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We are a Christ-centered community, the vital and spiritual presence of the Catholic Church in Sherman Park and beyond.

The Baptism of Our Lord

Though today's feast celebrates the Baptism of the Lord, the scriptures prompt reflection on our baptism, the witness we are called to bear in our daily lives. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah speaks of the nature and mission of God's Servant, to whom God has said, "I, the Lord, have called you, I grasped you by the hand; I formed you"

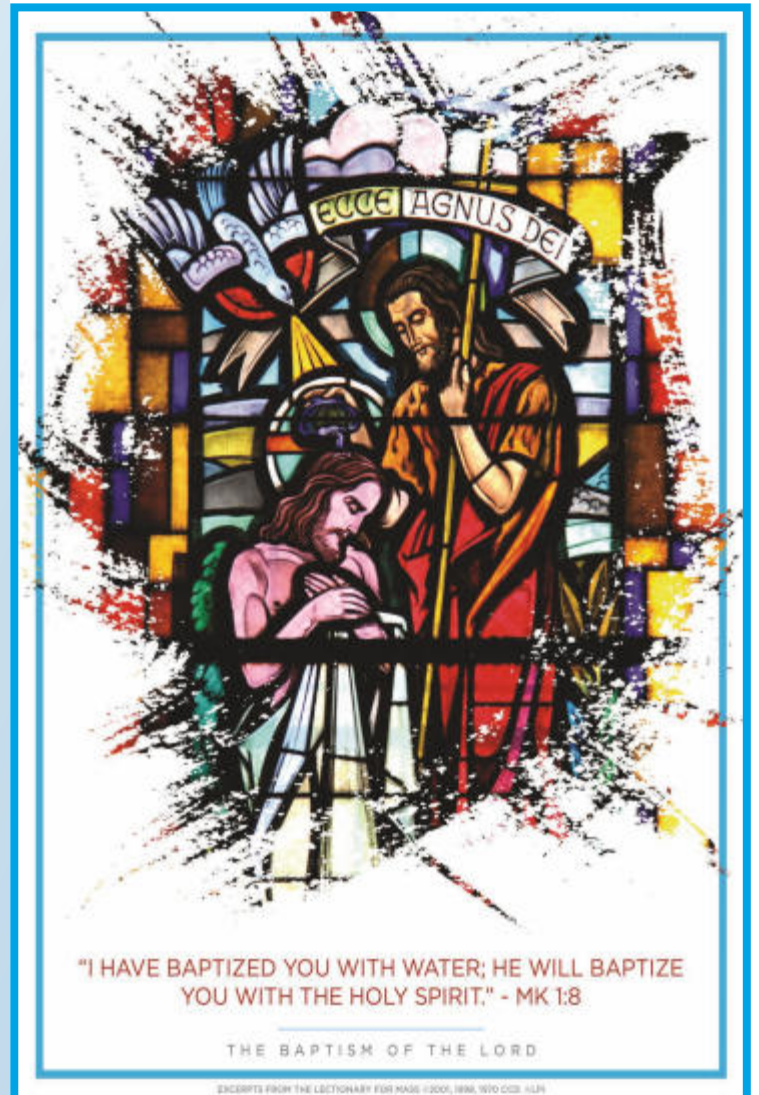
Jesus accepted baptism from John in order to identify himself with our sinful condition and to show his solidarity with sinful humanity. The Gospel seems to suggest that Jesus gradually became conscious of his mission as he grew up and became a young man. His baptism was a turning point in his life, a moment of final decision or "final commitment" to the mission entrusted to him by his Father. Today's text hints at a personal spiritual experience of Jesus at his baptism regarding his call to God's mission, since it says that Jesus alone saw the heavens tearing apart, the Spirit descending on him and the voice from heaven declaring him as God's Beloved Son (Mk 1:10-11). It seems an inner voice urged or propelled him very powerfully to commit himself firmly to God's will.

Just like Jesus, the more we immerse ourselves into spiritual matters, the more we get to understand our mission and our calling as Christians. If we also enter into our inner room, we will hear that voice of God which will urge or propel us very powerfully to recommit ourselves firmly to God's will.

Then the question arises: "What is my mission and calling as a follower of Christ?" This is a question we all need to ask ourselves as baptized persons. Like Jesus, by our baptism, we are called to enter into the life-situation of those who are weak and vulnerable. We should not consider ourselves as virtuous and look down on those who are weak in faith and character as sinners.

By baptism, we become God's beloved sons and daughters and are entrusted with a mission of service. Like Him, we too are consecrated for a life of service. Jesus' way is not a way of power and might but the way of sacrificial service. Hence, this feast invites us to show forth that we are really God's beloved children by remaining faithful to our baptismal vocation and mission. We must always be attuned to the inner voice of the Spirit that moves us to become more and more sensitive to the needs of the modern world and look for newer and newer forms of service. Let us also commit ourselves to the mission and vision of our parish and serve in different ministries and give generously. Let us make this parish a better place to worship.

Fr. Peter Patrick



**Member of the Milwaukee Westside Catholic Parishes
with Saint Sebastian**

The Baptism Of The Lord



January 10, 2021

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The Week Ahead

No weekday Masses this week

Sunday, January 10 9:00 am Mass (Church)
Tuesday, January 11 9:30 am St. Vincent de Paul (FKCC)
 1:00 pm Building and Grounds (R)
 4:00 pm School Committee (Virtual)
 6:30 pm Spiritual Life & Worship (V)
 6:30 pm Facing Racism-Full Group (V)
Thursday, January 12 5:00 pm Book Club (R)
 Just Engagement (V)
Sunday, January 17 9:00 am Mass (Church)

Have You Picked Up *The Search*?

The book is your gift from the pastoral staff. We hope it will be a reflective tool for your personal formation. Inside the book you will find a bookmark with some helpful dates and an opportunity to sign up for Lenten formation groups around the book. Books can be picked up in the back of church after Mass or in the office during regular office hours.

Just Engagement: The Power to Change

Through the lens of your faith, this eight-week program invites you to look at different ways to engage in your own grass-roots advocacy efforts. The program will be offered virtually on Thursdays beginning January 14. Register with Carole Poth at (414) 445-5115, x 204, or at cpoth@saintcatherine.org.

	Annual Budget	11/30/20 Actual
Summarized Parish Activity		
Income from Envelopes	170,000	67,980
Other Income	38,400	94,215
Parish Expenses	(231,800)	(69,961)
Net Income (loss) Childcare	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(59,751)</u>
Surplus(Deficit) Budet vs. Actual	(13,400)	22,483

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 10 The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 am † Bonnie Dougherty (Lieb Family)
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11

Monday, January 11

Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab & 5-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 13 St. Hilary

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 14

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 15

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 16

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am † Gerry Narus (Ralph & Jane Kornburger)
 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2-10/1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 10 - 9:00 am — Fr. John Brophy

Lector Ron Ranallo

Sunday, January 17 - 9:00 am — Fr. Larry

Lector Bernadette Davel

Reflections on this Sunday's Readings

The Baptism of the Lord—In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will institute. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that Jesus was the one who is to come. and he will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism; it was a preparation for the Christian Baptism we celebrate today, and through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. In accepting John's baptism, Jesus, though sinless, united himself with all sinners. Jesus' baptism was the beginning of his public ministry. Ask yourself . . .

- Is your faith a private matter?
- If you are public about your faith, when did this begin to happen?
- How well are you responding to God's call?
- How does the Holy Spirit work in your life?

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
 And kindle in them the fire of your love.
 Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
 And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit
 you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
 In the same Spirit, help us to relish what is right
 and always rejoice in your consolation.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for Our Sick

Maryl Barrett, Michael Barton, Carol & Joe Brien, Tom Cavanaugh, Annie Coleman, Chuck Cooney, Ellie Cunningham, Elaine Fernando, Barb Haig, Ernest Herre, James Krutina, Evelyn Martinez, Bev Narus, Diane Neicheril, Steve O'Connell, Andréa Olds, Tom Plakut, David Pleskatchek, Ron & Trudy Ranallo, Don Richards, Margaret Schmidt, Sr. Mary Ann Schmidt, Doug Scott, Carmel Stage, Bill Steger, Larry Teufel, Nancy & Eduardo V, Kathy Zambo

School News

The students returned from Christmas break Monday, January 4. On December 21 and 22, St. Catherine, along with the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Campaign, gave several toys to every student. Pictures will be posted on the school Facebook page.

Senior Ministry

*There are far better things ahead
than any we leave behind. C. S. Lewis*

Throughout history, people have engaged in various practices to start the New Year off right. Sometimes, it involved returning borrowed items, paying off debts or seeking and offering forgiveness. Today, New Year's resolutions often include life-style changes like improving our health, making new friends, or moving to a new home. During 2020, the COVID pandemic put many of our dreams on hold. Now, we are at a new beginning, a chance to make up for lost time. *Robert Best*

Sustainability Tip

Different cities handle Christmas tree waste differently. In Milwaukee, Christmas trees left at the curb or with garbage cans will be landfilled, but trees taken to the self-help yards will be composted / mulched. In Wauwatosa, Christmas trees put at the curb but not in alleys will be collected and mulched. You can also repurpose your Christmas tree, visit www.hortmag.com/smart-gardening/repurpose-christmas-tree for ideas.

Facing Racism

A program from the Facing Racism Education Group is being offered. A virtual discussion and reflection on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*. Monday, January 18, 7:00pm- 8:30pm. To participate, please email Jon Metz at jmetz@saintsebs.org

People know about the Klan and the overt racism, but the killing of one's soul little by little, day after day, is a lot worse than someone coming in your house and lynching you.

Samuel L. Jackson

Young Adult Ministry

Brew City Catholic is promoting a new initiative called "Base Camp," for Catholics in their 20's and 30's to have a daily commitment to "climb higher in their faith," from January 3-April 4 (Easter). Check: brewcitycatholic.com/base-camp-2021.html

Recovery Groups-All groups meet in the Community Ctr.

AA: Sunday 11:00 am AAA: Thursday 7:00 pm
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Friday 6:30 pm

Join our Centennial Celebration Committee

Take the lead in recognizing all the people who have brought Saint Catherine Parish to its 100th Anniversary coming in 2022. We need individuals who are interested in telling our history by bringing together all the stories and events that have contributed to making this community what it is today, including the history and events of the parishes that have merged with Saint Catherine. Planning will begin at the end of January. If you want to be part of the planning committee, contact Carole at cpoth@saintcatherine.org or 445-5115, x 204.

Poinsettias Thank You

These donors were missed on this past Sunday's list. Apologies and thank you to these donors.
—Joseph and Mary Brooks – for the Brooks family, the Schreiner family, the Balza family, the Scott family.
—Beth Hammer – for the parish
—Richard and Mary Meronek – in memory of Harry and Laverne Howell, Ernest and Evelyn Meronek
—Bev Narus – in memory of Gerald Narus
—Margaret Schmidt – for William & Bernice Schmidt & family
—Joanne M. Harley - for Tyrone, Nancy, Joseph, Bernice & Jennifer Artis and Georgetta Blair Simmons
—Patricia Coogan

St. Vincent de Paul and Metcalfe Market

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee is blessed to be featured as Metcalfe Market's Charity of Choice at their Wauwatosa (68th & State) location. By participating, you will receive 5% off your purchase and SVDP will receive a 5% match. Go to www.svdpmilw.org to get access to your very own "partner coupon." You can also go to the back of January's calendar for a copy of the coupon. This opportunity is available for the month of January. Thank you for your shopping!

What Does Jesus Tell Us About Reconciliation?

How does Jesus show us the way to rebuild relationships, to heal others, to bring wholeness to our world. Share your ideas. Send articles to secretary@saintcatherine.org this week.

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called you, I grasped
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Eucharistic Liturgies are celebrated on Sundays at 9:00 am. Weekday Mass is at 8:30 am in church, T & F; at St. Sebastian, 8:30 am, M.

For an **Infant's Baptism**, contact the parish office during the prenatal time to begin preparation.

Those discerning a call to **Marriage** should contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date.

For **Non-Infant Baptisms, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation** and **Information about the Catholic Church**, call the parish office.

Confessions/Reconciliation –Schedule with Fr. Peter Patrick at 445-5115 for an appointment.



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