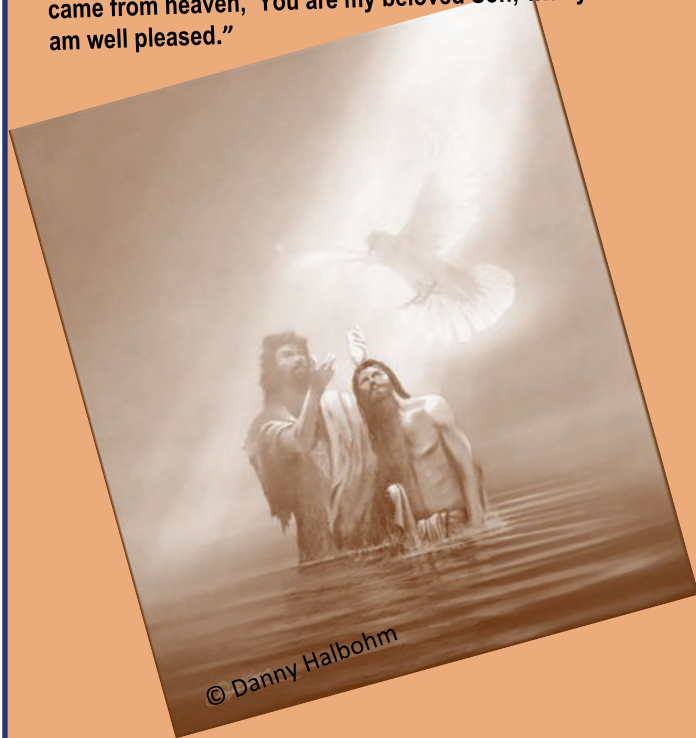


Luke 3:21-22

“ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”



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January 9, 2022  
Baptism of the Lord

*The Baptism*  
OF THE LORD

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“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

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## IMPORTANT DATES — Family Faith Formation

January 9—**VIRTUAL** Family Faith Formation.



We come to Jesus with our disappointment. Our Youth, Parents, and Chaperones that had committed to attending The March for Life in Chicago will not be traveling to the Rally on January 8. The charter bus was canceled by the organizing group in Freeport. Reasons vary from limited participation to the current pandemic to conflicting schedules to being uncomfortable in Chicago. While we had great hopes this would be a wonderful, unified experience of sharing our faith and commitment to life through our actions, attending the March for Life isn't in God's timing for us right now. We will fervently pray for those that attend any of the Marches throughout the month of January.

AND what else will we do? We ALL have the ability to pray for a Culture of Life. There are many different prayers to create a society that values life at every stage—from conception to natural death. Some prayers to consider: The St. Michael Prayer, the Rosary with pro-life meditations and intentions, Meditations from the Stations of the Cross focusing attention on the meaning of Christ's passion, Prayers for Adoption with the courage, humility and faith demonstrated by St. Joseph, Prayers of Blessings for expectant mothers and unborn children, and Prayers for all those affected by abortion. We believe that nothing is greater than the conversation of the human heart; miracles happen through persistence, prayer and faith.

Thank you to all who continue to support our P.R.E.P. Family Faith Formation Program.

### Baptism of the Lord, January 9, 2022

The Son of God is gradually revealed to the world. Isaiah the Prophet says: **Here is my chosen one and I am pleased with him**" (Isaiah 42:1). Luke proclaims: **"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased"** (Luke 3:22). Today, Jesus makes his first public appearance and is baptized by John. This is the final act of preparation before the new era begins, and it indicates Jesus' complete acceptance of the Father's plan for mankind. Jesus is ready to live and act in accordance with his Father's will. He is determined to introduce God's kingdom.

Here we face the importance of our own Baptism: this Sacrament is not just a private matter. In baptism, we are anointed for the same mission as Jesus was: **"As the Father has sent me, so I send you"** (John 20:21). We continue to proclaim God's kingdom as members of his Mystical Body—the Church. As Christians, we have been baptized into His mission to demonstrate God's righteousness and to help the Messiah fulfill the work He has begun. In order to demonstrate His light to others, the light must shine in us.

In our Baptism, we have been commissioned to an important task as members of Jesus' living Body here on earth, the Church: to give witness to our fellow men that we truly believe in the Son of God. "Now that Christ has come, Christians are expected to accept the Gospel as the chief norm of their lives, to do otherwise is to ignore the fact of the Incarnation." (Bernard Haring, *Shalom -Peace. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, 1967*).

In the Sacrament of Baptism, we have been invited to live with Him forever. Ours is the next move: to accept or reject His offer.

*"Today, I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. I call on heaven and earth to witness to the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, that you and your descendants might live! Choose to love the Lord your God and to obey him and commit yourself to Him, for He is your life. Then you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).*

Fr. Joachim

## St. John the Evangelist

### St John Ministry Schedule: Saturday, Jan.15, 2022

Announcements/Lector:  
JoAnn Nolan  
Sacristan: Maria Kmiec  
Usher: Joe Kmiec

### Sunday, January 16, 2022

Announcements/Lector  
Matt Wild  
Sacristan: Laura Kuzniar  
Usher: Mike Kuzniar

### Saturday: January 22, 2022

Announcements/Lector:  
Ken Mulholland  
Sacristan: Jean Zeal:  
Usher: Jim Irwin

### Sunday, January 23, 2022

Announcements.Lector:  
Matt Wild  
Sacristan: Donna Mullane  
Usher: Mike Kuzniar



December 25, 2021 Christmas Offering :\$1645

December 26, 2021  
Operating Income: Collection  
(envelopes and offertory):\$440

January 2, 2022: Not available at publication  
Operating Income:  
Collection (envelopes and offertory)

Memorials/Bequests:  
Memorial(Connie Sheridan) : \$1175  
Memorial (Lois Petesch): \$995.00  
Operating expenses( Lois Petesch) : \$5000.00

### St. John the Evangelist St. Anne Society

St. Anne Society meets quarterly in  
the hall of St. John the Evangelist.

Knights of Columbus meets the third  
Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at St.  
Mary's church hall.

All men are welcome to attend.

Next meeting is

Jan. 18, 2022



Please join us for reciting the Rosary before Sunday Mass weekly at 9:45



### Prayer Requests



Marge Misek  
Jennifer Sullivan  
Casey Sullivan  
Ray Kumor

Louise McCormick  
Josephine Bell  
Bill Wiley  
Loretta Morrissy

Maggie Richmond  
Mary Wild  
Bob Gable  
Ryan Schiess

Clark Gerleman  
Jarod Spahn



If anyone has a prayer request please call the offices at St. Mary 815-858-3422 , St. John 815-591-2258 or contact Fr. Joachim

## Church of St. Mary



December 26, 2021  
Collection for operating  
Expenses: \$\$2127

Christmas Collection: \$3840.00

January 2, 2022  
Collection for operating  
Expenses:\$1115.00

### St. Mary Ministry Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022

Announcements/Lectors : Joan Pedersen

Sunday, Jan 16, 2022

Announcements/Lector: Announcements & 1st reading/psalm: Noelle  
2nd reading/intentions: Deb

Saturday January 22, 2022

Announcements/Lector: Kathy Ondracek

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Announcements. first reading/response: Roseann M  
Second reading/intentions: Cheryl

## **Sacramental Information**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

SJ: Tuesday and Thursday after 8:30 a.m. mass or  
by appointment  
SM: Wednesday & Friday: 8: a.m.  
Wednesday from 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.  
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday : 8:00 a.m.

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

SM: Wednesday ...5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Please join us in  
prayer  
SJ: First Thursday of the month following mass

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office at  
1-815-858-3422

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Please contact the Parish Of-  
fice 6 months prior to your wedding date.

**Sacrament of Anointing:** During Mass on the First  
Friday of September and November . For anointing of  
the homebound or in the hospital please call the Parish  
office at 1-815-858-3422. In emergency call the Parish  
number any time-day or night .

**If there are any prayer requests, community infor-  
mation for either St. John or St. Mary please contact  
the office at St. John 815-591-2258 or  
St. Mary 815-858-3422. If it is non office day please  
leave a message.**

**January 9, 2022**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**“We are called to live our baptism every day, as  
new creatures, clothed in Christ.”**

The newly baptized are vested in a white garment which is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. The prayer says it all: “See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.”

**Readings for the week of January 09, 2022**

Sunday: Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

Sunday :Jn 2:1-11



Mass Intentions:

**Saturday, January 8, 2022**

4:00 p.m. SJ For the people of St .John

6:00 p.m. SM† Purgatorial Society of 2021 by Nancy and Jim Leahy (Claudia, David , Jane, Donald Gaynor)

**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

8:30 a.m. SM† Purgatorial Society by Ed and Rita Ersfeldt

10:15 a.m. SJ † Joe McCormick by Karen Murphy

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

8:30 a.m. S.J. † St. John Purgatorial Society 2021

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022**

8:30 S.M. † Marlene Chunes by Tony Chunes

5:00-5:45 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation

6:00 p.m. † Purgatorial Society 2021 by Nancy Walker (Marvin Walker, George and Marian Ireland, Henry and Dorothy Walker, for all deceased members of family)

**Thursday, January 13, 2022**

8:30 a.m. S.J.† Ray Wolter by Wally and Leah Duzansky

**Friday January 14, 2022**

6:00 p.m. S.M.† Edward Brzostowski

**Saturday Jan 15, 2022**

4:00 p.m. SJ † Connie Sheridan by Maria Kmiec

6:00 p.m. SM † Meredith Meyer McDevitt by Mr. & Mrs. McDevitt

**Sunday, January 16, 2021**

8:30 a.m. SM For the people of St. Mary

10:15 a.m. SJ † Joe McCormick by Mary Wild

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