SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

103 Savanna Road • Hanover IL 61041

The mission of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is to provide a place of Catholic worship, sacraments, spiritual guidance, education, love and support of all ages throughout our parish and community.

Parish Mission Statement



Your Intentions

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Mass Schedule* Weekday

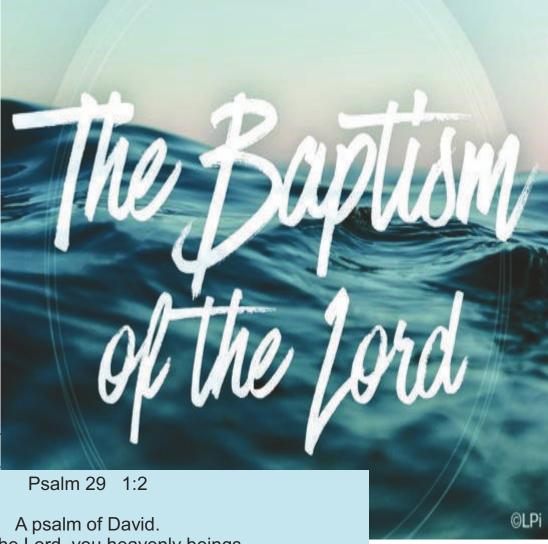
Tuesday: 5:00pm Thursday: 8:30am

Weekend:

Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 10:15am

First Thursday-8:30AM-Mass, Holy Hour and Healing Service (SJ)
* Subject to change due to holy days

JANUARY 10, 2021



A psalm of David.

Give to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
Give to the Lord glory and might;
Give to the Lord the glory due God's name.
Bow down before the Lord's holy splendor!

Please come and join us in prayerful meditation of the <u>Mysteries of the</u> <u>Rosary</u> each Sunday at 9:45 am before Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tue. 4:00to 4:45pm or by appointment. Contact the office or Father for an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples must call the office to set up an appointment to start the Marriage Preparation Process.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office to set up an appointment to start the Baptism Preparation Process..

Sick or Hospitalized

Please notify toe office of family members who are ill or in the hospital.

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Mass Intentions

4:00 pm Saturday Jan 9th People of St. John's Parish

10:15 am Sunday, January 10th Baptism of the Lord

> † John Sullivan By His Family

5:00 Tuesday Jan 12th

† Juanita Barnes By Louise McCormick

8:30 am Thursday Jan 14th

† Dennis McCormick By Louise McCormick

4:00 pm Saturday Jan 16th

† Jim and Helen McCormick
By Louise McCormick

10:15 am Sunday January 17th 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

> † Bud Bonar By Elouise Bonar



Baptism of the Lord

We commemorate today the Baptism of the Lord. It is a proclamation to the world that Jesus of Nazareth is the beloved Son of God. The Holy Spirit comes down upon him in a visible sign and His public ministry begins.

In the reading from Isaiah we hear the prophet encouraging the Chosen People to "seek the Lord while He may be found, call Him while He is near" (Is.55:6), which is God's invitation to salvation. God offers us free nourishment that feeds the soul. It is freely offered, but to nourish our souls we must eagerly receive it. We will starve spiritually without this food as surely as we will starve physically without our daily bread.

In the gospel, we learn that Jesus is the beloved Son of God. The Spirit descended like a dove on Jesus, and the voice from heaven proclaimed the Father's approval of Jesus as His divine Son. The fact that Jesus is God's divine Son informs us of everything we read about Jesus in the Gospels. Here we see all three members of the Trinity together-God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

As Jesus identified Himself with us in His baptism, so we identify ourselves with Him in our baptism. Through it we are united with Jesus in the most intimate way. We share the same Father whose voice was heard from heaven: "You are My beloved Son, and I am fully pleased with you" (Mk 1:11). We share the same life-the life of the Holy Spirit, symbolized in the Gospel by the dove descending on Jesus. Christ's baptism was not just an event in His own life. Christ's baptism affects each one of us at the deepest and most personal level: the whole nature and direction of our life is changed. Since the day of our baptism we live as God's children. Our Christian life opens for us the hope of eternal life, but we need to remind ourselves of its responsibilities.

Christianity is about loving God and Jesus and seeking to love one another.

Fr. Joachim

Respect Life Corner Word Of Life

"When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share His love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Parish and Community News

<u>Prayerful Meditation</u> will meet Thursday January 21st at 6:00 pm in the rectory. Studying the Gospels of Mark. All are welcome.

All Lectors: Fr. Joachim Is requesting a Lector's Meeting Thursday January 14th, at Mary's Church, at 6:00 pm.

National Appeal will be the weekend of January 16th and 17th. If you did not receive an envelope, there are extra's on the table in the vestibule.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When God Whispers "You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



St. Anne Society

St. Anne Society meets Quarterly in Hanover at St. John's church hall.

Knights of Columbus

Fr. Ron Conro Knights of Columbus meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the church hall at The Church of St. Mary in Elizabeth.

Gospel Readings

for the week of January 10, 2021

Sunday: Mk 1:7-11 Monday: Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday: Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday: Mk 1:29-39 Thursday: Mk 1:40-45 Friday: Mk 2:1-12 Saturday: Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Jn 1:35-42

Liturgical Roles Sat. January 16th

Lector Ken Mulholland Sacristan Maria Kmiec Usher Joe Kmiec Jim Irwin

Sun. January 17th

Lector Matt Wild Sacristan Laura Kuzniar Usher Mike Kuzniar

Stewardship Report

Christmas		Weekend of Dec 27		New	New Years Day		Diocesan Appeal	
Sun Env	\$134.00	Sun Env	\$580.00	Env.	\$150.00	Goal	\$5359.00	
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