



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

As the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, the Body of Christ is invited to not only reflect on the event of Jesus' Baptism, but also to reflect on the mystery of our own Baptism.

The beginning of Jesus' public ministry is marked by His baptism. Jesus, standing among sinners though free from all sin Himself, was baptized by John. In sanctifying the waters of the Jordan as the "Beloved Son" and giving them power in the Holy Spirit, Jesus moved from those waters and into His public ministry. We too, in recalling our own baptism, are to be reminded and moved from the water of baptism into true discipleship through our daily lives.

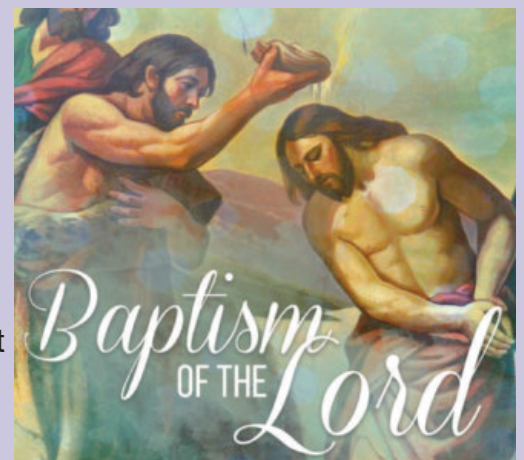
The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains how there are five fruits of Baptism in paragraphs 1262-1274. As the Baptized, we can look at these "fruits" and "graces" to recommit ourselves to the core of our lives, that is, becoming, being, and living as authentic disciples of Jesus Christ.

The 5 Fruits Of Baptism

- In Baptism, all sin (both original and personal) is forgiven.
- Baptism makes us a new creature, that is, a Child of God, member of Christ (and co-heir with Him), and a temple of the Holy Spirit.
- Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ, the Church.
- Baptism brings us into communion with Christians.
- Baptism configures us to Christ, claims us as Christ's own, and indelibly marks us.

Jesus' public ministry didn't stop at the waters of the Jordan. Rather, he moved from the waters into His public ministry. He lived in and confronted the very time He entered into human flesh. He preached the Gospel of the Kingdom, cured disease among all people, cast out demons, taught the truth, and brought unity (in the truth) to a divided people in a very specific time.

<https://catholic-link.org/feast-baptism-our-lord/>



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 9

8:00 am.....Rachel Johnsen
10:30 am.....†Nancy Culver

Monday, January 10

12:05 pm.....Adlyn Blakey

Tuesday, January 11

12:05 pm.....Terry Starck

Wednesday, January 12

12:05 pm.....Maya Angelic Blakey Jenkins
9:00pm.....†Matias Hernandez

Thursday, January 13

12:05pm.....†Jette Jose Bergkamp

Friday, January 14

12:05 pm.....†Jack Mosher

Saturday, January 15

9:00 am.....†Theresa Beuchel
4:30 pm.....Fred & Annaliese Schlingmann

To keep the prayer list below current, we will be removing names after 6 months. If you would like to continue prayer for the individual that you have added, please email the officemanager@newmanniu.org and the name will be listed again. Thanks for understanding!

Please pray for parishioners, relatives and friends in our community, especially:

Patty Dailey Edward O'Neill
Camila Gabriela Rojo McFadden Family
Martin Zielinski Mario Fontana
Kate Davis Anderson

Please pray for those who protect and serve us and our country.

To add or delete a name from the prayer list, please call the Newman office at 815-787-7770.

Parish Membership

If you would like to register as a parishioner, have a change of address, email address or telephone number or if you will be leaving the parish, please notify us at 815-787-7770 or officemanager@newmanniu.org .

Thank You!

Pastor's Corner

Weekly Message from Father Manno



Newman Family

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ! Most of us have heard the story of the day Jesus waded into the Jordan River and asked John the Baptist to baptize him but have you ever stopped to wonder what His baptism means to each one of us? And what it means for you personally?

In order to answer that question, we first need to take a look at the place where Christ was baptized: The Jordan River.

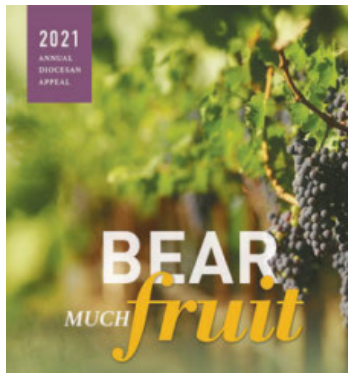
I have been blessed to visit the exact location of His baptism on multiple occasions. To be honest, it's nothing fancy. It's not even particularly attractive. It's just a small river with dirty, murky water that you could swim across in less than a minute. It's surrounded by overgrown grass and, since the river divides two Middle Eastern countries in conflict, on both sides of the water there are soldiers with machine guns.

Why would Jesus allow the place of his baptism to be overtaken by such ugliness and strife? He could have preserved it from such indignities if He so desired. So why didn't He?

Perhaps, in part, to specifically show us that He is not afraid of ugliness or strife. And by extension, to reveal that He doesn't fear the parts of your soul that are dirty, ugly, in conflict, or disfigured by sin. God doesn't even fear death so how could he be afraid of the dark corners of your soul that are in need of a little repair and restoration? One of His greatest desires, in fact, is that you should lay all of your broken pieces before Him so that He may heal you.

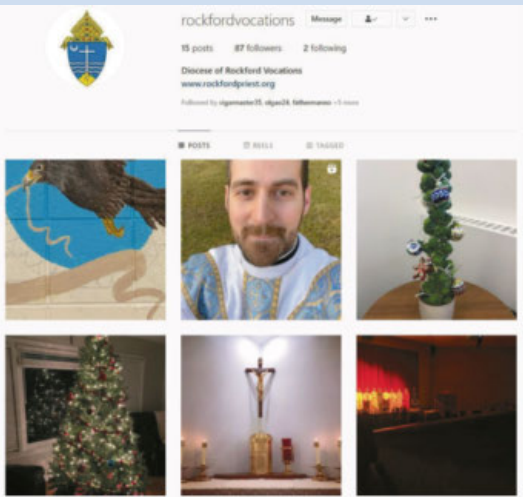
At the heart of all the sacraments (baptism, included), is healing power and that healing power cannot be stopped by anything, not even the ugliness of sin and destruction. So, keeping this beautiful truth in mind -- that there is nothing that God cannot redeem -- this Sunday ask Him to help you see and believe that He isn't afraid of your brokenness but rather, wants to love, heal, redeem it, and make you new!

God bless,
Fr Manno



2021 Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

Goal:.....\$35,647.00
Total Pledged:.....\$33,170.65
Total Paid:.....\$29,301.38
Pledge Balance:.....\$3,869.27
Number of Families Pledged:.....85



On Instagram?
Check out
@rockfordvocations,
the official Instagram of
the Rockford Diocese
Vocations Team!
See posts by Fr Manno,
Fr Gonnella, Fr Warren,
and Fr Blood

Family Faith
Formation Program
will begin again on
Sunday January
23rd at 9:00am in
the Knox Room.
All are welcome!



Adorers Needed!

Newman will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday in the Chapel from 9 AM until 9 PM starting Jan 25th! Sign-up sheets for a holy hour during the 2022 Spring Semester will be in the lobby. Thank you for your generosity of time spent with our Lord.

What is Eucharistic Adoration? It is the adoration of Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is displayed in a special gold holder called a monstrance, and people come to pray and worship Jesus continually throughout the day. Christ's great love for us was shown when he was crucified on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins and give us eternal life. He loves us without limit, and offers Himself to us in the Holy sacrament of the Eucharist. Can we not give Jesus an hour of love and adoration in return?



Cook for Fr. Manno, Fr. Gonnella, and Connor!

Go to our website and click on the Sign Up Genius icon. Contact the Parish Office at 815-787-7770 if you need assistance. Please bring the meals to the Parish Office before 5 pm. *Thank you!*



PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Mass Schedule Weekend

Saturday.....4:30 pm
Sunday.....8 am, 10:30 am, 8 pm*
Signing for the deaf: Available by request

Weekday

Monday-Friday.....12:05 pm
Wednesday.....9:00 pm*
Saturday.....9:00 am

Adoration

Monday – 11:00am-12:00pm
Tuesday - 9:00am– 9:00pm*
Wednesday - 8:00pm -9:00pm
Thursday - 11:00am-12:00pm
Friday - 11:00am-12:00pm

Celebration of Sacraments

Baptisms

Please call the Newman Center for more information on baptismal preparation classes. Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month.

Reconciliation

Saturday.....3:30-4:30 pm
Wednesday.....11:00am-12:00 pm
.....8:30pm-9:00 pm*
Sunday.....7:30-8:00 pm*

*when NIU is in session

Marriage

Please contact Marcia Feltes at least six months in advance of wedding date at officemanager@newmanniu.org.

Inquire about becoming Catholic (RCIA) or Adult Confirmation

Please contact Rachel Johnsen
rcia@newmanniu.org.

Religious Education Sacramental Preparation

Please contact Cheryl Lehman,
Director of Family Faith Formation
faithformation@newmanniu.org

Anointing of the Sick and/or Sick Calls

Please contact the main office if you would like to receive the sacrament of the sick. Also, if you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Newman Office.

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Family Prayer for a New Year

O God our Father, by the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith. May we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son. May we be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



January 9: The Baptism of the Lord

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words “you are my beloved with whom I am well pleased.”



Contact Information—815-200-4730 or the helpline at 815-761-0430
Website: svdpdekab.org

Anointing of the Sick

Father is available for anyone who needs an anointing. Please call the parish office number 815-787-7770.

If the office is closed, you will be connected with the emergency line.



OUR WEEKLY OFFERING 1/02/2022

Collections needed to meet budget.....	\$7,143.00
Actual Collections.....	\$2,782.75
Online giving 12/27 to 1/2.....	\$8,743.00
Surplus/(Shortage).....	\$4,382.75
December Online Giving.....	\$15,762.50

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