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## January 8 & 9, 2022

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### Mass Schedule

St. John's Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am  
Thursday: 5:30 pm  
St. Aloysius Sunday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 5:30 pm

### Weddings

Please make arrangements with  
the pastor eight months in advance.

### Baptisms

Please make arrangements by contacting  
the office at 937-2017.

### Funerals

Please make arrangements with the pas-  
tor or with the funeral director.

## 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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# MASS Intentions

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**Saturday, January 8, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M. at St John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

**In memory of:** \*Tom McKie by Mary Ann      **Lector:** Michael Scales  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Janie Wangler      **Server:** Will Scales  
**Celebrant:** TBA

**Sunday, January 9, 2022 @ 8:00 A.M. at St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Church**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

**In Memory of:** \*Carl & Josephine Conaughty      **Lector:** Joe Blazine  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Sally Cesar  
**Celebrant:** TBA

**Sunday, January 9, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

**In memory of:** \* Jim Renik by Jacqueline Brown      **Lector:** Leonard Hopkins  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Julie Davis      **Giftbearer:** Theresa Renik  
**Celebrant:** TBA

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart 5:30 P.M.**  
**NO MASS**

**Thursday, January 13, 2022 @ 5:30 P.M. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
**NO MASS**

**Friday, January 14, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, January 15, 2022 @ 3:00 P.M. at St. John the Baptist Church**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**In honor of:** \*St. John the Baptist Parish Family      **Lector:** Barbara Glodich  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Liz Witkewicz      **Server:** Will Scales  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Mark Reyling or TBA

**Sunday, January 16, 2022 @ 8:00 A.M. St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Church**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**In memory of:** \*Walter & Stella Bogdajewicz and Joseph Bogdajewicz      **Lector:** Kevin Nix  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Chris Labuwi  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Eusebius or Kevin Nix

**Sunday, January 16, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**In memory of:** \*The Ahlm Family      **Lector:** Eric Dirnbeck  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Lee Parker      **Giftbearer:** Susan Willmore  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Eusebius or Sr. Laura Reynolds



# Our Gifts to God

## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church January 1 & 2, 2022

## St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Catholic Church January 2, 2022

Envelopes.....	\$1,590.00
Loose.....	\$50.00
School .....	\$1,220.00
Special Collections/Other.....	\$30.00
<u>Total.....</u>	<u>\$2,890.00</u>

Envelopes.....	\$1,521.00
Loose.....	\$0.00
Special Collections/Other.....	\$173.00
<u>Total.....</u>	<u>\$1,694.00</u>

## School & Church Upcoming Events

- Saturday, January 8, 2022: 5:00 Mass: Baptism of the Lord: Vigil @ St. John the Baptist Church  
Celebrant: **TBA**
- Sunday, January 9, 2022: 8:00 A.M. Mass: Baptism of the Lord @ St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Church  
Celebrant: **TBA**
- Sunday, January 9, 2022 : 10:00 A.M. Mass: Baptism of the Lord @ St. John the Baptist Church  
Celebrant: **TBA**
- Monday, January 10: PSR Confirmation Class:TBA
- Tuesday, January 11: PSR 3rd Grade and Kindergarten Class 5:15
- Wednesday, January 12: PSR 1st Communion Class 4:30
- Friday, January 14, 2022: No 8:30 School Mass/Report Cards go home.
- Saturday, January 15, 2022: **3:00 Mass, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time at St. John the Baptist. Celebrant: Fr. Mark Reyling**
- Sunday, January 16, 2022: 8:00 Mass: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time at St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart  
Celebrant: **Fr. Eusebius or Service by Kevin Nix**
- Sunday, January 16, 2022 : 10:00 Mass" 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time at St. John the Baptist  
Celebrant: **Fr. Eusebius or Service by Sr. Laura Reynolds**
- Monday, January 17, 2022: **-Martin Luther King Day, but school is in session.  
No PSR Class**
- Tuesday, January 18, 2022: PSR: 3rd Grade & Kindergarten Class: 5:15
- Wednesday, January 19, 2022 PSR: First Communion Class 4:30  
Mass at St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart: TBD
- Thursday, January 20, 2021: Mass at St. John the Baptist 5:30; TBD
- Wednesday, January 26: 7:00 St Bernadette's Monthly Meeting

Please pray for our sick:

- Virginia Calonne
- David Dobill
- Carolyn Freeman
- June Glenski
- Billy Glodich
- Mark Glodich
- Delores Grosco
- Karen Jamrozek
- Jonny King
- Dale Krepel
- Jeanie Kretz
- Dr. Art Lenzini
- Dick McPhail
- Fr. Urban Osuji. C.M.



Bernard Mbidoaka  
 Peter Popit  
 Alben Rice  
 Jim Wangler  
 Eric Westray

January 11, 2022  
 Topic: "Confirmation"  
 Presented by Sr. Laura & Michael Young

RCIA Rite of Christian  
 Initiation for Adults



**Notice of Mass Time on**  
**January 15th at**  
**St. John the Baptist Church**

**Our Vigil mass on January 15th**  
**will begin at 3:00 P.M. at**  
**St. John the Baptist.**  
**Fr. Mark Reyling will Celebrate**  
**the Mass.**



**Our Sanctuary Candle for  
 the month of January is in  
 memory of:**

**All faithful departed  
 parishioners of  
 St. John the Baptist  
 Catholic Church**

**May the souls of the  
 faithful departed,  
 through the  
 mercy of God,  
 Rest In Peace**

**St. Hilary of Poitiers,  
 Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 January 13**

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 - c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy. Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

**Baptism Question**

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

ANSWER: When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment. ©LPI

## 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.

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### Readings for the week of Jan 9, 2022

**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, 19-20/1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-  
22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12 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

### Observances for the week of Jan. 9, 2022

**Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

**Monday:**

**Tuesday:**

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:**

**Friday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the  
Church

**Saturday:**

**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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