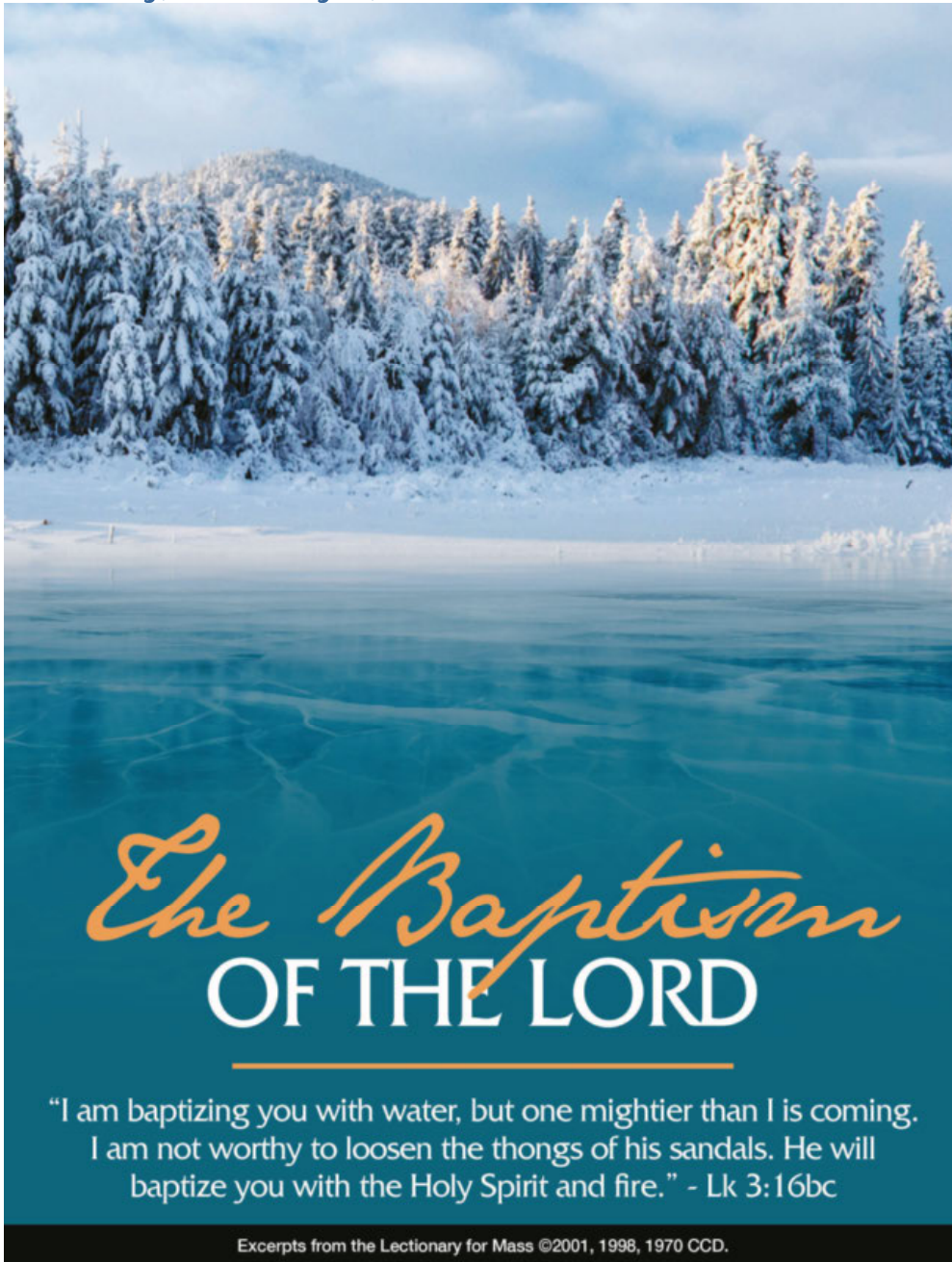


St. Isidore

The Farmer Catholic Parish

19812 E. 1000th Ave., Dieterich, IL 62424

Sunday, January 9, 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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Regular Mass Schedule

Times may differ on holy days; refer to ministry schedule/Mass Intentions

St. Aloysius Church (Bishop Creek)
19812 E. 1000th Ave.
Dieterich, IL 62424

Tuesday8:00 am
Wednesday.....6:00 pm
Friday.....8:00 am
Saturday6:00 pm
Sunday8:00 am

St. Joseph Church (Island Grove)
16987 N. 200th St.
Teutopolis, IL 62467

Thursday.....8:00 am
Sunday10:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Aloysius Church
Weekly.....9:00 am Tuesday
until 6:00 am Wednesday

St. Joseph Church
Weekly.....6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Monday

Parish Office

Office Phone.....217-925-5788
Fax Number217-925-5879

Answering Machines

Church Office217-925-5788
Rectory.....217-925-5579

Submit written bulletin notices by 9:00 am on Tuesday.

Parish Email: office@stisidore.dio.org

Diocesan website: www.dio.org

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number (217)321-1155

Parish News & Notes

From Fr. Frank

Good authors know that in any of their stories they have to introduce the characters about whom they are writing. That is especially the case when it comes to the principal character.

What is true in any good story is also true in the greatest story ever told, the story of Jesus.

In the Gospels of Christmas Day, Luke told us that Jesus was “Christ and Lord” while John proclaimed Jesus to be the Word who was “in the beginning with God” and the victorious light that shines undimmed by the darkness.

In the Gospel read on the Feast of the Holy Family, Luke revealed that, even as a boy of 12, Jesus was filled with a depth of wisdom and understanding that astounded the teachers in the Temple. He was like no other Jewish boy.

In the Gospel assigned for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, Luke revealed that the infant born in Bethlehem was given the name Jesus, meaning “God saves,” not by his parents but by the angel of God before he was conceived.

In the Gospel for the Epiphany of the Lord, Matthew told us that the birth of Jesus was heralded by a shining star that attracted magi to come with gifts for this “newborn king of the Jews.” The report of these Gentile pilgrims troubled Herod and all Jerusalem and set in motion plans for Jesus’ destruction.

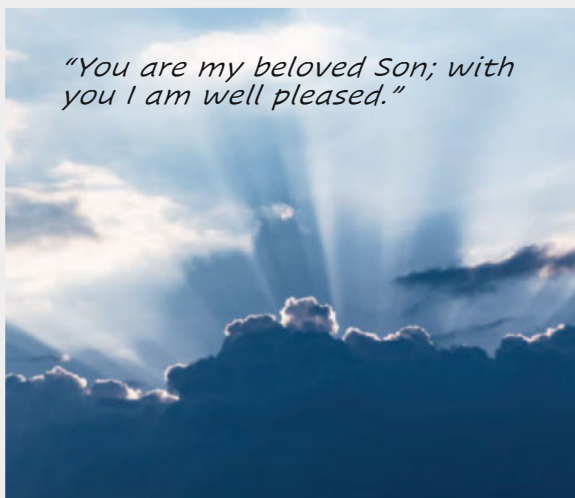
Then in this Sunday’s Gospel for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22), Luke summarizes what has been so far revealed about Jesus.

Luke makes it abundantly clear that this figure was unlike any other to walk the pages of the Bible or to walk the land of Judah.

Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, filled with the Holy Spirit of God, and God’s “beloved Son” with whom the Father was well pleased.

We have been reminded that as we hear of him forgiving sinners, healing the sick, opening the eyes of the blind, driving out demons, and feeding the hungry, we will be seeing the compassion and mercy of God in action.

We have been reminded that in Jesus we have a window into the very heart of God.



“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Office Staff

Pastor: Fr. Frank Folino, OFM

Office secretary: Ruth Dust

Pastoral Council: Matt Brummer, Lori Bierman, Joe Meinhart, Dan Kocher, Sam Bierman, Jodi Locey, Cheryl Zacha, Emily Uthell, Chris Probst

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Funeral Ministry: Phyllis Jansen, Ron & Irene Donsbach (Bishop/Dieterich), Bernice Probst, Cris Bierman (Grove)

Sacramental Celebrations

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, after the 8:00 am Mass (B)

Thursday, after 8:00 am Mass (G)

Saturday, 4:45 pm (B)

Sunday, after 10:00 am Mass (G)

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance with the Pastor. Couples are required to attend a Pre-Cana session and a Natural Family Planning (NFP) class. FOCCUS is required and will be done with Fr. Frank for those doing marriage preparation with him.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held during Mass and are not scheduled during Advent and Lent. Call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Parents seeking Baptism for their child must be a registered parishioner for at least six months prior to the Baptism. Non-parishioners would need a letter from their pastor giving permission to have the Baptism at St. Isidore Parish.

A one time attendance to a Baptism Prep. Class is required before baptism. Godparents (not members of St. Isidore Parish) are required to have a letter from their pastor stating they are a *Catholic in Good Standing*. A copy of the child's birth certificate, sponsor names and sponsor forms are to be submitted to the office before a baptism. This is so all records can be kept as accurate as possible.

Sponsors

Please contact the parish office if you have been asked to be a sponsor and are needing a letter stating that you are an active Catholic. You will need to have been a member of St. Isidore Parish for 6 months to receive this letter.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Articles for bulletins must be submitted by 9:00 am on the Tuesday before the weekend unless noted otherwise.

Parish Calendar

January 9 - 16

Church Hours

St. Aloysius church is open daily—7 am to 8 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays at St. Joseph 6 pm to 8 pm

Tuesdays at St. Aloysius
from 9 am Tuesday to 6 am Wednesday

Weekday and Weekend Masses

Refer to front cover of bulletin & to Ministry Schedule (p. 6)

Sunday, Jan. 9 - The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday School resumes

Wednesday, Jan. 12 - PSR 6:45 to 8:00 PM

Sunday, Jan. 16 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

NO Sunday School

St. Isidore Offerings

Saturday & Sunday, December 25 & 26, 2021

Regular Envelopes (87) \$ 6,340.00

Loose Change \$ 1,351.00

Total \$ 7,691.00

Building Fund \$ 740.00

Religious Retirement Fund \$ 30.00

Children's Home \$ 1,086.00

Christmas Offering (89) \$ 8,165.00

Sunday, December 25 & 26, 2021

Regular Envelopes (72) \$ 4,350.00

Loose Change \$ 520.00

Total \$ 4,870.00

Building Fund \$ 420.00

Picnic \$ 100.00

Children's Home \$ 225.00

Catholic Times \$ 40.00

Christmas Offering \$ 485.00

Solemnity of Mary \$ 780.00

First Offering \$ 690.00

Thank you for your generous support!

How to Continue Giving

- mail your check to the parish office or drop it off at the parish office
- **Donate online**—use the online giving link. Go to: dio.org scroll down and click on the online giving link OR <http://parishgiving.dio.org/stisidoredieterich> follow the steps to give (3% transaction fee applies.)
- **NEW!** Arrange for auto-pay on a weekly, bimonthly, or monthly basis. *No fee* charged for this option. Contact the office if you are interested!

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Aloysius Church

9:00 am Tuesday to 6:00 am Wednesday

St. Joseph Church

Monday from 6—8 pm



Baptism

We welcome a new member to our family of faith:

Baptized January 2, 2022

Mason Henry Meinhart

Son of Ryan & Amy (nee Zumbachlen) Meinhart

Congratulations!

*A baby is a little bit of heaven sent
down to earth.*

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CCW Ladies' Christmas Party

ALL ladies of the parish are invited to attend the

St. Isidore Parish CCW Christmas Party

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Immaculate Conception Hall

Happy hour 6:30PM

Catered dinner 7PM



Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, Jan. 23

The Youth Ministry will serve coffee and donuts following the Sunday morning Masses at Bishop and Grove. Proceeds will go to the Family Life Center and FOCUS ministries (FOCUS ministers to college students).

The Youth Ministry is reminded to help with this event.

Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to celebrate the Sanctity of Life at St Michael the Archangel in Sigel on Monday Jan 17. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. James Flach will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm mass. The business meeting will follow in the grade school. Refreshments will be served while current legislation and local pro-life events are discussed.

Adopt-a-Christmas Poinsettia Program

The poinsettias used in the Christmas decorations at Bishop will be placed in the annex as of the weekend of January 15/16.

Please feel free to take one home.



Right to Life Breakfast - Sun., Jan. 16, 2022

The Effingham Area Right to Life Breakfast will be held at the Teutopolis Banquet (KC) Hall from 7AM to 12:30PM with inside dining. Sausage, eggs, sweet breads, and drinks will be served. A quilt raffle and 50/50 raffle will be held. For donations of breads and to volunteer, please text Susan Vogt at 217-663-2084.

March for Life in Springfield - Fri., Jan. 21, 2022

The ADULT and YOUTH registration and information paper is in the entrance of church. Mass with Bishop Paprocki at Cathedral at 10AM, March to the Capitol and back. Leaving Effingham Events Center (KC hall) on charter bus at 7:30am and returning 4:00pm. More important details in the registration paper. Deadline **Jan 10**.

Questions? Contact Diann Ruholl (217-663-2056)

Monthly Church Cleaning

Attention Parishioners of St. Aloysius! In order to make things a bit simpler, Bishop church is now going to follow Grove and keep monthly cleaners the same every year with the exception of any specific necessary changes.



The list from last year will be the "Master" list for now and can be found in the back of the church. If you need to adjust your month from last year - or sign up because you weren't able to last year - please make the change and we will type a clean list moving forward.

Thanks again for all you do for the Parish community!

Looking for Something To Do?

We have just the thing!

No experience necessary - All tools and items provided
All ages welcome - Coffee and donuts! (What could be better??)

Rosary making from 9-11am on Tuesday, Jan 11 at the home of Luke and Julia Thoele
10447 N 1775th Rd
Effingham, IL 62401

9-10:15 Rosary making 10:15 Pray the Rosary

There are hopes of making this a monthly event. Rosaries will be shared locally and nationally.

Call or text Julia at 815-429-0158 or email at juliathoele@gmail.com with any questions.

Bring a friend!

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Poster Exhibit - Blessed Carlo Acutis

At every Mass, a miracle occurs. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ordinary bread and wine become the Sacred Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ! The priest says the words of consecration in the Eucharistic prayer "This is My Body... This is My Blood." Do we really believe this change happens? Do we trust Jesus enough to believe in His words?



To help our unbelief, Our Lord has allowed Eucharistic miracles to take place throughout the world. When doubts creep in, we can look to these miracles and remember that God wants to help us in those times of unbelief.

Many books and other resources have been written about these miraculous events. One such resource was developed recently by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young boy from Milan who died at the age of 15 in 2005. When Blessed Carlo Acutis was alive, he showed great interest in helping others renew their faith. In his zeal to promote the teachings of the Eucharist, a poster exhibit of documented Eucharistic miracles was created.

This poster exhibit will be on display for several weeks at the St. Aloysius Parish Hall beginning in *mid-January thru the first week of February*. Hours to view this poster display will be available in the upcoming weeks. Volunteers may be needed to sit with the poster exhibit on weekends. Please consider how you might participate or volunteer with this effort.

PSR & Youth Ministry Notes & News

IMPORTANT PSR NOTES AND EVENTS

Teacher Positions – Catechists are still needed for the 2nd half of the school year. Positions available include the following...

1st grade - 1 teacher 2nd grade – 1 teacher

PSR Classes Resume

Wednesday evening classes resumed on January 5, 2022.

Sunday School classes resume January 9, 2022.

Bishop Grade 2 – Reconciliation (1st Meeting)

Parent Meeting - Mon., Jan. 10 @ 6:30 pm - St. Aloysius Parish Hall

This meeting will last approximately one hour. Topics for the meeting include Forgiven: Session 1 & General Information about Confirmation/First Communion at the Cathedral. Both parents should plan to attend this meeting. Students do not need to attend.

Reconciliation Date is set for Mon., Jan. 24, 2022 @ 6:30 pm.

Grove Grade 2 – Reconciliation (2nd Meeting)

Parent Meeting – Wed., Jan 12 @ 6:45 pm @ Grove Hall

This meeting will last the full PSR time. We will complete Session 2 & 3 of the Forgiven series on FORMED. Both parents are encouraged to attend.

Class Mass Schedule

Sun., Jan. 9 - Bishop – Grade 5; Grove – Grade 5/6

Sun., Jan 16 - Bishop – Grade 6

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

Sun., Jan. 23 – Coffee & Donuts @ Bishop & Grove

Sat., Jan. 29 – Pizza & Line Dancing

Diocese of Springfield Illinois March for Life 2022

Effingham Area Right-to-Life is sponsoring a chartered bus from Effingham to attend the Mass & March for Life in Springfield IL on Fri., Jan. 21, 2022. 7th grade thru college age students and adults are welcome to attend. Cost for the trip is one bag of size 5 or 6 diapers plus \$30 payable to Diann Ruholl. The bus will load at the Effingham Event Center (formerly the KC Hall) at 7:30 am and return the same day at approximately 4 pm. Be sure to eat breakfast before boarding the bus. Bring a sack lunch for the ride home. Registration forms will be available in the vestibule of both St. Aloysius and St. Joseph churches. Completed forms are due to Diann by Jan. 10.

Calling All Young Artists – Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) has an annual Christmas Art Contest competition for students from K-8th grade. General information and entry form can be found at: [MCA Artwork Contest Entry Form \(missio.org\)](#). Deadline for artwork is Jan 31, 2022.

CD of A 2022 Education Contest

Catholic Daughters of America are offering the National Educational Contest for students in Grade 4-12 and adults. There are two themes to choose from this year: "With God All Things Are Possible" or "Where is God in My Life When I am Struggling?". Entries for grades 4 – 12 may be in the form of essay, poetry, computer art, music and/or photography. Entries for the adult division include poetry, art and/or photography. Guidelines and entry forms may be found on the weekly PSR email or in vestibule of either St. Aloysius or St. Joseph churches. Entries should be in the PSR office by Wednesday, January 12.

Eucharistic Miracles Poster Display

Wednesday evening is the perfect time for parents to view the Eucharistic miracles display. St. Aloysius Parish Hall will be open from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Display will also be open during the week from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm and after Masses on the weekend. Dates for this display are January 11 – February 7, 2022.

(PSR Notes continued on page 5)

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FORMED

The Chris Stefanick Show: Interview with General Kevin Chilton -

Enjoy this interview with General and former NASA Astronaut Kevin Chilton, who also takes his Catholic faith and upbringing very seriously. <https://watch.formed.org/stefanick/videos/the-chris-stefanick-show-general-kevin-chilton>

Unprotected - This video makes the connection between the acceptance of "the pill" and the issues families and the world face today. Mature audiences only. Mary, Queen of Families, pray for us. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/unprotected>

If you have not yet signed into our parish subscription of FORMED, please follow these directions. Go to www.FORMED.org. Click "Sign Up". Choose "I belong to a parish." Go to parish name and type "62424". Select "St Isidore Parish". Click "Next". Enter your name and email address. Click "Sign Up". There will be an authentication email to verify. Once these steps are complete, you and your family can browse through the many Catholic movie or audio options. Enjoy!

Meals on Wheels Schedule

Jan. 18 - 21: Immaculate Conception, Dieterich
Please call Michelle Kuhl if you can help (618-686-2092)

Jan. 31 - Feb. 4: St. Joseph, Island Grove

Feb. 7 - 11: St. Aloysius, Bishop

Natural Family Planning (NFP)

Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022 / 9:30—11:00 am via WebEx
Saturday, Feb 26, 2022 / 2:00 - 3:30 pm at St. Francis church
To register, please contact Kate Pruemmer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemmer@gmail.com.

Baptism Class

Thursday, Feb. 3—St. Rose (217-924-4553)
Thursday, Mar. 3—St. Francis in Clare Hall (217-961-6404)
Tuesday, April 5—St. Isidore (217-821-9178)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Save the Date!

February 13, 2022 - 2:30 PM

Join Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski at the Cathedral Basilica of St.

Louis, MO to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony on World Marriage Day!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce that an **IN-PERSON** Experience will be held locally in Springfield, IL at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Center the weekend of March 18-20, 2022!

Early registration is suggested due to limited space. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants.

For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.



What's Happening...

UPCOMING Events

Every Friday: SonRise Meeting—St. Anthony Parish Center
Coffee is on at 6AM, prayer begins at 6:30AM
Meetings held every Friday. Register online at TMIY.org or call St. Anthony Parish Office at 217-347-7129.

Tues., January 11: CCW Ladies' Christmas Party - Dieterich
Held at Immaculate Conception Hall - Festivities begin at 6:30 PM
Sign up sheets in back of both churches.

Sun., January 16: Right to Life Breakfast - Teutopolis
Held at the Teutopolis Banquet (KC) Hall from 7AM to 12:30PM with inside dining. A quilt raffle and 50/50 raffle will be held. For donations of breads and to volunteer, please text Susan Vogt at 217-663-2084.

Fri., January 21: Pro-Life March - Springfield
Leaving Effingham Events Center (KC hall) on charter bus at 7:30am and returning 4:00pm. Registration papers in both churches.
Sign up deadline: **January 10.**

Sun., January 23: Coffee & Donuts - Bishop & Grove
Served by the Youth Group after 8AM & 10AM Mass. Free will donation - all proceeds go to Family Life Center and FOCUS.

Sat., February 19: Trivia Night - St. Thomas, Newton
Cost: \$160 per team of 8 adults (age 21 and over)
Space is limited so sign up early! **Sign up deadline: Feb. 5**
Forms can be found at the back of both churches.
For more info, contact St. Thomas School - 618-783-3517

Sat., Jan. 29: Wine Tasting - St. Thomas Church, Newton
Newton KC Hall - 5:30 PM. Quilt raffle and auction of various drink baskets at 8 PM. Admission: \$10/person. Come out and enjoy wines from around the world, specialty drinks, and delicious hors d'oeuvres!

A big thank you to the St. Isidore CCW and especially Betty Drees for the donation of a beautiful Christmas quilt (made by Betty) to the Newton Family Life Center! The raffle was a great success, making \$1,000, and the winner was Sandy Meinhart (John's)!
Thank you so much to all who purchased tickets to make the fundraiser a success.



Say What?! The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Poster Exhibit developed by Blessed Carlos Acutis is coming to St. Aloysius?!



FANTASTIC! What a wonderful opportunity to reaffirm our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, to encourage trust in Jesus' words of this truth, and to reawaken our awareness of the miraculous transformation of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ at every Mass. **Incidentally**, new additions to our parish library will be shelved during the first week of January, too! Both books complement the Poster Exhibit: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Understanding what we say and do in the Liturgy by Edward Sri and A Devotional Journey into the Mass (How Mass can become a time of Grace, Nourishment, and Devotion) by Christopher Carstens. **Check them out** and dive deeper into 'the most amazing event on earth' as Sri explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the Liturgy and explains their profound significance, while Carstens teaches eight simple ways to make every Mass a joyful time of piety and intense devotion through his explanations of the spiritual meanings behind the signs and symbols, words, and actions of the Mass.

Ministry Schedule

If you cannot be present for your assignment, you are responsible for getting a substitute.

Thursday, January 13 at 8:00 am St. Joseph Church
 Lector..... Bernice Probst
 Sacristan.....Mary Ann Bierman
 Saturday, January 15 at 6:00 pm..... St. Aloysius Church
 Lector.....Judy Goeckner
 Comm.....Judy (Tony) Brummer, Jan Probst
 Sacristan..... Donna Lueken
 Organist.....Leo Niemerg
 Servers Carly Funneman, Allie & Melanie Uthell
 Gifts Paul Brummer Family
 Ushers Matt Brummer, Tim Brummer
 Mark Brummer, Adam Donsbach

Sunday, January 16 at 8:00 am St. Aloysius Church
 Lector.....Grade 6
 Comm..... Noreen Beckman, Cindy Zumbahlen
 Sacristan..... Phyllis Jansen
 Organist..... Gina Niemerg
 CantorMaria Probst
 ServersGrade 6
 GiftsGrade 6
 GreetersGrade 6
 Ushers Ken Brummer, Ron Donsbach
Justin Probst, Earl Probst

Sunday, January 16 at 10:00 am St. Joseph Church
 Lector..... Carol Cohorst
 Comm..... Carol Cohorst
 Sacristan..... Jesse Jansen
 Organist & Cantor..... Chloe Jansen
 ServersVirgil & Lucie Jansen, Keith Hoelscher
 Gifts Jonathan Frohning Family
 UshersGeorge Cohorst, Ted Einhorn

Men’s Committee


St. Aloysius—January - Joe Meinhart, Pete Grimes, Dan Kocher, Stan Habing, Bill Goeckner, Brian Bohnhoff, Tim Probst, Paul Brummer, Doug Kinkelaar, Keith Probst, Bob Lueken

St Joseph—January - Mark Mammoser, Barney Probst, Neil Bierman, Paul Meinhart, Doug Mammoser, Dave Jansen

Church Cleaning


St. Aloysius Church—January - Sue Thoele, Cindy Drees, Karla Slifer, Lisa Bohnhoff, Shelly Beckman, Ruth Dust

St. Joseph Church—January - Emily Esker, Anita Emmerich, Lori Probst, Brenda Salyers, Cindy Einhorn



Brad Robards, Stuart Stephenson, Jessica Spiker, John & Theresa Flinn, Steve Zumbahlen, Marilyn June Hartke, Roger Thoele, Alice Swingler, Mike Bierman, Carol Gapsis, Judy McClellan, Larry Emmerich, Pauline Repking

Please remember in your prayers these men and women serving to defend our country and our freedom.



Matthew Kocher, Anthony Vahling, Colin Beckman, Devin Mette, Nick Bierman, Randy Brummer, Jesse Koester, Tom Bierman

Men’s Committee Lists
 Copies of the Men’s Committee List are in back of both churches. Please feel free to pick up a copy. Thanks for all your hard work!



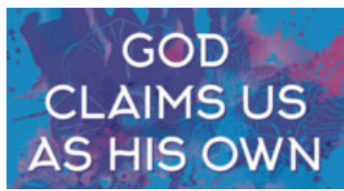
Tuesday, January 11, 8:00 am: Bob Zumbahlen & Amy Tolch
 Wednesday, January 12, 6:00 pm: Special Intention
 Thursday, January 13, 8:00 am: Frank Reis, Jr.
 Friday, January 14, 8:00 am: Judy Broom
 Saturday, January 15, 6:00 pm: St. Isidore Parishioners
 Sunday, January 16, 8:00 am: Ken Probst
 Sunday, January 16, 10:00 am: Kim Smithenry

If you want a Mass intention for someone (living or deceased), please call the church office. The stipend for the Mass is \$10.

For Sunday, January 9, 2022
The Baptism of the Lord

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.



Family Births

A fourth grader was at his desk composing a report on anatomy for his class. At a loss for an appropriate introduction, he laid his pen down and sought out his mother who was in the kitchen preparing supper. Without warning, he asked, “Mother, how was I born?”

Mother, of course, knew that this questions about human reproduction was inevitable, but she was not prepared to deal with it while cooking supper. So she put him off with the old tale, “The stock brought you.” The boy nodded and moved to the living room where his grandmother was knitting.

Again without warning, he asked, “Grandma, how was my mother born?” Not wanted to create waves, she said, “The stork brought your mother.”

And you, Grandma?” “The same,” she replied. He thanked her and returned to his desk and wrote, “According to my research, there hasn’t been a normal birth in our family for three generations.”



“If we go on answering hate with hate, how will hate ever end?”

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March For Life ²⁰²²

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS



WHEN: January 21, 2022
WHO: 7th - 12th Graders
 College Students
 Adults
WHAT: MASS MARCH TO THE CAPITOL

WHY: Because together we can create a world where the beauty and dignity of every human life is valued.

REGISTER: Coming soon
WHERE: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
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