

January 9th
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

Please contact the Parish
Office



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Religious Education Children Preparing For Christmas Pageant



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Baby Bottle Campaign

The St. Stephen Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign, which benefits pro-life causes, will run from January 8th through January 30th.

How you can participate:

- Pick up a baby bottle after mass the weekends of January 8th/9th or January 15th/16th.
- Fill the baby bottle with coins, bills, or checks made payable to the Knights of Columbus.
- Return your baby bottle before or after mass the weekend of January 29th/30th.
- 100% of the money raised will be donated to pro-life groups in the Milwaukee area.
- Last year's campaign raised \$3,500 and that money was contributed to the Women's Care Center and Milwaukee Birthright.
- Our goal is to surpass last year's total raised so please join in.

ANOTHER BLESSING!

Our Burn the Mortgage events are reaping the fruit of our labors. The Christian Women's Bazaar, the Tenderloin Dinner, the Sweet Shoppe, and continued donations by you, the faithful, we were able to make another \$20,000 payment to the Principal Only of our mortgage. Soon, and very soon, there will be dancing in the streets (or at least the narthex)! Thanks to all who helped to make this happen!

IN GRATITUDE!

Many thanks to all of you who so kindly sent those wonderful Christmas cards, along with gifts and goodies! Thank you! Fr. Robert

We Are Looking for
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or "In Memory" of a beloved family member

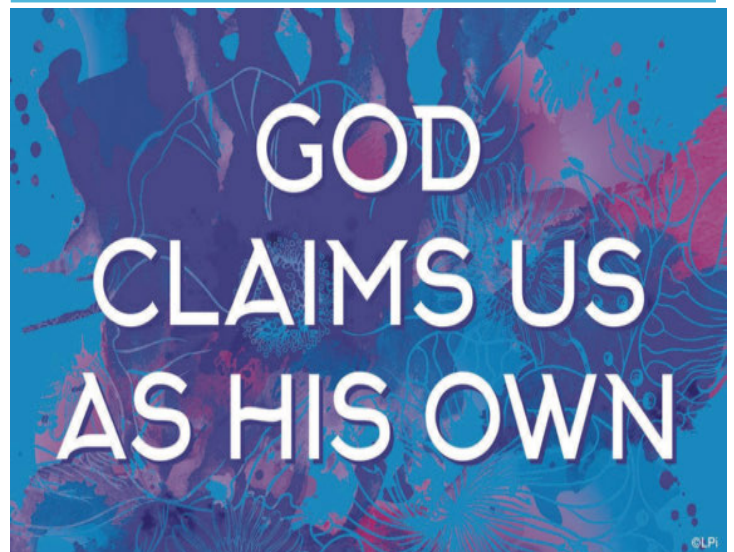
There are different size ads which vary in price:

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It would be great to see

your family's name in our booklet!

Contact: Julie (414) 764-2791



The 316 Personal Care packages were distributed in December and we are receiving several thank you notes and cards from many of the assisted living residents. The St. Stephen parishioners' support and generosity continue to reach out into our community. MANY THANKS!

Here are just a few of the comments we have received:

- **"We really loved our great bag of gifts. Thank you so much." Paul**
- **"Thank you so much for thinking of the residents here." Monica**
- **"Thank you for all the wonderful things you did." Florence**
- **"Many thanks for your generosity. I so appreciated it." Mary**
- **"Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You made Christmas much brighter for all of us here." Veronica**

Readings for the week of January 9th, 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

Observances for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Tuesday, January 11th

9:00am Food Pantry
9:30am Hunger Task Force Delivery

Wednesday, January 12th

Nothing scheduled at this time

Thursday, January 13th

9:00am Food Pantry
12:00pm Sheepshead
5:30pm Finance Committee

Friday, January 14th

Nothing scheduled at this time

Saturday, January 15th

Nothing scheduled at this time

Sunday, January 16th

8:15am Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:30am Catholic Women Meeting

January 9th

The Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord

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.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 11th

8:00am † Ernest Bey

Wednesday, January 12th

8:00am † Louis Straszewski

Thursday, January 13th

8:00am † Clara Patrick

Friday, January 14th

8:00am † Mary Bey

Saturday, January 15th

4:30pm † Joe & Elaine Janicek

Sunday, January 16th

8:30 am † For the people

10:30am † Kenneth Durkee

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