

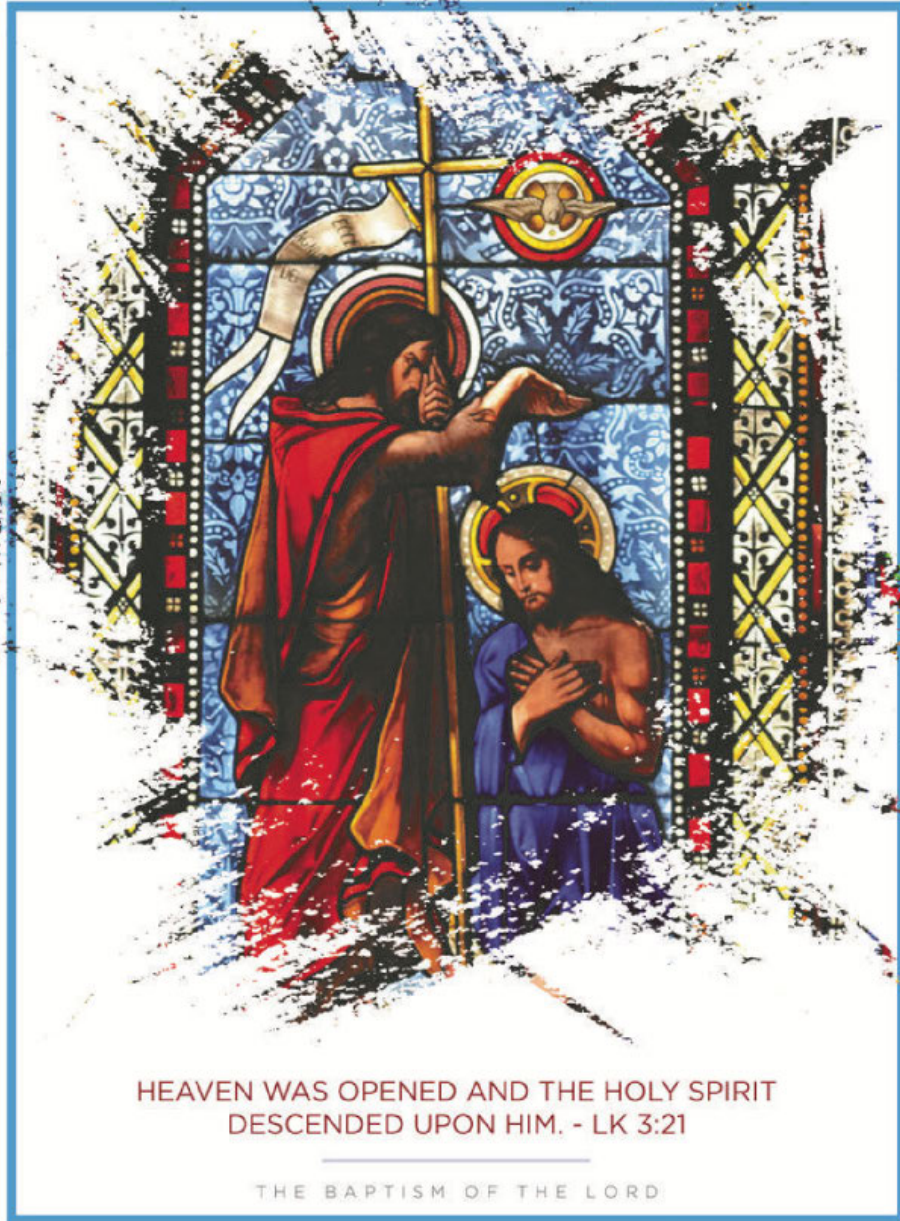
# SAINT MARY

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## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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### ST MARY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday ..... 7:00 am  
 Tuesday ..... 5:30 pm  
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday ..... 7:00 am  
 Saturday ..... 8:00 am  
 Weekend Mass  
 Saturday ..... 4:00 pm  
 Sunday ..... 6:30 & 8:00 am

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Saturday after Morning Mass  
 Saturday ..... 3:00 until 3:45 pm

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### NATIVITY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday ..... 8:00 am  
 Friday ..... 8:00 am  
 Weekend Mass  
 Saturday ..... 4:00 pm  
 Sunday ..... 9:45 am

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday ..... 3:00 until 3:45 pm

January 9, 2022  
*The Baptism of the Lord*

## 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.

January 9 Sunday	The Baptism of the Lord Food pantry Weekend, St. Mary
January 11 Tuesday	7:30 Holy Name Meeting, Nativity BVM
January 12 Wednesday	6:30 pm Rosary at Nativity BVM
January 13 Thursday	7:30 Knights of Columbus Meeting Bishop O’Neill Center
January 15-16 Sat./Sun.	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## COUNTRY FAIR UPDATE

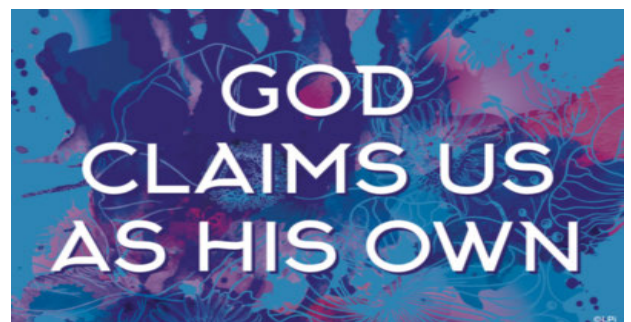
Thank you to all who volunteered at the Galena Country Fair. We recently reported that St. Mary Parish received a check for \$240 for those individuals who helped out. That actually was the Nativity BVM check. St. Mary Parish received \$1,245. Thank you to all who volunteered from both parishes!

## THANK YOU

St. Mary Parish received a thank you note from Dubuque County Right to Life for our tithe donation of \$378.17. The money helps toward educational efforts in many ways; pro-life materials for use by churches, schools and community groups; subsidizing the appearance of nationally known pro-life speakers; staffing and operating their office.

## ST. MARY SUNDAY ENVELOPES

St. Mary parishioners will be receiving the envelopes for February and March in the next few weeks. Included will be two envelopes for the Altar & Rosary Society. There will be an envelope for dues, which are \$10. There will also be an envelope for their annual fund raiser, the bakeless bake sale. If you do not receive envelopes, you may put a plain envelope in the collection and mark it dues or bakeless bake sale. Thanks to all who support the Altar & Rosary Society.



## MASS INTENTIONS - ST. MARY

Monday, January 10

7:00 AM Jim Trannel (Mary Lu Leibold)

Tuesday, January 11

5:30 PM Lucille & Don Jackson (Family)

Wednesday, January 12

7:00 AM Geri O'Connor (Sheehan Ins. Agency)

Thursday, January 13, St. Hilary, Bishop

7:00 AM Merlin Hilby (Family)

Friday, January 14

7:00 AM Albie Sendt (Kelly & Mark Puls)

Saturday, January 15

8:00 AM Jim Trannel (Kelly & Mark Puls)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 15

4:00 PM Delores Ginter (Family Friends)

Sunday, January 16

6:30 AM St. Mary & Nativity BVM Parishioners

8:00 AM Faye Overhouse (Family)

### LITURGICAL & VOTIVE MEMORIALS

The Blessed Mother & St. Joseph Candles are lit this week in memory of †Dennis Funke (Tammy & Scott Heim).

The Eucharistic Bread and Wine being used this week is given in memory of †Jack Splinter (Tammy & Scott Heim).

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Weekdays, January 10-15

Server, Lector..... Tom Francois, Kathy Herting

4PM SATURDAY, January 15

EM/MC..... Deacon Doug

Lector.....Pat Lange

Servers.....Mike Bigelow, Wyatt Foley

6:30AM SUNDAY, January 16

EM/MC.....Deacon Jamie

Lector.....Kathy Herting

Server.....John Herting

8:00 AM SUNDAY, January 16

EM/MC..... Deacon Doug

Lector.....Jerry Rust

Servers..... Luke & Thomas Williams

### OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

For December 25, 2021

Total Received.....\$6,056.00

For December 26, 2021

Total Received.....\$5,354.00

## MASS INTENTIONS - NBVM

Monday, January 10

No Mass

Tuesday, January 11

No Mass

Wednesday, January 12

8:00 AM Merlin Heitkamp (Linda Heitkamp)

Thursday, January 13, St. Hilary, Bishop

No Mass

Friday, January 14

8:00 AM Ken & Dale Ricke (Dorothy Ricke)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 15

4:00 PM Mary & Melvin Hoftender (Family)

Sunday, January 16

9:45 AM Michael Valder (Esther & Vic Soat)

### ROSARY WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

We pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 6:30 PM in church, for all who are sick and for any other special intentions that people may have. To everyone, both men and women as well as children, all are welcome to come and join us.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4PM Saturday, January 15

EM..... Vickie Middendorf

Lector.....Lee Donar

Servers.....Volunteers

Ushers.....Dale Bussan, Bob Bussan

9:45AM Sunday, January 16

EM..... Jim Loeffelholz

Lector.....Shirley Middendoft

Cantor.....Anne Osterholz

Servers.....Volunteers

Ushers.....Gene Osterholz, Bill Muchow

### OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

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