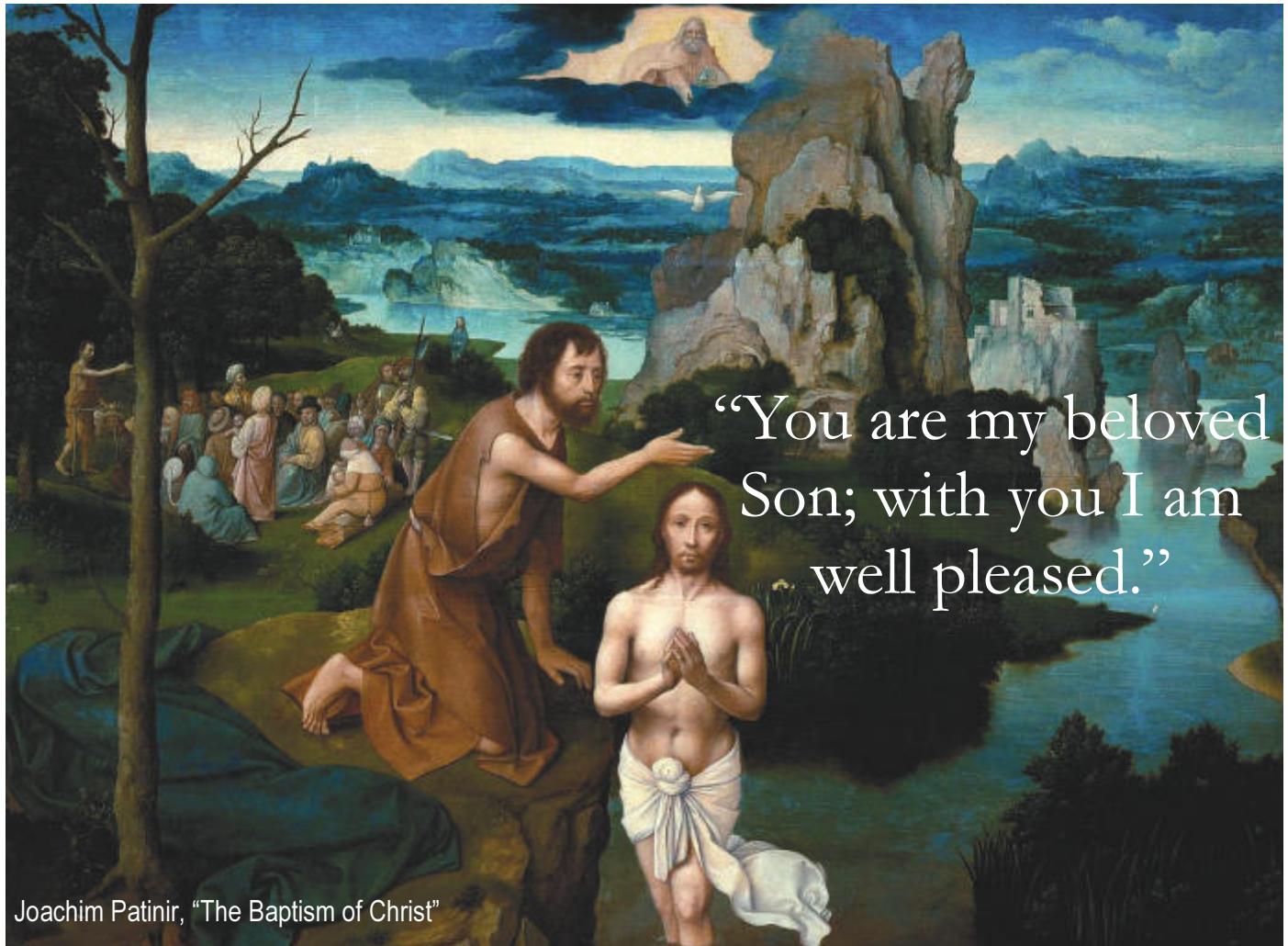


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The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021



Joachim Patinir, "The Baptism of Christ"

Parish Mission Statement

Blessed Sacrament Parish forms and nurtures active disciples of Christ, who love God and neighbor, through the Dominican pillars of Prayer, Study, Community, & Ministry.

Parish Vision Statement

To be a flourishing faith community, with all parishioners engaged in transforming lives through evangelization and discipleship.

Mass Times

Monday & Friday: 8:30 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:00 & 8:30 AM
Saturday: 8:30 AM & Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:30 to 7:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 to 10:00 AM & 4:15 to 4:45 PM
Sunday: 7:00 to 7:30 AM & 10:15 to 10:45 AM

The Baptism of the Lord



Fr. Ron Kreul, O.P.
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This Sunday's gospel ends with "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased (1:11)." Mark was speaking of Jesus, but might it also refer to us? Here are some thoughts from Henri Nouwen's book "Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World" from 2002.

"I kept running around it in large or small circles, always looking for someone or something able to convince me of my Belovedness."

"Yes, there is that voice, the voice that speaks from above and from within and that whispers softly or declares loudly: "You are my Beloved, on you my favor rests." It certainly is not easy to hear that voice in a world filled with voices that shout: You are no good, you are ugly; you are worthless; you are despicable, you are nobody—unless you can demonstrate the opposite."

"Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the 'Beloved'. Being the Beloved expresses the core truth of our existence."

"First of all, you have to keep unmasking the world about you for what it is: manipulative, controlling, power-hungry, and, in the long run, destructive. The world tells you many lies about who you are, and you simply have to be realistic enough to remind yourself of this. Every time you feel hurt, offended, or rejected, you have to dare to say to yourself: 'These feelings, strong as they may be, are not telling me the truth about myself. The truth, even though I cannot feel it right now, is that I am the chosen child of God, precious in God's eyes, called the Beloved from all eternity, and held safe in an everlasting belief."

"When we claim and constantly reclaim the truth of being the chosen ones, we soon discover within ourselves a deep desire to reveal to others their own chosenness. Instead of making us feel that we are better, more precious or valuable than others, our awareness of being chosen opens our eyes to the chosenness of others. That is the great joy of being chosen: the discovery that others are chosen as well. In the house of God there are many mansions. There is a place for everyone - a unique, special place. Once we deeply trust that we ourselves are precious in God's eyes, we are able to recognize the preciousness of others and their unique places in God's heart."

"The Hindu spiritual writer Eknath Easwaran showed me the great value of learning a sacred text by heart and repeating it slowly in the mind, word by word, sentence by sentence. In this way, listening to the voice of love becomes not just a passive waiting, but an active attentiveness to the voice that speaks to us through the words of the Scriptures."

"It is not easy for us, busy people, to truly receive a blessing. Perhaps the fact that few people offer a real blessing is the sad result of the absence of people who are willing and able to receive such a blessing. It has become extremely difficult for us to stop, listen, pay attention, and receive gracefully what is offered to us."

Try repeating the words (aloud) that were meant for all of us

"You are my beloved Son (Daughter); with you I am well pleased."

Fr. Ron

January 10, 2021

New and Noteworthy

Lost and found— parishioner looking for rosary!

One of our parishioners has lost a very special rosary and is seeking help finding it. Last seen at adoration on December 16. It's a blue rosary with an image of hands in the center "Hail Holy Queen" medal and an attached charm. If found, please contact Mary Beth: mbarnold5502@gmail.com, or 608-358-1801

A Prayer for Peace

O God, Creator of the universe, who extends your paternal concern over every creature and guides the events of history to the goal of salvation, we acknowledge your fatherly love when you break the resistance of mankind and, in a world torn by strife and discord, you make us ready for reconciliation. Renew for us the wonders of your mercy; send forth your Spirit that he may work in the intimacy of hearts, that enemies may begin to dialogue, that adversaries may shake hands and peoples may encounter one another in harmony. May all commit themselves to the sincere search for true peace which will extinguish all arguments, for charity which overcomes hatred, for pardon which disarms revenge. Amen.

-Pope St. John Paul II

Opportunities to Give and Serve

A baby shower for Pregnancy Helpline! January 10-February 14

Pregnancy Helpline is an organization that assists those most in need in our community. Since they do so much for people in our community, we should give back! **Please help us "shower" Pregnancy Helpline with much-needed supplies!** They especially need donations of size 4, 5, and 6 diapers; size 4/5T Pull-Ups; baby wipes; and monetary donations (write "Diaper Drive" in memo line of checks). Donations of diapers and wipes can be left in front of the St. Joseph statue in the church starting this weekend. Monetary donations should be mailed to/dropped off at the parish office. Or, you can use the online giving form on our website; go to the "Give" button on our homepage open the online giving form, and look for the Respect Life tab under "Additional Contributions."

Luke House Meal Program

Blessed Sacrament has committed to providing meals for Luke House on the 4th Monday of the month for the 2020-2021 school year and we're looking for volunteers to provide food and other items! If you sign up, please note that you are committing to providing items EACH month. See this sign-up for more information and to see how you can help! tinyurl.com/yyxrwaxa

Featured FORMED content



Last week the Church observed the memorial of St. Andre Bessette, the first male Canadian-born saint and the first saint of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Watch "God's Doorkeeper: St. Andre of Montreal" on FORMED to learn more about this simple and holy saint!

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Mass, Church, and Office procedures

We are no longer requiring sign-ups for Sunday Masses, but keep an eye on our website and parish communications for changes to this. See our website (blsacrament.org/safety-updates) to learn more about our Mass safety procedures.

The Assembly Hall is open during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses on Sundays! We will use our projector to broadcast the live-stream of the Mass. Please follow all normal safety precautions if you sit in Assembly Hall.

During private prayer and confessions (see front cover for adoration and confession times!), please keep adequate distance (6 feet or more) from others.

Per Dane County's emergency order #8, please wear a mask in the church during Mass and private prayer when others are present, and when entering the school and parish center.

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2021

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/ Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/ Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/ Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/ Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/ Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/ Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Please pray for all those who are ill, especially:

Andy Devine, Dan Brigham, Alexander Kotloski, Henry Pitot, David Stiennon, John Ouellette, Paul Werth, Cormac Bower, Helen Karls, Sarah Opitz-Stapleton, Adrian Stransky, Dave Wirka, Ila Elizabeth Scullion, Linda Kelly, Joe Cooper, and Colleen Brown.

Mass Intentions

+ indicates the person is deceased

Saturday, January 9, 2021

8:30 AM A special intention

5:00 PM +Timothy Sweeney (*Celebrant: Fr. Andy*)

Sunday, January 10, 2021 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:30 AM Our Parish Family (*Fr. Andy*)

9:00 AM +Bill Vandebrook (*Fr. Andy*)

11:00 AM +Pete Walker (*Fr. Andy*)

Monday, January 11, 2021

8:30 AM +David Bauman

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

7:00 AM Fr. Greg Ihm

8:30 AM Bob Bright

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

7:00 AM +Mary Jean Whelan-Iacovani

8:30 AM +Bill Sotis

Thursday, January 14, 2021

7:00 AM +Dorothy Puchner

8:30 AM +Tim Sweeney

Friday, January 15, 2021

8:30 AM +Barbara J. Infante

Saturday, January 16, 2021

8:30 AM Zanne Marie Grey

5:00 PM +Donna Sweeney (*Celebrant: Fr. Ron*)

Sunday, January 17, 2021 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM +Roberta Seideman (*Fr. Ron*)

9:00 AM Our Parish Family (*Fr. Andy*)

11:00 AM +Susan Vaughan (*Fr. Andy*)

Mass intentions are available by calling the parish office at 608-238-3471 or emailing erin@blsacrament.org.



We are still having Wednesday adoration and are in need of adorers! Please consider spending an hour with Our Lord. Visit blsacrament.org/adoration to sign up!

Stewardship Report

December 2020

Total: \$81,669.44

December 2019: \$100,971.10
(includes Christmas)



Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner **David Schmitt**, who passed away recently, and for the comfort of his family.

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*Pray for us;
we're praying for you!*

Creation Care Corner

THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

***Avoid products containing palm oil
at the grocery store.***

Palm oil is a popular vegetable oil used in candy bars, snack foods, cookies, baked goods, packaged foods, and personal care products. Too often the palm oil tree plantations destroy enormous tracts of virgin tropical forests, exploit child labor, grab land from local communities and devastate critical habitat for elephants, orangutans, and tigers. The burning of tropical forests for palm oil plantations also releases enormous amounts of CO2 into the atmosphere. Compare labels and try to avoid products with palm oil.

Start planning NOW for the annual Men's Retreat at the
Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh!
February 18-21 (Thursday through Sunday)

Every year for about 40 years, men from Blessed Sacrament and other Madison parishes have been attending a retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago. The coming year's Men #008 Retreat will begin with dinner Thursday and ends with lunch on Sunday. All are invited despite financial constraints due to the generosity of those who can do more. Preached retreats are planned to be on-site, but the effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus require changes in how retreats are conducted and most importantly, how many retreatants can be welcomed on-site.

Please visit www.jesuitretreathouse.org/index.cfm to register and to read about JHR's efforts to provide a safe environment for retreatants and staff. Please feel free to contact Steve Sadoff, Retreat Coordinator, at healprint@gmail.com or 608-770-9778.



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