

The Pastor's Corner

THROUGH OUR LADY'S INTERCESSION

The Wedding Feast at Cana seems like it should have been an ordinary event. Jesus, Mary, and the disciples all attend a wedding banquet, and it seems like that should be the end of the story, right? Perhaps it would have been, except the planning for the feast left them wanting for more wine- which would have been a profound embarrassment for the bride and groom. Mary steps in and intercedes on behalf of the couple with her Son- because she knows He alone has the power to remedy this sorry situation. Through her humble statement- Jesus responds accordingly to right what has gone wrong.

Now, while that seems like a particular miracle simply for us to gaze at in astonishment, it is actually an important illustration of a bit of Catholic theology on the intercession of the Saints- and especially Mary- on our behalf. God listens to all prayers, but we know He has a special place in His Heart for those who are united to Him in sanctity- especially in His Mother. We know that our Lord listens very closely to the requests of our Lady- and our Lady loves all of us as her sons and daughters, especially as we try to pursue lives of fidelity and holiness as best we can.

If we have requests, or things that we need from the Lord; if we have situations that seem impossible, or maybe our wedding feast is in danger of running out of wine (so to speak), we need not despair. Let us turn to our Lady, who will petition her Son for what we need. Through her own persistence, may we be heard!

-Fr. Belken

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Readings for Next Sunday

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

January 26, 2025

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · JANUARY 19, 2025



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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19-25, 2025
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Mass Schedule							
Sat.	Jan	18	4PM	David Dirnberger	Thu.	Jan	23 7AM Pam Heuring
Sun.	Jan	19	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	Jan	24 7AM Margaret Klipfel
Mon.	Jan	20	No Mass		Sat.	Jan	25 4PM Leonard Kluesner
Tue.	Jan	21	6PM	Barney & Sylvia Steimle	Sun.	Jan	26 8:30AM Parish Family
Wed.	Jan	22	7AM	Charles & Lucille Heuring			

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SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. JAN 19-Margaret Heuring, **JAN 26**-Coonie Essner, **FEB 2**-Mary B. Glastetter, **FEB 9**-Terri Stuckey, **FEB 16**-Norma Seyer, **FEB 23**-Jackie Griffith.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

January 12, 2025: Loose \$149, Envelopes \$2452, Total: \$2601.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th, ST. LAWRENCE MEN’S SODALITY EUCHRE TOURNAMENT. In the Parish Center, doors open at 5PM. Play begins at 6:30PM, \$15 donation. Free chili & chicken noodle soup. For more information, contact the church office at 573-545-3317.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th, PROLIFEROSARY PROCESSION. January is Respect Life Month. The St. Lawrence High School Religion students will sponsor this procession after 8:30AM Mass.to pray for Pro Life and an end to abortion. Meet in the Parish Center. All parishioners are invited to attend. Senator Jamie Burger will be present to share Pro Life beliefs in Missouri.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Greg & Rhonda Riley
Steve Riley, Marilyn Schlosser, Shannon & Crystal Schumer, Mike & Linda Senciboy.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th, ST. AMBROSE EUCHRE TOURNAMENT. In the St. Ambrose Parish Center, doors open at 11:30AM. Play begins at 1PM, cost is \$10 per person. Food is available. Sponsored by the daughters of St. Ambrose. For more information, contact Donna Hess at 573-450-0065.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, ST. AMBROSE MEN’S CLUB ANNUAL BREAKFAST. In the Parish Center at St. Ambrose in Chaffee from 7:30-11AM. Whole hog sausage, eggs, biscuits & gravy. All are welcome!

New Security. As you are about the campus, you will likely notice the addition of several security cameras in a few key places. These are being added to help us to proactively keep our facilities safe and secure. Thank you to all those whose generosity makes these much-needed improvements possible!

Wi-Fi on Campus. Our campus wi-fi network is expanding! Please note you may now access wi-fi in the parish center, if needed. Credentials to access the network are provided in the building. This resource has been

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat. Jan 25 4PM	Jill Pinkston
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Jan 25 4PM	Cheryl Kern/Kari Bickings
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Jan 25 4PM	Mr/Mrs. Pat O’Brien
Servers:	Sat. Jan 25 4PM	Owen Asmus/Eli Holman/Parker Reeves
Ushers:	Sat. Jan 25 4PM	Dale Kern/Dennis Kern/Donnie Kern/Jon-Erik Kern

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Jan 26 8:30AM	Shannon Schumer
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Jan 26 8:30AM	Cheryl Kern/Mary B. Glastetter
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Jan 26 8:30AM	Mr/Mrs. Richard Paul
Servers:	Sun. Jan 26 8:30AM	Drew Benson/Luke Benson/Vanellope DeShaney/Charleigh DeShaney
Ushers:	Sun. Jan 26 8:30AM	Chris Kern/Daniel Kern/David Kern/John Kern

added to help all remain connected, especially since cellular reception is not extremely present on our grounds.

SPECIAL BLESSING. If you are a mother who is expecting, please know that the Church has a special blessing, reserved for mothers who are anticipating the birth of a child, so that she may receive protection, aid, and support during the days and months leading up to the child’s arrival. This is available at any time- please feel free to contact Father Belken to receive it. Please also note that you do not have to wait until after birth to meet to schedule and arrange a baptism, that can be done at any time prior as well! God Bless you, and keep you, as you carry the gift of life!

ST. DENIS DINNER AUCTION “THE SDS PRICE IS RIGHT”. Held on Saturday, March 1, 2025. Doors will open at 4PM with dinner being served at 6PM. Ticket prices are \$40 per person and include dinner, drinks, and lots of fun. Meals are catered for by 2 Chef’s Catering. **Tickets will go on sale Saturday, February 1st. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://auctria.events/SDSdinnerauction2025>.**

Student Priest in Residence. Fr. Maurice Chukwukere, who is a priest who has been ministering in our Diocese, will be transitioning to being a full-time student at SEMO. Since he had need of a place to stay, Bishop has asked that he be in residence at our parish rectory. He will only be in residence at our parish (meaning that he is not serving our or any parish in a formal capacity). However, he will be helping area priests on a part-time basis (including Fr. Belken!) by filling in for Mass and Confessions as needed. If you see him, please make him feel to be welcome here. Please also maintain and respect the privacy of the back quarters of the rectory to help him feel at home.

