

January 17, 2016
Ordinary Time
 Second Sunday



A New Season

Although the Christmas season is behind us, today is the third of the series of *Theophanies*, manifestation of Jesus as God.

The spousal imagery of God's love for his people in Isaiah find echo in John's account of Jesus' first sign at Cana. Even though his hour has not yet come, Mary's faith in her Son becomes the occasion of his first sign of God's Kingdom. Jesus turns water into wine. Jesus' ministry begins with an act of joy and delight, a sign of God's desire for our relationship with him.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of
 W. J. Steinocher and sponsored by his family.

Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated
 in memory of Annie Mae & Alfred P. Dierschke Sr.
 by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, January 20
 8:00 a.m. W. J. Steinocher
 Thursday, January 21
 8:00 a.m. Ruth Kleihege
 Friday, January 22
 8:00 a.m. Helen Pesek
 Saturday, January 23
 6:30 p.m. Mary Patek
 Sunday, January 24
 6:30 a.m. Leroy Fishbeck
 9:30 a.m. Frank Jasek

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Responsorial Psalm: 19
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The Sanctuary Light
 will be lit this week
 in memory of Alfred P. Dierschke, Sr.

2015 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2015 Assessment \$17,015.00
 Contributions So Far \$16,991.00
 Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 24.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Best Is Yet To Come

In following Jesus Christ, there is always something better to come. Jesus' first miraculous sign at the wedding feast of Cana communicates to us the profound hope that underlies the Christian life. The better wine saved for the end of the festivities, like the joy of eternal salvation, is what we anticipate with hope in the here and now. Christ who is risen from the dead reveals to us that the best is yet to come, and this joyful outlook colors our experience of life. In Christ, we can always trust in ultimate triumph over our lacks, and our struggles. Let us let Christ surprise us with the bounty of God's grace.



**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
 JANUARY 18, 2016**



The federal holiday reminds us of Dr. King's achievements and of our continuing moral obligation to build a just society with equal rights for all.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – No Gold Star Club Meeting (Stock Show)
 – Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 7 p.m., Family Room
 WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
 – Knights of Columbus Meeting, KC Hall
 THURSDAY – KC Bingo, KC Hall
 FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

Christian Mothers dues of \$5.00 can be paid to
 Bernadette Fikac, 1201 CR 293, Shiner, TX 77984.

REFLECTION

Newness

One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call of newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. All of this newness comes from God. As with creation, God creates out of chaos – God creates a new people out of one that was forsaken; creates a new land out of desolation; creates a new Spirit-filled community. The first reading and the gospel show us that marriage is the creation of a new union.

Even Jesus experiences a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfillment to the whole world. This transformation of the world will be the ultimate new creation of God. The new wine Jesus provides symbolizes the intoxicating nature of the newness he brings.

How would the world change if each one of us took hold of even one of the marvelous gifts that we have been given by the Spirit and transformed our lives, like water transformed into good wine and then shared with others?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 18 – Jeralyn Barta
Jan. 21 – Mary Kristynik
Jan. 22 – Judson Anderle, Eugenia Pustejovsky
Jan. 23 – Sidney Bochat

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan. 21 – Helen & Steve Machart
– Congratulations Kristi & Bradley Anderle
on your 10th Wedding Anniversary

50th

Congratulations
Jeannette & Oscar Tousek
on your Golden Wedding Anniversary
January 23, 2016

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – No C.C.D. (Stock Show)
Jan. 18 – No After School Program (Stock Show)
Jan. 20 – After School Program (3rd - 6th Grades)
– 9th - 11th C.C.D.
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER DONATION
In Memory of Beverly Kloesel: Susan & Allen Jasek

9th Annual Diocese of Victoria Catholic Knowledge Bowl
February 21, 2016. For more information go to
www.victoriadiocese.org.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Your contribution educates priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders; assists missionaries and pastoral workers; trains catechists and youth ministers; supports the Church's work with the poor. *Please be generous.*

January 22 – Day of Prayer For The Legal Protection of Unborn Children

There have been over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.



The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23,

when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. – USCCB

THANK YOU NOTE

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Thank You !!!

In the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives, we sometimes forget the real meaning of Christmas. Christmas is a time for remembering the greatest gift of all – the birth of our Lord and Savior. It is a special time for loving, caring, and sharing.

You have been especially kind. Your gift, along with those of our other friends, has given us the opportunity to give the Residents of Shady Oak Nursing and Rehabilitation another Christmas to remember.

We thank you again for your donation of \$150.00.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – JANUARY 18-25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on January 18, and concludes on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. This year's theme is *Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord* (1 Peter 2:9). Join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one."