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Readings for the Week of January 9, 2022

Mon: 1 Sm 1: 1-8/Ps 116: 12-13. 14-17. 18-19/Mk 1: 14-20 **Tues:** 1 Sm 1: 9-20/1 Sm 2: 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd/Mk 1: 21-28

Weds: 1 Sm 3: 1-10. 19-20/Ps 40: 2 and 5. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/

Mk 1: 29-39

Thurs: 1 Sm 4: 1-11/Ps 44: 10-11. 14-15. 24-25/Mk 1: 40-45 **Fri:** 1 Sm 8: 4-7. 10-22a/Ps 89: 16-17. 18-19/Mk 2: 1-12

Sat: 1 Sm 9: 1-4. 17-19; 10: 1/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

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE **FRANCIS**

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 55th WORLD DAY OF PEACE, JANUARY 1, 2022: Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work: Tools for Building Lasting Peace

1. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace" (Isaiah 52:7).

The words of the prophet Isaiah speak of consolation; they voice the sigh of relief of a people in exile, weary of violence and oppression, exposed to indignity and death. The prophet Baruch had wondered: "Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies, that you are growing old in a foreign country, that you are defiled with the dead, that you are counted among those in Hades?" (3:10-11). For the people of Israel, the coming of the messenger of peace meant the promise of a rebirth from the rubble of history, the beginning of a bright future.

Today the path of peace, which Saint Paul VI called by the new name of integral development, remains sadly distant from the real lives of many men and women and thus from our human family, which is now entirely interconnected. Despite numerous efforts aimed at constructive dialogue between nations, the deafening noise of war and conflict is intensifying. While diseases of pandemic proportions are spreading, the effects of climate change and environmental degradation are worsening, the tragedy of hunger and thirst is increasing, and an economic model based on individualism rather than on solidary sharing continues to prevail. As in the days of the prophets of old, so in our own day the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth constantly make themselves heard, pleading for justice and peace.

(To be continued.)



The following are the scheduled Mass intentions:

2022 Jan 11 Tue: Ordinary Weekday 8:00 a.m. † All Souls (St. James)

2022 Jan 12 Wed: Ordinary Weekday 8:00 a.m. † Alvin Loyett (St. Jerome)

2022 Jan 13 Thurs: Ordinary Weekday/ Hilary, bp, dr

8:00 a.m. † Don Laughery (St. James)

2022 Jan 14 Fri: Ordinary Weekday 8:00 a.m. † Melvin Giles (St. Jerome)

2022 Jan 15 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM

4:00 p.m. † Millie Wolfersberger (St. Jerome)
5:30 p.m. For the parishioners of St. Jerome and
St. James (St. James)

2022 Jan 16 SUN: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. † Margaret Diepholz (St. Jerome) 10:30 a.m. † Rose Marie Schiltz (St. Jerome)

Calendar of Events

2022 Jan 8 Sat:

1:00-2:00 pm: Confessions at St. James 2:30-3:30 pm: Confessions at St. Jerome

4:00 pm: Mass at St. Jerome **5:30 pm:** Mass at St. James

2022 Jan 9 SUN:

8:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome 9:40 am-10:20 am: PFF 10:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome

8:00-9:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration at St. Jerome

2022 Jan 15 Sat:

1:00-2:00 pm: Confessions at St. James 2:30-3:30 pm: Confessions at St. Jerome

4:00 pm: Mass at St. Jerome **5:30 pm:** Mass at St. James

2022 Jan 16 SUN:

8:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome 9:40 am-10:20 am: PFF 10:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome 4:30 pm: Family Trivia Night

8:00-9:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration at St. Jerome



Bulletin articles are due by NOON Jan 13th for the Jan 23rd bulletin Please send to Jodi at stjerome@stjeromeparish.org

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois invites you to join us for a diocesan-wide pro-life Mass and march event on **Friday**, **January 21**, in Springfield at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. We will begin with Mass at 10:00 am followed by an 11:00 am march to the Illinois Capitol. Like last year, the diocese has decided to forgo a trip to Washington, D.C., and focus on a local march. The Mass and march are intended for 7th-12th graders, college students, and adults. RSVP at dio.org/youthministry/mfi

10:00 am: Watch a livestreamed Mass from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki as presider (dio.org/live or youtube.com/diospringfield or facebook.com/diospringfield). If you plan to attend in person, you must RSVP. Once we have reached our capacity, the sign-up will close.

11:00 am: Participate in a local "March for Life" from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to the State Capitol. If you plan to attend, you must RSVP using the link in the first paragraph. Once we have reached our capacity, the sign-up will close.



Stewardship of Treasure:

With early bulletin deadlines and the Christmas season, totals will be available next week.

St. James:

St. Jerome:

Thank you for your continued support!



HAS YOUR EMAIL CHANGED? HAVE YOU MOVED? NEW PHONE NUMBER?

If you haven't received an email or

letter from us recently, we probably don't have your correct information. Please email Jodi at stjerome@stjeromeparish.org with your correct information. Thank you for helping us keep our records current!

Please Pray For All The Sick, Especially:



Mary Aleman, Mary Ann Friet, Ross Bushur, Michael Daugherty, Joseph Mueller, Hunter Mersinger, Gary Walmsley, Tina Bruner, Charlee-Kate Grapperhaus, Wests Mary Wilson, Ava C., Pat Aleman, John & Sharon Aleman, Mary Ann Becherer, Judy

Touchette, Don Siegel, Kay Grotefendt, Bula Jones, Gerald Loyet, Mike Luczak, Katie Fuller, Otto Baumgartner, Helene Kilpatrick, Barbara Klostermann, Millie Loyett, Nancy Varda Smith, Jessica C., JoAnn (Vesci) Graeff, Colleen Campe, Dennis Jablonski, Teresa Dickman, Austin Acree To request a name to be put on the prayer list, contact Jodi at the office (667-6571 ext. 10 or stjerome@stjeromeparish.org)

Steve's Notes (♪) on Scripture

Stephen Stack, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy & Music

Baptism of the Lord: God's Beloved

It's intriguing to me that, St. Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus — well, it's hardly an account; it's more of a passing comment: "after all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized" – there is nothing really said about how or why it came to be that Jesus was baptized by John. It just says it as if it were the most ordinary of things — all the people were baptized, and Jesus was baptized, too. But what I find most interesting is the next part: after he was baptized, he was praying. Now it isn't unusual (in Luke's Gospel particularly) that Jesus should be praying before or after a significant event in his life. But when he prays, it is by himself, away from others, alone with the Father. So it is striking to realize that the conclusion of this gospel passage doesn't describe a *public* event:

"Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The descent of the Holy Spirit and the voice of the Father speaking to Jesus is an intimate event. The words are spoken to Jesus directly: it is not spoken to or for the benefit of any other witnesses — "this is my beloved Son" — but to Jesus personally — "You are my beloved Son...with *you* I am well pleased."

In this way Luke's telling of the baptism of the Lord magnifies the truth that Jesus, who is Son of Man and Son of God, is truly and completely one with us in our humanity. He is baptized into our human life including our suffering and death. This act of God is the means of our salvation. Specifically, our suffering and death, in Christ, becomes the portal through which God restores us to the dignity of who we are created to be: God's beloved sons and daughters, created in his image and likeness. So in our baptism, we are baptized into the Lord's death, and thus we are also filled with his divine, eternal life, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May each of us hear in our hearts, over and over again, in the intimate moments of our personal prayer as well as in our common prayer as Church:

> You are my beloved; In you I am well pleased.





Nurturing Our Faith
Sr. Linda Mary, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

From "The Gospel for All Ages", Pflaum.com Baptism of the Lord Luke 3:15–16, 21–22

After Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove. A voice from Heaven

said, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are each present for this important event at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.



This Sunday's Gospel shows us that Jesus belongs to many groups. First, Jesus joins the crowds of people who listen to John the Baptist preach and decide to turn toward God. Jesus belongs with people who are seeking God and seeking to show justice and mercy toward each other. Second, the Gospel shows us that Jesus belongs to a divine community. God speaks from the cloud and affirms who Jesus is: "You are my beloved Son." The Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus, so Jesus is not alone when he begins his mission. Jesus' divine family is with him, this community that lives three in one love. Third, Jesus begins his work after his baptism and gathers together a community of followers. The Sacrament of Baptism welcomes each one of us into that community. We belong with Jesus, his Father, and the Holy Spirit. We belong to the community that continues Jesus' work of healing and teaching.

As you pray the sign of the cross that reminds you that you were baptized into God's family, imagine God's voice saying to you, "You are my beloved son/ daughter; with you I am well pleased."

Questions of the Week

What does Jesus call us, his beloved brothers and sisters, to do in our world?

How do you live out the Baptism claim on you for service in the Church and world?

What makes belonging to the Christian community important to you?

Thank you, Lord, for making us members of your family through Baptism. Amen

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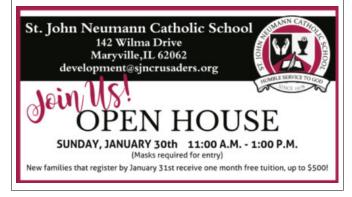
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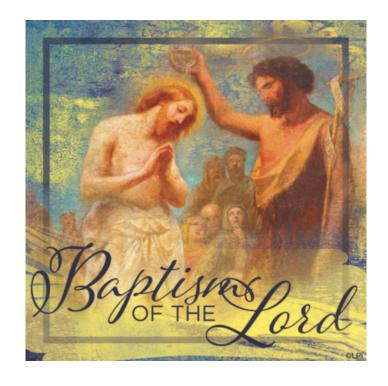
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ST. JOHN NEUMANN NEWS...

Open House! We will be hosting our Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00

p.m. on Sunday, January 30th. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only new families interested in enrolling/touring SJN will be allowed to enter the building. Masks are required for all visitors. New families enrolling at the Open House will receive one month free tuition, up to \$500







Luke 18 will be held on February 19-20
 This retreat is for all 7th & 8th graders.
 Registrations are available on the parish website. Any questions contact Brenda Neumann 618-975-5907



Mark your calendars and join us for our Annual Family Trivia Night

Sunday, January 16, 2022

** Lots of Fun**50/50 Raffle **Prizes, and basket raffle

up to 10 players per table, any ages, \$8.00 a person (pre-school no charge)

> Popcorn/Pretzels/ Lemonade provided

Bring your own drinks and food NO ALCOHOL

Doors open at 4:30, Questions begin at 5:00. Sign-up on the website or call Brenda Neumann 618-975-5907



Check this column each week for more on the Laudato Si' Action Platform as we, the global Catholic Church, respond to the climate crisis.

You may hear the phrase 777 about Laudato Si'. That phrase comes from the purpose to include all **7** sectors of the Catholic World to attain sustainability in the spirit of Integral Ecology as framed by the **7** Laudato Si' Goals in **7** years.

The 7 Sectors include:

- (1)Families.
- (2)Dioceses & Parishes,
- (3) Educational Institutions,
- (4)Hospitals & Healthcare Centers,
- (5)Organizations and Groups,
- (6) Economy (Businesses and Agriculture),
- (7)Religious Orders

The 7 LSAP goals are:

- (1) responding to the cry of the Earth,
- (2) responding to the cry of the poor,
- (3) ecological economics,
- (4) adoption of sustainable lifestyles,
- (5) ecological education,
- (6) ecological spirituality, and
- (7) community action.

The LSAP is a 7 year commitment to achieve sustainability, but it is meant to live long after 2028.

Notice that families is one of the seven sectors. Check out the website below for registering your family and see how you can participate.

Sr Linda Mary is seeking volunteers to look at ways we at St. Jerome connect with the LSAP.

The Catholic Church website: https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/

The St. Jerome website has a Laudato Si' button that holds several documents





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Ministry of Praise packets for Jan -Mar can be picked up Tuesday - Friday on the front porch of the main office during office hours (8am to 2pm). The packets will also be available in the narthex on weekends. Please call Jodi in the office if other arrangements need to be made.

Thank You!

THE ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH MEN'S CLUB AND THE ST. STEPHEN YOUTH GROUP ARE HAVING THEIR ANNUAL "WINTER BAR-B-Q AND BAKE SALE"

Friday, Jan 14 -The St. Stephen Church Men's Club will have pork steak sandwiches and plates for sale from 11AM – 5PM.

Saturday, January 15 - 11AM – 6PM.

BBQ ribs, pork steaks, chicken, brats, hot dogs, and hamburgers. Side orders of baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, and desserts.

St. Stephen Voigt Hall, 901 S. Main, (IL Rt. 157) Caseyville, IL.

For telephone orders call 618 398-9928 the day of the BBQ



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

is excited to announce that an <u>IN-PERSON</u> Experience will be held locally in Springfield, IL at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Center the week-

end of March 18-20, 2022! Early registration is suggested due to limited space. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more information or to apply, go to www.evene.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

AA MEETINGS, MONDAYS AT 7 P.M. in the Basement of the Wayland Avenue Office (*the brick building by the corner of St. Jerome parking lot*). For more information call Central Service Office at 618-251-4000 or at www.aa.org.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING: New trainings are continually being added. Please visit www.dio.org to view the full schedule.

This spring, expand your knowledge in Catholic studies with Cougar Catholic. Partnering with University of Dayton and the Diocese of Springfield, SIUE Cougar Catholic is offering 2 courses in a Catholic Studies Certificate program. The courses will be taught by Robin Black-Rubenstein or Sean Barth, both Aquinas Institute of Theology graduates approved by the University of Dayton and the Diocese of Springfield to offer these courses. Each course can be attended face-to-face or online, will meet 1 hour per week at St. Mary's Church in Edwardsville, and will cost \$40.

- 1. Christology January 17 February 9
- 2. Survey of Catholic Social Doctrine March 7- April 9

For more information, or to register for one of these courses, email Robin Black-Rubenstein roblack@siue.edu.

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome! You may register in person or by calling the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms ~ Please contact the Parish Office for registration information. Prior to baptism, parents are required to attend a baptism -preparation session. Parents may attend this before their child is born.

Penance ~ Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. at St. James and 2:30 p.m. at St. Jerome or by appointment. Communal services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Marriage ~ If you are considering marriage, a minimum of six months is required for preparation. A wedding date cannot be set until after the first meeting with the pastor. At that time, the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

Anointing of the Sick ~ Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill, or having surgery, should contact the pastor for the celebration of the sacrament.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults ~ The R.C.I.A. is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. Call the Parish Office for additional information.

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St. Jerome owns and operates two cemeteries – St. Jerome Cemetery, located on Troy-O'Fallon Road, and St. John the Baptist Cemetery – located on Lebanon Road. Contact the Parish Office for more information.





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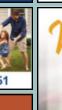




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