

Baptism of the Lord

Jan 10, 2021

Sat.	Jan. 16 th	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Jan. 17 th	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Jan. 17 th	10:30am	St. Columbkille

Readings for the Week

Monday, Jan. 11th

Hebrews 1:1-6 Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, Jan 12th

Hebrews 2:5-12 Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, Jan. 13th

Hebrews 2:14-18 Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, Jan. 14th

Hebrews 3:7-14 Mark 1:40-45

Friday, Jan. 15th

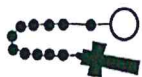
Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, Jan. 16th

Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, Jan. 17th

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42



We will be having a rosary on Wednesday's at 7:00pm
in the Parish Center.

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$4495.00

Loose - \$39.00

Building Fund - \$405.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

90 Envelopes used

Mass Intentions for Weekend of Jan 9 & 10

Saturday St. John: + Eugene Romzek

Sunday St. Joseph: + Joan Serwinowsky

Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd
Parishioners

Donations:

In memory of Willard Kroetsch by Denny & Nancy
Kroetsch

In memory of Willard Kroetsch by Kathleen Rich &
Family

In memory of Willard Kroetsch by Diane Best

In memory of Willard Kroetsch by Marge Maher

In memory of Willard Kroetsch by Elaine Radloff

In memory of John Cieslinski by Jim & Judy Braun

In loving memory of mom Agnes & dad Eugene
Gorkowski by Lori & Mike Osantoski

In loving memory of Francis & Oral Hund by Robert &
Shirley Hund

In this Sunday's Reading

"And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my
beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"Mark 1:11
As baptized people, we are also sons and daughters of
God. We are called to act as such. We are to actively
participate in the Catholic faith. To live it daily - not
just on certain days or in particular settings. Living as
a son or daughter of God means that we are to use our
gifts daily in all situations to benefit others, not just
ourselves.

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Religious Education/Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together for our programs. Tuesday & Wednesday program includes:

Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Argyle: 6-7:30pm Tuesday (Jan. 12, 19, 26)

Ubyly 3-4:30pm Wednesday (Jan. 13, 20)

Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (Jan. 13, 20, 27)

Youth Group

Youth Group will be meeting again in Feb. 2021.

Youth group is for all 7th thru 12th graders.

All are welcome and there is no charge.

Christian Initiation

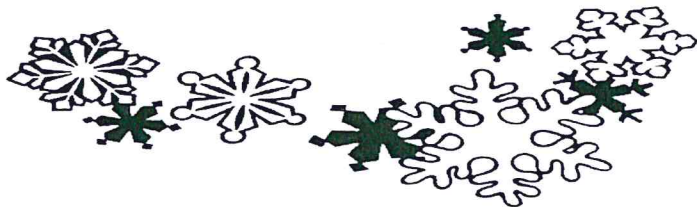
Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings will be held on Sunday, Jan. 17; and Sunday, Jan. 31 at 6:30 pm at St. Columbkille church in the gathering room. If you have any questions, please call Dana Irion at 989-553-0585 or Fr. Nate at 989-658-8145.

Christ's Mission Appeal 2020

Our Parish is conducting the annual Christ's Mission Appeal. Our goal for this year is \$56,548 as of this week our Parish has pledged \$34,773. Please be generous to the Christ's Mission Appeal by sharing your gifts and blessings. Your contribution to Christ's Mission Appeal is a way of serving our brothers & sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.

Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Get your new year off to a great start! Enrich your marriage and your faith by attending a weekend from the comfort of your own home Jan. 29-31 or Feb. 12-14, 2021. Apply today at wwme.org. For questions or more info, contact Chris & Darla Vinton at 269-953-8287.



VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

Jan. 11: Kathy Beaver, Charlotte Baker, Del Czewski
Tuesday Jan. 19: Rose Maikrzek, Luci Kubacki, Ann Ypma
Jan. 25: Evelyn Peruski, Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski

4:00pm Saturday Jan. 16th St. John

Lector: Bev Pawlosky

EMHC: Bev Pawlosky

Ushers: Bob Brahmer, John Guigar, Richard Trepkowski

8:30pm Sunday Mass Jan. 17th St. Joseph

Lector: Justin Faber

EMHC: Chuck Izydorek

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Gordon Farrelly, Kevin Hessling

10:30am Sunday Mass Jan. 17th St Columbkille

Lector: Lori Osantoski

EMHC: Val Fischer

Ushers: Marv Osentoski, Clarence Wolschlager

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOP

WHEN: Saturday, March 13, 2021; 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Virtual-online

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation Workshop helps engaged couples understand what it means to get married in the Catholic Church. Among the topics covered are: Marriage as a Sacrament, Marital Intimacy, Natural Family Planning, Communication, Conflict Resolution, and Family of Origin.

COST & CONTACT/REGISTRATION INFO:

Registration fee is \$50 per couple. Registration deadline is Monday, March 8 2022

To register: call 989-797-6660 or register online



I Heard God Laugh by Matthew Kelly

If you did not get a book that was given out at Christmas mass you can pick them up at the entries of all the churches.

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Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

Will you quench His thirst?

Fr. Nate's Update

(Left: Thank you to the parishioner who gave me this figurine, which I added to my Nativity Scene: St. Nick, now adoring His Lord and Savior! Below: Thank you to the creative parishioner who made this cookie!)

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy Feast of the Baptism of the Lord!

First, some humor:

How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it.

Why did the priest giggle during his homily? He had Mass hysteria!

Sign on the outside wall of a Maryland convent: "Trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." — The Sisters of Mercy

A pastor was speaking to a group of second-graders about the resurrection of Jesus when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?" The pastor explained that the Gospels do not tell us what He said. The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said: He said, 'Tah-dah!'" — via Andy Fisher, Denville, NJ



Our Heavenly Father has big plans for you and me in 2021. He loves you so much that He can't take His eyes off of you. You are His masterpiece, the "Apple of His Eye." He has plans to give you a "future full of hope" (Jer. 29). He has all the best qualities of a good earthly father, and none of the bad qualities. Ask Him to show you His unconditional love today.

ROSARY REQUEST: I request that this week, you offer at least one Rosary for this intention: for peace in our country and in our own hearts, for the victims of the violence at our capital, for the conversion of those who committed violence, and for our lawmakers and law enforcement. Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), issued this statement in response to the violence on January 6 in the United States Capitol:

"I join people of good will in condemning the violence today at the United States Capitol. This is not who we are as Americans. I am praying for members of Congress and Capitol staff and for the police and all those working to restore order and public safety.

"The peaceful transition of power is one of the hallmarks of this great nation. In this troubling moment, we must recommit ourselves to the values and principles of our democracy and come together as one nation under God. I entrust all of us to the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May she guide us in the ways of peace, and obtain for us wisdom and the grace of a true patriotism and love of country."

PLEASE WELCOME... Thanks to all who welcomed Fr. Adam Maher who visited our parish recently. Please welcome and extend your gratitude to Fr. Bob Schikora, my classmate, visiting next weekend while I am on vacation, and Bishop Robert Gruss who will also be visiting later. He is striving to visit all the parishes of his diocese. Remember to keep all bishops, priests, seminarians, and sisters in your

daily prayers. We rely on your prayers and request your “offered-up sacrifices”, for example, “Jesus, I offer up this sacrifice (of washing dishes for my family) for all priests (or for Father so-and-so).”

THANK YOU... to all of our Good Shepherd Christian Mothers for donating the remaining balance for the new microphone and receiver at St. John Church! It is now completely paid for.

Mother Mary’s Miracles: Last weekend I shared a story about how years ago, my friend’s mother Diane, as directed by the Holy Spirit, distributed flyers inviting neighbors to her home to pray the Rosary weekly, and how a woman responded to the flyer who was suicidal. That Rosary group, that support network of Christians on earth and in heaven (most notably the greatest Christian, Mary), helped save her life. She continues to pray with them today.

Here’s another story Diane shared: “A lady called to ask me about the Rosary group and did it matter that she had not gone to Church in many years. She came to Rosary and continued to come for about ten years. I believe she was in her 80's when her health deteriorated and she went into assisted living and had to stop coming. She almost never missed a Rosary group meeting.

Rosary was held every Friday morning, and Bev called me on Thursday to tell me that she had something very special to tell everyone the next morning. She was probably in her late 70's then. She had decided to go alone to Paris, France in order to go to Confession at Notre Dame Cathedral! She flew to Paris alone, hired a translator, and he took her to Notre Dame. She had not been to Confession in about 50 years. She said she was so happy she could not contain herself. She tried to tell her translator, but he could not understand all she was saying. But because she was so happy, he was happy too!

After another few years, she heard about Confirmation and knew she had not been confirmed. She asked me to be her sponsor and at about 82 years of age, we went to the Cathedral in Detroit where she was confirmed. The Holy Ghost at work again!!!” *(If you have any miracle stories you’d like me to share in this bulletin, please send them to me)*

I Heard God Laugh

I really, really hope you are reading this book and starting to pray with the “prayer process.” Matthew Kelly promises, and the saints promise, and I promise, that a daily habit of prayer will change your life. Kelly writes, “This daily habit of prayer teaches us to recognize God’s presence throughout the day and transform each part of our day into prayer.”... “As you go off into the busy happenings of your day, God is saying, “Take me with you! Let me come along and keep you company.”...

What are the effects of this daily habit of prayer? Kelly promises, “As time passes, people begin to notice there is something different about your presence. It is palpable. Then merely by meeting someone for lunch or coffee, we are ushering them into the presence of God, sharing his peace, joy, love, and wisdom with them...” I’ve met people like this, and I reckon you have too. God wants to transform you and me into Christ’s presence on earth, through a daily habit of prayer.

Let Us Pray...

**(Pope's JANUARY Intention):* May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all (Lord, hear our prayer!)

God loves you, I love you, I pray for you, please pray for me! -Fr. Nate Harburg



January 10, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 | Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 |
Mk 1:7-11

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Those of us who are parents or godparents remember fondly the day of our child or godchild's baptism. I remember feeling the warmth from the congregation and from extended family and friends as they joined us in welcoming our beloved infant into Christ's Church. The smell of the chrism from the anointing of his head with oil, and the sound of the flowing waters served as visceral reminders of our precious child's birth into new, divine life with Jesus. Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we give thanks to Jesus, who at his baptism immersed himself into the enormous weight of humanity's sinfulness [while of course remaining sinless himself]. Marking the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus' baptism is the foundation for our own, inviting us to become God's own sons and daughters "in whom he is well pleased." Just as the Spirit descended upon Jesus and anointed him, the Spirit descends on us at our baptism, empowering us to follow Jesus' example and build up the kingdom of God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Water and oil are two of the symbols of baptism, a third is the white garment [sometimes a bib placed over a small child] worn by the one being baptized. I know of a pastoral associate who embroiders the name and date of baptism on the white garments of every child or infant baptized at her large parish. As we read in the *catechism*, "The white garment symbolizes that the person baptized has 'put on Christ,' has risen with Christ." (1243) Gratitude is the proper disposition to thinking about our baptism, and the ones who brought us to it. How might our lives be different, and richer, if each morning, as we dress for the day, we pray in gratitude for the ability, and what it means, to, "put on Christ" in our daily lives?

ACT Express gratitude. Are your parents and godparents still alive? If so, call them or send a card thanking them for their presence at your baptism, and assure them of your prayers. If they are not alive, perhaps think of one or two people who have been there for you in your life as instruments of God's grace. And then extend your gratitude to them.