Second SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus’ mother said to the servers,]
“Do whatever he tells you.”

JOHN 2:5

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If you are a new visitor to our church today, welcome! If you would like more information about our church or would like to register in the parish, please contact any of the staff members listed above or fill out a simple on-line registration form at st-phil.org.
Dear Parishioners of St Philip the Apostle,

Fr. Steve Bondi has served your parish faithfully for the past five years. As you know, he has had some serious health challenges over the past year. Fr. Bondi has accepted an assignment as pastor of St. John Vianney Parish in Lockport, effective February 1, 2022. St. John Vianney is a much smaller parish without a school. The diocese is grateful for Fr. Bondi’s 35 years of service as a priest and looks forward to that continuing on a smaller scale.

Fr. John Hornicak, Pastor of Holy Ghost in Wood Dale, will again administer your parish until a permanent pastor is placed. That placement will certainly be by July 1, if not sooner. In the meantime Fr. Binu Varghese, a priest from India, will be assigned as sacramental minister to St. Philip the Apostle Parish. Fr. Varghese is from India, but is not new to the United States. He has served in this country for many years.

Sincerely,
Fr. John Balluff, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy

PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:
What can I do to help to bring about God’s peace?

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Bishop Hicks' Column

January 2022 | A New Year's resolution: Re-educating ourselves on the Eucharist

In the days following Thanksgiving this year, I was with a group of friends who are my age (mid-50s). Most of them have children who recently graduated from or are still in either high school or college. Our conversation turned to the Eucharist. I was shocked that even though they are Catholic, a few of my friends and many of their children believe that the bread and wine we receive at Mass are symbols of Christ’s presence. Immediately I went into my teaching mode and emphasized that the Eucharist was instituted by Jesus. With the words of consecration, under the appearance of bread and wine, the whole of Christ is truly present: body, blood, soul and divinity. Now, this was not a theological debate and I actually did not receive much pushback from my exhortation, however, one of the college students simply responded to me without any contention or guile. “Hmmm. Is that what we really believe? I did not know that.”

This encounter reflects the data and studies that show many Catholics do not believe in or fully understand the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. As we begin 2022, many of us have made a New Year’s resolution. I would like to invite you to join me in a New Year’s resolution to re-educate ourselves about the Eucharist. For no matter how educated or faithful we are, we are constantly being invited by our Lord to go deeper in our faith and understanding of the Eucharist.

The document “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church” was developed by the Committee on Doctrine of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was approved by the full body of the USCCB at its November 2021 general meeting. The document highlights the importance, centrality, and gifts of the Eucharist. If you have not had the chance to read the document, I invite you to learn more about it by going to the following link on the USCCB website: [www.usccb.org/resources/mystery-eucharist-life-church](http://www.usccb.org/resources/mystery-eucharist-life-church). You will notice that you can not only read the document but also click on a comprehensive online course to learn more about it.

We should continuously strive to grow in our knowledge of the Eucharist and our faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. However, as we learn more, our hearts will hopefully grow with a deep love for God and the Eucharist. Once this love becomes strong, the love of God through the Eucharist will become the central focus and priority of our lives. As St. Ignatius of Antioch said, “I have no taste for the food that perishes nor for the pleasures of this life. I want the bread of God, which is the flesh of Christ, which is love that cannot be destroyed.”

Along with the document on the Eucharist, the USCCB also announced a National Eucharistic Congress that will take place in Indianapolis in 2024. Eucharistic congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and the laity to celebrate and glorify the Holy Eucharist while seeking to spread its knowledge and love throughout the world. The National Eucharistic Congress is the culmination of a three-year eucharistic revival in the Catholic Church which begins on the feast of Corpus Christi on June 16, 2022. For more details about this revival, I invite you to go to the following site: [www.eucharistrevival.org](http://www.eucharistrevival.org)

Hopefully, this eucharistic revival will serve as a spark for Catholics across the United States to help reignite their faith by being healed, converted, formed and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist and to be sent out in mission “for the life of the world.” For as we receive Christ in the Eucharist, our desire is to be strengthened to go out into the world and to put our faith into action through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. In other words, the Eucharist nourishes us to be the face of Jesus for those who need him most. This echoes St. Teresa of Kolkata’s words, “We cannot say that we love Jesus only in the Eucharist – naturally, we want to put that love into action. We cannot separate the Eucharist and the poor.”

As you read this column, perhaps it will motivate you to embrace a New Year’s resolution to re-educate yourself on the Eucharist. For if the Eucharist is truly the source and summit of the Christian life, then we will be eager to fully embrace the words of Jesus who said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” (John 6:51) ℞
As part of their preparation for Confirmation, the eighth grade students in the RE Program and St. Philip the Apostle School write letters to the parish to explain why they want to be Confirmed. Below is the letter from religious education student Elyssa Siskoff.

My name is Elyssa Rose Siskoff. I am in eighth grade at Indian Trail Junior High School. I live with my parents Bill and Tina and my younger sister Mia. We also have an adorable, fluffy hamster named Hope. We adopted her in the beginning of the COVID lockdown, and she has made everyone smile. I have lived in Addison for my entire life. Last year my parents moved us down the street. The entire process of showing our old house and looking at the new one was so stressful, but my parents tried to make it easier.

I was baptized at St. Philip the Apostle Church, and have attended religious education classes since first grade. Pre-COVID, I sang in the Youth Choir. I love singing in church, because it made me feel closer to God. The people in church all seem to smile more when the Youth Choir performed, and that made me feel like I was doing a little bit of God's work by spreading love and happiness. I also helped in the kindergarten religious education classroom. I love art and learn best when doing something with my hands, so kindergarten was a perfect fit for me. They love stories, coloring, and singing; it was fun to help them. No judgment or stress, just lots of love and wonder.

I will be making my Confirmation this school year and have been asked why I am doing this. My parents baptized me at six weeks old, and I had my Communion in second grade. My parents and the Church decided these sacraments for me; I was too young to fully understand why they needed to be done. Confirmation is a sacrament I decide; I choose to be a practicing member of the Catholic Church. I am entering the stage in my life where I make choices as to who I want to be. I want the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. I did some research and know that I received these gifts at baptism but they will be strengthened at Confirmation. That makes sense as I am now getting older and can fully understand what they mean as how I should use them in my life. I want my life to have meaning and be helpful to those in need.

Thank you, Elyssa Siskoff

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?

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We can probably recite elements of today’s gospel from memory. For example, we know that Jesus turned water into wine at the request of his mother. While these details are not insignificant, it is important to look beyond these elements. What does this wedding celebration reveal about Jesus? The wedding at Cana in Galilee is often referred to as the start of Jesus’ public ministry. John writes, “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.” Essentially, Jesus reveals two essential elements of his nature.

First, we see that Jesus is fully human, as he attended the wedding party with his mother, just like many of us have. Second, Jesus reveals that he is the Son of God, performing signs that disclose his divine nature an the nature of the kingdom of God.

Source: Liturgical Press, Living Liturgy 2022

March 8: Eucharist: Pathway to Spiritual Transformation, Healing & Discipleship presented by Dr. Mary Amore
March 15: Meeting & Receiving God in the Eucharist presented by Abbot Austin G. Murphy, OSB
March 22: Palpable Love of A Millennial: The Life of Blessed Carlos presented by Natalie Ryan
March 29: Do This in Memory of Me presented by Brother Silas Henderson, SDS
April 5: Spiritual Fruits of Praying before the Blessed Sacrament presented by Dr. Mary Amore
April 12: History & Development of the Mass presented by Dr. Mary Amore

To review a complete description of the above presentations and a biography of each presenter, please visit https://www.mayslakeministries.org where you also may register for the presentations. More information is also available by calling 630-852-9000. Individual sessions will be recorded for anyone who registers and may not be able to attend the session on the day it is presented.

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.

NINE DAYS FOR LIFE (January 19-26)
Pray this novena for the protection of human life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com for daily meditations.

Do you hear God calling you to ministry in the church? We need men, women and children to become Lectors, Communion Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, and volunteers to help sanitize the church after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and the 10:00 a.m. Mass on the weekends.
Please call Carol Schubert at 630-628-0900 x104 if you want to answer the call...
The week of prayer for Christian Unity begins on Tuesday, January 18.

Unity of purpose, purpose of unity

“I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” (John 17)

We come from different traditions, but the same God created all. Our love of God and answering His call to offer compassion to those in need we hold in common whether we are Catholic, Protestant, non-denominational Christian, or accept God at work in our lives without any religious affiliation except to God himself. The main purpose of all people is to love and support one another during the good and the bad times of life. We learn from each other new ways of seeing God in all people and things. As we get to know how others see God, new life is brought to us—the new life of attitude and insight. No one has all the answers, but if we work for the common good of the people around us we forget the differences that exist. Without the barrier of the labels that describe what we are, we become the same.
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 17
8:00 AM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18
8:00 AM Rosolino & Florence DiTusa

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19
8:00 AM (Communion Service)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20
8:00 AM People of the Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21
8:00 AM Edith Fleming

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22
4:00 PM INDIVIDUAL RITE OF PENANCE
5:00 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday
   Stephanie Kowaleski
   Ralph, Shirley, & Steve Rocco

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Diane & Rocky Trekas
10:00 AM John & Catherine Ardito
   Mary Jane Maxwell / Jean Troksa
   Carol P. Baran / Antonia Pesce

JOB OPENINGS IN THE JOLIET DIOCESE

♦ Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Aurora is seeking a full-time Associate Director for Family and Youth Catechesis and Evangelization for Grades 6-12. An applicant must have a Bachelors or Master’s Degree in Religious Studies, or Pastoral Ministry or related field. Benefits are offered with this position. Please submit résumé to Dave Miserendino at DaveM@olmercy.com or mail to 701 S. Eola Road, Aurora IL 60504.

♦ St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Naperville is seeking to hire a part-time (25-hour/week) Director of Pastoral Care and Nursing. The ideal candidate is a currently licensed registered nurse in good standing in IL. See a detailed job description at https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=756. Send a résumé and cover letter to jsimmons@stapostle.org.

♦ The Diocese of Joliet in Crest Hill is seeking to hire a full-time IT Systems Specialist. See a full job description at https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=750. Send a cover letter and résumé to the Human Resources Department at humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org

♦ St. Pius X Church in Lombard is seeking a part-time youth minister. To see a full job description, visit https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=758. Email résumé to dcooper@stpiuslombard.org.

Please pray for our sick & shut-in and those who are healing & convalescing...


Please get permission from family members or the person who is ill before requesting that his/her name be added to the prayer list. To add names to the list, please call 630-543-1754 or email bnicolai@st-phil.org. Names are deleted from the list after six months unless a request is made for a perpetual listing.

ABORTION ALTERNATIVES: Waterleaf (630-701-6270), Post Abortion Healing (877-467-3463), Birthright (800-550-4900, 24 hours)

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Jack Domek, Marines
Adam Dorney, Army
Samantha Fallon, Navy
Diego Feros, Army
Blaze Galardy, Air Force
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José Juarez, Navy
Paul Kepler, Navy
Ben Krause, Marines
C. J. Loveland, Air Force
Drew Loveday, Marines
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**Baptism Information:** Baptisms are celebrated on the second & fourth Sunday of each month. A pre-Baptism program must be attended by the parents. Please call the rectory to register for a program.

**Marriage Information:** Please call the rectory to make arrangements at least six months (a year is preferred) in advance of the wedding date. It is recommended you do not rent reception facilities until your wedding date is confirmed with the pastor. Your preferred wedding date may be unavailable, and we do not want you to lose your deposit with the reception venue.

**Parish Registration:** New families are welcome and are asked to register at the rectory. Also, previously registered parishioners are asked to notify us of any address changes.

**Emergency Sick or Anointing Calls:** Please notify us immediately of any serious illness in your family. If you have a hospitalized loved one who would like a visit, please call the rectory with contact information since the hospitals and hospices no longer notify parishes. Please do not wait until the last minute to have someone anointed. There are always accidents/emergencies, but sometimes there is less panic when the anointing can be done prior to someone passing.

We now have available low-gluten hosts which make it possible for people who have celiac disease or allergies to wheat or gluten to be able to receive communion. If you have celiac disease or an allergy to wheat or gluten, please let us know before Mass so that arrangements can be made for you to be able to receive communion at Mass.
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