

St. John the Baptist

St. Joseph

St. Patrick

THE TRI-PARISH BULLETIN
January 9th 2022



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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New Members

Always welcome to our parishes.
Please call the office to register.

Baptism

Parents and/or those expecting
in the near future may request
Baptism for their child by call-
ing the office to begin prepara-
tions.

Marriage

Please call the parish office at
least six months prior to the
anticipated date.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you are homebound and wish
to receive Holy Communion,
please contact the office.

Confessions

Saturdays 3 pm to 3:40 pm at
Kendall or call Fr. John for an
appointment.

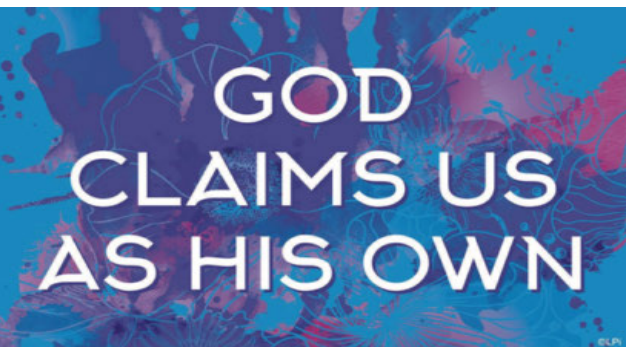
JANUARY

Monday	January 10th	
9 a.m.	NO MASS	K
Wednesday	January 12th	
9 a.m.	Sheridan & Sartori families	E
Wednesday	Jan 12th (Elroy Nursing home)	
11 .am.	Raymond & Lillian Pisha	
Thursday	January 13th	
8 a.m.	George & Margaret Nelson	K
Saturday	January 15th	K
Confessions	3- 3:40 p.m.	
4:00 p.m.	All Parishioner of EKW	
Sunday	January 16th	
9:00 am	Francis Kouba	E
11:00 am	Kenny & Betty Flock	W

Readings Week of the Year

Readings for the 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



Reflections on the Gospel

January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

“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.



Tri-Parish Prayer List - We pray for the sick and those who have asked for our prayers, especially ,Mike Mashak, Randy Steinbrink (Hotdog) Rob Moyer, Ralph Gosselin, Jeannie Klipstein , Gary Von Ruden, Bennett Brock, Deb Pohlman, Micheal Richie Shannah Juliot, David Gorman , Bev Cousineau, Carla Von Haden, Margaret Leis, Patti Vlasak, Ray Schmidt, Jim Lunde, Madelyn Novachek, Kay Larson, Don Schreier, Jim Meckstroth, Patty Behan, Avery Brueggen, Katie Wallace, Those serving in the Military and Folks in Nursing Homes. If requesting prayer for someone else, please ask permission first in order to respect their privacy.

SAINT PATRICK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 16, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

READER: Jenny Wohlrab **COM-**

MUNION: Bill Kolodzinski

SERVERS: Kayla Rick, Kylie Rick, Kiana Liska

USHERS: Andy Wohlrab, Seth Wohlrab, Luke Wohlrab, Brendan Rick

JANUARY 23, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

READER: Deb Barreau

COMMUNION: Kim Ambort

SERVERS: Morgynn Barreau, Tarynn Barreau, Ava Peterson

USHERS: Matt Barreau, Roger Klipstein, Michael Archer, Paul Thorson

JANUARY 30, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

READER: Sally Turpin

COMMUNION: Kari Benish

SERVERS: Axton Kuester, Karson Kuester, Zoey Cornell

USHERS: Andy Wohlrab, Seth Wohlrab, Luke Wohlrab, Owen Dedrick

ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK

The Elroy Area Food Pantry would like to thank the parishes of St. Joseph & St. Patrick for the nice donation of \$264, from your charitable fund. Also, thanks for your donations of hot cereal and the egg cartons. This will be an ongoing collection through the winter months. And, most of all thank you for the people that volunteer when the Second Harvest truck comes in and for those who work on pantry day. The pantry is open on Thur. 1-2:30 and is eligible to anyone who is in need of some groceries. May God bless you for all you do!

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In memory of Joseph Steidl, Carl & Iva Winchel



ST. JOHN

Please welcome our new parishioners, Joe & Kelly Degenhardt.

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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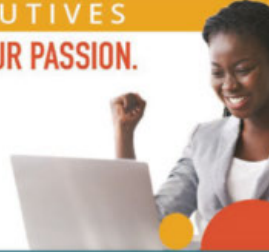
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