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**After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also has been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.** Luke 3:21-22a

## **Baptism of the Lord**

This feast is celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, and it is the last day of the Christmas season. It commemorates the occasion when John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River, the Holy Spirit descended upon him, and the Father declared that Jesus was his beloved Son. With this proclamation from heaven and the conferral of the Spirit, Jesus was equipped and ready to embrace his mission, anointed as the Servant of God with the oil of gladness and sent to bring the good news to the poor.

## **BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

Today we celebrate the day Christ, the sinless one, joined the ranks of us sinners by accepting Baptism from his cousin John. He did so in order to help us to live in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

He joins us now as we meet to celebrate the Eucharist in his name. Let us draw near to him who is a messenger of the Father's love and mercy.

You open the eyes of the blind. Lord, have mercy.

You heal those who are broken-hearted. Christ, have mercy.

You set captives free and bring true justice to all peoples. Lord, have mercy.

**1st READING** (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11). The prophet is urged to deliver a message of hope and consolation to the exiles in Babylon. Like a shepherd caring for his sheep, God is coming to save his people.

**2nd READING** (Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7). This talks about the kind of life the baptized should live and the kind of ambitions that should motivate them. Salvation, with its hope of eternal life, is a gift from God through Jesus Christ.

**GOSPEL** (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22). This reading gives us a snatch of John the Baptist's preaching and concludes with a brief account of the Baptism of Jesus.

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

**Mass Schedule**

Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00 pm  
 Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 7:00 pm  
 Weekdays: 8:00 am

**Holy Rosary:** Daily at 7:30 am

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

**Reconciliation:** Weekday 7:30 am - 7:50 am  
 Saturdays: 7:30 - 7:50am and 3:30 - 4:30 pm



**Marriage:** Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the date you wish to request.

**Baptism:** Pre-baptismal class for parents, who are contributing members of the parish for at least 3 months, is required. Class is held 2nd Sunday of the month, 9:30 am in Deacon Terry's office. Pre-register at 551-9004. Baptisms held during weekend Masses (your choice of Mass) on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Regular Church attendance is required.

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**Parish Office** Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Phone: 551-9004 & Fax: 552-7004

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**The Women's League**

would like to thank everyone who brought in coats for the coat drive. They were really needed at the jail and they were very happy to receive them.



**GOSPA Craft Group** meeting on Wednesday, January 12th at 6:30 pm in the teacher's lounge. **Come join them and craft for St. Peter's.** Any questions, please contact Janet

Gontscharow at (262) 818-4108.



**Please pray for the sick and homebound:** Fr. Bernard Backiel MIC, Mary Baas, Sandy Badgerow, Stefan Bauer, Debbie Beier, Mike Benoit, Fred Biskup, Gerald Bitto,

Jackie Branscomb, Darlene Brodjeski, Richard Bulik, Monica Burr, Frances Cargille, Jennifer Cargille, Clarence Clark, Tim Eastman, Diane Formella, Jeff Fraid, Tom Degener, Nancy Fiore, Florence Fliess, Frank Fonk, Marlene Giordano, Lorraine Gott, Eric Hanna, Waltraud Henry, Charles Hilleshiem, Ronda Hoening, Lillian Jilk, Agnieszka Jaworska, Lukasz Kania, Shannon Kafura, Kathy Kaminski, Paul Kaminski, Suzette Lambin, Jessica Land, Tom Land, Mary Lindblad, Dennis Massie, Stephen Matelski, Julie Martin, Rose Martin, George Mich, Nadine Niesen, Eva Niesen, Charles Nolan, Linda Odegaard, Betty Olson, Jack Otahal, Dr. Nora S. Perez, Janusz Pokorny, Jude Poplawski, Jacob Reindl, Frank Rhodes, Latzia Rizzitano, Carol Robillard, Elizabeth Rocco, Joan Rogowski, Lillian and Philip Romanowski, Arlene Rymes, Marlene Schlecht, Michelle Schranz, Sue Seymour, Mary Skowronski, Stephanie Sucher, Kenneth Dale Swanson, Shirley Swanson, Paul Vagnoni, Kathy Walter, Daisy Williams, Leona Werner, Anthony Yust, Florence Zalatoris.

**End of Year Financial Statements**

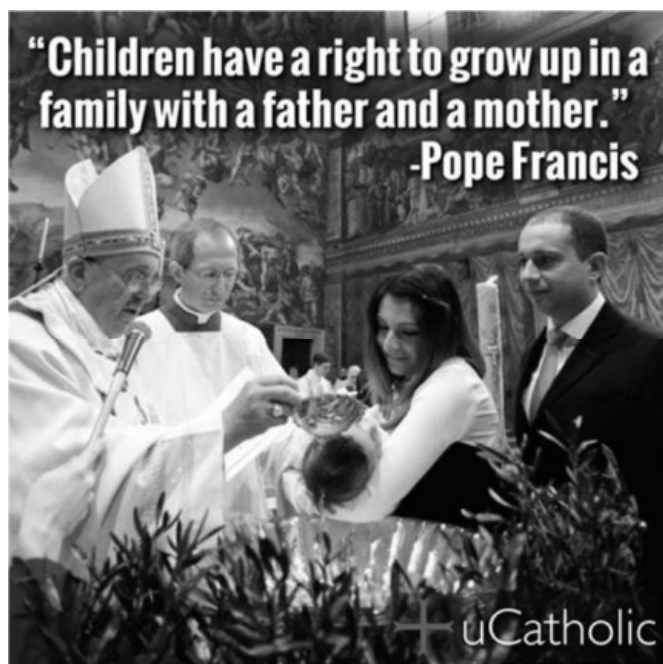
If you need a statement of your 2021 parish donations you can request it several ways: call, fax, email the rectory, or give us a stamped, self addressed envelope through the collection or dropping it off at the parish office. It may not always be possible to meet requests immediately, but we'll do our best to get them out promptly.



**PRAYER & WORSHIP** will be taking down the Christmas decorations on **Tuesday, January 11th** at 6:00 pm and we again are asking parishioners and confirmation students for your help.

**Don't forget to pray for our soldiers!**

**Our Father spoke** on the day Jesus was baptized, **"This is my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on him."** Because we are baptized we are beloved sons and daughters of God. Just as the Father said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on him" when Jesus was baptized, the Father said over us when we were baptized, "This is my beloved son, this is my beloved daughter." **On the day we were baptized we were changed forever.** Imagine, you became a son or daughter of God on the day you were baptized, enjoying a new relationship with our Father. It was because of her baptism that Doris benefited from this beautiful relationship with her heavenly Father. **We don't think enough about our baptism, this most important event in our lives.** If we reflected more on who we are since baptism how different we would be, how differently we would live.



The Sacrament of Baptism emphasizes this new relationship with our Father. The older rite of Baptism until Vatican II emphasized **washing away original sin** more. That is still part of the sacrament but now the sacrament emphasizes **becoming a child of God** and a **member of the Church**. That is why after baptism at the font four signs in the sacrament symbolize for us this new relationship with God. If you listen to the prayers accompanying these four signs they tell us about our new relationship with God.

**Firstly the child is anointed with the oil of chrism.** This is the holy oil used by the bishop to anoint us on the forehead during Confirmation and to anoint the hands of a priest during his Ordination. Part of the prayer for the anointing during baptism is, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life."

**Secondly the white garment is put on the child.**

Part of the prayer accompanying putting on the white garment is, "...you have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity".

**Thirdly a lighted candle is given to the parents,** a symbol of receiving the light of Christ. Part of the prayer accompanying this is, "This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ."

**Fourthly the ears and mouth of the child are blessed** (see Mark 7:31-37) because they will hear the Word of God and the child will profess his/her faith.

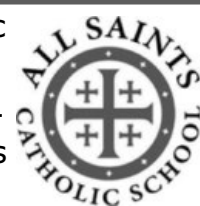
*(The symbols of our baptism are used again at our funeral.)*

Being baptized as children would make no sense and have no meaning if as we grew up we didn't put our baptism into effect, if we didn't live like people who have been baptized into the Catholic Church. Our baptism when we were children would have been a non-sense if we did not decide for ourselves as we grew up that the decision made for us by our parents was in fact what we ourselves also wanted for ourselves.

There is one occasion above all others during the year when **we proclaim that what our parents did for us was what we also wanted, that is during the Easter Vigil when we renew our baptismal vows.**

Every sacrament has a lasting effect, our baptism was not just a magic formula recited over us by the priest to wash off original sin and give us a chance of getting to heaven. Baptism is like Ordination and marriage, it is something to be lived every day. When we were baptized it is as if the Father said over us as he said over Jesus, **"This is my beloved son, this is my beloved daughter."** We live every day knowing God is our Father and we are his sons and daughters since we were baptized.

**SAVE THE DATE!** All Saints Catholic School will be hosting an **Open House on Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 11am-2pm.** Join us for the opportunity to meet our teachers and staff, take a guided tour of our campus building and learn why parents are saying the choice to send their children to All Saints Catholic School, is the best decision they've made! We offer 3 year-old Preschool and 4K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, with a foundation based on Faith, Values and Rigor, all at one campus. It is not necessary to reserve a time for your tour, simply join us during the Open House hours for your personalized tour (1 family per tour guide). We look forward to seeing you! **Enrollment for 2022-23 school year for new families begins January 30, 2022!** **Allsaintskenosha.org (262)925-4024 4400 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave.**



**Please pray for our Marian Fathers and Seminarians.**

**Mass Intentions****Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 †Dr. Leo A. Perez by Maria &amp; Karl Thoele

10:30 †Peggy Adams by Carol Lytkowski

7:00 †Ivana Sebben by M/M Charles Ambrosini

**Monday, January 10**

8:00 †Frank Matelski, Sr. by Daughter in Law

**Tuesday, January 11**8:00 †Mary Hughes by Thereasa Lukaszewicz  
— People of St. Peter**Wednesday, January 12**

8:00 Joseph Paris by family

**Thursday, January 13**

8:00 †James Paris by family

**Friday, January 14**

8:00 †Evelyn Paris by family

**Saturday, January 15**

8:00 †Peggy Adams by Kathi Meddes

5:00 †Ivana Sebben by friends

**Sunday, January 16, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 †Ivana Sebben by Carol Lytkowski

10:30 †Lee Maack by George &amp; Jean Gontscharow

7:00 †Peggy Adams by Kathi Moddes

**Schedule of Lector January 15/16**

5:00 pm—E. Fonk

8:00 am—J. Koehler

10:30 am—Hassett Family

7:00 pm—L. Thurston

**Schedule of Counters January 16**

C. Williams &amp; C. Villaruz

**December 26, 2021**

Regular Collection.....	\$ 4,431.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 3.00
Holy Day.....	\$ 5,132.00

**January 2, 2022**

Regular Collection.....	\$ 3,545.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 1,132.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 1,241.00

As we reflect on the Baptism of Jesus we surely ought also to reflect on our own Baptism. After all **Baptism is the most fundamental of all the sacraments; it is the key to receiving all the others.** Although most of us were far too young to even remember it we should never forget to give thanks to God that our parents brought us to the waters of Baptism. It was probably the most important thing they could do for us.



**How many of you remember the date of your Baptism? When were you baptized? Find out.**

So let us spend a little time today reflecting on the importance of our own Baptism and reminding ourselves that through this wonderful sacrament our lives have been irrevocably linked to Christ. We are united to him by an invisible bond of love and assured of his company as we journey through our life on this earth. **Our Baptism is also an assurance of our salvation and the guarantee of everlasting life.**

Through it we receive the pledge of immortality, which is God's greatest gift to us. By this he assures us that he wants to share his life with us for all eternity. There could be nothing greater than this. So what too many seems like a banal little ceremony on a Sunday turns out to be one of the greatest things that could ever happen to us.



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