



**Saturday, January 16:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, January 17:**

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

**Monday, January 18: Weekday**

1 Sm 15: 16-23, Mk 2: 18-22

No Mass today

**Tuesday, January 19: Weekday**

1 Sm 16: 1-13, Mk 2: 23-28

No Mass today

**Wednesday, January 20: Weekday, St. Fabian, pope & martyr, St. Sebastian, martyr**

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51, Mk 3: 1-6

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, January 21: St. Agnes, virgin and martyr**

1 Sm 4: 1-11, Mk 1: 40-45

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Friday, January 22: Weekday**

1 Sm 18: 6-9, 12: 1-7, Mk 3: 7-12

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Cor 12: 12-30, Lk 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

**Saturday, January 23:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, January 24:**

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

**CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN AND AGING**

Next weekend, please welcome Rev. Francis Joseph Fajella M.S.A. who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. CFCA is a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 24 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit CFCA online @ www.cfcausa.org.

**FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

Our parish is very generous in their concern for the less fortunate of our community. This weekend we will once again have baskets at the entrances of the church to receive your donations of non-perishable food for those in need. May God bless you for your willingness to help our brothers and sisters in Christ who come to us for assistance.

**TAX CONTRIBUTIONS**

If you would like a copy of your 2009 Church contributions sent to you for tax purposes, please let us know by calling the parish office @ 673-2346.

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 & 24**

**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Eleanor Razmus  
9:00 a.m. Helen Monkowski  
11:00 a.m. Mark Ransford

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

5:00 p.m. Ginny DeRoche\*, volunteers  
9:00 a.m. Al Rae\*  
Dale Rae, Joan Smith  
Joanne Richardson, Rose Putnam  
11:00 a.m. Lee Starling\*  
Carol Starling, S. Vandenbossche  
Jenny Sabo, Bridget Smith

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:00 p.m. Volunteers  
9:00 a.m. Bailey Merz, Kylie Trisch  
11:00 a.m. Crystal Messing, Courtney Furst

**GREETERS:**

5:00 p.m. Marge Biebel, Michelle, Brittney, Nicole Quick, Dale, Patty Churchill, Cheree Szidik  
9:00 a.m. Tracy LaPratt, Bill Learman Family, Vincent Albin, Joan Smith  
11:00 a.m. Cindy Jackson, Linda Strasz, Keith, Lynette Baur, S. Vandenbossche

**USHERS FOR JANUARY:**

5:00 p.m. Dave Kolacz\*, Doug Lagos  
Mark McKervey, Dave Luebbert  
9:00 a.m. Dave Klebba\*, Jason Kappen  
Dale Romain, Jim Will  
11:00 a.m. Bill Blaylock\*, Paul Ellsworth  
Jack Generous, Doug Prosser

**SANCTITY OF LIFE MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Tuscola Right to Life Affiliate is offering a Sanctity of Life Memorial Service at the Sacred Heart Parish Center on Friday, January 22 from 7:00-8:00 pm. Please join us for the candle light service that will be held in loving memory of the 65 infants of Tuscola County lost by abortion in 2008. As we light a candle for each of these 65 infants we remember them, reflect on our loss and pray for healing for the parents.

During the month of January prolife groups across Michigan and our nation mourn the deaths of over 50 million unborn children since 1973. Let your presence speak out against abortion as we mourn those lost by it. For more information call Donella 989-872-3259. Tuscola Right to Life Affiliate sponsors this event.

**WATCH FOR THIS**

COMING FOR LENT-On Wednesday evenings during Lent-Book Club, "Have A Little Faith" by Mitch Albom.

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL K/C/DUCKS UNLIMITED NIGHT**

The Caro Knights of Columbus and the Tuscola County Ducks Unlimited will be holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Big Buck Night on Saturday, February 6 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Ryan Rd.

Doors will open @ 5 pm. For the \$5/person admission fee participants will be able to sample and judge various types of soups during the chili cook-off. A rough scoring of racks will be from 5-7 pm. Several vendors will also have displays. Come and listen to the stories how the hunters got their "big buck". There will be silent auction items and a raffle that has a crossbow or a 32" HDTV as 1<sup>st</sup> prize. For info or to purchase \$5 raffle tickets or admission tickets, contact Joe Greene @ 673-5103 or Mike Bauerschmidt @ 673-3020.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Weekly Need.....	\$6800.00
Last Weekend.....	\$5480.40
478 Envelope Holders .....	208 Used Last weekend.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

A wedding feast is a biblical symbol for the kingdom of God, therefore, the Old Testament sometimes pictures God as a groom and the people of Israel as his beloved bride. John may have had this imagery in mind when he wrote about the event in today's Gospel.

In this story, there are six stone jars of water the Jews used for ceremonial washings, each with a capacity of about twenty gallons. Some very strict Jews followed a religious law requiring them to wash their hands in a certain way before they ate. With their fingers pointing upwards, they poured water over their hands and let it drop to their wrists. Then, with fingers pointing downward, they poured water so it ran from the wrists to the tip of the fingers. They repeated this ritual before each course of the meal because they believed it was an outward sign of holiness. Hands not cleansed in this way were ritually unclean.

Because wine was both a symbol of joy and an important part of every meal in first-century Palestine, the bride and groom must have been pretty embarrassed when they ran out of it. Jesus may have been at least partially responsible for this shortage if he brought some of his uninvited apostles to the party with him. This would explain why Mary, herself a guest, was so concerned about the shortage of wine.

The six water jars may stand for the special covenant relationship the Jewish people enjoyed with God. Since the number seven was symbolic of perfection, six jars of water meant the covenant was not perfect and had to be transformed by Jesus into an ideal relationship with God in his long-awaited kingdom.

Although the mother of Jesus is a prominent figure in this story, the evangelist never calls her by name in this entire Gospel. At the wedding (and as he hangs on the cross), Jesus simply calls her "Woman," an address that sounds disrespectful to us because there is no precise English translation for the Greek word the Gospel uses here. We may also translate this word as "madam" or "lady" but these titles are much too cold.

Finally, John never uses the word "miracles" in his Gospel but prefers "signs" instead. Today's reading ends when he says the water turned into wine was the first of the signs Jesus performed. John records only seven signs in his Gospel.

**FOR REFLECTION:**

We usually see pictures of a serious Jesus but today's Gospel tells us he also went to parties and he undoubtedly had fun at them. We may even assume Jesus and his apostles joked around and teased each other as they traveled from town to town. Today, ask Jesus to teach you how to be a joyful Christian.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

Please note the pink envelopes in your Church envelope packets, for a subscription to the Catholic Weekly. Cost for the subscription is \$7.00 for six months. (Your parish pays the remaining amount of the subscription.)

**†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†**

**Jan. 17-**No Faith Formation classes

**Jan. 18-**No Faith Formation classes

**Jan. 20-**After school social 3:30-5:00

**Jan. 21-23-**March For Life-Washington D.C.

**Jan. 24-**No Sunday classes

**Jan. 26-**S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet 7:00 pm

**Jan. 30-**Jesus Experience Day for Sacramental Class 10:00 a.m.

**Jan. 31-**Confirmation @ 11:00 Mass

**Feb. 7-**High School Youth Group meets 7:00

**Feb. 9-**S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet 7:00 p.m.

**Feb. 15/16-**Ski Trip

The following individuals will be traveling to Washington D.C. next week to participate in the March For Life. Please keep them in your prayers: Daniella Babcock, Angelica & Jordan Bischer, Liz Schlaud, Jamie & Angela LeValley, Mary Laethem, Josh Jones, Thomas Peterson, Jared & Theresa Burkey, Bryan Cody, Nicholas Bauerschmidt, Thomas Jenson, Allison Learman, Charmain Bauerschmidt, Jo Learman, Lilli Kolanowski, Alma Moreno-Babcock, Lisa Bednarski and Ann Reinelt.

**An after school social will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>** in the rectory basement from 3:30-5:00. The social is open to all youth grades 4-8. Join us!

**SUNDAY-BY-SUNDAY** meets each Monday, 6:15-7:30 pm in the Parish Center. Join us as we meet to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings in an informal way!



**SKI TRIP TO TREETOPS**

Please note the forms to go to Treetops Resort, Gaylord on February 15<sup>th</sup> are in the back of Church. **Forms need to be returned to Ann @ the Parish Center by January 18<sup>th</sup>.** Info call Ann @ 673-2276.

**K/C LADIES AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS**

2009-2010 **Senior College Scholarship** applications are available in the Parish Center office. The scholarships are for any area high school seniors who are members of Sacred Heart parish. The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize student parishioners who participated in parish activities and demonstrated Christian service during their high school years, and to encourage them to continue to do so in their future lives. For more info call Alma @ 673-2276.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS**

During the Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass, four different selections from the Scriptures are proclaimed. They are:

- (1) First Reading: this is usually (but not always) from the Old Testament.
- (2) Responsorial Psalm: This is another proclamation of Scripture which, instead of being read to us, is sung upon us.
- (3) Second Reading: There are 27 "books" in the New Testament, four of which are Gospels. The second reading is always from one of the 23 books that are not Gospels-often from the letters written by Paul.
- (4) Gospel: This is always a reading from the Gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke or John.