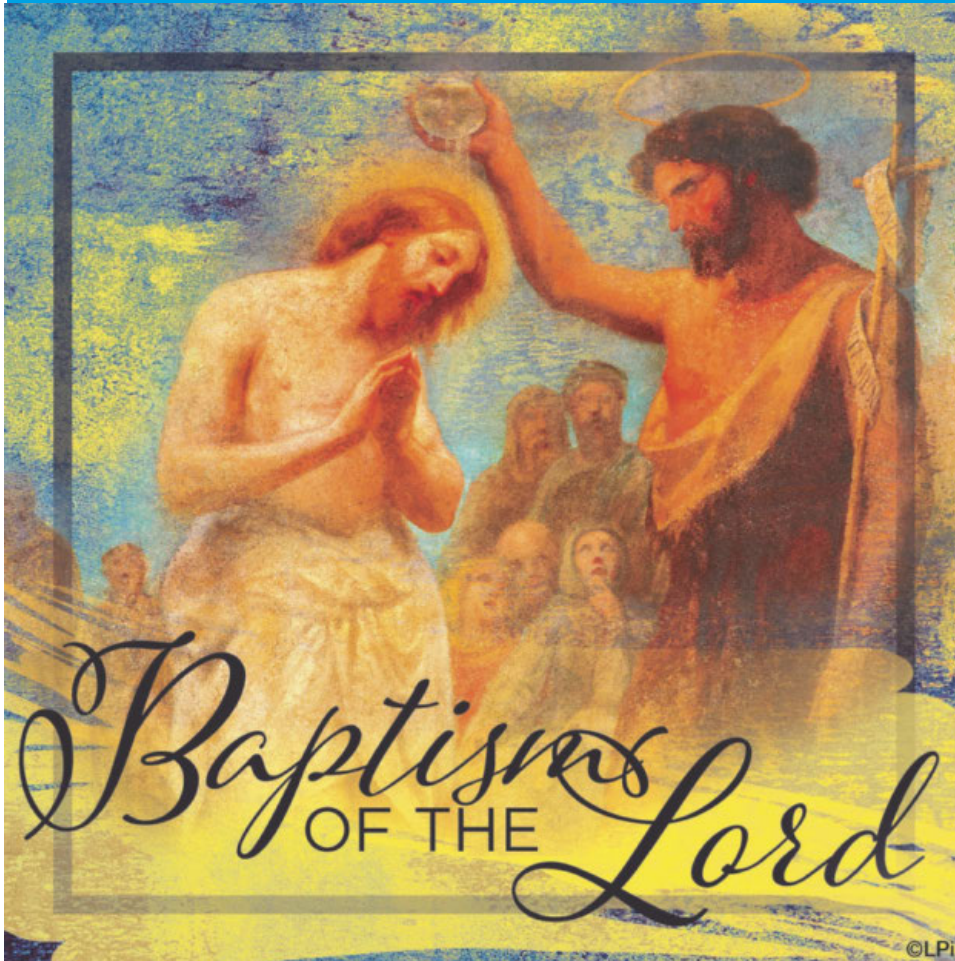


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## JANUARY 9, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



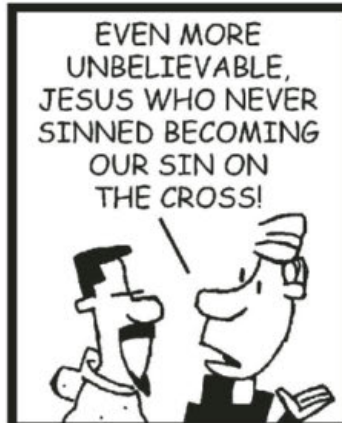
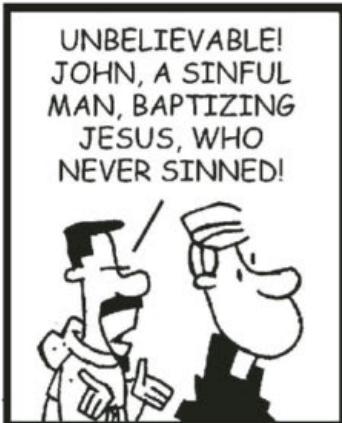
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### BAPTISM OF THE LORD



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

1/8 Sat	Linda Kraken	4:00 p.m.
1/9 Sun	Charles & Betty Loussaert	8:00 a.m.
1/9 Sun	People of the Parish	10:30 a.m.
1/11 Tue	S.J. Madden	8:30 a.m.
1/12 Wed	Ed & Regina Grotius	8:30 a.m.
1/13 Thur	Marlene Osterhaus	8:30 a.m.
1/14 Fri	Oakley Warren	8:30 a.m.
1/15 Sat	Arnie Wiser	4:00 p.m.
1/16 Sun	People of the Parish	8:00 a.m.
1/16 Sun	Bernard Overberg	10:30 a.m.

Please contact the office if you are interested in requesting a Mass be said for a friend or loved one, living or deceased. Mass offering is \$5.00.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF:

#### January 9: The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;  
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:8; Psalm 116:12-19; Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8d; Mark 1: 21-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40:2, 5, 7-10;  
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;  
Mark 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Psalm 89:16-19; Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; Psalm 21:2-7; Mark 2:13-17

#### Next week: January 16: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10;

1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

### STEWARDSHIP QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Jesus, whom God called “my beloved son”, is also the “servant” of who Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

### UP-COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS:

January 11—Buildings and Grounds mtg. 5:45 p.m.  
- Parish Council mtg. 7:00 p.m.

January 16—KC Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.—Noon

January 20—Liturgy Committee mtg—4:00 p.m.

January 22—KC 4th Degree Mass & Dinner  
- 4:00 p.m. in Great Hall

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

Fiscal year is

**July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

#### ENVELOPES/AUTOMATED GIVING:

December 18-19	\$ 8,411.00
December 24–26	\$ 14,704.00
January 1-2	\$ 27,623.00
YTD collection:	\$ 254,018.00
Goal for YTD:	\$ 261,765.00
Goal for fiscal year	\$ 504,122.00
<b>UNDER Goal:</b>	<b>\$ - 7,747.00</b>

For July 1, 2021 –June 30, 2022 Fiscal Year

#### DEBT RETIREMENT:

As of January 1, 2022

Total for December	\$ 22,352.00
Monthly payments YTD:	\$ 82,500.00
Collected YTD:	\$ 88,646.00
<b>OVER Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 6,146.00</b>

#### ROOF REPLACEMENT:

As of January 1, 2022: \$98,244.00  
On-line giving is available as are stock donations. Contact the office for more information.

### ST. ANN BULLETIN DEADLINES:

**ALL INFORMATION DUE BY  
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### Lector & Eucharistic Minister Schedule

#### This Week—January 8

4:00 p.m.: Betty Zimmer, Jane Bergendahl, Lynn Kilburg,  
Dave Zimmer, Ken Willis, Nancy Shannon

#### January 9

8:00 a.m.: Glenn Leach, Joyce Kloft, Sara Mills-Ryan,  
Denise & Jim Zimmer, Dan Ferry

10:30 a.m.: John & Cindy Hanenburg, Rachel Costello,  
Thade Gottschalk, Brenda Kroeger,  
Karen VanDeCastelee

#### Next Week—January 15

4:00 p.m.: Molly Bergfeld, Joe Gross, Pat & Lora Dierickx;  
Michael Hames, Cindy Gremms

#### January 16

8:00 a.m.: Chris Green, Marc & Niki Carlson, Darla Zrostlik,  
Sue & Dan Ferry

10:30 a.m.: Jennifer Rochholz, Kathy Schwab, Kelly Cole  
Angelika Peiffer, Al Rus, Karen VanDeCastelee

## PARISH HAPPENINGS



## BLESSED IN THE WATERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN 2021, ST. ANN WELCOMED:

- Justin Dallas Poirier**, child of Matthew and Hannah Poirier, Eldridge;
- Gracelyn Helen Walter**, child of Jacob and Elizabeth Walter, Grand Mound;
- Theodore Steven Soda**, child of Vincent and Haylee Soda, LeClaire;
- Tenley Judith Hansen**, child of Samuel and Amy Hansen, Eldridge;
- Raegan Rebecca Day**, child of William and Paige Day, Bellevue, Nebraska;
- Bridget Noel Winters**, child of Kevin and Melissa Winters, Joliet, Illinois;
- Nora Kathleen Corrigan**, child of Payne and Elizabeth Corrigan, Eldridge;
- Lenlee Jean Digman**, child of Brett and Ashley Digman, Eldridge;
- Mila Lillie Sebastian**, child of Amanda Sebastian, Eldridge;
- Noah Anthony Otto**, child of Taylor and Emily Otto, Durant;
- Carter Joseph VanOpdorp**, child of Chase and Lauren VanOpdorp, Eldridge;
- Felix Harvey Henningsen**, child of Christopher and Samantha Henningsen, Long Grove;
- Adalyn Marie Maass**, child of William and Caitlyn Mass, Davenport;
- Jade Marlene Jones**, child of Michael and Julia Jones, Walcott;
- Raylee Renae Brown**, child of Christopher and Marla Brown, Davenport;
- Forentina Emiliana Garcia-Decker**, child of Tyson Decker and Milagro Garcia, Eldridge;
- Parker Ann Marple**, child of Jeremy and Jessica Marple, Donahue;
- Avery Anthony Wiszowaty**, child of Adam and Jessica Wiszowaty, Hendersonville Tenn.;
- Bethany Marie Martin**, child of Brent and Lisa Martin, Bettendorf

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Classes resume this week

—Sunday January 9, 2022.

The third graders will lead us at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, **January 23.**



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

GROUP: will meet on

Wednesday, January 12 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss and decide our next Bible Study. Please join us as we value your input.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP: RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### I HOPE I AM LIKE HIM

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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## 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.

January 9, 2022

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**January 9, 2022**

**The 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. ©LPI

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