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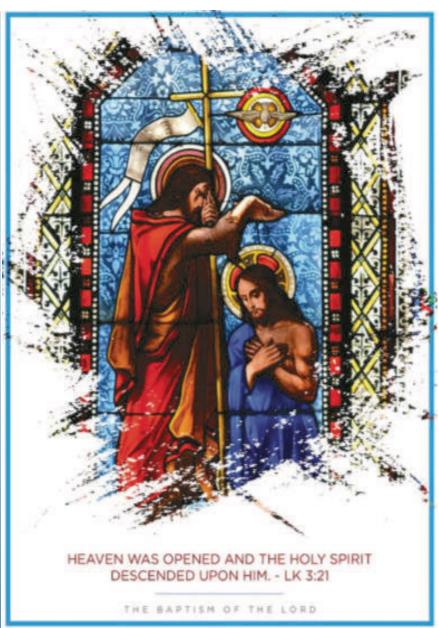
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Sunday Masses

Sunday:

Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

Weekday Masses

Saturday: 4:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday & 10:00am Thursday 8:15am

Eucharistic Holy Hour

1st Wednesday of the Month 6:15-7:15 pm

Next Holy Hour: March 2, 2022

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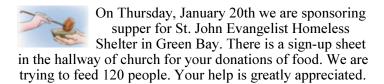
RE Classes:

Sunday, January 9th **Children of God** during the 10:00 am Mass

Please join us for our Donut Social following Mass in the school gym. All are Welcome!



Wednesday, January 12th Gr 1-8 from 6:15-7:15 pm Sunday, January 16th **HS Classes (9-11)** 8:30-9:45 am



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.

Living the Liturgy

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.

Open auditions for ALL RISE! The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play, a dramatic musical based on the life of Christ, will be held on Tuesday evening, January 18th and Saturday morning, January 22nd, at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 W. Prospect Avenue,



Appleton. Performance dates are April 7-10, with a special performance for Religious Education groups on April 6th. Singing and non-singing roles are available. Those auditioning will also be asked to do a simple movement/dance audition. To register for an audition time please go to: www.newpassionplay.org and click or tap the "Audition for our cast" button near the top of the page.

The Eucharist: Jesus, Truly & Fully Present Monday, January 17th at 7 pm Xavier Fine Arts Theatre

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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

January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

As parents, grandparents, and Godparents we have been blessed with the responsibility to raise our children, grandchildren, and Godchildren in the faith of the Catholic Church. We have recently celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. I am certain you shared this experience with the children in your lives. It's a big deal, the birth of our Savior, and, as evidenced by the large crowds attending church services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day all over the world, we surely agree that Jesus is a big deal.

Baptism is a big deal too. After all, baptism is a gift from God; God gives it freely to all who are open to it. It initiates us into the family of God and cleanses us of original sin. Not only is baptism a treasured Christian tradition, it's God's grace in its purest form.

The profound impact of Baptism accomplishes a few specific outcomes:

- 1. We are forgiven for all of our sins, original sin, mortal sin, and venial sin, and we are relieved of any punishment from those sins.
- 2. We are created as a 'new creature'.
- 3. We are incorporated into the Church, which is the Body of Christ.
- 4. We are provided with a foundation of communion among all Christians. Yes, this includes our Christian brothers and sisters who are not practicing Catholics.
- 5. We are left with an indelible spiritual mark on our souls of belonging to Christ.

While it was important to get our families to church to celebrate the birthday of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, let's make it a priority this year to respond to the Grace we have been freely given at baptism by our loving God. As part of our New Year's Resolutions, let's continue to guide our children in the faith of the Catholic Church. Pray regularly, attend Mass regularly, and most importantly, love God with all our heart and love each other with kindness and compassion. We are all members of the body of Christ; thus, we all hope for the same thing, the hope of eternal life. Let's help our children and each other on our quest to live forever in God's Kingdom of Heaven.

John Steltz, Missionary Discipleship Coordinator The Lord bless and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you; And be gracious to you. Numbers: 6, 24-25

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.



By giving us His Son, God offers us a fraternity based on true love, making it possible for me to encounter others who are different, feeling com-passion for their sufferings, drawing near and caring for them even though they do not belong to my family, ethnic group or religion.

Saint of the Week - Examples of our Faith

St. Hilary of Poitiers | 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 Phyrgia 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.

Sunday, Jan 09, 2022

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Tell it like it is

The hidden days are over. When the Spirit descends on Jesus and the heavenly voice proclaims him beloved, Jesus is effectively outed as the Divine Son. Did Jesus know this was the hour when his private life would come to an end? When any dreams he may have had for a quiet domestic existence were surrendered for good? The underlying truth is that on the day of our Baptism, we each surrender the notion of a private world that's all about us. As Pope Francis puts it, "Immersing us in Christ, Baptism also makes us members of his body, which is the Church, and participants in its mission in the world." Be the beloved. Share the love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (21). "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Monday, Jan 10, 2022

Give every child a chance

According to the National Center for Child Poverty, about 15 million children in the United States—21 percent of all children—live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line. The Christ Child Society seeks to address the critical needs of these children. U.S.-born Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick, who died on this day in 1955, founded the Christ Child Society in 1887 at the age of 20—despite being paralyzed from a childhood injury. Today, its 6,000 members volunteer nearly 400,000 hours and serve more than 75,000 children and their families annually. You may find a chapter—or start one—at nationalchristchild.org.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20 (305). "Come after

Tuesday, Jan 11, 2022

Pray the way to a more perfect union

me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Dom Lambert Beauduin, a Belgian Benedictine monk, died this day in 1960—but not without influencing the way we pray at Mass. As a liturgical scholar, Beauduin championed—years before Vatican II—the idea of worshipers actively participating in the Mass rather than sitting in pews to pray their private devotions. He promoted the idea of congregants literally "being on the same page," able to follow along with the Latin by using worship aides to translate the words of priests and prayers. "Beauduin had an insatiable thirst for unity," notes a biographer. Pray for greater unity in our church today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28 (306). "On the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught."

Wednesday, Jan 12, 2022

Here I am, Lord

Jesus saw his healing ministry of the sick and spiritually oppressed as a call from God. It is the same call each of us receives, not only to serve God and his people but to serve ourselves—to be our best selves, which will bring us the greatest joy. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, known as an apostle of love, explains the profound grace that comes with responding to God's call in his "Jesus, the very thought of thee" hymn: "... how kind thou art! How good to those who seek! But what to those who

find? Ah, this No tongue nor pen can show:/ The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 (307). "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

Thursday, Jan 13, 2022

MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

In defense of the faith

Saint Hilary (d. 468) was a bishop during a time of great contention in the early church. He was popularly selected to lead, and he undertook scholarship that continues to be recognized today. His informal title, "Hammer of the Arians," has a violent ring to it, but in fact, he defended the Trinity against the Arian heresy through his writing, even though his opponents used the more forcible method of exile. Living a truly Christian life—loving those who oppose you, forgiving wrongs, turning the other cheek—has often been ridiculed by those who prefer the use of force. You can "defend" the faith by the way you choose to live.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45 (308). "A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean."

Friday, Jan 14, 2022

I feel your pain

Healing gospel-style involves assessing the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the ill person. As Pope Francis says, Jesus asks us: "To stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them." This holistic approach is slowly being embraced by Western physicians. Today's healthcare providers are encouraged to use such tools as the FICA method to assess a patient's faith; its importance in their decision-making; their connection to a community of like-minded believers; and the recommended action related to the spiritual assessment. We're all commissioned to be healers to some extent; the next time someone comes to you in pain, remember this compassionate approach.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12 (309). "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Rise, pick up your mat and walk"?"

Saturday, Jan 15, 2022

The stone rejected

In our continued observance of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, we are reminded by Pope Francis to consider the complexities of people's lives when we're tempted to judge their family or marital situation. "It can no longer simply be said," writes the pope, "that all those living in any 'irregular situation' are living in a state of mortal sin." Non-traditional families need to be offered "understanding, comfort, and acceptance." We need to stop applying moral laws as if they were, in the pope's words, "stones to throw at a person's life." Consider today the grace of God's mercy, compassion, and forgiveness operating in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17 (310). "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Worship Services

JANUARY 8 - JANUARY 16

Saturday, January 8 - 3:00 pm Reconciliation 4:00 pm Mass

† Cyril & Bernice Letter

Sunday, January 9 - 8:00 am Mass at St Sebastian

† Jeff Rottier

10:00 am Mass (Children of God during Mass)

† Danielle Bluma & Deceased Members of the Rozmiarek & Bluma Families

11:00 am Donut Social Following Mass

Monday, January 10 - No Services

Tuesday, January 11 - 8:15 am Communion Service

Wednesday, January 12 - 8:15 am Communion Service

6:15-7:15 pm RE Grades 1-8

Thursday, January 13 - No Services

Friday, January 14 - 8:15 am Mass St Sebastian

† Alvin & Jim Socha

Saturday, January 15 - 3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass

Living & Deceased Members of the

Monroe & Zillmer Families

Sunday, January 16 - 8:00 am Mass at St Sebastian

All Living & Deceased Descendants of the

Vande Corput Families

8:30 am RE Grades 9-11

10:00 am Mass

† Ron Weyers

† Denotes deceased person(s)

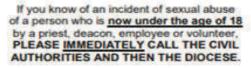


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Beginning immediately, we are going back to the family of the Mass intention being able to carry up gifts in their loved ones honor.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

10:00 AM

LectorLoren SnyderCantorJo SnyderMusicianSam Goeben

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Let us pray together that those who suffer discrimination and religious persecution may find in the societies in which they live the rights and dignity that comes from being brothers and sisters. ~ Pope Francis, Twitter

Readings

Week of January 09, 2022

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 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/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

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