioned in the Declaration of Independence is the right to life. Yet the U.S.A, which enshrines that right in our founding document, does a worse job of protecting unborn life than most other countries.

New research shows nearly every European country is outdoing us when it comes to protecting unborn children and their mothers. We might be surprised to learn that the extreme, no-limits abortion laws of the United States are virtually unknown in Europe. Here, abortion is legal at any stage of pregnancy, including when an unborn baby has a heartbeat, can feel pain, and even when he or she can survive outside the womb. By contrast, 47 out of 50 European countries (94%) limit elective abortion to 15 weeks or earlier. There's a reason Europe has such common-sense abortion policies.

While some Washington politicians struggle with answering the basic question, "is a 15-week-old-unborn baby a human being?" science has steadily revealed the humanity of children in the womb. By six weeks, they have a heartbeat and a developing brain and spinal cord. By ten weeks, they have arms, legs, fingers and toes, and they can kick and jump. By 15 weeks, they have fully formed noses, lips, eyelids and eyebrows - and by that point, if not earlier, they can feel pain - and so can mothers. Abortions are more dangerous for women with every week of pregnancy.

European abortion laws align with these deeply human realities much better than ours. In France, abortion is limited at 12 weeks. The same goes for Switzerland and all of Scandinavia, where abortion is limited to well before the third trimester of pregnancy. Austria and Italy have limits at approximately three months, while Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, Romania, and Spain have 14-week limits. Not a single European country allows abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy. Besides the United States, only seven countries (including China and North Korea) allow such a barbaric policy. Those are not the kind of countries with which we want to be included.

The United States needs to catch up. The Supreme Court recently heard a challenge to a Mississippi law that limits abortions after 15 weeks. Its decision will determine whether *Roe v. Wade* remains intact, or whether protection of unborn life will become policies of the states through state legislation. Americans overwhelmingly agree that laws like Mississippi's should be allowed to stand. Recent polling indicates that about two-thirds of Americans say abortion should be limited after the first trimester, while 80% said the same about the second trimester. We don't have to wonder where this consensus comes from. The advance of technology has illuminated the beauty of unborn life more than ever. Ultrasound imaging makes it easy for parents to see their child before he or she is born. Thanks to medical breakthroughs, premature babies can now survive as much as six weeks earlier than in the 1970s. Doctors are even able to treat the tiniest of patients right in the womb.

America should be leading the world in defending the unborn - the weakest and most vulnerable among us. It's wrong that our country is in the same category with human rights abusers like China and North Korea in this regard, and behind so many others as well. The time has come to make it right, and uphold the right to life that is at the heart of our country's inalienable rights. Please pray and offer up acts of penance this coming Saturday, January 22, 2022.

May God Bless and Keep You Always! Fr. Rick

Stewardship

Offerings for Weekend Jan 8th & 9th-2022

Number of Envelopes Used	116
Adult envelopes.....	\$3,928.00
Children's envelopes	\$48.61
Loose collection.....	\$521.00
Maint, & Grounds Fund.....	\$292.00
Building Fund.....	\$106.00
First Offering.....	\$90.00
Christmas.....	\$70.00
Solemnity	\$30.00
Online.....	\$1,108.30
Total Collection.....	\$6,193.91

50/50 Drawing Jan 9th-2022

Env	#347
Rollover.....	\$910.00
Payable to Church	\$217.50
Total Players	87

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Parish Goal	\$35,589
Amount Pledged	\$38,787
Amount Paid.....	\$38,712
Pledge Balance.....	\$ 75

Number of Pledges 94
WE ARE \$75 SHORT OF PAYING OFF OUR PLEDGED AMOUNT. PLEASE PAY OFF YOUR PLEDGES NO LATER THAN JANUARY 2022. THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU!

Parish Events



Parish Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 25th

1-5pm in the School gym
 Please call Cheryl at 219-226-5182 with any questions. Also looking for 1-2 volunteers to help with the blood drive.



Crumb to our Youth Group Meeting in January for Cocoa and Cookies on January 23rd from 3:00-5:00pm. Call Wendy at 613-7282 or Cheryl at 226-5182 to join us for a "mug"nificent good time!





Maria le dijo a Jesus:
“Ya no tienen vino”.



Se celebraban las fiestas de una boda: gente sencilla, de pueblo sosegado y amigable. Maria, la madre de Jesus, se preocupa: ¡Una boda, alegre y juvenil y no tienen vino! Jesus sabe que aquella observación de Maria, su madre, es una exclamación que implora el milagro de su hijo poderoso: un milagro para lo cotidiano, para el pequeño drama familiar, para que no falte el vino alegrador en el jolgorio inocente de aquellos aldeanos. Dios y su madre quieren para las gentes la pequeña alegría que las cosas sencillas pueden encender en el corazón de los limpios.

Introducción a la Liturgia de la Palabra

READINGS: Isaías 62:1-5 Salmo 96
1 Corintios 12:4-11 Juan 2:1-11

Las lecturas de hoy revelan el efecto transformador que Dios tiene en el mundo. Isaías profetiza que Dios transformará a los israelitas y a su tierra de “abandonada” a “desposada”, tal como un esposo se alegra con su esposa. San Pablo ensalza los dones del Espíritu Santo, los cuales transforman a cada persona de una manera diferente, pero a todos para servir al mismo Señor. En el Evangelio Jesus transforma el agua en vino durante una fiesta de bodas en Caná y así revela su gloria e inspira a sus discípulos a creer en él. Escuchemos la palabra de Dios y reflexionemos sobre cómo Dios nos transforma a nosotros y a nuestro mundo.

Señor Jesus, fuente de vida y de alegría, tú conoces nuestras carencias. Queremos escuchar tu voz. Y esperamos que tú conviertas en vino de alegría el agua que nuestro trabajo ha logrado acarrear. Amen.

Enero no es un mes común para las bodas en este país. No obstante, una boda está en el centro del Evangelio de hoy. Es en esta fiesta de bodas que Jesus hace su primer milagro de convertir el agua en vino.



Aunque no estamos aquí hoy para celebrar una boda, nuestra celebración incluye tanto fiesta como milagro, dos cosas que a menudo subestimamos.

Consideremos el milagro que se realiza en nuestra presencia hoy...el pan y el vino se convierte en el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo, y demos gracias por haber sido invitados a esta fiesta eucarística.

A lo largo del año con las reflexiones diarias del Papa Francisco

Jesús nos ofrece algo más grande que la Copa del Mundo; ¡algo más grande que la Copa del Mundo! Jesús nos ofrece la posibilidad de una vida fecunda y feliz, y también un futuro con él que no tendrá fin, allá en la vida eterna. Es lo que nos ofrece Jesús. Pero nos pide que paguemos la entrada. Y la entrada es que nos entrenemos para «estar en forma», para Afrontar sin miedo todas las situaciones de la vida, dando testimonio de nuestra fe.

Viaje Apostólico a Río de Janeiro con ocasión de la XXVIII Jornada Mundial de la Juventud Sabado 27 de Julio de 2013



Día de Oración por la Protección Legal de la Criatura en el Vientre Materno

22 de Sábado

Este sábado se cumple un aniversario más de la ley que legaliza el aborto.

Other Items of Interest

Monday, January 17th -	Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed
Tuesday, January 18th - 8:30am-5:00pm	Queen of Angels - s
Wednesday, January 19th - 7:00-8:00pm	Spanish CFF - mm
Thursday, January 20th - 8:45-10:45am 10:00-11:30am 1:00pm	Rosary Makers Food Pantry-plc Cedar Creek Nursing Home Comm. Service
Friday, January 21st - 8:30am	Lowell Nursing Home Comm. Service
Friday, January 21st - 7:00-9:00pm	RCIA - mm Spanish Prayer - c
Saturday, January 22nd -	Collection Aid Latin America
Sunday, January 23rd - 9:15am	Collection Aid Latin America CFF
9:30-10:30am	Bible Study - mm
3:00-5:00pm	Youth Group
5:00-8:00pm	Living Station practice - c



January 2022

Scrip orders will be accepted on January 15 & 16, 2022 for delivery on January 22 & 23, 2022 -

Order forms need to be in Scrip box no later than 12:30 PM on January 16

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Saturday Evening Mass

5:00 p.m. Saturday

Morning Mass 9:00 a.m., 1st of the month only.
Reconciliation before & after that Mass.

Sunday Masses

8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)
(For Daily Mass Schedule see Page 2 of this bulletin.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 to 4:45 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday at 8:30 a.m., Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Announcements must be in writing and in the office by Monday noon.

Vicky's Voice



Hello Dear Friends!

I'm sort of in love with the fact that for the first Sunday back in ordinary time after, we read this part of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians. He's reminding them that while we all have different spiritual gifts, they all can be used in the same service for God. And that all of our gifts and talents are not given by accident. God gave them to each of us specifically to be used. I LOVE all of this. So a few expanded (maybe seemingly random) thoughts on this reading:

1. I love that it's right after Christmas. On Christmas, we were given this amazing gift of God becoming man. The Word dwelling with us. But, Christmas would mean nothing if we don't remember that gift we have received. If we just ignore it the rest of the year. We need to actively engage with that gift (i.e. pray!) every day. Make sure you keep that Christmas spirit alive throughout the year.
2. Our talents and skills are gifts from God that we must use to build up the Church. Think about the things you are good at or are passionate about. I'll give you a minute. Feel free to write them down in the margins of this bulletin or a journal when you get home. God gave you these special talents for a reason. They need to be used. My mom gave me a quilt for Christmas. But the quilt wouldn't be used to its fullest potential if I don't actually use it. It would just be a pile of fabric. You wouldn't be you if you didn't use your gifts and talents. If you didn't share them with the community.
3. We need your gifts and talents. The Church isn't just a physical building, but a community of people. The Church can only thrive and survive if we share our gifts. I really encourage you to think about one new way you can share your gifts with the community. We all benefit when we share our gifts.
4. If you think that your gifts and talents are two small to be used for some good, you are in good company. Talk to St. Therese of Lisieux. Here she was, a teenage girl who lived in a cloistered community. She wasn't out preaching in the streets or saving lives in a hospital or feeding thousands of the poor. She lived simply in her community. She reflected upon herself and realized that though she was little and small, she could still do all that she did with love. When she washed clothes, she did so with love. When she baked, she did so with love. When she met another sister in the hallway, she did so with love. Today, we look to her as a Doctor of the Church. If all that we do is done with love, we will have the very best talent there is.

Peace and all goodness friends! Vicky Hathaway

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