

January 10th, 2021  
Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord



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**Mass Schedule:**

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am  
Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 3:30 pm  
or by appointment

**Baptism**

Parish membership is required.  
Baptismal preparation for parents  
and sponsors is held monthly. Pre  
-registration is required. Contact  
the Parish Office for more  
information.

**Marriage**

Parish membership is required.  
Arrangements need to be made a  
minimum of six months prior to  
the wedding date. Please contact  
Fr. Robert.

**Anointing of the Sick**

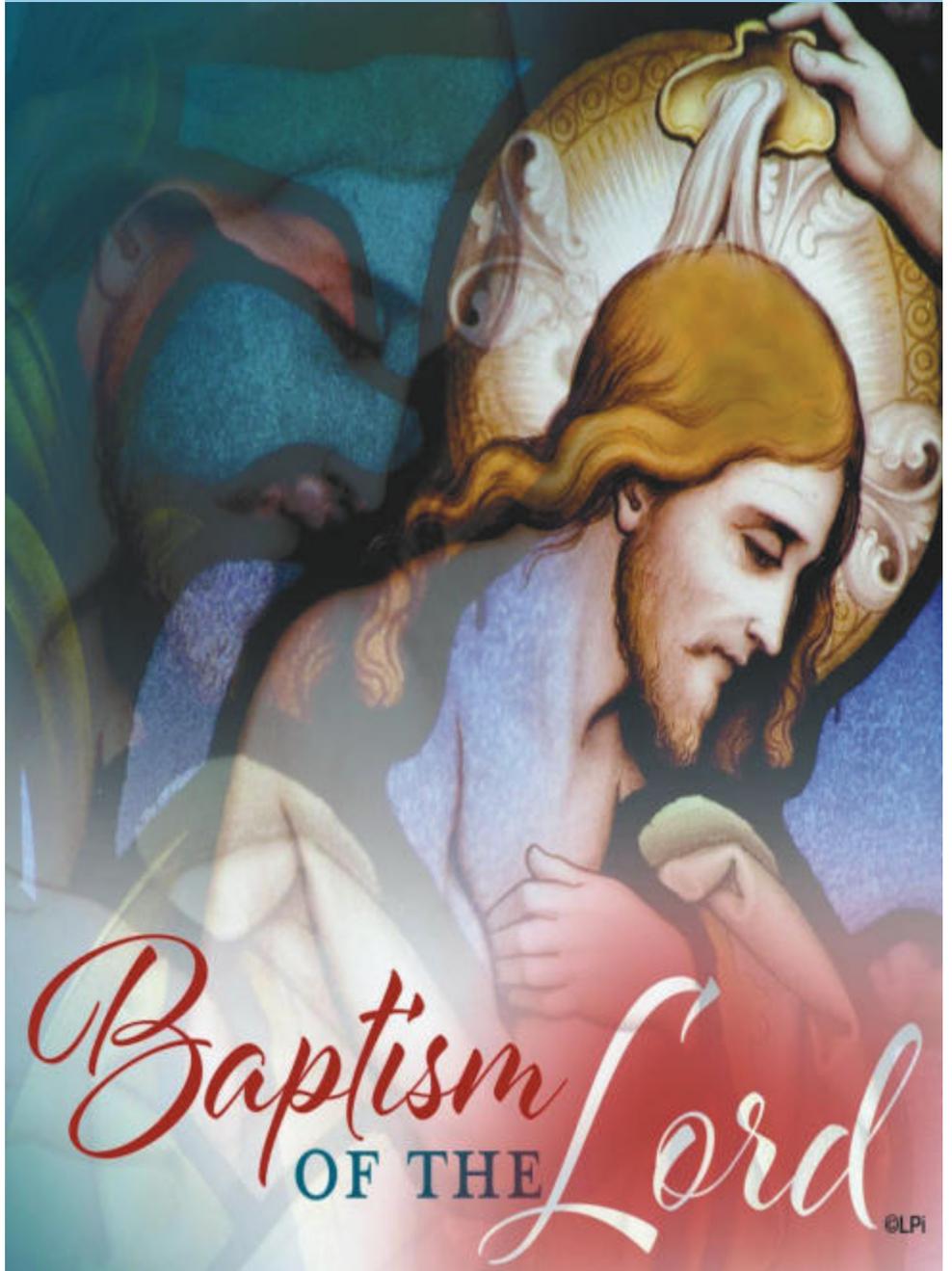
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Patrick H. Vanderburgh, D. Min  
President



### PHASE ONE COMPLETED BELL TOWER

The church bells from the old St. Stephen's on Howell Ave have now been refurbished to their original beauty. The large bell is dedicated to St. Stephen, the middle size bell to the Blessed Mother, and the smaller bell to St. Peter. They will remain in the back of the Church while the planning and fundraising continues into PHASE TWO; that being, choosing a bell tower design that complements the architecture of our new church, to include landscaping and possibly some kind of brick memorial campaign. PHASE THREE will include the actual construction and completion of the Bell Tower so that the bells will ring once again when we celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on or near Pentecost 2022! What a glorious day that will be! Thank you to all who have already contributed to the Bell Tower Fund which allowed us to proceed to this point.

### He Is The One

Jesus is the Word made Flesh. Jesus is the Bread of Life. Jesus is the Victim offered for our sins on the Cross. Jesus is the Sacrifice offered at the Holy Mass for the sins of the world and mine.

Jesus is the Word— to be spoken.

Jesus is the Truth— to be told.

Jesus is the Way— to be walked.

Jesus is the Light— to be lit.

Jesus is the Life— to be lived.

Jesus is the Love— to be loved.

Jesus is the Joy— to be shared.

Jesus is the Sacrifice— to be offered.

Jesus is the Peace— to be given.

Jesus is the Bread of Life— to be eaten.

Jesus is the Hungry— to be fed.

Jesus is the Thirsty— to be satiated.

Jesus is the Naked— to be clothed.

Jesus is the Homeless— to be taken in.

Jesus is the Sick— to be healed.

Jesus is the Lonely— to be loved.

By: Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Saint Teresa of Calcutta († 1997) founded the Missionaries of Charity and won the Nobel Peace Prize.

### MORTGAGE UPDATE

Current Balance: \$363,723

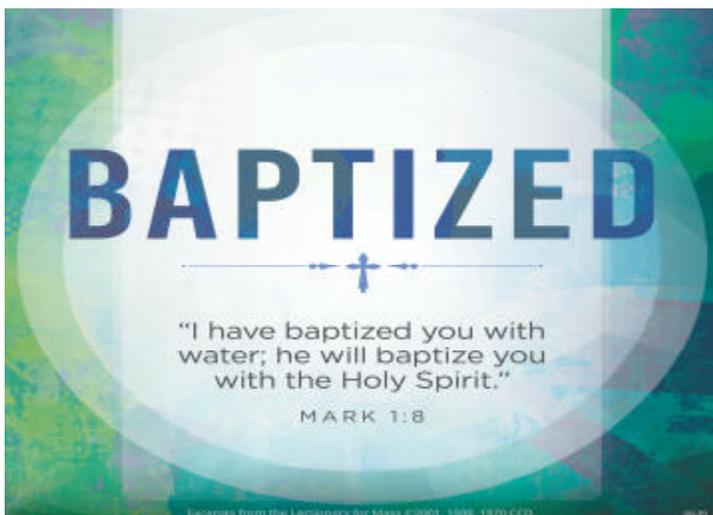
December Principal Pymt: \$13,113

December Interest Pymt: \$1,193

Total December Pymt: \$14,306

### IN THE INTERIM

Until we find a qualified candidate to fill our DRE Director of Religious Education position, we are seeking a very part paid position or a volunteer that could work as a communication assistant for our religious education program. Mostly answering emails, phone messages, sending our information to parents and students as needed, requesting necessary paperwork and forms be completed. The calendar and programming has already been set for the calendar year until June 2021. So much of the needed help would be in simple tasks and relaying any necessary information obtained from staff or catechists. Please help us in the interim if you are able. Thank you. Please call the office or speak to Father Robert if interested.





Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

January 10, 2021

## The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 | Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 |  
Mk 1:7-11

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Those of us who are parents or godparents remember fondly the day of our child or godchild's baptism. I remember feeling the warmth from the congregation and from extended family and friends as they joined us in welcoming our beloved infant into Christ's Church. The smell of the chrism from the anointing of his head with oil, and the sound of the flowing waters served as visceral reminders of our precious child's birth into new, divine life with Jesus. Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we give thanks to Jesus, who at his baptism immersed himself into the enormous weight of humanity's sinfulness [while of course remaining sinless himself]. Marking the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus' baptism is the foundation for our own, inviting us to become God's own sons and daughters "in whom he is well pleased." Just as the Spirit descended upon Jesus and anointed him, the Spirit descends on us at our baptism, empowering us to follow Jesus' example and build up the kingdom of God.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Water and oil are two of the symbols of baptism, a third is the white garment [sometimes a bib placed over a small child] worn by the one being baptized. I know of a pastoral associate who embroiders the name and date of baptism on the white garments of every child or infant baptized at her large parish. As we read in the *catechism*, "The white garment symbolizes that the person baptized has 'put on Christ,' has risen with Christ." (1243) Gratitude is the proper disposition to thinking about our baptism, and the ones who brought us to it. How might our lives be different, and richer, if each morning, as we dress for the day, we pray in gratitude for the ability, and what it means, to, "put on Christ" in our daily lives?

**ACT** Express gratitude. Are your parents and godparents still alive? If so, call them or send a card thanking them for their presence at your baptism, and assure them of your prayers. If they are not alive, perhaps think of one or two people who have been there for you in your life as instruments of God's grace. And then extend your gratitude to them.

## Readings for the week of January 10th

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/  
Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is  
12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf.  
7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/  
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/  
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk  
1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf.  
7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/  
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a,  
9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/  
Jn 1:35-42



### Monday, January 11th

Nothing scheduled at this time

### Tuesday, January 12th

9:00am Food Pantry

### Wednesday, January 13th

6:00pm Edge Grades K-5

### Thursday, January 14th

9:00am Food Pantry

### Friday, January 15th

Nothing scheduled at this time

### Saturday, January 16th

9:00am 1st Reconciliation

### Sunday, January 17th

9:00am Confirmation

9:00am Life Teen

**January 10th**  
**Baptism of The Lord**

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

*Mass Intentions*

**Tuesday, January 12th**

8:00am † Alfred Caminata

**Wednesday, January 13th**

8:00am † Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, January 14th**

8:00am † Sylvia Koepf

**Friday, January 15th**

8:00am † John & Stephanie Udziela

**Saturday, January 16th**

4:30pm † Michael & Theresa Gursky

**Sunday, January 17th**

8:30 am † Frank Haybeck

10:30am † John Kabacinski

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