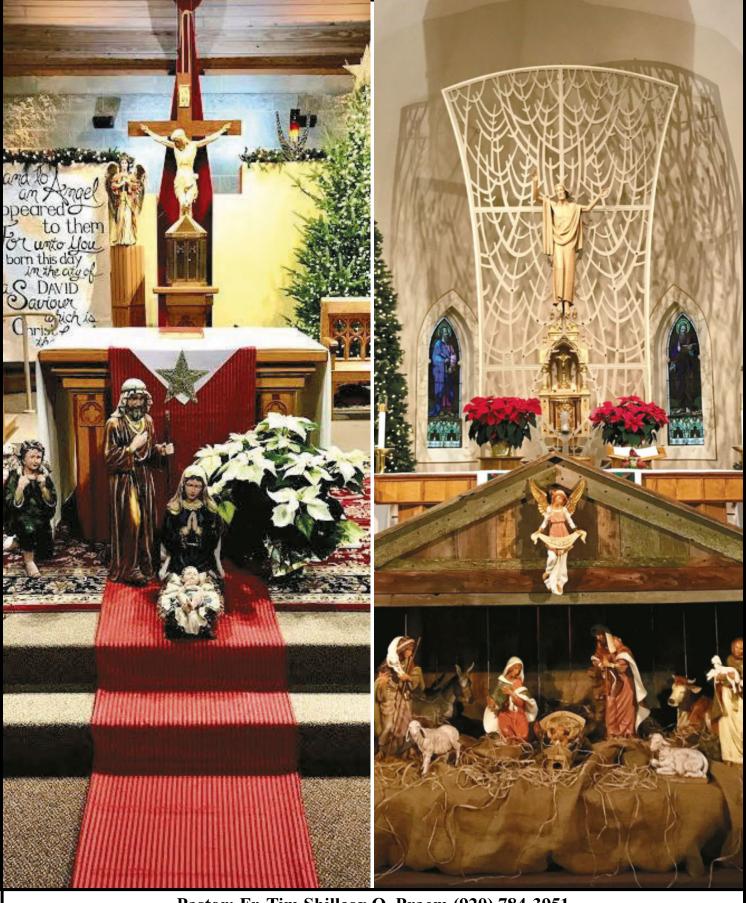
## St. Mary's and St. Rose Parishes Bear Creek /Clintonville

JANUARY 9, 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Pastor: Fr. Tim Shillcox O. Praem (920) 784-3951

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, January 10 No Daily Mass

Tuesday, January 11 No Daily Mass-SM

> -Living and Deceased Members of the Cavil Family

Wednesday, January 12 No Daily Mass -SR

-Davis O'Brien

Thursday, January 13 No Daily Mass-SM

- Intention Available

Friday, January 14 8:15 am Daily Mass-SR

-For Living and Deceased Members of St. Rose & St. Mary's Parishes

Saturday, January 15 4:00 PM Mass-SR

> -For Prayers Answered for Good Health

Sunday, January 16 8:30 AM Mass-SR

-Dennis Bessette

Broadcast on AM 1380, FM 94.9, or FM 96.5

10:30 AM Mass-SM

-The Deceased Members of the Lyle Young Family

Mass Intentions for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Masses will be offered at St. Norbert's Abby

#### +++ at rest in the Lord



+ Carla Condon, 70, our sister in Faith & the Mother of our St. Mary's parishioner, Kelly (Nathan) Schreiber, died on December 26<sup>th</sup>.

Carla is survived by 2 children & their companions; 5 grandchil-

dren, a sister and extended family & friends. Her husband, Gary, preceded her in death.

She was accorded Christian Burial at Beil-Didier on January 7th.

May Carla & Gary rest forever in Christ's Peace!

### God's Word guides our lives...

...Day by Day.

The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord The Conclusion of the Christmas Season Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> – Luke 3:15-22.

"You are My beloved Son!"

Monday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time
January 10<sup>th</sup> – Mark 1:14-20.

"I will make you fishers of People"

Tuesday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time January 11<sup>th</sup> – Mark 1:21-28

"A new teaching – with authority!"

Wednesday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time
January 12th – Mark 1:29-39.

"Rising early, He went alone, to pray."

Thursday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time,
Memorial of St. Hilary - Bishop & Doctor January 13<sup>th</sup> – Mark 1:40-45.

"I do will that you be healed!"

Friday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time January 14<sup>th</sup> – Mark 2:1012.

"We have never seen anything like this!."

Saturday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time January 15<sup>th</sup> – Mark 2:13-17.

"He eats with tax collectors & sinners?!"

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16<sup>th</sup> – John 2:1-11.

"You have saved the good wine until now."

#### Calendar Winners for the Week of January 1, 2022

Jan l	Ryan Ebert	\$150 Wausau
Jan 2	James Kluz	\$50 Clintonville
Jan 3	Lorelee Mosser	\$25 Clintonville
Jan 4	Angela Williamson Emmert	\$25 Manawa
Jan 5	Vickie Stoeger	\$25 Shiocton
Jan 6	Ted & Gay Bemis	\$25 Bear Creek
Jan 7	Ronald D Reinert	\$25 Manawa
Jan 8	Tim Miller	\$25 Bear Creek

## Meetings This Week

January 10 6:30pm Christian Book Club-St. Rose Parish Meeting Room

January 12 6:30pm Faith Formation for all Grades at St. Rose

#### SAVE THE DATES:

SSRM Lenten Mission Fr. Phil Schoofs All Weekend Masses March 26/27

Evenings: March 28, 29 & 30

Giving through 12/26/21 Includes totals from Christmas Masses						
St. Mary's Parish	Week	Year To Date	St. Rose Parish	Week	Year To Date	
Envelopes	\$6,690.00	\$51,045.00	Envelopes	\$12,201.00	\$116,615.00	
Online Giving	\$425.00	\$12,925.78	Online Giving	\$1,792.00	\$30,071.00	
Loose	\$353.61	\$1,622.81	Loose	\$632.00	\$5,561.00	
Total Giving	\$7,468.61	\$65,593.59	Total Giving	\$14,645.00	\$153,698.00	
Budget	\$2,365.00	\$61,490.00	Budget	\$5,585.00	\$145,210.00	
Variance	\$5,103.61	\$4,103.59	Variance	\$9,060.00	(\$8,488.00)	

# **Faith Formation Calendar**

Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 6:30 pm Faith Formation All Grades

Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 6:30 pm Faith Formation All Grades

Saturday, January 22nd, 2022 9:30 am Reconciliation Retreat St. Rose

Wednesday, January 26th, 2022 6:30 pm Faith Formation All Grades

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 6:30 pm Faith Formation All Grades

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 6:30 pm Faith Formation All Grades

# Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed financially or volunteered in any capacity for the successful Goodfellows distribution this year. It served 270 household units that consisted of 991 individuals who reside in the Clintonville and Marion school districts. If you have access to Facebook check out their page for photos of this undertaking that united these communities. There were many people from different faith families who had "Jesus in them this year"!



#### Care Ministry Group

There will be a Care Ministry Meeting on January 20, 2022 at 9:30am in the gathering space at St. Rose. See you there!

Ministry	Sch	ec	lu	16	-

Saturday, January 15 Lector Eucharistic Minister Ushers Accompanist	4:00 PM-St. Rose Mary Lapp Cathy Schauder Kathy & Dan Scherschel Cheryl Seelig
Cantor	Kayla Lorge
Sunday, January 16 Lector Eucharistic Minister Ushers Accompanist Cantor	8:30 AM-St. Rose Joe Lamia Jeanne Writt Donna & Jim Kluz Tonya Branstrom Jean Morgan
Sunday, January 16 Lector Eucharistic Minister Accompanist Cantor	10:30 AM- St. Mary's Ken Baierl Tom King Julia Fenn Julia Fenn

#### **SNOW DAYS...at SSRM**

Wisconsin Winters guarantee a few days of overwhelming snow; we all know it. So to be prepared, please be aware of this SSRM Policy:

- \* If Public Schools Close for the Day: The Parish closes as well, including the Daily Mass, Day School, Faith Formation, all meetings, and the Parish Office. This keeps everyone safe, and allows crew to clear the roads unobstructed.
- \* If Schools Start with a 2-hour Delay: The Parish Office and School will also begin with the same 'delay'. The Daily Mass will be cancelled. Once begun, the day will unfold as usual in the parish.
- \* If After School Programs are Cancelled: SSRM Meetings and Faith Formation and all other activities are cancelled for the evening hours. Take the 'down time' as 'Gift from God'; stay home and stay safe.

# Rose, Mary & Tim: It is right to give Thanks & Praise!

The Christmas Days here at SSRM have been BEAUTIFUL – the result of God's Goodness & the Faith, Goodness, 'Darn Hard Work' & Compassion of many, many People here in our "One Community of Faith" at Bear Creek and Clintonville!

- \* Goodfellows set a record this year with 270 households, 991 persons, assisted for Christmas needs! It's a wonderful sign of cooperation that the whole Community can work together for this important "Matthew 25 Ministry". More on this next week; but for now, deep gratitude to all who shared, served and cared so much together!
- \* Our own SSRM Hardship Fund received a number of generous gifts from parishioners and live-stream viewers. Gifts for technology for the church & carillon at St. Rose were also shared!
- \* At St. Rose the Environment & Art Committee decked out the church beautifully! Especially the Christmas set, donated last year by Carol & Wayne Oestreich, was wonderful!
- \* At St. Mary's an 'ad hoc committee' joyfully trimmed the church on December 19th. This year, a new stable was designed & built by Dick Fletcher and Tim & Sandy Wanta. The Christmas crèche was very beautiful!
- \* Music Ministers at both sites did a fine job, with dedication & Faith. Crowds were a bit smaller this year than last about 35% of total membership (1,305) for 4 Christmas Masses. Live-Stream views increased somewhat. PERSONALLY –

I have been on the 'receiving end' of a tsunami of your kindness: wonderful, warm greetings, cards, prayers, encouragement, food, drink, gift cards, beverages, amazing home-made treats, gifts along with other generous and undeserved, but appreciated kindnesses! Please know that I am deeply grateful & very humbled by your goodness to me. Thank you so much!

At a loss, and tight on time, I didn't send Christmas cards, and couldn't come up with a Christmas letter this year. But to those at a distance, who I greeted, I was repeating the same message: "SSRM has such good people, and an engaging variety of challenges & opportunities. I feel that God has sent me here for a reason. I am content." Please know that you're all in my prayers, every day. God is close. We are not alone. Together in Jesus – EMMANUEL - "God bless us... EVERY one!

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## Rose, Mary & Tim: Baptism of the Lord & You & Me!



The Christmas Season concludes today with the <u>Feast of the</u> Baptism of the Lord.

We let Jesus 'grow up' and take up His story, beyond the 'hidden years' at Nazareth, with the beginning of His public life and 3-year Gospel ministry.

The example of Jesus' adult Baptism presents an interesting question for reflection: "Why do we Baptize infants, instead of waiting until adulthood?"

Fr. Mike Dory, priest of the diocese since 1976, and presently a Navy chaplain used to tell me: "Tim, Jesus played with kids and taught adults; we (try to) teach kids(everything), and play (games) with adults."

The point to be made is that our Baptismal identity, vocation, vow and commitment is the most important engagement of our lives – even amidst all the other promises, vows, covenants & contracts we enter into.

It impacts everything about our earthly life, and invites us into an Eternity with the Risen Christ, sharing His victory over death!

It being so important, a case could be made for deferring Baptism until one is genuinely ready, prepared, aware, eager and able to fulfill all that it asks, offers and requires of us – *i.e.* 'Adult Baptism'.

That the vast majority of us cannot remember our Baptism raises another question: "If we can't remember it, how can we live it out?"

Perhaps this speaks to the recent PEW survey which reflected a declining number of Americans identifying as Christian – *down from 78% in 2011, to 63% in 2021*. And 29% of respondents (*almost a 3<sup>rd</sup>*) in 2021 report no religious affiliation at all, compared with 16% in 2011.

While practice of infant Baptism isn't likely to change, the challenge of providing the necessary nurturing of that sacrament, all the way through life has to be embraced and successfully accomplished, with God's help!

A part of that challenge is 'reclaiming' the role of "Godparent" as an active, intentional participant in the Faith Formation of their Godchildren.

#### And so, from the Diocese, 'Norms' for Godparents:

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, the Diocese of Green Bay communicated the norms (requirements) for Godparents at the Baptism of Infants.

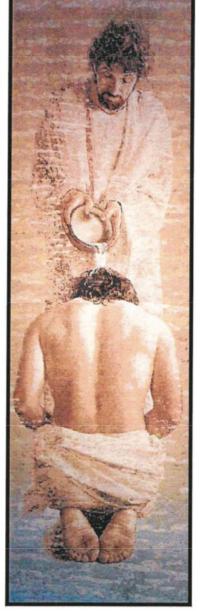
While practice has varied widely in recent decades, from this point forward, the

Diocese asks that we observe these practices:

- \* A person to be baptized is ordinarily given a sponsor. Canon #872. (Only 1 Godparent is required; no more than 2 are permitted.)
- \* This sponsor (godparent) assists the child's parents, as a Confirmed, Practicing Catholic Adult, (or takes their place) in Christian initiation and formation of the child. It is a permanent relationship. Above all, sponsors are to provide an example of a faithful Catholic life.
- \* A Christian from another denomination may serve as a "Christian Witness", along with the Catholic Sponsor/Godparent. An unconfirmed Catholic may not serve as a "Christian Witness".
- \* Canon #873 states that there is to be 1 male sponsor or 1 female sponsor, or 1 of each. Thus, if there are two people chosen to be Godparents, they may not be of the same gender. This is fitting since sponsors are called Godparents who, like parents, are by their very nature male & female.

Particularly with smaller families, this will reduce the number of persons tapped to be a Godparent; that's OK though. It's not merely a 'label'. It's a sacred duty, a real, active, enduring relationship in Faith, which endures to Heaven. As we cherish and live out our Baptismal identity & vocation...together...

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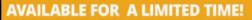
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