

W E L C O M E T O

St. Benedict

FONTANA, WI



The Baptism OF THE LORD

"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

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JANUARY 9, 2022 • BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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 Friday..... 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:30 pm
 Sunday8:00 am & 10:30 am
 Monday & Tuesday..... 8:15 am

BAPTISMS

Third Sunday of every month

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

RECONCILIATION:

First and Third Saturday of the month..... 9:00 am
 Or by Appointment

ANointing

Last Saturday of the Month
 Following Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday After Mass until 11:00 am

PARISH GIVING REPORT

WEEKLY

Budgeted Amt.....\$5,332.00
 Actual Amt.....\$14,676.00
 Surplus/(Deficit).....\$9,344.00

YEAR TO DATE

Budgeted Amt..... \$244,992.00
 Actual Amt..... \$313,631.24
 Surplus/(Deficit)..... \$68,639.24

COLLECTION REPORT:

1/2/2022

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Envelopes.....\$12,837.00
 Offertory \$937.00
 Online Giving..... \$902.00
 TOTAL.....\$14,676.00

Mass Attendance.....227

WORSHIP & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 8	4:30 pm	†	Paul Bourjaily
Sunday, January 9	8:00 am		For All Parishioners
<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	10:30 am	†	Michael Francis Galvin
Monday, January 10	8:15 am	†	Lorna Gunty
Tuesday, January 11	8:15 am	†	Charles Raucci
Wednesday, January 12			
Thursday, January 13			<i>St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>
Friday, January 14			
Saturday, January 15	4:30 pm	†	John Palmer, Sr.
<i>BVM</i>			
Sunday, January 16	8:00 am	†	Monsignor William A. Watson
	10:30 am		For All Parishioners

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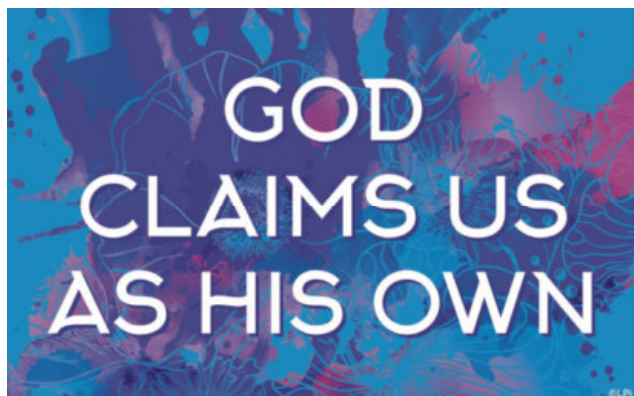
Saturday, 1/15	4:30 pm	S. McNally
Sunday, 1/16	8:00 am	M. Schauf
	10:30 am	Family Faith Formation

USHERS

Saturday, 1/15	4:30 pm	Volunteers
Sunday, 1/16	8:00 am	Volunteers
	10:30 am	Volunteers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF CARE

Friday, 1/14	10:00 am	J. & P. Grove
Atrium/Sherwood Lodge		
Sunday, 1/16	9:15 am	S. Huff
Golden Years Retirement Village		



PARISH NEWS

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Clare Barnett	John Hopkins	Bev Schorsch
Jim Blincoe	Glenna Horowicz	Gloria Soltero
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Suzanne Connors	Joseph Koenig	Austin Tighe
Dennis Connors	Mary Mansfield	Traynor Family
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Rita Hagenbruch	Charlene O'Leary	Mary Frances Weber
Pat Haubold	Dorothy Schaefer	
C.J. Heise	Martin Schmidt	
Jan Hoagland	Dolly Schneidwind	

Lord, also hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL THANK YOU!

Archbishop ListECKi has notified the Parish that St. Benedict successfully reached our goal for the 2021 Catholic Stewardship Appeal. The funds raised support so many important ministries and programs across the ten counties of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Your generosity makes a real difference in people's lives and in the Church.

Thank you!

PARISH GIVING REPORT

WEEKLY

Budgeted Amt	\$19,120.00
Actual Amt.....	\$30,144.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$11,024.00

YEAR TO DATE

Budgeted Amt.	\$239,660.00
Actual Amt.....	\$298,955.24
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$59,295.24

COLLECTION REPORT:

12/26/2021

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Envelopes	\$24,994.00
Offertory	\$4,073.00
Online Giving	\$1,077.00
TOTAL	\$30,144.00



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 10

8:15 am	Mass
8:45 am	Rosary

Tuesday, January 11

8:15 am	Mass
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Adoration

Wednesday, January 12

Thursday, January 13

Friday, January 14

Saturday, January 15

9:00 am	Confessions
9:00 am	First Reconciliation Retreat
10:30 am	First Reconciliation
4:30 pm	Mass

Sunday, January 16

8:00 am	Mass
10:30 am	Mass
7:00 pm	AA Meeting

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CHILDREN OF GOD

Charly Grace Gonzalez

Daughter of Daniel Gonzalez and

Ellyse Polk

Baptized January 2, 2022

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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, 21-22or, 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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WEEKLY 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.

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EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN

The St. Benedict Emergency Prayer Chain is made up of members of our parish family. They would love to assist you and those you know by offering the power of prayer, when you are experiencing a crisis situation. Please email Judy Zebrowski with your intentions, or if you would like to volunteer to join the prayer chain. The email address is emergencyprayerchain@gmail.com

PARENTS PRAYER

Heavenly God,
Make me a better parent.
Teach me to understand my children,
To listen patiently to what they have to say,
And to answer all their questions kindly.
Keep me from interrupting them or contradicting...
Make me as courteous to them, as I would have them to me.
Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes,
Or resort to shame or ridicule when they displease me.
Bless me with the goodness to grant them
All their reasonable requests,
And the courage to deny them privileges
I know will do them harm.
Make me fair and just and kind.
And fit me, O Lord,
To be loved and respected
And imitated by my children. Amen.

-Patricia Belanger

PHISHING SCAM

If you receive an email or text message that appears to have come from Fr. Mark asking you to send money please DO NOT reply.
Father Mark will NEVER text or email you asking for money or gift cards in any way.

THE GIVING TREE

Thank you to the many generous donors to this year's Giving Tree. We helped 27 families and 66 children enjoy a much happier Christmas. Each family received gift cards for food, gas, a treat, and presents, as well as a candy treat! The members of the Human Concerns Commission loved seeing the moms and dads pick up their special envelopes knowing the difference it would make in their children's holiday. May each of you be blessed for your help in making a difference, and may you know God's many blessings in 2022.

RED KETTLE RINGERS

A HUGE thank you to all of the people who volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle drive. We do not have totals yet, but people were very generous. The needy in our community will benefit for months to come!



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



This week's Sanctuary Candle burns in honor of:

Our Parish Family

WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

For safety reasons, a winter weather cancellation policy has been implemented. When the Big Foot Area Schools are closed due to weather, the weekday Mass/Word & Communion Service and K-12 Faith Formation activities will be canceled here. The Parish Office will also be closed. To find out if Big Foot Area Schools are closed go to: www.bigfoot.k12.wi.us or tune in to WTMJ-4, WISN-12 or FOX-6 on your TV.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUMMER YOUTH MISSIONARIES - APPLY TODAY!

Are you interested in spending your summer getting paid to evangelize, grow spiritually, and make life-long friends? Apply to serve with one of our summer youth programs - Love Begins Here and Totus Tuus - today!

Love Begins Here provides local service trips for middle and high school students at parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Through service, prayer, community, and fun, Love Begins Here helps teens encounter the foundation of Christian service: a loving relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

Totus Tuus offers a week-long, parish-based summer youth mission for students in grades 1-12 for parishes throughout the Archdiocese. A team of four missionaries teach and facilitate a catechetical program for parish youth through songs, skits, games, and short lessons.

Both positions receive a weekly stipend, room and board while working. Must be 18 and a full year removed from high school to apply. Learn more about both programs and apply at <http://www.brewcitycatholic.com/summer-opportunities.html>



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

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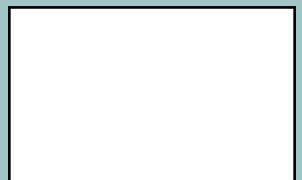
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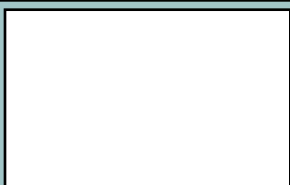
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