



Second SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

January 16, 2022

[Jesus' mother said to the servers,]
"Do whatever he tells you."

JOHN 2:5

BROKEN SILENCE

"For Pete's sake will you kids be quiet?" This question, no doubt, has passed the lips of numerous parents through the years. It's tempting to speculate as to who, exactly, was instructing Isaiah to be quiet. Neighbors? Fellow prophets? Family? No matter. Isaiah says firmly that for the sake of Jerusalem and Zion he will not be silent. Conversely, in the familiar passage in today's Gospel reading, Mary chides her son to break his silence, to save the wedding soon to run out of wine. Jesus responds with a prophetic action, one that signals the miraculous, bountiful joy flowing at the heavenly wedding feast. Prophetic words, prophetic deeds—both flow from a broken silence.

PROBLEM CHILDREN

The Corinthians seem to have been Paul's problem children. His two letters to them are much longer than any of his other letters—two, three, or four times as long as some. It seems that if the early Christians at Corinth could misunderstand or do something wrong, they would. Fortunately for us, the two letters to the Corinthians, though they contain much didactic or instructional material, also provide some of Paul's most well-crafted and grace-filled writing. This is certainly true today, with Paul's litany of gifts that the Spirit bestows on the faithful, even to this day. Paul seeks to calm the squabbling that seems to have been going on, as the Corinthians tried to claim one gift or another as more important. All gifts come from the same Spirit, Paul reminds them; and the various gifts are given for the benefit of the community. When jealousy arises in our midst today, we can still turn to Paul's insights so we might stop being prideful, problem children.

WONDROUS CHILD

In the Gospel scene at Cana, we see Mary turning to her own child, Jesus. Perhaps she recalled the power of the Spirit that had flowed in her womb at his Incarnation, leading her to discern that surely he must have Spirit-given gifts that could help with the impending crisis at the wedding. As at her Annunciation, she may not have been completely certain, at first, exactly how this would come about, but in faith at Cana she turned to Jesus. In faith, her words, "do whatever he tells you," echoed her reply to Gabriel: "Let it be done to me as you say." In faith, she knows whatever words the Word will speak are bound to bring another inbreaking of the Spirit, another manifestation of God's reign. And she is right. Her wondrous child, John the Evangelist tells us, performed his first wonder there, and signaled the presence of the divine in the everyday.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 62:1–5

Psalms 96:1–2, 2–3, 7–8, 9–10

1 Corinthians 12:4–11

John 2:1–11

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Mass Intentions For the Week

TUESDAY, January 18

5:15 pm NO Mass or Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, January 19

7:00 am NO Mass or Communion Service

THURSDAY, January 20

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr

7:00 am NO Mass or Communion Service

FRIDAY, January 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 am NO Mass or Communion Service

8:30 am Chris Kastler

SATURDAY, January 22

4:30 pm John Gromley

SUNDAY, January 23

8:00 am St. Mary's Parish Family

10:00 am Fr. Justin D. Monaghan



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 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, 9-13;
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11;
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7;
Mk 3:20-21,

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27];
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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This Week in Our Parish

MONDAY, January 17

10 am & 6 pm—Men's Bible Study (mr 1)

10 am—Women's Bible Study (mr 2)

6 pm—Women's Bible Study (Panera Bread)

6:30 pm—RCIA (parish center)

WEDNESDAY, January 19

7:00-8:30 pm—Choir Practice (church)

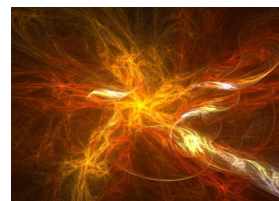
THURSDAY, January 20

7:30 am-7:00 pm—Adoration (church)

CONFIRMATION

September 10, 2022

4:30 pm Mass



If you or someone you know is considering Confirmation, there will be a meeting with Father Joe on **Sunday, January 23rd at 9:00 am** in the parish center (following the 8:00 am Mass) . This is for students and parents of youth in 7th thru 12th grades.

December Income Report

December Income	Week 4 (25th-31st)	December Budget	Still Needed / Estimated Expense
Weekly Envelopes & ACH	28,778.00 (includes annual donations)	70,083.34	Over 42,671.62
Plate	168.00	666.67	Needed 48.56
Maintenance Estimated	2,459.75	3,000.00	Needed 540.25
Utilities Estimated	3,402.15	4,100.00	Needed 697.85

Saint Mary's Catholic Church



Father Joe and the Parish Staff wish to thank everyone who brought gifts, offered prayers or gave an extra kind word during this Christmas Season including Fr. Joe's birthday. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Please Pray For...

Larry Buehler Waylon Campbell
Christy Fortino Meier Mary Lou Teeter
Josh Lordemann Jason Yost
Percy Blinzler Judy Bashor
Shirley Chandler Doris Sweeney
Scott Grigsby Victoria Even
Lawrence & Susan Filosa
Patricia Williams Dorothy Lowry
Debbie Randall Mary Lou Timpe
Judy Clarkson Tracey Straub
Henry Schluter Joanne Bauni
Frank Slawinski Melissa Plant
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Brenda Glynn Nancy Roark
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City of Joplin

NEWS RELEASE

Starting Monday, January 10, West 32nd Street will be closed from Schifferdecker Avenue to the entrance of Westberry Square neighborhood. Detour routes will be posted and access to local properties will be maintained at all times. This closure is expected to reach into April and is the first of multiple closures occurring consecutively on different sections of 32nd Street. Citizens should anticipate closures along 32nd Street to occur through the summer of 2023.

The contractor for the 32nd Street widening project is Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. This improvement will widen 32nd Street, from Schifferdecker Avenue west to Central City Road. The design includes adding a center lane and constructing a sidewalk-shared use path. The \$8 million project is funded through the 3/8 cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax approved by voters in 2014. Completion of this project is set for summer 2023.



Additional Christmas Flower Donation

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Karstetter in memory of Bob & Bev Crowell, Emilee Simmons, Mandi Karstetter, Jo & Louie Maxwell and Ralph & Julie Crowell

A heartfelt thank you to Nikki Straw, Frances & Wayne Wilmes, Ivan & Susan Eck, Addie & Lilly Brady, and Stephanie Elbert for taking down and storing the Christmas decorations.

YOUR BEST

Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.

—Anonymous

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

No one who understands the reality that God is can think that God does not exist.

—St. Anselm of Canterbury



Beginning Experience
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Struggling with Life since being Widowed, Divorced or Separated?

Beginning Experience of Springfield is offering an eight-week support program, Coping With Life Alone, designed to help individuals work through the trauma of losing a spouse through death or divorce. The program will begin Thursday February 10, 2022 at 6:30pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 2200 W. Republic Rd., Springfield, MO.

Beginning Experience programs, offer strength and growth through a community of friendship, support and prayer. The program's trained facilitators have themselves experienced divorce or the death of a spouse.

The cost of the program is \$30, but financial assistance is available for those in need.

Covid-19 protocols will be followed.

For more information call
Diane at (417) 859-0175 or cell (870) 688-8829 or
Donna at 417-529-1085

Masking remains recommended at St. Mary's

You no longer have to wear a mask if you have been vaccinated.

The Sign of Peace will be reinstated in a safe way at this time.

All weekend Ministers will be reintroduced **with** masks.

Donations will continue to be placed at the baptismal font and south exits.

This Weekend's Ministry Schedule January 15 & 16

4:30 Mass

Altar Servers

Volunteer

Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister

Charlene Campbell

Ivan Johnson

Lector

Daniel Sears

Amy Teeter

Usher

Denis Desmond

Ivan Johnson

Jim Mobley

Volunteer

Guitarist

Jeff Bruggeman

Cantor

Mary Lou Bruggeman

8:00 Mass

Altar Servers

Brenda Glynn

Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister

Emily Lone

Mary Parrigon

Lector

Eden Esguerra

Val Frankoski

Usher

Chuck Crandon

Martin O'Toole

Fred Wheeler

Volunteer

Organist

Brian Hilsabeck

Cantor

Tricia Gould

10:00 Mass

Altar Servers

Kayden Williams

Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister

Lisa Green

Volunteer

Lector

Karen Long

Volunteer

Usher

Pam Black

Warren Black

Andy Ostmeyer

Volunteer

Organist

Brian Hilsabeck

Cantor

Choir

NOTE: Eucharistic Ministers will need to hand sanitize and wear a mask.

Collection for the Church in Latin America

On June 26, 2020, Fr. Ricardo Antonio Cortez Martinez, rector of the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary in Usulután, El Salvador, sent a request to the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America for financial aid for 42 seminarians in the philosophy stage of their formation. Less than two months later, on August 7, Fr. Ricardo was found assassinated. Despite a falling homicide rate in El Salvador, three priests were slain from 2019 through August 2020.

To answer the call to priestly or consecrated life is a courageous act of faith, especially in a time and place where priests face violence, as Fr. Ricardo did. The Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America recognizes the courage and openness of seminarians, such as those at the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary, by supporting their formation as they prepare for lives of dedicated service. Support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America makes it possible for young men in El Salvador and throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to answer that call. From our Stewardship of Treasure we will be sending \$2,270. For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america

SOCK HOP

Saturday, February 12, 2022

6pm-9pm



Bring your family/friends and *bebop* over to the Parish Center
for a Rockin' Good Time!

Sponsored by St. Mary's PCCW

Food

Root beer floats

DJ

Best Costume Contest

(Prizes for Adult and Children's categories)

Games

Dancing

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CONTACT (CALL OR TEXT) MARY METSKER 417-439-4521**

Dress to impress in your 50's best....not mandatory.



YOUTH GROUP UPDATE:

St. Mary's/St. Peter's Youth Group is open to McAuley and Public High School Students!

Sunday, January 23rd Gym Night from 7-8:30 pm...Meet at McAuley Gym

Sunday, January 30th...Burritos/Breakfast Sunday and

Kick-off Mass for Catholic Schools Week...St. Mary's (TBD)

Wednesday, February 9th Bowling Night!!! Meet at 4th Street Bowl! 7-8:30 pm

****IMPORTANT REMINDERS****

-Registration will be open in mid January for DYC—Registration will be open in early February for the Steubenville Conference at MSU in Springfield, July 15-17. Spots for this conference go very quickly—we will have to register as soon as it opens!! Be on the LOOKOUT for more information to follow.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is an opportunity to strengthen the foundation of your marriage. Grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, the weekend will provide you the tools and the time necessary to go deeper into the Sacrament so that you can live more intimately and responsibly as a couple of God.

Make plans now to attend the weekend of March 18-20, 2022 at the Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer in Carthage, MO.

For more information, or to register for a weekend, visit www.wwme.org, or call/Email Kim Brayman at (417) 866-0841, kbrayman@dioscrg.org.

VIRTUS TRAINING INFORMATION

There are no in-person trainings scheduled at this time. Online training is available.

Preregistration is necessary: If you are a new registrant please go to www.virtus.org and click on "first time registrant" on the left, and follow the prompts to register for Online training. Instructions for the registration process can also be found on the Child and Youth Protection Page of the diocesan Website.

<https://dioscrg.org/wp-content/uploads/How-to-Register-for-a-VIRTUS-withOnline-Option.pdf>

Along with the **VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children"** training for adults, before regularly engaging in activities involving minors and/or vulnerable adults, new volunteer or employees are also required to submit a current Background Disclosure and Authorization Form and the annual Code of Conduct, which are available on the VIRTUS Website and the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau Child and Youth Protection Webpage: <https://dioscrg.org/child-youth-protection/>

For more information, please contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection, childandyouthprotection@dioscrg.org; or Bill Holtmeyer, billholtmeyer@dioscrg.org; or Rosie Francka, rfrancka@dioscrg.org, (417)866-0841



JACS return to school: Guidance for Return to School information may be found on the JACS website:
<https://www.jacss.org/about/covid-19/> It will be found under the title:
Letter from the Director – September 2021

Joplin Area Catholic Schools will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, Parents/ Guardians will be notified of JACS closings via School Messenger.

JACS Auction Donations

The annual auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. And we are seeking items to include in baskets or as live auction items. Items include:

- * Kitchen and cooking items
- * Children's toys and books
- * Branson activities or timeshare
- * Movie night at home
- * Car care
- * Golfing related items
- * KC Chiefs, KC Royals and St. Louis Cardinals items

Or check out our Amazon Wish List

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/2OVCP9Z6A2TVP/guest-view>

If you would like to donate, please contact auctionadmin@jacss.org or call 417-624-5003 ext. 207.

Mercy Meals

Need a meal? McAuley Catholic and St. Peter's Middle School students prepare **Mercy Meals** for those in need. If you know someone who may need a meal or if you yourself need a meal, please contact the development office at development@jacss.org to make arrangements for a meal. Students have made a number of homemade meals for individuals and families in need.

Give the Gift of Golf

The McAuley Catholic Boys Basketball team is selling golf cards! Sixteen (16) area courses are available, and you get 32 Green Fees FREE. Buy the golf card for \$32.99, and 30% comes back to our students. This is a perfect gift for Christmas! Purchase Online at 4stategolf.com Apply the coupon code "jacs" at checkout for a discount PLUS 30% for all "jacs" coded orders will go back to JACS. Some Greens include Eagle Creek, Baxter Springs, Briarbrook, Four Oaks, Holiday Island, Swing Right and more!

McAuley Homecoming

We welcome members of the McAuley Catholic 1980-1981 Final 4 Basketball Team to the Homecoming Game on January 28. JV tip-off is at 5 p.m. followed by Homecoming Court, the Varsity Boys game, honoring the Final 4 Team during halftime and then the Varsity Girls game. Contact alumni@jacss.org for more information.

We should never forget that of all other gifts, prayer must come from God.

-Sister Catherine McAuley, Sisters of Mercy founder

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Sunday—8:00 and 10:00 am

Tuesday—5:15 pm

Wednesday through Friday—7:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00—4:00 pm or by appointment.

ADORATION

Thursday, 7:30 am—7:00 pm

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Dr. Emily Yoakam, St. Peter's Middle School (6-8) and
McAuley Catholic High School (9-12)

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Parents are to be registered in the Parish. Call for an appointment and visit. Preparation classes are required. Schedule will be given at appointment time.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrange for a date at the Parish Office at least 8 months prior to your wedding. All diocesan regulations must be fulfilled.

RCIA: For adults inquiring into the Catholic faith, to learn more about being Catholic, or interested in becoming Catholic. For more information contact the Parish Office.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Those that are preparing for surgery, suffer from a chronic illness, an addiction, or the effects of aging may receive this Sacrament by calling the Parish Office.

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