



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Baptism of the Lord

*“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”
— Pope Francis*

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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Retreat Day for Those Grieving a Loss

Grief and loss are a part of life and can be catalysts for self-awareness and growth. Siena Retreat Center (5637 Erie St.) will offer a day-long retreat for adults grieving a loss on Saturday, January 15, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. The day will include reflection, sharing, prayer and meditation. The cost of \$60 includes \$20 non-refundable deposit, handouts, and mid-day meal. Partial scholarships are available. Learn more and register at www.SienaRetreatCenter.org.

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Ministers January 15 & 16

Lectors

4:45 PM Sharon Gierahn
Diana Lerro

8:00 AM Doug Noe
Ryan Bouck

10:30 AM Frank Pauc
Maggie Larsen

Eucharist

4:45 PM Ruth Adamczyk
Edie Mahoney
Mary Simon

8:00 AM David Eberle
Joseph Fojtik
Barb Schmitz

10:30 AM Katie DeGroot
Kevin McCabe
Ray Pawlak
Joyce Sinkula

Altar Servers

4:45 PM Madison Young

8:00 AM Daniel Bouck

10:30 AM John Nguyen
Lily Nguyen

Parish Activities

MONDAY 1/10

6:00 PM Scouts - *Cascia Hall*

TUESDAY 1/11

7:00 PM Pastoral Council - *East Meeting Room*

WEDNESDAY 1/12

6:15 PM K-8th Religious Ed - *School*

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - *Church*

THURSDAY 1/13

FRIDAY 1/14

SATURDAY 1/15

3:30 PM Reconciliation - *Church*

SUNDAY 1/16

6:00 PM 9th - 11th Religious Ed - *School*

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St. Rita Census

Toward the middle of January keep an eye out for a letter in your mailbox from St. Rita. The Parish Pastoral Council is conducting a census to get an accurate picture of the St. Rita community - how many and who we are. If you have any questions, feel free to approach any of the council members.



Mass Intentions

Saturday 1/8

Vigil Mass: The Baptism of the Lord

4:45 PM † Catherine Fulmer by her mother

Sunday 1/9 *The Baptism of the Lord*

8:00 AM † Stanley and Marion Janzer by their family

10:30 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

Monday 1/10

No Mass

Tuesday 1/11

8:00 AM † Audrey Moore by the McDermott Family

Wednesday 1/12

8:00 AM † Sr. Georgiana Dorsey by Mary Rohde

Thursday 1/13 *St. Hilary,*

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM † Peter Barry by his family

Friday 1/14

8:00 AM † Patricia Petro-Mueller
by Deacon Eric & Judy Sewell

Saturday 1/15

Vigil Mass: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:45 PM † Wesley & Veronica Rosenberg
by their children

Sunday 1/16 *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM † Catherine Fulmer by her mother

10:30 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

Pray for Our Parishioners

***Courage & Protection
for those serving in the
Armed Forces***

LT Jack L. Ramage (Navy)
CPT Eric Ramage (Army)
LT Colonel Geoff Gorsuch (Army)
AC2 Michael Clingaman (Navy)

***Comfort & Healing
for the homebound,
those who are ill &
for their caregivers***

John Allison, Bill Atkinson, Kay Bauer, Eva Brittelle, Claude Caldwell, Linda Fidler, Karen Garbo, Cathy Gross, Rita Hejny, Jack Hollow, Sylvia Hultman, Scarlet Johnson, Joan Kral, Donna Larsen, Diana Lesnjak, Helen Lindgren, Patrick Livingston, Jim Long, Ralph Lorentzen Ann Johnson Lorenzini, Jerry Lui, Sarah Marquardt, Gabrielle Lee Martinez, Molly Mathew, Andrew Mattes, Dolores Meza, Berneice Otis, Jean Pawlak, Mark Quinn, Riley Rocque, Tom Scherr, Melissa Smith, Germane Suchla, Judi Tomachek, Nick Torzala, Don & Rose Veselik, Dorothy Waltenberger, Kathy Weber, Warner Williams, Lou Woodfill and Kathy Zambo

***Comfort & Peace
for our Deceased &
their loved ones***



Mass Readings - Week of January 9, 2022

Sunday	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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Weekend of December 19

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Total Contributions	\$17,667.00

Christmas 2021

Envelopes (87 donors)	\$12,569.00
Plate (loose cash)	\$1,236.05
Total Contributions	\$13,805.05

Weekend of December 26

Envelopes (63 donors)	\$4,252.00
Plate (loose cash)	\$273.00
Total Contributions	\$4,525.00

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Electronic donations will be deducted on the 20th of each month or the next business day if the 20th is a weekend or bank holiday. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne A. Kroes, Parish Business Manager at 262-639-3223 or email kroesS@stritaracine.org.

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St. Hilary of Poitiers | January 13

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA IS ASSISTING AREAS DAMAGED BY TORNADOES, *and can use your help.*

As you may have heard, tornadoes recently tore through multiple states in the South and Midwest, leaving miles of destruction. Please pray for those who have been injured, for those who have lost their lives, and for their grieving families and communities. Catholics and all people of good will can help our brothers and sisters by supporting the work of Catholic Charities USA, which has been engaging as early responders and will remain in recovery support for the long-term. Donations can be made at catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c353051



St. Paul Parish Secretary Needed

St Paul the Apostle is seeking
a Part time Secretary.

Applicants main responsibilities will be
for the Parish Bulletin, Facility Scheduling
and Ministry Scheduling.

A full job description may be found on the
Archdiocese Web site:
<https://www.archmil.org/Jobs.htm>

Interested persons should contact
tclowney@stpaulracine.org



Religious Ed News

K-8th Grade Classes

Wednesday, January 12 at 6:15 pm
Wednesday, January 19 at 6:15 pm
Wednesday, January 26 at 6:15 pm

High School Classes

Sunday, January 16 at 6:00 pm
Sunday, February 20 at 6:00 pm
Sunday, March 6 at 6:00 pm

Contact Rachel at kroesR@stritaracine.org
if you have questions about our program.



Rosy Rita Kid Zone

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN MESSIAH BAPTIZING	WATER POWERFUL SANDALS	HOLY SPIRIT FIRE JESUS
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A J T U A R B Y W E N
H O L Y S P I R I T O
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J N E G Y W A T E R E
I Y B E H E U P L M S
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MISSION

Find out what makes God happy. As a family,
read John 15:9-12.



Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

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Summer Youth Missionaries

Are you interested in spending your summer getting paid to evangelize, grow spiritually, and make life-long friends? Apply to serve with one of our summer youth programs - Love Begins Here and Totus Tuus - today!

Love Begins Here provides local service trips for middle and high school students at parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Through service, prayer, community, and fun, Love Begins Here helps teens encounter the foundation of Christian service: a loving relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

Totus Tuus offers a week-long, parish-based summer youth mission for students in grades 1-12 for parishes throughout the Archdiocese. A team of four missionaries teach and facilitate a catechetical program for parish youth through songs, skits, games, and short lessons.

Both positions receive a weekly stipend, room and board while working. Must be 18 and a full year removed from high school to apply. Learn more about both programs and apply at <http://www.brewcitycatholic.com/summer-opportunities.html>





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