

*The Baptism of the Lord
January 9th, 2022*

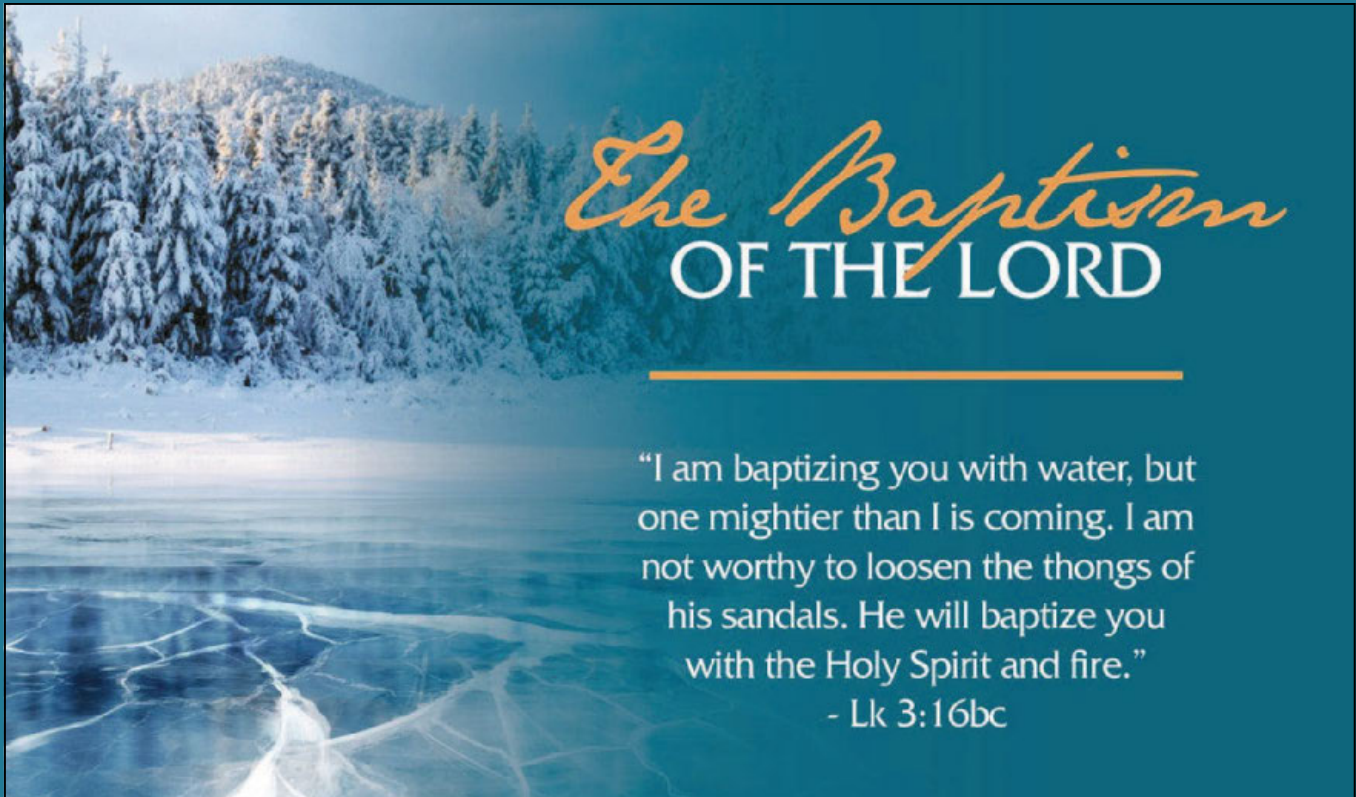
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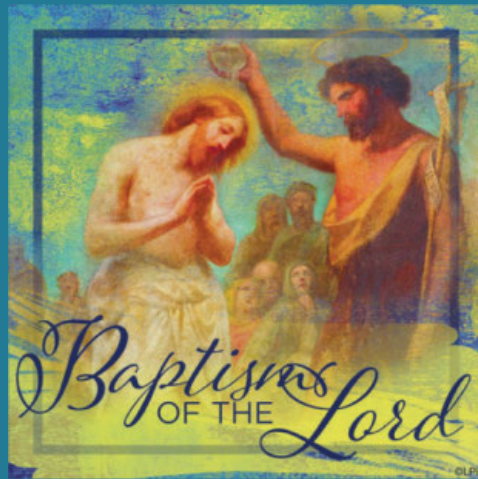
Our Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish, strengthened by Word and Sacrament, strive to live out Jesus Christ's call to discipleship by worshipping faithfully, serving willingly, and growing spiritually.

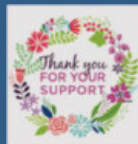


"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
- Lk 3:16bc

Do you have a new address or phone/cell #?
To keep our parishioner records up-to-date, please call the Parish Office at 319-385-8410 or email at mtplesanstal@diodav.org
Thank you!



Thank you for your generous support of our Parish through weekly Envelopes or once a month Electronic Giving. You will be receiving your contribution paperwork by January 31st. If you are interested in Electronic Giving please contact the office for more information.



Kelley's Korner

This month in Family Formation the theme is "A Match Made in Heaven: The Sacrament of Matrimony." We are looking at how the love between a husband and wife gives us a glimpse of what God's love looks like. We will also talk about how God provides for children by giving them adults to love and care for them as part of a family. For the home lessons we will talk about the sanctity of life in a gentle presentation about how God loves us and made us. We will also talk about family life and love. The final home lesson of the month is about Catholic Prayer traditions.

This month the parish has also gifted personal Bibles to each child and teen registered in Family Formation and Youth Ministry. Children in Family Formation will also receive a "WOG Log" (=Word of God Log) to track their Bible reading. We use the Bibles as part of Family Formation and our Youth Ministry program and families are encouraged to use the Bibles at home.

For those of you joining in the memory verse challenge, the memory verses for this month are:

For younger saints:

O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul.

For older saints:

Act of Love- O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul because You are all-good and worthy of my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of You. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all I have injured. Amen.



*****LAST CHANCE*** any adult interested in being part of forming our parish faith formation programs is invited to participate with me in workshops and webinars in the coming months and then applying what we learn to our parish**

programs. CONTACT ME BY TUESDAY JANUARY 11 TO GET REGISTERED FOR THIS SERIES. SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE A DESCRIPTION OF THE IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS AND THE ONLINE WEBINARS.

Upcoming Dates to note on your calendar:

Sundays at 8 am Mass - CLOW for children ages 3-7

January 9, 2022 @ 9:15 am-10:45 am - Family Formation Gathering

January 9, 2022 @4pm RCIA (bilingual)

January 11, 2022 - *****Last chance to register for post-pandemic workshops and webinars- contact me if interested*****

January 12, 2022 @ 7-8:30pm- Youth Ministry &

Confirmation resumes regular Wednesday gatherings

January 13 @3pm RCIA (English) January 23 @ 4pm RCIA

February 13 @9:15-10:45am Family Formation gathering

March 5 @ 5:30 Mass, Rite of Sending

March 6 all day at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rite of Election

March 12-13 High School Retreat

March 13 @ 9:15-10:45am Family Formation gathering

March 19 All day parish retreat for adults, more information to come

March 27 Confirmation

April 3 ICYC "Rooted" - Middle School event (grades 6-8)

April 10 @ 9:15am-10:45am Family Formation gathering

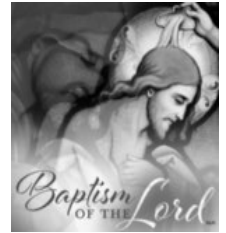
April 24 First Communion

May 1 @ 9:15am-10:45am Family Formation gathering

May 15 @ 8am Mass High School Senior Mass

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
We acknowledge you as the Messiah,
The Son of God.
Through your anointing with
the Holy Spirit
Give us power to preach the good news,
To heal the sick,
and to free the captives.
As Son of God, give us a renewed sense
Of our dignity as adopted daughters and sons of God.
May we look with hope to our promised inheritance
As we work to make your Kingdom a reality.
Amen.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who designed the dome of the Cathedral of Florence?



Answer on the calendar...



WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

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



Rest in Peace

Daxton Hilliker

Great Grandson of Jim & Carol Holtkamp

Dana Liebe

Mary Lou Jorgenson

Cousin & Aunt of Jackie Hill

Rory Rink

Brother of Ron Rink



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)



The Social Action Committee for "Respect of Life Month" in January will have a special collection on the weekends of January 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th. Please look for the special basket

in the Gathering Space. The money collected will be given to the Cradle of Hope in Mt. Pleasant to be used for any special needs they may have. Cradle of Hope is a Pro-Life organization whose goal is to save lives.

They do provide counseling after abortion and parenting classes for mothers and fathers. The parents earn "Mommy Money" by taking these classes which they can use to purchase baby items. Please pray and donate whatever you can. If you are unable to attend mass please consider mailing or dropping off your donation at the church anytime in January.

Please make out checks to St. Alphonsus and in the memo please note for Cradle of Hope.

Thank you for your support!

Offertory End of the Year Giving

\$15,685.00 postmarked by 12/31/2021

No January 2nd Mass

\$25.00Fuel

\$5.00.....Votive Candles

\$75.00.....Christmas Offering

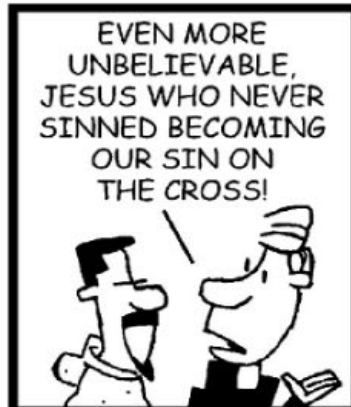
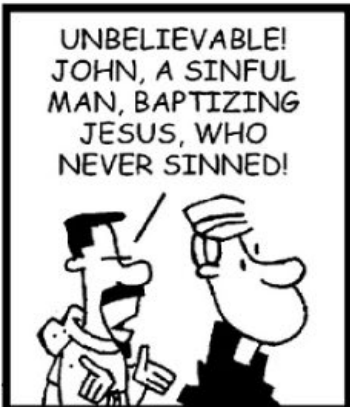
\$60.00First Offering

\$25.00.....Retired Religious



Total: \$15,875.00

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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
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/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 [3]/1
Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



**For the week of
January 9th**

1/10	No Mass	~
1/11	Noon	Joseph Gilbert †
1/12	Noon	Special Intentions
1/13	Noon	Daxton Hilliker †
1/14	Noon	Bernice Becker †
1/15	5:30	Toby Shanahan †
1/16	8:00	LeAnn Miller †
	11:00	For the People

Church Office hours:
8:00 - 4:00 Monday - Friday ~ Closed 11:00 - Noon

YouTube Masses - St. Al's MP Livestream

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Saturday, January 8

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 9

8:00 am Mass - CLOW

9:14 am Family Formation

11:00 am Mass

4:00 pm RCIA in the Library

Monday, January 10

No Mass

Tuesday, January 11

6:30 am Early Morning Women's Scripture

9:30 am Mid Morning Women's Scripture

Noon Mass

Wednesday, January 12

Noon Mass

7:00-8:30pm Youth Ministry 7thru12 every week

Thursday, January 13

Noon Mass

3:00 pm RCIA in Library

Friday, January 14

10:00 am Mass at Silver Palms

Noon Mass

12:30-1:00 Adoration

Saturday, January 15

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 16

8:00 am Mass and CLOW

9:00 am KC Breakfast

11:00 am Mass

Monday, January 17

No Mass

Tuesday, January 18

6:30 am Early Morning Women's Scripture

9:30 am Mid Morning Women's Scripture

Noon Mass

5:00 pm Finance Council

Wednesday, January 19

Noon Mass

7:00-8:30pm Youth Ministry 7thru12 every week

Thursday, January 20

Noon Mass

3:00pm RCIA in Library

Friday, January 21

Noon Mass

12:30-1:00 Adoration

Saturday, January 22

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 23

8:00 am Mass and CLOW

11:00 am Mass

4:00 pm RCIA in Library



Answer: Filippo Brunelleschi


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