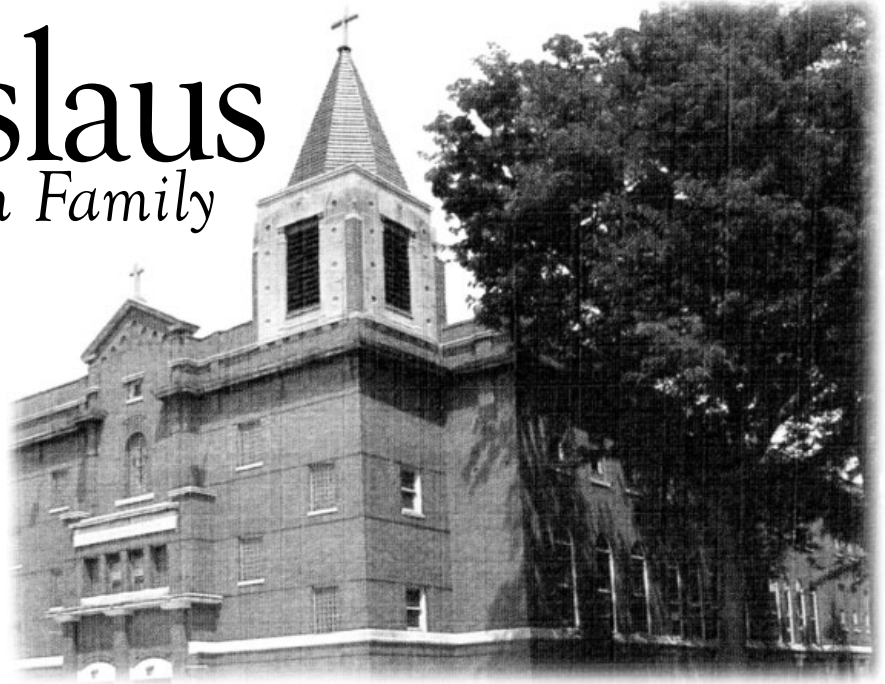


# St. Stanislaus

*Parish Family*

**January 9, 2022**  
**The Baptism**  
**Of the Lord**

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**Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday**  
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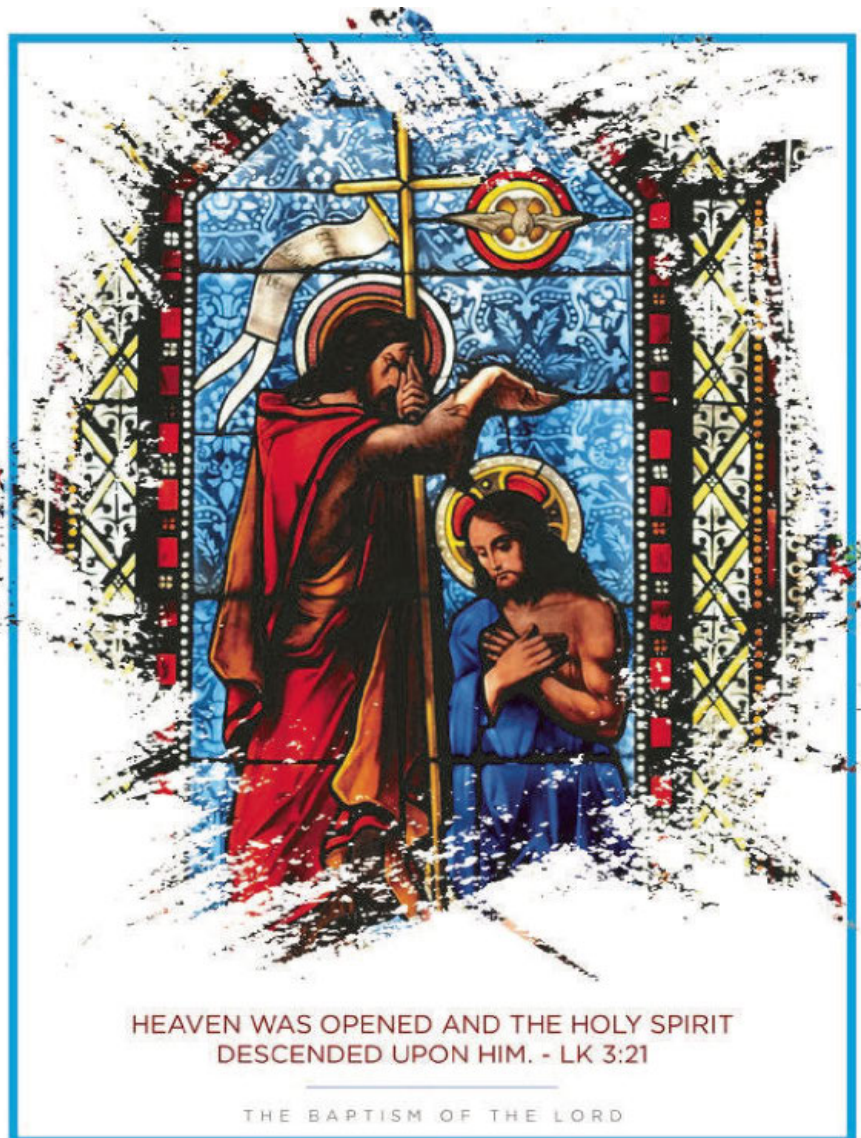
Saturday 4:30pm  
Sunday 8:30am

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

There are no weekday Masses or Word &  
Communion Services at this time.

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from  
4:00pm-4:15pm  
and after the 4:30pm Mass.



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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## *Liturgical Notes for the Week*

**“You are my beloved Son, with You I am well pleased.”**

These words we will hear proclaimed in the gospel as we the Church celebrate The Baptism of the Lord. This last day of the 2021 Christmas Season continues the celebration of the astonishing mystery of God’s own manifestation. Last Sunday the Solemnity of the Epiphany revealed to us that in Christ old boundaries and exclusions fall away in the presence of Emmanuel for all are members of the same body. Today’s account of what happened in the Jordan water makes known the very act of God entering into humanity is to participate in it fully, unto death and thus dignify human life and make it worthy of heaven. Next Sunday as our liturgical calendars enters into the second week of Ordinary Time Mary’s keen observation that there is no more wine at a wedding feast in Cana will prompt the disclosure of the third manifestation concerning the Christ her child now truly God’s Son. O come let us adore him as we approach the Church crib for the last time as it too will be put away until next year. As you do so look, listen, believe Give thanks, remember and keep the faith. The faith given to you as God’s gift at the moment of you being baptized into his grace: Then godparents and your own spoke I do’s for you. Today you affirm your commitment to God and to the Church as you fittingly reflect on the words of the Renunciation of Sin and the Profession of Faith.

Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God’s children? **I do.**

Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin? **I do.**

Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness? **I do.**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth? **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? **I do.**

Words of responsibility were also addressed to those key adults. Parents: You have asked to have your children baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training them in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring them up to keep God’s commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking? **We do.**

(To godparents) Are you ready to help these parents in their duty as Christian mothers and fathers? **We are.**

The only duty of the baptismal godparents required by the Church is that they help the parents fulfill theirs which is to train the children in the practice of the faith.

1. Keeping the Commandments as Christ taught us and  
2. Loving God and our neighbor. But isn’t this what is asked of all of us? To make God #1 in our lives and the measure upon which we make all of our choices?

- To keep God’s name holy — does OMG do it?
- To be present for Mass each Sunday and Day of Obligation with full, active, conscious participation.
- To allow time for study of the Bible, to learn about the Lives of the Saints and the Traditions and contemporary developments in the Church.
- To support the finances of the parish’s complex.
- To volunteer time to the liturgical, catechetical supportive and social outreach ministries of the Church to be an active member of Parish Community.
- To maintain a healthy life style.

And aren’t the above to do’s also a small part of what it means to keep the Commandments and to practice and grow in our faith day by day? Perhaps as 2022 continues to unfold you can ask yourself the following question — If I was on trial today for being a Catholic would there be enough evidence to convict me. Some deep thoughts on this day when Jesus went into the water to be baptized by John. Some answers for you to come up with whose heart deserves to hear the words “*You are my Beloved in whom I am well pleased*” today and on that day when the Triune God manifests to us the fullness of the Mystery of Love.





### Scripture Reflection

*"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.

### Inspiration For The Week

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

# Financial Blessings

**YOUR GIFTS TO YOUR PARISH TWO WEEKS AGO IN THE COLLECTION AMOUNTED TO.....\$2,065.00**

Adult envelopes issued.....293 (December, 2021)  
Adult envelopes used.....72/25% (December 26, 2021)  
Food Pantry.....4 donation.....\$2,215.00  
Christmas Collection ...90 Adult envelopes used ..\$4,865.00

**YOUR GIFTS TO YOUR PARISH LAST WEEK IN THE COLLECTION AMOUNTED TO.....\$2,026.00**

Adult envelopes issued.....292(January, 2022)  
Adult envelopes used.....70/24% (January 2, 2022)  
*Thank You for your continued support! May God Bless You!*

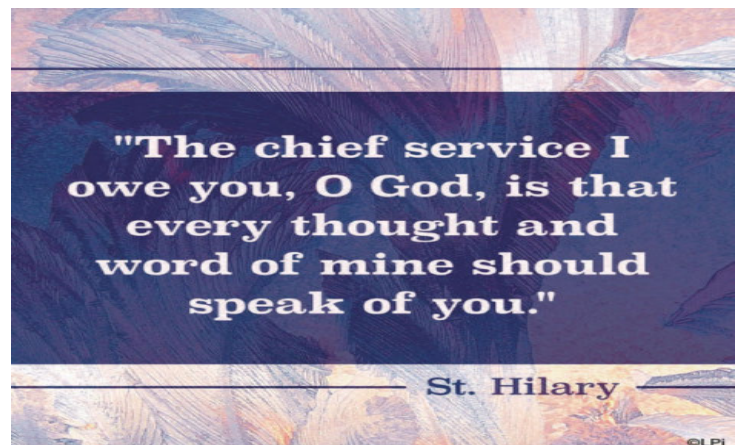
**CONSIDERATION: A teacher affects eternity; he/she can never tell where his/her influence stops.**

— Historian Henry Adams

### Everyday Stewardship

"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



**Monday, January 10**

**Tuesday, January 11**

**Wednesday, January 12**

**Thursday, January 13 - St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**Friday, January 14**

**Saturday, January 15**

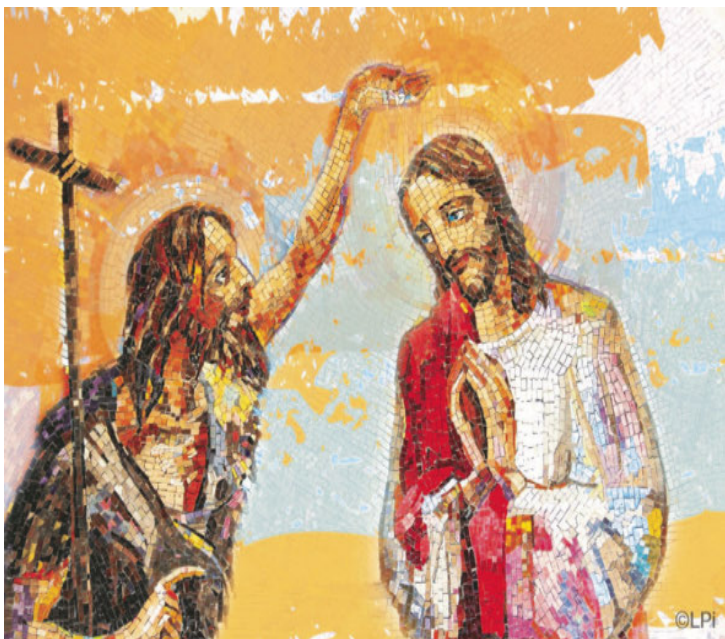
4:30pm †Dorothy Tobin int. Ms. Donna Fritsch  
†Delphine Huneycutt int. Angie Walczak  
Health & God's Blessings for our Parishioners

**Sunday, January 16 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am †Julia Lelek int. St. Stanislaus Choir  
†Mieczyslaw & Robert Bielecki int. Teresa Radziwiecki

### Quote from Pope Francis

Our baptism has changed us, given us a new and glorious hope, and empowered us to bring God's redeeming love to all, particularly the poor, in whom we see the face of Christ.



### Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

**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.

### Question Of The Week

#### First Reading:

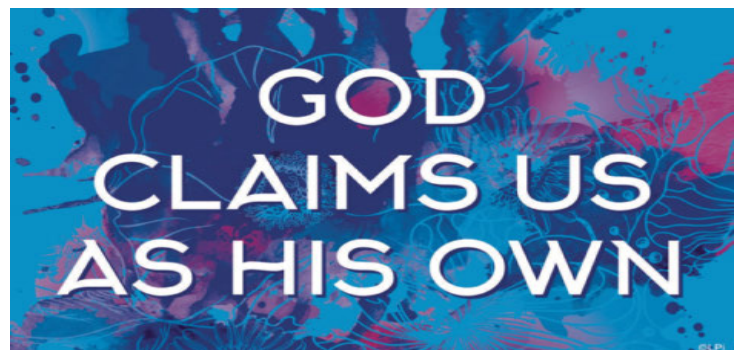
The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

#### Second Reading:

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

#### Gospel:

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?





# Community Events

**PUT GARBAGE IN ITS PLACE**  
**WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?**  
 Please make sure your recyclables are empty, clean and dry before placing them in your recycling container.

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**PLASTICS**  
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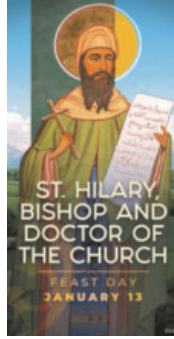
**METALS**  
Recycle all food and beverage metal cans - steel, tin, bi-metal and aluminum.

**PAPER**  
Recycle envelopes, office paper, junk mail, greeting cards and file folders. Shredded paper should be put in a paper bag.

**PAPER CONTAINERS AND CARTONS**  
Recycle food boxes including juice boxes, ice cream and paper milk containers and cereal and pasta boxes (remove inside bags).

**CARDBOARD, NEWSPAPER & MAGAZINES**  
You can also include newspaper inserts, catalogs, paperback books, phone books and brochures.

**GLASS**  
Recycle brown, green and clear glass.



**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.

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 Trash • Yard waste • Food waste • Diapers • Styrofoam • Greasy pizza boxes • Plastic bags of any kind

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



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**PUZZLE**  
 Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN	WATER	HOLY SPIRIT
MESSIAH	POWERFUL	FIRE
BAPTIZING	SANDALS	JESUS

A J T U A R B Y W E N  
 H O L Y S P I R I T O  
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**MISSION**  
 Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.

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