



Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!

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Week of January 17, 2016

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk

One time, while shopping for wine, I was struck by the sheer numbers and varieties: red, white, Californian, Argentinian, merlot, chardonnay, and even alcohol free. Not all are of the same quality, but all are wine. The first sign Jesus performs in John's Gospel is changing water into wine. Hesitant at first, he not only performs the sign, he also creates the best wine of the wedding feast. Thus, Jesus begins to fulfill the promises we hear from the prophet Isaiah.

Have you thought of yourself as a fine wine? By water and the Holy Spirit we are members of the church. We have different gifts but the same Spirit. We are one in Christ but have diverse gifts. Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS, founder of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, calls this unidiversity. All gifts, great or small, are needed in the Church. They complement one another, like the parts of a body. They are signs that God cares for each of us and for our world. Having drunk of the same Spirit, we become good wine for a thirsty world. It seems the Corinthians thought some were better than others. Not so, says St. Paul. Whether we are a vintage sparkling wine or a newly-pressed varietal, God rejoices in each of us when we live the life of the Spirit given to us. Take time. Drink in the wine of God's Spirit given to you. Let Christ continue to ferment you so your unidiverse gift becomes a fine wine that benefits any and all. Offer yourself during Ordinary Time as an extraordinarily fine wine that gives glory to God.

Good and gracious God, you delight in us. Help us use the gifts you have given us to help our sisters and brothers drink in your love and offer you glory and praise.

- What are the gifts that God has given you to build up the Church and transform our World?
- How do your gifts complement those of your family, friends, co-workers, classmates or neighbor?

Shalom! Fr. Pat

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 16	5 pm	In Thanksgiving for and Honoring all Fathers
Sunday, January 17	8:30 am	To the Blessed Mother for favors received
Sunday, January 17	11 am	Angie Antonelli, by Mike & Louise Spahn
Monday, January 18	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, January 19	8 am	Angie Antonelli, by Norm & Donna
Wednesday, January 20	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, January 21	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, January 22	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, January 23	5 pm	Daniel Bielecki by the Sojka Family
Sunday, January 24	8:30 am	Ray Deibel, by Kathy & Gene Deibel
Sunday, January 24	11 am	AnnaMarie Fregelette, by Eileen & Ed Martin

**The next First Friday Mass is February 5th at 9:00 am in the Chapel.
Confession: Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 pm**



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS, especially: Loretta Ellis, Doris Ellis, Peter Brady, Maryanne Mueller, Michael Schafer, John Branicky, Marsha Shuler, Dorothy Knaier, Louise Zelonis, Gina Reger, Richard & Antoinette Pucillo, Joe Arcara, Lou Williams, Jeanette Dipiano, Susan

Dorobiala, Judy Zielinski, Jocelyn Tragarz, Sr. Mary Dee, Allison Kruger, Sr. Mary Ellen Twist, Jill Janik, David Dobson, Colette Longboat, Kathy Grover-Castro, Jim Moeller, Jim Cafferty, Linda Bettinger, Mario Nunez, Sarah Friedhaber, Jason Estabrook, Crystal Oats, Dianne Emerling, Bill Petrie, Sophie Cook, Margo McClelland, Steve Curvin, David Kroll, Dave Isbrandt, Bill Kegler, Mike Slawinski, Bill Henning, Dolores Lewandowski, Don Murray, Faith Smith, Grace Finch, Heather Nichter and Joan Kazmierczak.



HURRY—TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO GET YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR SOCIAL GROUP'S DINNER & DANCE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

Come on out of hibernation and enjoy a fun evening of great food with friends, and live music! For only **\$20**, you'll enjoy drinks, a delicious buffet dinner catered by **Collette's**, and country & soft rock music by the acoustic duo, "**Route Two40 Ride**". Drinks at 6 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm.

All are welcome!!

Tickets sold after Mass this weekend, or mail your check before January 13th!

The dinner menu and mailing address are on the event poster in the Gathering space.

REMINDERS:

The **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY** is meeting **Sunday, January 17th at 9:30 am** in the parish hall.

CATECHISTS and TEACHER AIDES are meeting **Monday, January 18th at 7 pm** in the parish hall.

PARISH COUNCIL meets **Thursday, January 21st at 7 pm** in the Gathering space.

Are you ready to **Grow Closer to God**
and Share the Joy during our
Jubilee Year of Mercy?



Join us this Lent in...

Learn how truly "living" the Eucharist can enrich your life!

We're celebrating our *third* year of *Living the Eucharist* during Lent 2016!

Register this weekend and January 23 - 34.

You will receive your booklets after the Masses on January 30 - 31.

Join an adult small group, a teen group, or share the Family experience at home with your children. You can also participate by using the Lenten devotional book, ***From Exodus to Easter: My Daily Journey Through Lent.***

Team Leaders and Group members are available to answer your questions today. For more information, call *Living the Eucharist* Team Coordinator Kathy Kita at 652-3153, or learn more at www.stgeorgercchurch.org/le.

Please support this ministry by *praying the Living the Eucharist prayer every day.*

COLLECTION FOR BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER THIS WEEKEND

Join in this Corporal Work of Mercy!

The Bread of Life Outreach Center (BOLO) continues to serve the needs of the community with our **Food Pantry**. In December **we served 70 families, 181 individuals with food to equal 1629 meals**. A Christmas meal and gifts for each person were given through the generosity of St. George's Angel Tree and other donors. Help us to fulfill our **Mission Statement** to "*feed the hungry and clothe the naked*" by shopping at **Gabriel's Closet Thrift Shop**, shopping the **Farmer's Market** in the summer, **volunteering** at the center and your **generous financial gifts!** **All proceeds of this collection go directly to BOLO.** *Thank you in advance on behalf of all those we serve through the Bread of Life Outreach Center!!*



OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST & THEME BASKET AUCTION *is coming soon!*



Join us on Sunday, February 7th, from 9 am - 1 pm for a hearty and delicious breakfast of eggs, pancakes, sausage and beverage for **\$6 per adult, \$4 per child (under 10).**

Don't miss this! Bring your family and friends, too!

Theme basket donations may be left on the Rectory porch at any time.

Tickets available at the door on Feb. 7th.

STEWARDSHIP Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$4,182.00**. *We sincerely appreciate your continuing generosity!* Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Every day, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust. ***Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.***



PARISH COUNCIL WELCOMES SUE DIBIANCA! Sue has graciously volunteered to be our **Spiritual Life** representative on the **2016 Parish Council**. *Thank you, Sue, for volunteering your time and talent to our parish.* Additional parish council members are needed – please speak to Fr. Pat or Russ Deveso if you are interested in serving on Council.



YEAR OF MERCY: Focus on **The Corporal Works of Mercy**



How might we **Feed the Hungry** and **Give Drink to the Thirsty**? Feeding the hungry seems fairly straightforward. We can help the hungry in simple ways: by making **donations to the local food bank** (*think Bread of Life Outreach*) or, if we have the time, by **helping at a local soup kitchen** for the homeless. We can also take the time to educate ourselves about the problem of hunger in the world, and we can **use our voices and our votes** to petition and pressure our politicians to make the fight against world hunger a higher priority for our

government.

Giving drink to the thirsty can also be accomplished through our role as voters: for example, by **supporting clean water policies** to ensure that there will be clean water for future generations to drink. Meanwhile, right in our own homes we can make our contributions to the effort to preserve clean, fresh water: for example, by using environmentally friendly laundry detergents or by **trying to be moderate in the amount of water we use**.

(Excerpted from www.thedivinemercy.org.) *Learn more at www.yearofmercy.org.*

Let's all make a concerted effort to perform these beautiful Works of Mercy.

HELLO HOLLYWOOD AT IMMACULATA ACADEMY Join us at Immaculata Academy for **"Hello, Hollywood! Hello, IA!"** On **Monday, February 15th**, from **8:30 am - 3:30 pm**, you're invited for some glamorous fun! Get your hair and nails done, pose for pictures in a photo booth, enjoy a pizza lunch and a movie. Open to girls in 3rd-8th grades and your **\$5 admission** covers it all! Register by visiting **"Admissions"** at ImmaculataAcademy.com or call **Andrea Drabik** at **646-9942**. Bring your friends for a fun-filled day that you won't forget!

POSITION AVAILABLE: Office Clerk – Christ the King Seminary Kitchen on the East Aurora campus. The position is responsible for assisting with the various administrative tasks associated with managing the kitchen for the East Aurora campus community, which includes processing bills, filing, organizing, and other office duties as assigned. Experience with Microsoft Excel preferred. Part-time, 10-15 hours per week. Flexible schedule. Interested candidates may submit resumes to **Gary Defedericis** at defedericis@cks.edu.