

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## January 17, 2010

“Everyone serves good wine first, ... 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.” John 2: 1-11

### In the Thin Places of Our Lives

In Celtic spirituality there is a concept known as a “thin place.” This is a time, place or event in which, for a very brief moment, our humanity is embraced by the mystery of the divine and we are filled with the wonder of God. It can happen at the most unlikely time or in the very ordinary events of life.

A wedding feast can be one of these thin places. A wedding is a time of abundance and celebration. From the food and wine that are served, to the music and dancing that follow, weddings overflow with goodness of life. On a deeper level, weddings speak to us about love, compassion and unity. In this thin place, we experience the mystery of the divine.

The wedding feast of Cana is a sign of God’s love and compassion. In a truly human event, God, through Jesus, reveals what is in store for us. The abundance of the wedding is a taste of what God provides for us at the Eucharistic table. God’s compassion knows no limits. Imagine the embarrassment the bride and groom would face if the wine ran out. Just as God provided an abundance of wine for the couple, so too will God provide an abundance for us in the wine of the new covenant. This sign that God worked at Cana is at work in the thin places of our lives.

Anthony Chizzi - *Living with Christ*

### Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 15: 16-23; Mk 2: 18-22  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16: 1-13; Mk 2: 23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3: 1-6  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18: 6-9 - 19: 1-7; Mk 3: 7-12  
Friday: 1 Sm 24: 3-21; Mk 3: 13-19  
Saturday: 2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27  
Mk 3: 20-21  
Sunday: Neh 8: 2-4, 5-6, 8-10; 1Cor 12: 12-30  
Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

### Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration that focuses attention on the good work done by the nation’s Catholic schools. It will be observed from January 31st through February 6th. The Catholic Schools Week theme for 2010 is “Catholic Schools - Dividends for Life.” During Catholic School Week Randy Trimm, CEO of Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union, will appear on *That’s Life* with Robin Swoboda to promote the values of Catholic Education.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Sunday, January 17 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Patricia Workman  
11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

#### Monday, January 18 - Weekday

5:15 PM For the Sanctity of Life

#### Tuesday, January 19 - Weekday

8:00 AM Sheila G. McGuire

#### Wednesday, January 20 - St. Fabian

5:15 PM Jennifer Laubenthal

#### Thursday, January 21 - St. Agnes

8:00 AM Kathleen Craighead

#### Friday, January 22 - St. Vincent

5:15 PM For Pope Benedict XVI

#### Saturday, January 23 - Weekday

8:00 AM Deceased Priests of the Diocese of  
Cleveland

5:15 PM James J. & Mary Anne Kelley

### Sharing Grief

The Catholic Cemeteries Bereavement Ministry invites you to spend some special time sharing your grief with others. A bereavement support group session will be held this Sunday, January 17th from 3 - 4 PM at Holy Cross Cemetery in Brookpark, Calvary Cemetery in Lorain, All Saints Cemetery in Northfield, and Holy Cross Cemetery in Akron.

### Rev. Joseph Workman - Installation

The Rev. Joseph G. Workman will be installed as the 7th Pastor of St. Clement Church by The Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon on Saturday, February 6, 2010, at the 5:15 PM Mass. A reception for Father Workman will follow in the church hall. Please join us on this momentous occasion as we celebrate with Father Workman and welcome him to our parish community. All are welcome!

### Please Note!

It has been brought to my attention that there have been people asking for financial assistance who are approaching our parishioners and visitors at Mass times or during parish gatherings. Please do not assist these people, but direct them to Fr. Workman at the rectory.

### Come Visit Lakewood Catholic Academy

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 31st, and we cordially invite all parishioners to visit the school at one of our two Open House opportunities. The first is set for Sunday, January 31st from 11 AM - 2 pm. Come after Mass, tour the school, and meet current LCA parents over coffee and pastries. This date also represents the beginning of open registration for Fall 2010. The second Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3rd from 9 AM - 11 AM. Classes will be in session, our parent ambassadors will again be on hand to share their LCA experience, and registration packets will be available. For those unable to attend Open House, Director of Admissions, Paul Nickels, can provide individual tours of the school. Call 521-0559, ext. 3028 for more information.

### Cathedral Mardi Gras Dinner Dance...

is planned for Sunday, January 31st at Sterle's Slovenian House, 1401 E. 55th St., from 1:15 PM - 4:30 PM.

Dinner tickets are \$25, and there will be a cash bar, live music and a Chinese raffle. Cash raffle tickets are \$20 each with the 1st prize of \$1,000. (Winner need not be present.) Tickets are available after Sunday Masses at the Cathedral, the rectory office during business hours, or by

### Record of 2009 Contributions

If you would like a statement of your total contributions to St. Clement Church for 2009, please complete the form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory. Kindly include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like your statement mailed, or it will be available in the Rectory office. Please allow a few weeks for your statement to be ready.

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Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

### Finance Corner:

Collection for weekend of January 10 - \$ 5,428.50

Envelopes used - 204

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the parish.

### Memorial Mass - Fr. Clem Metzger, S.J.

Fr. Clem Metzger, S.J., former Director of the Jesuit Retreat House, teacher at St. Ignatius and Walsh Jesuit High Schools, and popular homilist at local parishes, passed away peacefully on the evening of December 16, 2009. A Memorial Mass for Fr. Clem will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 6750 State Rd., (Parma) on Sunday, January 24th at 3 PM. All are invited to attend and honor the memory of this wonderful priest, teacher and spiritual director who has touched so many lives.

### Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union

You're invited to attend Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union's Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 14th at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Church's Corrigan Gym and will be followed by a buffet dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$7.50 per member, and reservations are required by February 1. Please visit our website [www.unitycatholiccu.org](http://www.unitycatholiccu.org) to download the reservation form or visit your local office.

### Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) John R. Kerg, Rose Kerekes,  
Maureen Tock, Lisa Evans,  
Ms. Marie Manning, Alan Clark



### Trip to Italy

Join Rev. Donald Oleksiak and the Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union in Italy! The Grand Catholic Italy Tour is a first-class fully escorted vacation. Discover Italy from Rome to Venice. Visit many beloved holy shrines, deepen your faith, and explore Italy for eleven days in September 2010 (September 27 - October 7). Three informational meetings are planned for February. Check our website [www.ohiocatholicfcu.com](http://www.ohiocatholicfcu.com), or call Carol Hradek at 216-663-6800 ext. 246 for more trip information and location of informational meetings.