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Weekend: Saturday 5PM
Sunday 8:00AM & 10:45AM
Weekday Mass
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday: 7:30AM
Holy Day See Bulletin



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Fridays 8-8:30am
Saturday 3:30-4:30pm



Fridays 8-9am



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
SUNDAY JANUARY 9, 2022

HEAVEN

Heaven was opened
and the Holy Spirit
descended upon him.

LUKE 3:21

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Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm (closed 12-1) lunch Fri 8-12pm

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Tuesday 1/11 7:30am

No Mass

Wednesday 1/12 7:30am

No Mass

Thursday 1/13 7:30am

No Mass

Friday 1/14 7:30am

No Mass, Adoration Or Confessions

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 1/15 5pm

Special Intention for SVDP Benefactors / SVDP

Sunday 1/16

8am Doris Vogel † Family

10:45am For the People

But we will give ourselves continually to
Prayer
and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

Please Pray for those who need our Prayers

*All those on our Prayer List
All those who have asked for Prayers*

For those who have died

*Arlene Arduini, sister of MaryJane Billeter
Matt Toohey, husband of Karen*

For all teachers, aids, and support staff

** For all those who are homebound, and
In a nursing home, and unable to attend Mass*

**For all those who are having surgery*

**Please pray for our First
Responders; Police, Fire and*

Paramedics and all our Civil Servants.

*All those serving to Protect us Doctors &
Nurses all those on our prayer list and all
those*

*serving in the Military and
their families*

our priest, and all priests.

Please Pray For Vocations



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend the Church in her prayer concludes the holy season of Christmas with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Even though many of us have put away our trees and lights, our decorations, and poinsettias; the spirit of Christmas should continue to guide and shape our lives. Even

though we have packed away the Christmas lights for another year, their symbolism continues to call us to remember what the prophet Isaiah spoke; "the Lord (is) a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness." This truth about Christ being a light in our lives has been visually before our eyes this whole season with all the Christmas lights that have brighten our homes and our neighborhoods. With out these reminders shining out in the darkness, will we remember this promise of the Lord?

Many years ago, a wise priest taught me that one way to continue to remind myself about the brightness and giving spirit of Christmas existing all year round was to leave a small bit of Christmas up in my home. I like to leave two ornaments in my living room all year. Every time I see them, I am reminded of Christmas, its promise, and its hope. You might choose to leave a Christmas picture, decoration, ornament, or the small Jesus from your nativity scene as a reminder. Something that would remind you in February, May, or October that God became Flesh and made his dwelling with us and that every day of the year we are invited to remember and rejoice that God is with us, Emmanuel.

Peace always,

Fr. Rich

January 9: The Baptism of the Lord



After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

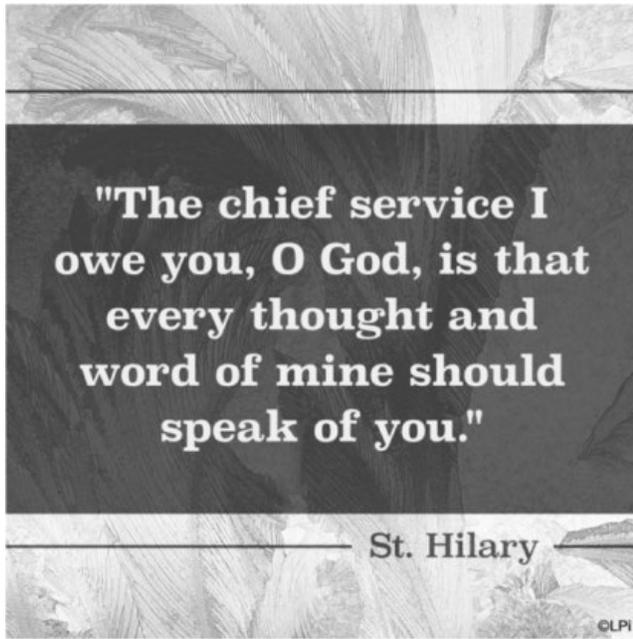
As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved with whom I am well pleased."

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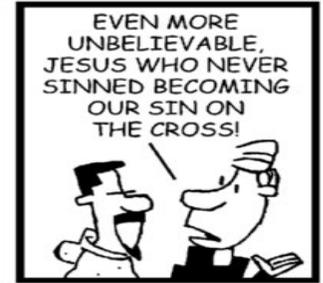
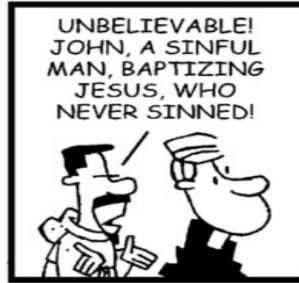


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BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Being with you through this holy season of Christmas, my first Christmas as a priest, was such a gift for me and I am grateful to our Father for each of you who made it a special time.

A friend recently asked me if I wish I had spent my three-week break from classes just around home and family. I replied that I had. Thank you for continuing to make this parish feel like home for me. I also added to my friend that being back here at the parish was very renewing for me in my young priesthood. It can be easy while studying to feel like nothing has really changed from what I've done my whole time in seminary: I still go to school, I still live in community, I still pray. There aren't many opportunities for pastoral ministry and offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass with a couple buddies celebrating with me is definitely not the same as offering it with a congregation of the faithful. Being here at St. Mary's and getting to pray with you and interact before/after Mass to catch up has reminded and renewed me in what I am about: that I am a priest and so I am given for you, God's beloved people, after the heart of our newborn Lord. While I am a priest and share in that gift wherever I am and whatever I do, you have reminded me this break that the priesthood is most fully lived and enjoyed when it is at the service of the faithful, building you up as the beloved sons and daughters of our Father that you are.

September-December was one thing, but January-late June/July is quite a bit longer of a break you get from me! My exams won't finish up until late June and then I will return to St. Mary's sometime shortly thereafter (assuming Fr. Rich doesn't change the locks on me!). Please know of my prayers for you while I'm away; I try to remember to offer Mass for the people of the parish once a week. Please keep me in your prayers, too. Summer can't come soon enough! Until then, let's together keep our eyes fixed in attentive adoration on the Word-made-flesh lying in the dirty straw of a manger, humbly and vulnerably reminding us that, no matter where we find ourselves, there is no darkness too deep to quell His desire to come to each of us and make us new – if only we let Him. Jesus is truly Emmanuel, God-with-us, even right here and now.

God bless you,
Fr. James Linkenheld



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The Baptism of Our Lord

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” (Luke 3:16)
 The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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January 9, 23, 30

9:15-10:30am



You are invited to
 come to Youth Group
 on Sunday

January 9, 6-8pm

Outdoor Games, Snacks, Fun

We will meet each week that there is RE
 Share with friends
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Adult Choir– TBA

Knights of Columbus Tuesday 2/1/22, 7:30pm

SVdP Society 1/20/22 8:30am

Prayer Shawl Ministry Tues 1/18/22 8:00am

Adoration– Fridays 8-9am No adoration 1/14

Youth Group Sunday 1/9/22 6-pm

Rosary January 22 Noon outside Rt 2

**Safe travels to Fr James Linkenheld.
 Please keep him in your prayers for a
 safe flight home to Rome.**

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News Upcoming Events

*Iris Nielson brought
Baby Jesus into the
manger on Christmas
Eve Mass*



Wednesday, January 26
5:30PM
St Mary, Byron



Saturday January 22 / Noon
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