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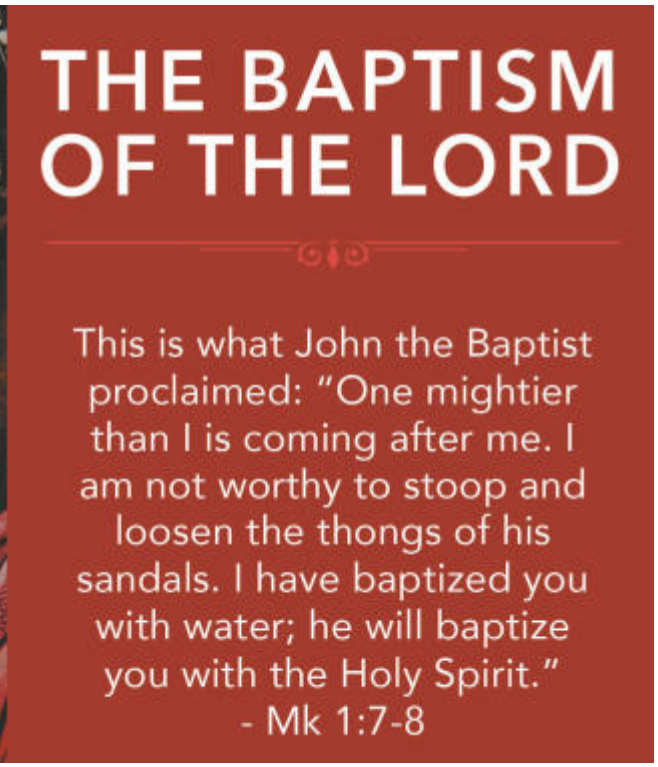
The Baptism of the Lord — **January 10, 2021**



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Sacrament Preparation

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact at least six weeks before the desired Baptism date. Parents must be registered parishioners for at least three months & attend Baptism preparation class. Contact the parish office by phone or *cwolfert@parish.dol-in.org* to register for a class and schedule the ceremony.

RCIA & Inquiry to the Catholic Faith

Interested in the Catholic Faith? Contact Christine Wolfert at cwolfert@parish.dol-in.org or by phone at (765) 288-6180.

Marriage Preparation

Marriage preparation must begin at least six months before the marriage date. Marriage preparation may begin at St. Francis even if the marriage is celebrated elsewhere. Call the parish office at (765) 288-6180 to schedule an initial meeting with a priest.

Ministry to the Sick

If you or a loved one would like Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion, contact the parish office at (765) 288-6180.

A note from Father Underwood

Muncie Catholic! By now, you have been hearing us use ***Muncie Catholic*** to refer to the beautiful unity of our pastorate – St. Francis, St. Lawrence, and St. Mary all working together for the glory of God!

Father Eric Underwood

Get connected with us!
Have you visited our website? ***munciecatholic.com***
Have you signed up for **Flocknote** communications (visit our website)?
We even have some prayerful (and some just plain crazy) videos on YouTube – search for the ***MuncieCatholic YouTube Channel***.
If you need to ***register as a parishioner***, please contact one of our parish offices directly. We are glad to help you!

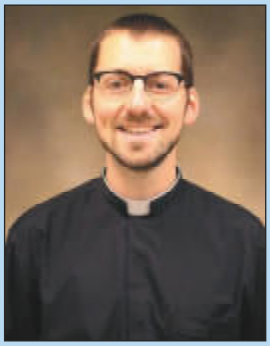
The Year of St. Joseph! In September, a parishioner gave me a beautiful book about the Consecration to St. Joseph. Immediately, I fell in love with it and decided that in Lent of 2021 I was going to invite parishioners to join in this study and Consecration. We are going to consecrate our pastorate to the guidance of St. Joseph!

This same parishioner wrote me a note in December that said – "*wasn't it great that we got Pope Francis to declare this year in honor of St. Joseph.*" I couldn't help but laugh at the irony. Should we claim it as our own idea or allow Pope Francis to take this one?

Would you join me in this study? Our book study and preparation for the Consecration to St. Joseph will begin on February 15th and continue through the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19th. We are planning the group dynamics, COVID considerations, and how best to embrace the spirituality of Jesus' foster father. If you are interested in assisting me in planning this study, please email me at fr.eunderwood@dol-in.org this coming week. And... stay tuned for more details on how you can sign up to be a participant and purchase a copy of the book!

Thank You to Everyone Who Made Christmas Extra Special! So many people made the Christmas season special for our priests, staff, and parishioners. Thank you to all who brought in goodies and gifts for the staff and priests. We truly feel loved in the Muncie Catholic Family! And to those who gave of your time to decorate, provide music, greet others, serve as liturgical ministers, and create beautiful welcoming spaces for us to celebrate Christ's birth... God bless you for your generosity and kindness. May God bless you all in this New Year!

Father Coady Owens



Father Christian DeCarlo

Check Your Mailboxes: A letter is coming with some updates about the 2021 year and our Muncie Catholic embracing Uniting in Heart. What do we have planned for this new year? It promises to be exciting for all of us!

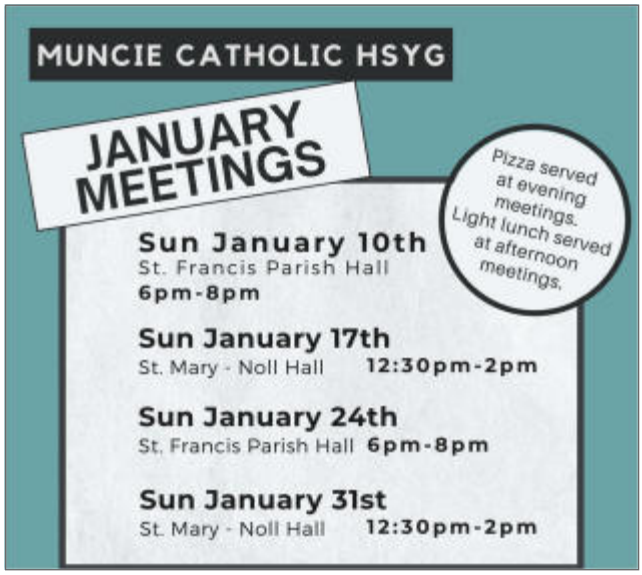
Baptism of the Lord ©LPi

Liturgical Minister Schedule for Sat/Sun - January 16/17, 2021

Date & Time	Sacristan	EMHC	Reader	Greeter/Usher	Server
Sat. 1/16 4:30 pm	Angela Saval	Alicia Luksus	Anne Bennett	Anne Lacey	TBD
Sun. 1/17 9 :00 am	Kianre Eouanzoui	Mary Rowlett	Bill Bolka	Dan Wolfert	TBD
Sun. 1/17 11:15 am	Kathy Carr	Bob Green	Adrienne McKay	Sue Ann Nunez	TBD

Youth Ministry Opportunities

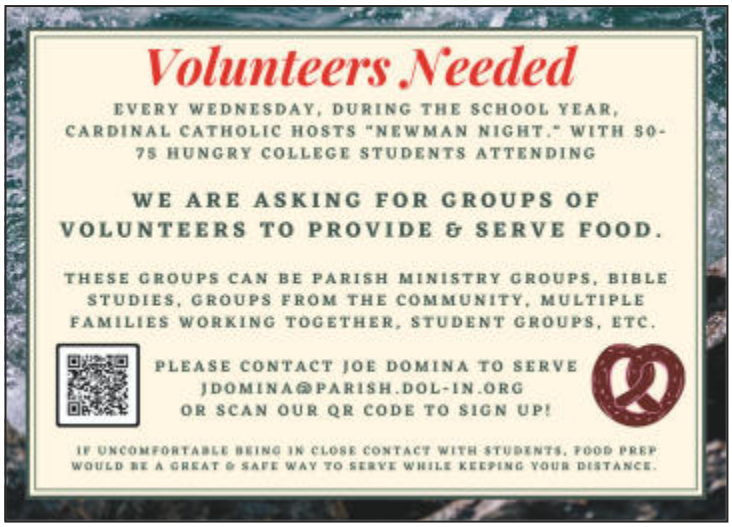
Middle School Youth Group -
Meetings held at St. Mary in Noll Hall from 3:30-5.
February 10 **March 10** **April 28**
Please contact Katie Hazen,
religioused@stmarymuncie.org with any questions.



Opportunity for Catholic Men

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING
Topics touching on abortion, immigration, racism, the economy, health care, marriage and family life emerge daily in public and political discourse. Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is an essential resource for Catholic disciples seeking to navigate their way through these perplexing and emotionally-charged issues. The Monday night men's group (The King's Men) invites men in the parish to join them for a study of what some call the "Church's best-kept secret."
January 11, St. Francis Parish Hall Mon, 6:30-8:00 PM
Two parts. Two book studies. 11 weeks.
4 weeks to examine four pillars of CST
7 weeks to dig into the USCCB's CST themes and discuss specific issues
Cost for books $40. Pre-registration required, deadline January 18th!
Questions and registration? Contact kluksus@gmail.com.

Getting involved in the new year!



Join Us! Tri Parish Opportunities

MINISTRY OF THE FIBERS
(Prayer Shawl Ministry)
Wednesday, January 20
10:00 a.m. or 6:45 p.m.
St. Elizabeth House – St. Mary Parish

This tri-parish group of knitters and crocheters will meet again on Wednesday, January 20. As noted above we have two meeting times. We hope to see you at our meeting – new members are always welcome. If you need to learn some "techniques" about this art, this is the place to be. Face masks are worn and social distancing is in place. Prayers shawls and lap robes are made and given to those who have lost a loved one or are celebrating a "special event." Baptismal blankets are made and presented to the parents at their child's baptism. If you have any questions or need an item to give to someone you may contact the following persons: Jeanette 765-729-3638; Terri 765-288-1726; Janice 765-760-2087.

Staying Connected

Do you Flocknote?

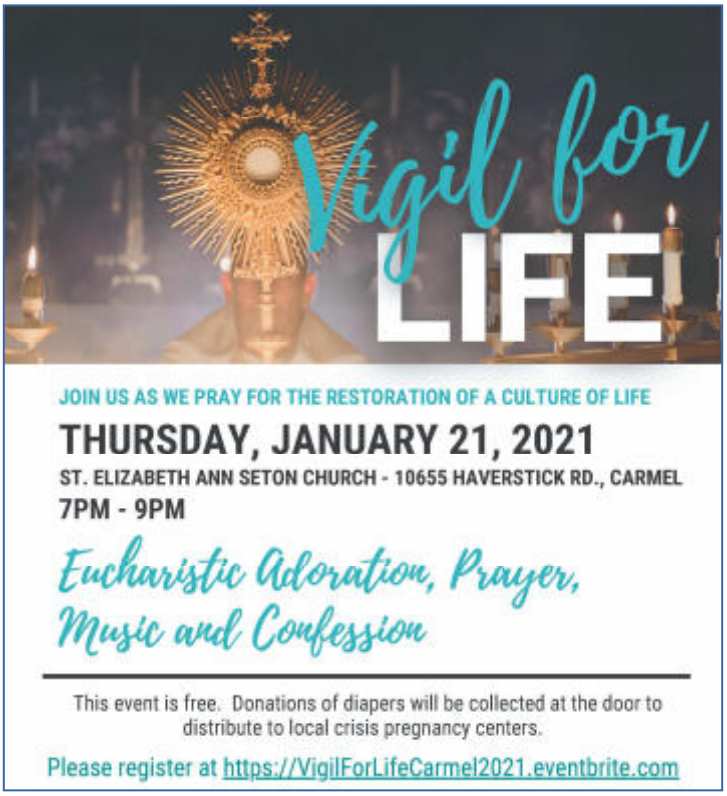
As a registered parishioner you should receive our weekly email on Fridays with all our parish happenings...do you? If not, or even if you already do, did you know there's an app (*and/or website*) with all our updates in one place? **Like our own little social media platform!**

Start by setting up your account. Head to our **new sign in *munciecatholic.flocknote.com*** or scan the QR code below. If this is your first time signing in, fill out the info with the email you receive or want to direct our updates to and click on "*Sign Me Up*". Once you are in, you can download the app on your phone, or sign in on your computer to see what emails have been sent, just head to "my dashboard" . If you are in multiple groups, you can see all notes that come to you. Also, be sure to check your spam, if our emails go there, switch them to your inbox.

So create your account today and see what you have been missing!

Please contact *tedmondson@parish.dol-in.org* or *cwolfert@parish.dol-in.org* if you have any questions.

Around the Diocese



Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on all the happenings at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish and Newman Center**!

Weekly Schedule & Mass Intentions

All daily Masses & 9am Sunday Mass available on Facebook Live-Stream. All are Welcome at our student lead Masses & Adoration!

Mon	**5-5:30pm**	**Confessions**
1/11	**5:30pm**	**Mass:** Int for Marilyn Gibas
Tues 1/12	**9:00am**	**The Young and the Restless** - Zoom call - contact cwolfert@parish.dol-in,org to get link.
		NO MASS (8:00 am at St. Lawrence)
Wed 1/13	**9:00am - 10:00am**	**Staff Holy Hour** in the Worship Space All are welcome!
	5-5:30pm	**Confessions**
	5:30pm	**Mass:** +Fr. Christopher Roberts
Thur	**11:45pm**	**Confessions**
1/14	**12:15pm**	**Mass:** +Reiner Baer
Fri	**5-5:30pm**	**Confessions**
1/15	**5:30pm**	**Mass:** Int. for Ken Heinen
Sat	**3:30pm**	**Confessions** 3:30 pm-4:00 pm
1/16	**4:30pm**	**Mass:** +Marietta Meredith
Sun	**9:00am**	**Mass:** Int for the Parish
1/17	**10:00am-11:00am**	**YFF in Session**
	11:15am	**Mass:** +Stella Shal

On-Line Giving

Is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your weekly contributions at any time.
To sign up please go to www.stfrancisnewman.org/give, all the parish office, or scan here!

Pray For Those Who Serve

Please keep **Navy Lieutenant Andy Baierwalter, Lt. Colonel Scott McCarthy, Marine Corporal Colin Holzer, Navy Hospitalman Noel Holzer, Sergeant Nathan Bolka, Specialist Keegan Nuñez, Captain Jon VanPixteren, Lieutenant Bailey Windell, Airmen Luis Pepe**
and all Armed Forces Personnel in your prayers, particularly those of our extended Parish family.

If you have a loved one serving, please let us know so we can keep them in our prayers: *SFABulletin@parish.dol-in.org*.

Bulletin E-Mail Information

Please send all bulletin requests/updates to *SFABulletin@parish.dol-in.org*.
All bulletin requests must be in by noon on Friday.

Saint Vincent de Paul - a thank you!

Praise be to Jesus Christ! Thank you to all the volunteers for the Christmas Adoption Program organized by Saint Vincent de Paul Society where we served 65 families through the generous donations of food gift cards, gifts, blankets, and winter wear from the three Muncie Catholic Churches...the new Muncie Pastorate! A truly tri-parish endeavor with a core team of a dozen and over 60+ donor families, 40 deliverers, 25+ gift organizers and 20+ loaders of vehicles. Volunteers were helpful and much needed for everything to run smoothly. Materials about the Muncie parishes and Divine Mercy images were distributed to the recipients. What a beautiful example to show our neighbors in need just how much we care for them! We received many messages of gratitude. Here is an example: "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity. Merry Christmas!" Safety measures were put in place for Covid 19 for volunteers and recipients.

In Christ,
Angela Saval

Time, Talent & Treasure

Catholic Ministries Appeal

As of the end of December, the parishioners of St. Francis have pledged **$44,104 of our $99,422.52** goal, with **73 of our almost 400 families** making a pledge. If our remaining families make a pledge of $225 each, just $18.75 per month, we will make our goal. As a reminder, St. Francis **receives over $78,000 per year** from CMA back to us **through Newman Center support,** which is a return of almost 80% of our goal amount. Thank you so much to those who have already made a pledge and donated! You can make a pledge and/or donation online by going to: dol-in.org/give-now.

Weekly Stewardship Report	December 20, 2020	Year-to-Date
Budgeted Weekly	$8,654.00	$216,350.00
Weekly Collection *Includes online gifts	$5,954.22	$185,293.77
Over/Short	-$2,699.78	-$31,056.23

Weekly Stewardship Report	December 27, 2020	Year-to-Date
Budgeted Weekly	$8,654.00	$225,004.00
Weekly Collection *Includes online gifts	$11,164.50	$196,458.27
Over/Short *Christmas Collection $3,238.00	$2,510.50	-$28,356.45

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