

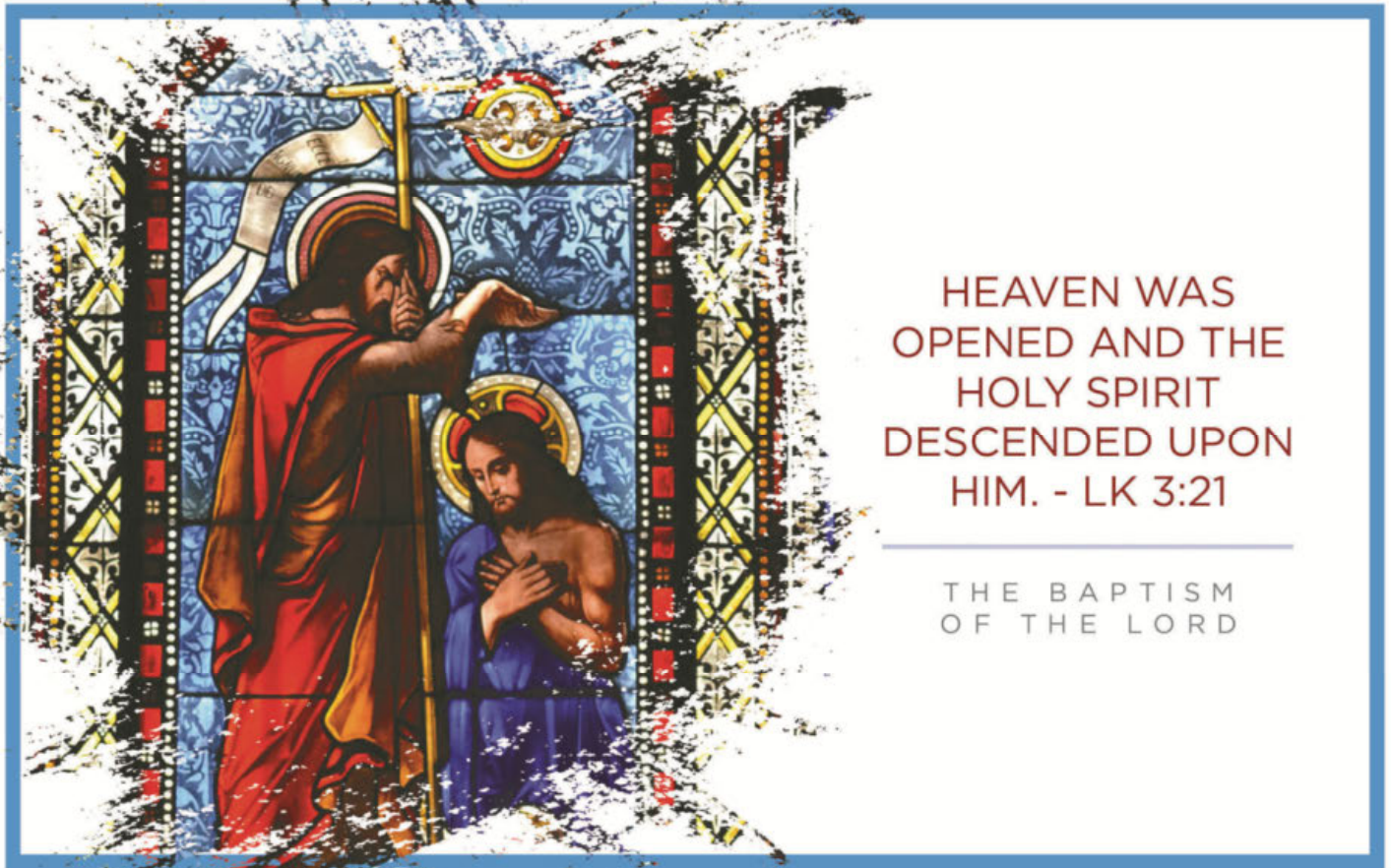


January 9, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord

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HOLY SPIRIT  
DESCENDED UPON  
HIM. - LK 3:21

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.

**Weekday Mass Schedule:** Tuesday 6:00 p.m. (Eucharistic Adoration 5:00 p.m.),  
Wednesday 8:15 a.m. (School Mass) & Friday 9:00 a.m.  
(First Friday of the Month Adoration after 9:00 a.m. Mass)

**Weekend Mass Schedule:** Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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

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# Parish News



## *Those in Nursing Homes:*

Wanda Strange.

## *Our Sick:*

Michael Barnes	Patricia Long
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Neve Bowden	Mike
Deb Bowyer	Malandrakis*
Jenny Brown*	Barb Martell*
Lucille	Betty Means*
Buckingham*	Julie Niec
Kata Carter	Eileen O'Donnell
Ella Comer	Eddy
Cyndi Corbin*	Varner Perez
Martha Corredor	Marcelino
Alfred Daupert	Quintana*
Cormac Delaney	Alexandra
Maxine Ferguson	Radtke*
Ed Hudecek*	Paula Riggs*
Joe Hurley*	Steven Saxton*
Barbara Jenkins*	Helene Scott
Eron Jackson*	Sharon Sperry
Matt Jennings	Don Stillman*
Amy King	Wanda Strange
Katherine	Glenda Thomas*
Kohlbacher*	Oliver Walsh
Bill Larson	Andy Weidekamp

*\*(Family Member of a Parishioner)*

*"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc*

## TEA & EMPATHY MEETING

Due to a surge in Covid cases, Tea and Empathy's January meeting is cancelled.

## WEDNESDAY KNITTING GROUP

The Wednesday Knitting group will not meet until further notice. As the Omicron variant of Covid is beginning to impact the country and as predictions of its effect are preliminary, we feel caution is the best policy.

## SVDP 2021 CONFERENCE SUMMARY

On behalf of the St. Thomas Aquinas parish conference of St. Vincent de Paul, Happy New Year! Our SVdP conference 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 2021.

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 continuing COVID-19 pandemic, our mission this past year continued to be challenged as never before, but our members and St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners stepped forward to meet the needs of our community. Contributions to our conference allowed us to distribute \$28,251.00 in assistance in 2021. SVdP volunteers conducted 44 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 2021, including:

- The distribution of 75 Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving "goodie bags" and \$100.00 grocery gift cards to families in our parish neighborhood
- Financial assistance to the Boulevard Place Food Pantry, which continued to serve clients while continuing its renovation/expansion
- Financial assistance to the Sunday Cathedral Soup Kitchen
- 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
- Support of the SVdP Indianapolis Council annual "Struttin' Your Stuff" auction
- Financial support for our SVdP Twinning parish Consejo de Zena in the Dominican Republic
- Financial contributions to the SVdP USA Disaster Relief Program to assist victims of floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires
- Solidarity contributions to support the administration of the National Council of SVdP and the Indianapolis Council

None of these activities and accomplishments would have been possible without your support. As we begin the new year, many of our neighbors continue to experience great needs. 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 2022.

Tom Quinn President,  
St. Thomas Aquinas Conference Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
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# Parish Life & Activities

## STA HAITI COMMITTEE ANNUAL JANUARY APPEAL

Most of you should be receiving a letter from the Haiti Committee this week; as you know, January is the designated month for the annual Haiti fundraising activities. The letter summarizes the work being done through the STA Haiti Fund on behalf of the people of Belle-Rivière, Haiti. The committee and the people of Belle-Rivière are grateful to all of you who have helped support these programs through your prayers and donations. If you have never been able to support this work financially in the past, we hope that you will carefully consider the possibility this year. Many of you use the purple envelopes on a monthly or every-so-often basis. Thank you for your continuing support. This month \$10,081.90 was wire transferred for the programs described in the letter. As the letter indicates, all but one percent of donations go to Haiti; the one percent consists of bank wire-transfer fees. Again, thank you for your prayers and thank you for your heartfelt consideration of the good that is being done for the people of Belle-Rivière through your monetary support.

## GREEN CORNER

God calls us to care for our common home and for our neighbors, but the world is in a climate crisis and our brothers and sisters are suffering. These challenges demand meaningful and urgent responses from all of us in the limited time we have left to make effective changes. The Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP) is designed to inspire and equip Catholics around the world to implement the teachings of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. It provides guidance, resources, and a way to connect with a broader community. Families and individuals can get more information and enroll at <https://laudatosiplatform.org/>.

## RACE MATTERS

*Welcome to Race Matters, a weekly recommendation from the Race and Culture Committee meant to inspire us all.*

On the one year anniversary of January 6th, Read the Racist Attack on our Nation's Capital. <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2021/01/06/us-capitol-trump-riot-racist-239662>

*THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE*

## CBE TO HOST "A CONVERSATION WITH CONGRESSWOMAN SUSAN BROOKS"

The January Catholic Business Exchange will feature a Q&A with Congresswoman Susan Brooks, facilitated by Judge David Certo. The Q&A will focus on the topics of hard work, mentoring and constituent services. The event is Friday, January 21, at the Northside Events and Social Club. Mass is offered at 7am and the program will be finished by 9am. Cost for the program includes a great breakfast and is \$18 in advance for members and \$24 for non-members. Registration is required by 4pm, Tuesday January 18. To register, pay online and for more information, visit [www.catholicbusinessexchange.org](http://www.catholicbusinessexchange.org).

## SAINTS LACROSSE

Saint Lacrosse registration is now open to any North Deanery students, grades K-8, for the spring season. New players are strongly encouraged to join! We offer a fun, safe environment for your athlete! Go to [www.catholiclax.com](http://www.catholiclax.com) to register. Teams fill up quickly! We offer girls and boys teams, with practice starting in early March. We also are proud to offer financial aid and scholarships for those that need it! Direct any questions to [info.catholiclax@gmail.com](mailto:info.catholiclax@gmail.com)  
Go Saints!

## TITHES & GIFTS

January 2, 2021

Actual	\$ 356,881
Budget	\$ 380,100
Over/(Short)	\$ (23,219)
Haiti	\$ 34,599
SVdP	\$ 16,575

**Pastor: Fr. Varghese Maliakkal**

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## **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well placed:”  
On Jan 19, 383, the Christian Roman Emperor Theodosius named his son Arcadius as co-emperor. It was during a period in church history when the Arian Heresy was spreading throughout the Roman Empire.

The Arian Heresy held that Jesus Christ was not fully God. Theodosius called for a truce between Christians and Arians and called for a conciliatory conference. One Christian bishop who was not willing to compromise his faith in Christ's deity was Amphilochus of Iconium. So he had to suffer persecution from the Arians.

On Arcadius' coronation day bishop entered the reception hall, bowed to the emperor, ignored his son and made a poignant speech and turned to leave. "What!" said Theodosius, "Do you take no notice of my son the co emperor? Is this all the respect you pay to a prince that I have made equal dignity with myself?"

At this the bishop gave Arcadius a blessing and replied, "Sir, do you so highly resent my apparent neglect of your son because I do not give him equal honor with yourself? What must the eternal God think of you, who have allowed His coequal and coeternal Son to be degraded in His proper divinity in every part of your empire? Remember God the father's proclamation on the day Jesus was baptized by John in the River Jordan."

The story of Jesus' baptism is another "showing," that is, another "epiphany," of God presenting Jesus to us. Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son as the Holy Spirit comes upon him. St. Luke's story of Jesus' baptism is different in that nothing happens when Jesus is coming out of the water. Only when Jesus is praying after his baptism does the Holy Spirit come upon him and the Father's voice say, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). From here on the Holy Spirit directs Jesus, leading him into the desert, then into his ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing.

Today's feast ends the Christmas season and next week Ordinary Time begins. The phrase Ordinary Time means numbered time. Often we might feel as though we are just counting the hours until the next big event or our next vacation. But the Spirit given to Jesus was given to us at our Baptism to help us continue our mission in the world and to assure us from within our hearts that we truly are God's beloved sons and daughters. Have you asked the Spirit, what God wants you to do at this time in your life?

## Parish Calendar w/ Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 8•

5:30 pm Mass for † Jean Gibson

### Sunday, January 9• The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am Mass for St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:30 am Mass for † Tom Johnston

### Monday, January 10•

7:45–8:05 am Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

### Tuesday, January 11•

7:45-8:05 am Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

5:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Mass for † Tom Scanlan

### Wednesday, January 12•

7:45–8:05 am Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

8:15 am School Mass

### Thursday, January 13•

7:45-8:05 am Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

### Friday, January 14•

7:45-8:05 am Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

9:00 am Mass

### Saturday, January 15•

5:30 pm Mass for † Tom Scanlan

### Sunday, January 16• 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:30 am Mass for † Anna S. White

## Readings *Week* OLP

- 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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