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## Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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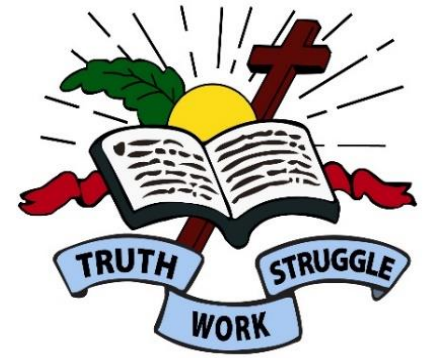
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## Second Sunday – Ordinary Time

### A Sabbath Thought

At the challenging instigation of his mother, Jesus works the first of his miraculous signs at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. The scene raises a question for us: How can we move God to act in our lives?

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### ISAIAH 62:1-5

The Lord God will be the people's bridegroom, says the prophet, and God's love will work marvelous transformations.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

**R. Proclaim his  
marvelous deeds to all  
the nations.**

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

The Spirit is the cement that holds together the living stones of Christ's Church.

#### JOHN 2:1-11

In the sign of abundant wine at a wedding feast, Jesus gives a foretaste of what is to come in the kingdom.

### ENTRANCE RITE – John 2:11

*V. Jesus did this as the beginning of His signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed His glory,*

**R. And His disciples began to believe in Him.**

*V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

### ALLELUIA – John 8:12b

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*V. I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### THE GOSPEL – John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from although the servers who had drawn the water knew, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." 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.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

# Worship Services

**SUNDAY - January 16<sup>th</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

*Intentions for the repose of the soul of Beverly Rush Wunderlich, offered by Fr. Sr. Donald and Danielle Wunderlich.*

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**SUNDAY - January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

*Intentions for the repose of the soul of Kevin Austin Grossman, offered by Kevin Grossman.*

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**SUNDAY - January 30<sup>th</sup>**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Music Scholarship Sunday**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**Martin Luther King Day**

Tomorrow is Martin Luther King Day. Let us honor his memory by praying for peace and love among all of God's People.

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**Koleda – Blessing of Homes**

To Have Fr. Sr. Donald bless your home this season, please sign the sheet in the vestibule with your name, phone number and best time of day and he will contact you to make arrangements.

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**Thanks**

To Ned Kotula for erecting the nativity crèche and for disassembling and storing it for next year. And thanks to everyone else who decorated and cleaned the church for Christmas.

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**Knight's Closet**

We are once again collecting for the Knight's Closet Project for the Reading Area School District. A list of needed items is available in the vestibule and donated items can be left on the table by the windows in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generosity.

## INTENTIONS:

**My Brothers and Sisters:**

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman Sr., Joseph Grossman Jr., Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Ed Edling, and Riley Rejniak. For the repose of the soul of Beverly Rush Wunderlich. Let us Pray: **Our Father....**

**If there are any individuals who should be on this list or should be removed from it, please email or tell Fr. Sr. Donald so he can make the changes!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PLEASE JOIN US IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**Today, January 16<sup>th</sup>;** Monthly Parish Committee meeting at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I hope all committee members are planning to attend

**Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>;** School of Christian Living Open House at 11:00 AM. Please join us and bring your children and grandchildren to learn about our Sunday school options for children of all ages. Light refreshments will be served.

**Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>;** Annual Parish Membership Meeting at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I urge every member of Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish to attend this important meeting. Many issues vital to the health and success of our parish will be discussed and decided upon. The key to success in any democratically oriented organization is in the participation of the membership. Our parish is facing many challenges and your thoughts and ideas on how to solve them are of the utmost importance. Please plan to attend, engage and to elect or volunteer to be elected representatives to the various offices and positions in our parish for the upcoming terms. Our ancestors fought for this right when they founded the Polish National Catholic Church one hundred and twenty four years ago. Please respect it and make use of it by attending and participating. To participate online via TEAMS, please email Fr. Sr. Donald no later than Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>;** The mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are cordially invited to attend. New ideas are always welcome.

**Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>;** The YMS of R will meet at 7:00PM in the fellowship Hall. All of the men of the Parish are encouraged to attend and to join if you are not already members.

**Thursday February, 10<sup>th</sup>;** The Book Club will meet at 7:00PM in the library. The book that will be discussed is "Where Do We Go From Here" by Dr. David Jeremiah. All are welcome and we hope to make participation online available via TEAMS. Check back for details.

**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>;** Monthly Parish Committee meeting at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I hope all committee members are planning to attend

**If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!**

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## NEW YEAR

As we continue into the new year please be aware of the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of someone to step up and fill the positions of Vice-Chairperson and of Secretary as well as volunteers for the Picnic Committee. If you are interested in serving your parish, please see Fr. Sr. Donald or Tom Schalata. I would also like to remind all of the various parish organizations to be sure to have their year-end reports ready in preparation for the meeting. If you have not already done so, please see to it that your yearly dues are paid up to date. And be sure to pick up your donation envelopes for 2022. They are in the Library.