January 10, 2021 The Baptism of the Lord

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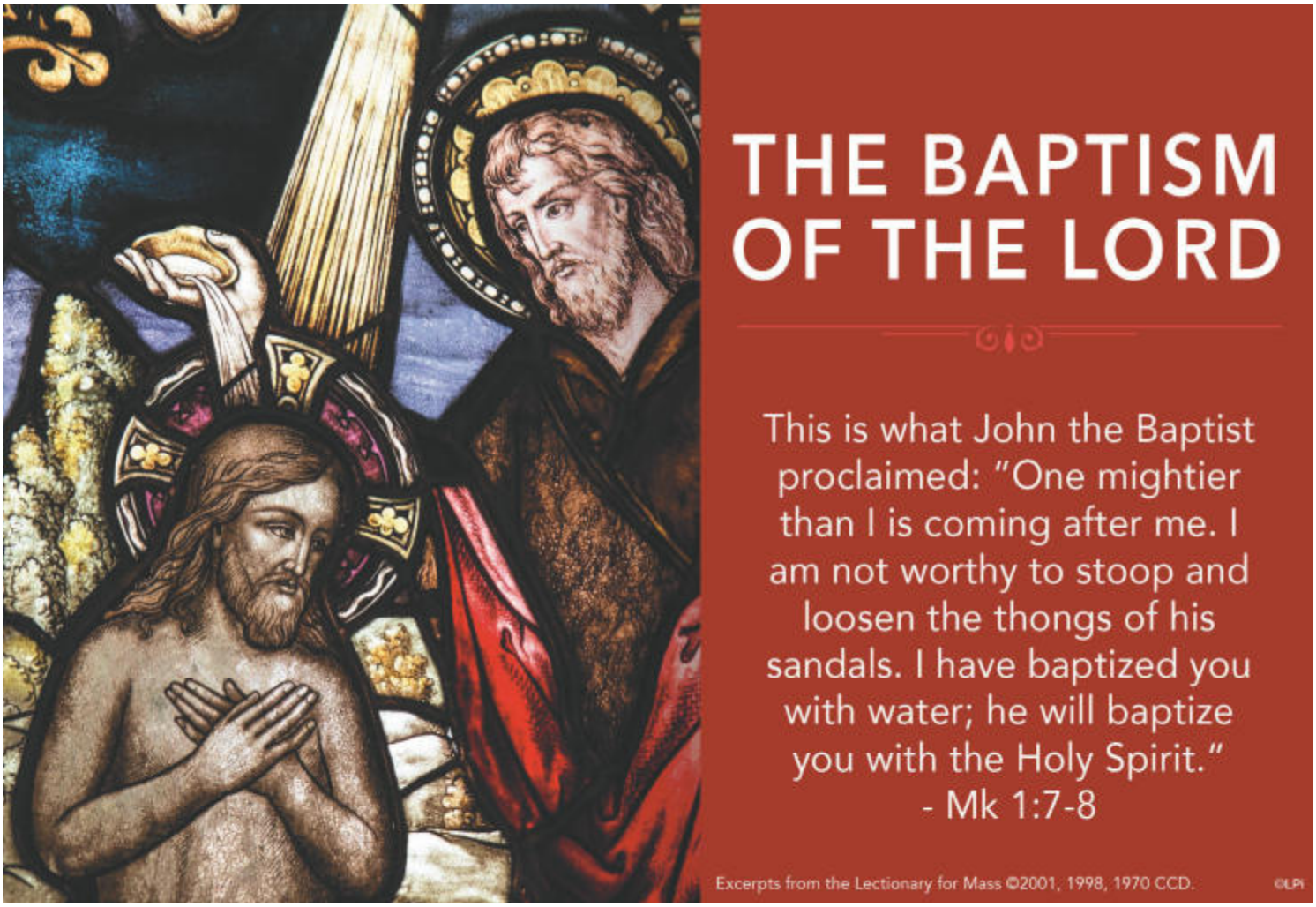

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism.
Parents who have never had a child baptized will need to receive preparation for this sacrament.
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-5:00 pm or by appointment.
Marriage: Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment at least 6 months in advance.
No date may be set until after this appointment.
Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion for the Sick: Call the Parish Office to arrange.
Funerals: Please call the Parish Office prior to finalizing funeral arrangements.

Parish Office: 4625 N. Kenwood Ave., (317) 253-1461, Office Hours: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
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Please Pray for...

Our Sick:

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Rosemary Arant
Fr. Dan Atkins
Michael Barnes
Rennatta Berkshire
Neve Bowden
Jenny Brown*
Susan Burris
Jay Carrigan
Cata Carter
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Don Stillman*
Wanda Strange
Cecil Thomas*
Oliver Walsh
Andy Weidekamp

(*Family Member of a Parishioner)

Those in Nursing Homes:
Wanda Strange

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." - Mk 1:9-11

TITHES & GIFTS

December 31, 2020

Actual	$ 395,316
Budget	$ 373,104
Over/(Short)	$ 22,212
Haiti	$ 35,495
SVdP	$ 21,378

Parish News

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Once again John the Baptist points us toward the One who comes in the power of the Holy Spirit. Once again we have an epiphany, a manifestation of who Jesus is. Three things happen in quick succession as Jesus comes out from the water: the heavens are torn open; the Spirit comes upon him; and the Father speaks directly to him, saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This is Jesus' own epiphany. The Father reveals Jesus to himself as beloved Son. Following this, Jesus will be tested in the desert and then begin his ministry. Today we can reflect on our own Baptism when the Spirit first came upon us with the pouring of the water and the solemn pronouncing of the words: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." On that occasion, the Father claimed us as God's beloved child. How am I witnessing to the world that I am God's beloved child?

This year's Christmas season comes to an end, but we continue to live into the reality of our calling as a member of the body of Christ. Or it can—even if the culture around us has moved on. Especially in pandemic days, you may feel challenged to find hope and joy in the promise that God is with us. So celebrate by sharing that Divine Love, however you feel able to. Bake and share cookies, make a call to someone you may have overlooked this busy season, write a note of gratitude to someone who challenges you, or contribute to an organization that cares for mothers and children in this season of Family celebrations. Take time in prayer to recollect and give thanks for any awareness of God's presence in recent days. *Loving God, help me remember that Christmas is not a day but rather a season that invites me to see you at work in my life every day.*

SEASONS OF HOPE

Are you or someone you know grieving the loss of loved one? Perhaps the Tri-Parish ***Seasons of Hope*** bereavement group can help. Seasons of hope is a ministry of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Joan of Arc and Immaculate Heart Catholic parishes. Grief and the process of dealing with it is a very individual thing. What we share is our journey, supporting each other on the road to healing.

You don't have to be Catholic or particularly religious to attend. Just bring with you an openness or even hope to encounter God's healing. The next six-week session of meetings will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 12 and will be offered via Zoom video conferencing. To register, go to https://bit.ly/Hope012021. For more information, contact Kyle Murphy at kmurphy@sjoa.org or Jeff Hutson at

HAITI JANUARY APPEAL

Our sister parish in Belle-Rivière, Haiti, has come a long way in terms of health and education through our three decades of support, and each dollar contributed goes a long way as well. School lunches for 772 young people for less than $200 a day? That glimpse is among many in a mailing you should have received announcing our annual fund-raising effort for our sisters and brothers at St. Jean-Marie Vianney. Please consider a donation by check or credit card, via mail or the STA website.
Mesi – Thank you

Parish Life & Activities

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL- JANUARY 1, 2021

On behalf of the St. Thomas Aquinas parish conference of St. Vincent de Paul, Happy New **Year! Our SVdP conferen**ce has just completed an active, productive and challenging year serving members of our community, and I am pleased to provide this summary of our activities in 2020.

Inspired by Gospel values, The Society of St Vincent de Paul leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person services to those who are needy and suffering. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our mission this year has been challenged as never before, but our members and St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners stepped forward to meet the growing needs of our community. Increased contributions to our conference allowed us to distribute $43,374 to assist those in need in 2020, an increase of 10% *o*ver 2019 distributions. SVDP volunteers made 45 home visits within our parish boundaries to provide material and spiritual support to our clients.

Thanks to your generosity and continued support, we were able to accomplish this and much more in 2020, including:

- The distribution of 75 Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving "goodie bags" and grocery gift cards to families in our parish neighborhood.
- Monthly financial assistance to the Boulevard Place Food Pantry, which continues to serve clients in a drive-up capacity while continuing its renovation/ex**pansion.**
- Financial assistance to the Sunday Cathedral Soup Kitchen.
- A donation to the Holy Angels parish SVDP conference for the purchase of Christmas food baskets.
- The distribution of grocery gift cards to clients during home visits throughout the year for the purchase of food and supplies.
- The purchase of needed appliances and beds for clients.
- Financial support for our SVDP Twinning parish Consejo de Zena in the Dominican Republic.
- $6,000 in contributions to the SVDP USA Disaster Relief Program to assist victims of floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires.
- Contributions to purchase hygiene products, baby formula and supplies for an incarcerated mothers prison program.
- Solidarity contributions to support the administration of the National Council of SVDP.

None of these activities and accomplishments would have been possible without your support. As we begin the New Year, the needs of our neighbors continue to grow. Moratoriums on housing evictions and utility disconnections will expire, and job losses and food insecurity continue to grow.

We thank you again for your generosity and ask for your continued prayers for and financial support of our mission to serve the marginalized in our community in 2021.

Tom Quinn President,
St. Thomas Aquinas Conference

SCHOOL NEWS

STA 8TH GRADE TRIP FUNDRAISER

Need a great Christmas Gift idea? HOW ABOUT AN STA COOKBOOK!

The 8th Grade class is busy raising funds for their trip to DC in April 2021!! We are selling awesome cookbooks that include over 150 of our favorite recipes!
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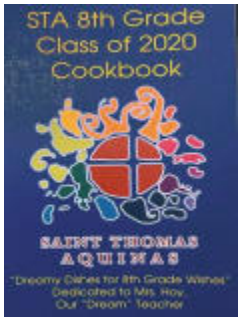

WELCOME TO RACE MATTERS

A weekly recommendation from the Race and Culture Committee meant to inspire us all.

Familiarize ourselves on Health Disparities by browsing this site: www.npr.org and searching for health disparities.

THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE

TEA & EMPATHY

Tea ad Empathy will meet Monday, January 11th at 1:00 p.m. by Zoom. New participants are welcome at this informal support group for those who have suffered from any loss at any time. Questions? Sally Debono, **sdebono1@gmail.com** or 317-251-1386 to get Zoom invitation.

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 9
5:30 pm Our Parish
Sunday, January 10
10:30 am Our Parish
Tuesday, January 12
6:00 pm Our Parish
Wednesday, January 13
9:00 am Our Parish
Thursday, January 14
6:00 pm Our Parish
Friday, January 15
9:00 am Our Parish
Saturday, January 16
5:30 pm Our Parish
Sunday, January 17
10:30 am Our Parish

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

DATES & EVENTS

Saturday, January 9•
5:30 pm Mass
Sunday, January 10• The Baptism of the Lord; National Migration Week
10:30 am Mass
Monday, January 11•
Tuesday, January 12•
6:00 pm Mass
Wednesday, January 13• St. Hilary
9:00 am Mass
Thursday, January 14•
6:00 pm Mass
Friday, January 15•
9:00 am Mass
Saturday, January 16•
5:30 pm Mass
Sunday, January 17• 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Mass

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