

# January 9, 2022 Baptism of the Lord

Wed. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 11:30am St. John

Thur. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm St. Columbkille

Fri. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00am St. John (Adoration following Mass until 11:00am)

(Adoration following Mass until 11:00am) Sat. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm St. John

Sun. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30am St. Joseph Sun. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30am St. Columbkille

#### Confessions for this Week

Wednesdays 11:00-11:25am St. John Thursdays after 7pm Mass St Columbkille Saturday 3:15pm before Mass St. John's

## Readings for the Week

Monday, Jan. 10th

1 Samuel 1:1-8 Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, Jan. 11th

1 Samuel 1:9-20 Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, Jan. 12th

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, Jan. 13th

1 Samuel 4:1-11 Mark 1:40-45

Friday, Jan. 14th

1 John 5:5-13 Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1 Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, Jan. 16th

Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11



#### Rosaries

At 3:30 @ St. John Church

At St. Joseph Church @ 8:10am before Mass and prior to 10:30 Mass at St Columbkille on Sundays.

## Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$ 4054.00 Loose - \$ 560.00 Building Fund - \$345.00 650 Parish Families (297 Family envelope holders) 97 Envelope used

#### Donations:

In memory of Karen Gornowicz by Beatrice Pichla In memory of Loreane Holz by Beatrice Pichla In memory of Michael Sweeney by Dennis & Rita Sweeney

In memory of Mike Sweeney by Ken & Karen Pichla
In loving memory of the deceased members of Schefka
& Czewski Families. Mary Anna & Marvin Longuski by
James & Delphine Czewski

# Mass Intentions for the Week of: January 3-9, 2022

Friday St. John: Greg Guza
Saturday St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners
Sunday St. Joseph: + June Burns
Sunday St. Columbkille: + Eugene Gorkowski 1-82014 & Agnes Gorkowski 1-8-2011. Anniversary of
our parents passing

## Mass Intentions for the Week of: January 10-16, 2022

Friday St. John: Rebecca Guza
Saturday St. John: + Clarence & Vivian Rumptz &
the Deceased members of the Rumptz Family
Sunday St. Joseph: + Robert Jackson
Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

#### In This Sunday's Readings:

"John answered them all, saying 'I am baptize you with water; but He who is mightier than I is coming...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire ... " -- Luke 3:16 Through our baptism as Catholics, we are called to give of ourselves. In that giving, the Holy Spirit works through us to share love of God on earth.



We wish to express our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Carol Lemke who passed away

## Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Sunday. Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Argyle: 6-7:30pm (Jan. 18, 25) Ubly: 6-7:30pm (Jan. 12, 19, 26)

Sheridan Corners: 6-7:30pm (Jan. 12, 19, 26)

## Youth Group

Youth group will be meeting in 2022. Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup>, & May 15<sup>th</sup>. We meet from 5pm-8pm & start with a shared meal. Youth group is for all 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades & there is no cost.

#### Knights of Columbus

Ubly/Sheridan Council #12850

Next Meeting: Wednesday we will meet at 7:30pm at the Parish Center on Wed. Jan. 12. We are always looking for New Members - call Jeff Maurer @ 989-553-4224. Our food pantry is available for anyone in need, located in Ubly. This is completely confidential and anonymous - call Jerry @989-550-9664. Jeff Maurer Grand Knight of Ubly/Sheridan Council-12850

#### Youth Group

Thank you to our Youth Group members, Hope, Kylie, Erica, Nicole, Utah, Maze, Halie, Wade, Javier, Luke, Maria, Claire, Braydon, Emily who shared their voices caroling for the Residents of Meadow Lane. The Reisidents loved hearing the Christmas Carols, they were clapping & singing along. Thanks again.

#### RCIA Meetings

"Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings will be held on Sunday, Jan. 23 at 4:00 pm at St. Columbkille church in the gathering room. If you have any questions, please call Dana Irion at 9895530585 or Fr. Nate at 9896588145."

#### Ruth K of C Euchre Party

Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 Starts at 1:00 @ Ruth K of C Hall Cash Prizes & Hot Lunch Included Admission \$6:00 Come Join Us!

## **VOLUNTEERS' SCHEDULE:**

#### Counters:

Jan. 10: Kathy Beaver, Carol Beaudin, Charlotte Baker Tuesday, Jan. 18: Rose Maikrzek, Luci Kubacki, Ann

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Jan. 24: Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski, Evelyn

Peruski

4:00pm Saturday Mass Jan. 15th St. John

Lector: Alger Lemke EMHC: Alger Lemke Altar Server: Kylie Keller

Ushers: Jim Czewski, Jim Osentoski, Whitey Pawlosky,

Allen Peruski

8:30am Sunday Mass Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph

Lector: Lori Uhl
EMHC: Lori Uhl
Greeter: Rod Walsh

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Gordon Farrelly, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday Mass Jan 16th St Columbkille

Lector: Amy & Braydon Sweeney EMHC: Karen Pichla, Dana Irion

Altar Servers: Myah & Broden Peruski

Greeters: Kempisty Family

Gift Bearers: Courtney & Ryan Kempisty

Ushers: Ronnie & Kendall Irion, Don McDonald

#### Mark Your Calendar

January 16, 2022 2:00pm – Mini March

2:30pm - Prayer Service Holy Family Parish St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall in Sadusky. There have been more than 61 million abortion

There have been more than 61 million abortions performed in the U.S. since the infamous Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton court diecisions were handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1973. That action legalized abortion in all 50 states through all nine months of pregnancy. The most recent statistic show that 29,669 abortions were performed using the abortion pill method 51.9%. We know that unborn children are human beings who deserve protection.





# **Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!**

Will you quench His thirst?
--- Fr. Nate's Update ---

(Quilt with Psalm 23, gift of a parishioner; below, Nicol's Christmas Light Extravaganza- moved me to tears)

Dear Reader, fellow Saint-in-the-Making, Merry CHRISTMAS! Happy Feast of the BAPTISM OF THE LORD!

**First, some holy humor:** Some ministers were talking about death and dying over coffee at the local cafe. "What would



you want people to say about you at your funeral?" one of them asked. "I'd want people to say, 'He was a compassionate humanitarian who cared about those in need," responded a recently retired priest. "I'd like for people to say, 'He was a good father and husband, a man whose life was a fine example for others to follow," intoned a Lutheran pastor. "Oh, I'd like for people to

remember me for my fine sermons and church growth," said the Presbyterian pastor. A grizzled old farmer leaned over from the next table and said, "That's all well and good, fellas, but I'd rather hear 'em say, 'Look, he's moving!"

**Praise Report (How God Is Working To Save His People):** I was recently sitting with a young parishioner at a funeral luncheon who attends a University on the Westside of Michigan. He told me that he often invites friends to come with him to Mass at the local parish. Sometimes they tell him, "I don't feel like it", and he encourages them by responding that they'll be glad they went. After Mass, sometimes his friends have told him, yes, they were glad they went! A very simple and easy way to bring others to Christ is to invite them to Mass with a smile and perhaps a sense of humor.

**Renew Your Baptism!** This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Pray a prayer such as this to renew your own baptism: "Come Holy Spirit, fill my heart, enkindle in me the fire of your love. Please stir up the graces that I received at my baptism. Renew my baptism. Activate those graces and charisms that lay dormant in my soul. Help me to experience the Fruit of the Spirit, including "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..." (Galatians 5:22-23). Give me a deeper love for God, a hunger for Scripture and Sacraments, a zeal for quiet prayer, a stronger passion for serving others, and strength to resist temptation, and [add other desires]. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

**I Thank God for your Generous Stewardship...** towards the CCHD collection, the Religious Retirement Fund, and for your generous Christmas gifts to me. May God continue to reward you!

**Prisoner Outreach:** "I was in prison and you visited me" (Jesus, Matthew 25): Consider sending a short letter or postcard to one of these inmates to let them know the Body of Christ has not forgotten them. If not, at least say a prayer for them. If the inmate responds you might consider becoming pen pals: Henry Raphael #0321012, Samuel McBride #372469, Brent Agbay #625032. Address for all: Parnall Correctional Facility, 1780 E. Parnall Rd, Jackson, MI 49201

**Prayer to Share:** From parishioner: "Every day I say this prayer, and want to share it with you. O Lord, help me to realize that nothing will happen to me today that You and I cannot work out together."

"Prepare for Mass" and "Pray the Mass" with the Hymnal: The new hymnals have the Sunday Mass readings in them. If you get to Mass early, meditate on the readings by reading through them slowly. If a word or a phrase jumps out at you, stop and slowly re-read it. Close your eyes and ask, "[Father, or Jesus, or Holy Spirit] what are you saying to me?" This is how God wants to speak to each of us. Scriptures are our heavenly Father's love letters to us, His beloved sons and daughters. It's better to meditate on the upcoming readings throughout the week in a quiet place. God wants to transform our lives through Scripture; do you believe that's true? Also, you can "Pray the Mass" by simply listening to the Eucharistic Prayers as the priest prays them, or by reading along with the words found in the beginning pages of the hymnal.

**Dedicated Fridays from Michigan Right to Life:** "As the U.S. Supreme Court justices prepare to hear the case Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, the Board of Right to Life of Michigan has decided to dedicate every Friday to pray for each justice..." We pray that each of these justices will have the wisdom, courage, and faith to rule in favor of the humanity of the unborn, including Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barrett, Stephen Breyer, Neil Gorsuch, Elena Kagan, Brett Kavanaugh, John Roberts, Sonia Sotomayor, and Clarence Thomas... Lord hear our prayer!

**Ask Padre:** Where do the newly baptized go to learn more about their faith in detail? First, the official Catechism of the Catholic Church. For a shorter version, read the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Both of these are available and searchable online. As for websites, be careful when browsing websites, even if they claim to represent the Catholic Faith. When in doubt about a teaching, check the official Catechism. Reliable websites include catholic.com, ewtn.com, dynamiccatholic.com, and others.

**Let Us Pray:** (<u>Pope's JANUARY Intention</u>): "...for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family."

(<u>Ven. Sheen's Spiritual Adoption Prayer</u>): "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [name], the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

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

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(ACTS 10: 38)

January 9, 2022

# The Baptism of the Lord

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 | Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

For cradle Catholics, baptism may be the most important step on the Christian journey that none of us actually remembers. Which is too bad! After all, the Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs us that baptism is "the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit." (#1213) Yes, baptism cleanses us of original sin, but it's much more than that! We need only look to Jesus to see that. Though without sin, Jesus' baptism is a turning point in his life all the same. The Holy Spirit descends upon him and a voice from heaven cries out, "You are my beloved Son." So begins the public ministry, in which Jesus would carry out his Father's saving mission. Through our baptism, at any age, we, too, become God's beloved sons and daughters. Through word and sacrament, Jesus invites us to share in his mission by turning our lives over to our Father as we embrace our Christian journey.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Baptism is often referred to as "the doorway to the Church" because through this sacrament, our sins are forgiven and we are united to Christ and his Church. It is the door which gives access to all the other sacraments. (Cf., CCC 1213) At the conclusion, the celebrant asks God to continue to pour out his blessing upon those being baptized, and send his peace to all who are gathered. As baptized Christians, we are now adopted children of God; we are disciples who are empowered, through the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit, to share the Good News and help build the kingdom of God on earth. Sound intimidating? It shouldn't. Each day that we "put on Christ" and do his work, God is re-creating us and making us into something far better than we could ever be on our own. Embrace this faith you have been given and go out and share your gifts and talents with others, confident in the Spirit that guides you.

**SERVE** Think of something you have been told you are very good at by friends or coworkers – something for which you have been "anointed," in a sense. In what way can you do something specific to lead others with care in this area, or perhaps do a very particular good yourself?



The December meeting of Council 12850 of the Ubly-Sheridan Knights of Columbus was full of many activities. When called to order the Grand Knight led the group in the Lord's Prayer and the pledge of allegiance. After roll call and the approval of the last month's minutes and treasures report, old business was discussed.

Recently the Knights offered a showing of the Shroud of Turin exhibit. It was estimated that over 500 people took advantage of the free viewing. December 1<sup>st</sup> the Knights hosted a meal for the Faith Formation students of Good Shepherd Parish.

The following topics were discussed under new business.

With the approval of Father Nate the Knights will be meeting in the Chapel after the first of the year. This will be a more permanent location as to not disrupt the Faith Formation classes.

It was also decided to change our meeting time to 7:00pm. With the beginning of the New Year we will also be reintroducing our Knight and Family of the Month.

Kevin Romzek our new program director got in touch with the Ubly Schools to set up several programs for our council.

A huge thank you goes out to one of our newest members. Dave Keller volunteered to drive to Chicago and bring the Shroud Exhibit to Ubly and returned it back.

Our District Deputy gave his report and then introduced Greg Branson our State Vocations Director. Greg talked about membership recruitment. Under the good of the order prayers were offered for the following. Jim Swartz, Ellen Radomski, Travis Fischer, Greg Eilber and the victims of the Oxford School System.

Vivat Jesus!

Jeff Maurer/Grand Knight