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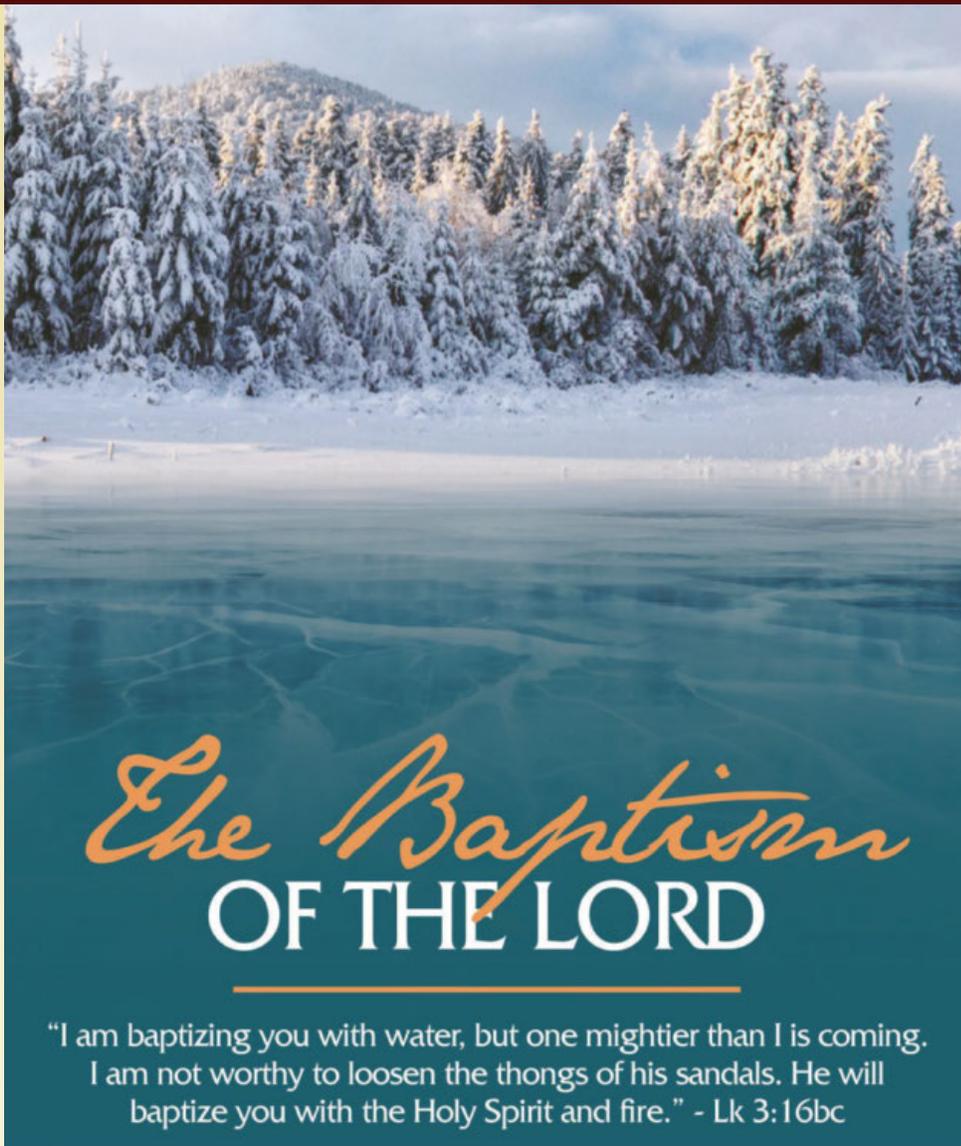
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The Baptism OF THE LORD

“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

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office at least four months in advance.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church or anytime by appointment.

Confirmation

Celebrated during the Season of Easter. Contact the Parish Office.

Eucharist

Tuesday 8:15 AM

Blessed Sacrament Church

Wednesday 8:15 AM

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Thursday 8:15 AM

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Friday 8:15 AM

Blessed Sacrament Church

Saturday 4:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament Church

Sunday

8:00 AM Blessed Sacrament Church

10:00 AM Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Holy Matrimony

Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance. If you or your intended have been previously married, please talk to the pastor before you schedule anything.

Holy Orders

Contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated in the Fall at **Queen of Peace**, and **May 3, 2022** at **Blessed Sacrament**.

In emergencies, contact the Parish Office or the priest residence.

New Parishioners

Please call or stop by the rectory to register.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 1:00 pm

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



ADULT FAITH FORMATION SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

With this being Year C in the Church Liturgical Cycle, the Gospel proclaimed this year the Gospel of Luke. Wednesday, January 19th at 7 pm at QP Church. Greg Nowak will discuss the major themes in Luke’s Gospel and provide insight into Jesus’ mission. Find out why John the Baptist was His precursor, why Jesus goes to Nazareth directly at his Baptism, and why Jesus travels to Capernaum and uses Peter’s house as his base of operations. These questions and more will be answered. The initial chapters of Luke’s Gospel (3 to 5) give us the foundation of Jesus’ mission and will make the readings come alive on Sunday.

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY	January 8	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Mary Wigginton, Audrey Johnson, Ronald E. Smith, Alice Braun
SUNDAY	January 9	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Parish Family
		10:00 a.m. (QP)	Joseph Kroupa, Joseph & Marie Meyer
TUESDAY	January 11	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Cyril & Helen Schmisser
WEDNESDAY	January 12	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Poor Souls
THURSDAY	January 13	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Virginia Arturburn
FRIDAY	January 14	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Anne Young
SATURDAY	January 15	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Rev. Paul Stauder, Rose Marie Micka, Richard Wittenauer
SUNDAY	January 9	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Parish Family
		10:00 a.m. (QP)	Special Intentions for Bob & Margy McGlynn



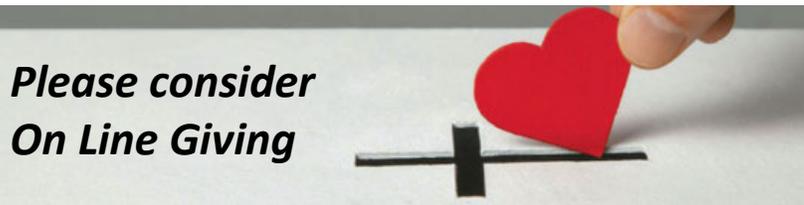
LENTEN PREPARATION

In order to prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter, we must “Spiritually Cleanse” ourselves during our Lenten Journey. What better way to prepare for Lent than by studying the 7 Penitential Psalms that Holy Scripture provides us. In this 4 week study, we will focus on 2 Psalms each week (Psalm 51, the Miserere will be its own week). This Bible Study will utilize Sarah Christmyer’s book, Create in Me a Clean Heart. Our study will be on Wednesday evenings at 7pm (Feb. 2nd, -23rd) in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Those interested in this study contact Greg Nowak at greg.kowak@qofp.com or nowak25@chater.net. Books will need to be ordered and we will use the Zoom platform.

BS: November Budget \$37,500	Actual YTD: \$25,315
QP: November Budget \$37,500	Actual YTD: \$28,133

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO E-GIVERS

I would like to thank the families who are currently giving electronically. You may not see these fellow parishioners place an envelope in the collection basket every week, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through On-line Giving Program. For those not using the electronic method, WeShare on-line Giving Program is one option. This is offered through our bulletin company. Please call the parish office for more assistance or read the article below and follow the step by step instructions.



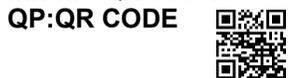
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- 3. Click Recurring donation, enter your donation \$ & frequency.

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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. ©LPI

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

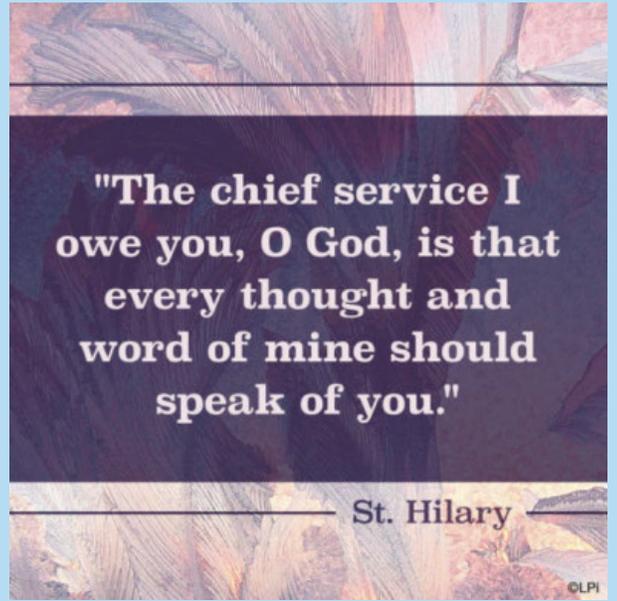
I Hope I Am Like Him

“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.



HOSPITAL VISITS LIMITED W/COVID-19

The local area hospitals are restricting visitors again with the increase of Covid cases. Please consider this when calling for a priest to go visit your loved ones.

Do you have any prayers to share with our Prayer Chain? Contact the parish office at 397-2287 or call Marian Meyer at 277-8155.



The Baptism of Jesus

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)
Based on Matthew 3:13-17



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- Purchase raffle tickets.
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Please continue to pray for the continued success of our QP faculty, staff and students.

Use the camera app on your phone to scan QR Code to go directly to auction website: Check out the QP Amazon wish list for silent auction, purchase raffle tickets or make a reservation. Forms for sponsorship, or ads are also available. Questions? Contact co-chairs Stacey Hesse or Liz Stookey at QPAuction@qofp.com.

DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY

We would like to begin a Adult Day Time Bible Study. Those who are interested, contact Greg Nowak at greg.nowak@qofp.com or nowak25@charter.net. We would like to begin the study in February or March 2022. Day and time to be determined as well as topic.



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1:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Mount Carmel Peace Chapel. All are cordially welcomed. This group has offered support to those who are grieving since September of 1998.



ON OUR OWN EVENT

For January, the On Our Own group will be gathering at the Abbey Restaurant on Main Street. Please join us on Wednesday, January 19, at 11:30 am for lunch. We will talk, eat, laugh, and enjoy each other's company. New people are always welcome! If you have questions, please contact Karen Vick at 618-277-3374 or Kvgr4@aol.com. Hope to see you there!

BECOME A PRAYER CHAIN WARRIOR
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We could use your help! Join the Prayer Chain and help us pray for the intentions of family and friends from both of our parishes. Contact Sharon Needham at 234-7550 or email: needhamsharon2@gmail.com.



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