

JANUARY 9, 2022

# Saint John *the* Baptist

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Parish Staff

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### Parish Office Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday  
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

### Outreach Ministry Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday  
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

### Confessions

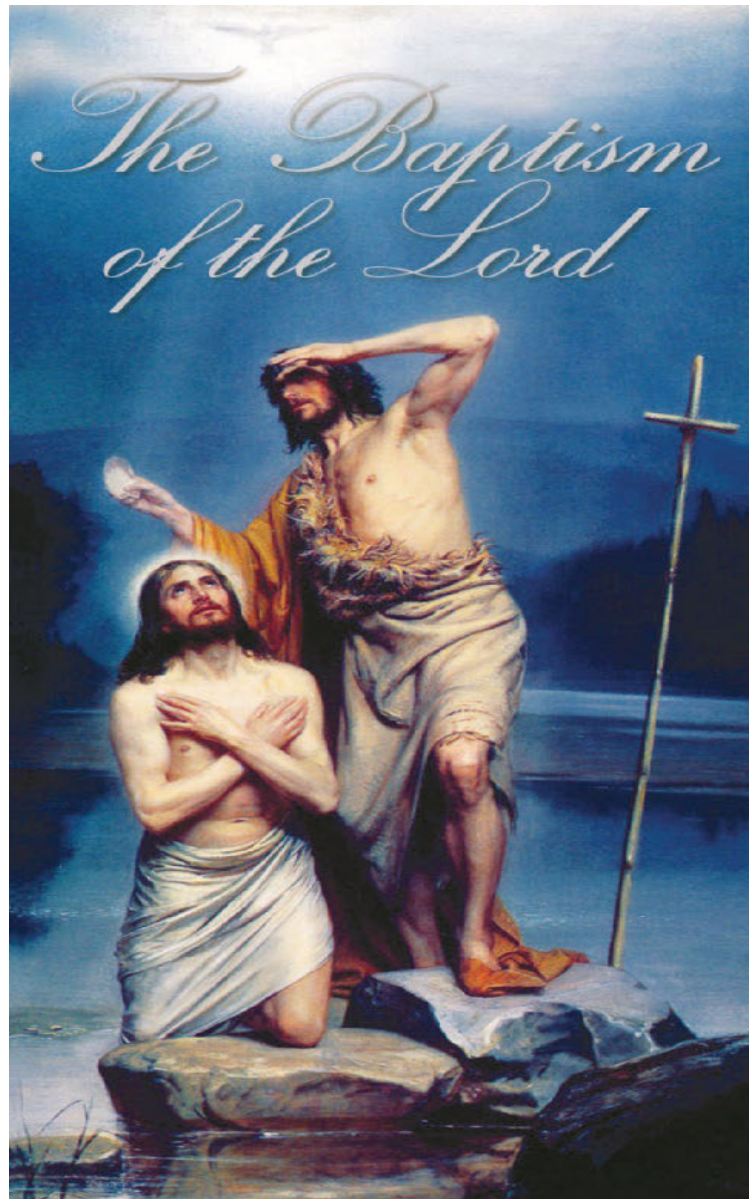
Saturday 3:20 pm or by appointment.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Wednesday 8:00 am  
Friday 8:00 am  
Adoration Last Friday of Month  
following 8:00 am Mass



*After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. — Lk 3:21-22a*

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, January 11th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

**Wednesday, January 12th**

8:00 am + Ed Madix

Thursday, January 13th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

**Friday, January 14th**

8:00 am For the People of St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart Parishes and Their Benefactors

**Saturday, January 15th, 2nd Sunday in Ord. Time**

4:00 pm + Sally Waite

**Sunday, January 16th, 2nd Sunday in Ord. Time**

8:30 am + Jack and ILeen Schumacher

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC



**Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes**  
Sue Thompson

**Prayers for the Sick**

Kay Bailey, Mary Lou Barnett, Pamela Boatright, Connie Brown, Martha Cooper, Phyllis Fehr, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Linda Kilgarrieff, Patty Lecomte, Steve Lighthall, Tina Mannix, Joni Mollet, Fran Runyen, Bill Sargent, Angie Walden, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Florence Workman, Charles M. Yeagle.

Collection Counters this week are **Mary Lou Barnett and Pat Sartie**. Thank you for serving in this way.



**Saturday, January 1st 4:00pm and Sunday, January 2nd 8:30am**

Sunday Envelopes .....	\$1,838.00
Loose .....	\$77.00
<b>Total Collection .....</b>	<b>\$1,915.00</b>

New Year's Donations	\$332.00
First Offering Donations	\$46.00

# January

**CCD K-8 Classes** - CCD classes resume today, January 9th in the Parish Hall following the 8:30am Mass.

**First Reconciliation** - Saturday, January 15th at 10:00am in church.

**Confirmation Class** - Class resumes this Wednesday, January 12th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

### CCD First Reconciliation

Second grade students from St. John's parish will encounter Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Saturday, January 15th at 10:00am at St. John's Church. As these students look forward to this first time encounter, it should cause us to stop and reconsider our own attitude toward this beautiful Sacrament. Only in this Sacrament can we meet Jesus face to face and know we are forgiven. Please pray for the following students who will receive this special sacrament:

**Antonio Vazquez, Emmelissa Vazquez, Joana Naxi, Alan Mendoza and Alan Alejandro.**



**Coming Soon!** St. John's Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on **Sunday, February 6th**. We will be serving from 11:00am to 1:00pm. This will be a drive thru event. Menu includes spaghetti,

bread, salad, and dessert. Cost will remain at \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. We will need assistance in putting together the Spaghetti Dinner Bags. Help will also be needed to pack desserts, wrap bread, and box salads. Sign up sheets will be available later in January. Be sure to join us for this delicious meal! **(Note: Meals will be served from the rear door of the Parish Hall off the parking lot)**

### **Diocesan Marriage Mass & Date Night**

Save the Date! Please join Bishop Louis Tylka on Saturday, February 12, 2022 for the Marriage Mass and Date Night at 4:00pm at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria. Following the Mass there will be a date night and special dinner at the Spalding Center. You do not need to attend the Mass to attend the Date Night. There will also be live music by the Water Street Stompers from 6pm to 8pm. Wear your dancing shoes! Any questions contact Julie Enzenberger at [Jenzenberger@cdop.org](mailto:Jenzenberger@cdop.org) or to sign up go to: <https://cdop.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/DateNight2022>

### 2021 Contributions Statements

It's that time of year again. Please be aware that statements of your annual contributions **are not** automatically sent out. If you need a verification of your yearly donations for income tax purposes, please contact the Parish Office and we will be happy to prepare one for you.

# Baptism



Each year on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it is our practice to publish the requirements for those parents who request the Sacrament of Baptism for their child.

- Families must be registered with the parish and use the envelope system
- Parents and godparents (if possible) must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class taught by one of the Parish Deacons. This is typically 1 hour in length and is a one-time experience. Once parents have attended this class, it need not be repeated for a second child
- Parents must agree to raise their child in the Catholic Faith and see that they grow up knowing Jesus and teach their child what it means to a member of the Catholic Church
- Choice of godparents must correspond with the requirements of Church Law (ask the deacon at the class if the choice of godparent is not of the Catholic Faith)
- Families requesting a baptism at a regularly scheduled weekend Liturgy will be reviewed and scheduled only with the permission of the Pastor

The above are the basic requirements that must be met before a baptism can be scheduled at St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart parishes. **No exceptions will be allowed.** Baptism may be postponed until all of the above requirements are fulfilled.

## Christmas Flower Remembrances

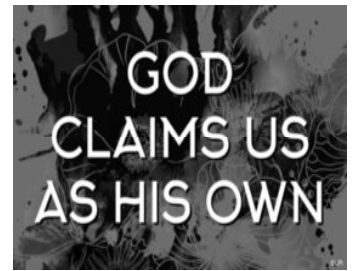
The following people were remembered with a donation for Christmas flowers to decorate our church: Carl Angerman, Dorothy Angerman, Deceased members of the Bank Family, Ken and Hazel Barnett, Bob and Ruth Barnett, Steve and Michele Barnett, Edward Bart Family, Dorita Braden, John Breslfoard, Rea Brealsfoard, Dennis and Mary Burns, Dolores Burns, Lester and Thelma Burton, Brian Burton, Ermelinda Conireras, Ellen Dolanc, Millie and Al Frese, Zenaida Graveda, Richard Green, Duane and Kathryn Haas, Peg Holtz, Carl Holtz, Don and Mary Jackson, Alta Johnson, Nancy LoPresto, Geno LoPresto, Denny Madix, Deceased Members of the Madix family, Aurelio Magana, Aurelio Magana Jr., Joan Martins, Aciano Mendoza, Bob Murphy, Vernon and Elizabeth Nothnagel, Raymond Pacetti, Nannie Pearl, Sandy Peters, Rosemary Pillars, Herb and Norma Rakers, Charles Rakers, Rosemary, Bill and Doris Schlotter, Duane Schmid, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schmid, Leo and John Schutte, Louise Shumaker, Blanche Sinclair, Gordon Sinclair, William B. Smith Family, Stanley Family, Tudy Stokowski, Stick Stokowski, Tom and Norma Timmons, James Tomes, Tamie Wilson.



## January 9, 2022 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.

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## Pastoral Care Visits to the Sick

Effective January 1, 2022 Father James will begin making Pastoral visits to the sick following Adoration on the first and last Fridays of the month. If you or someone you know would like a Pastoral Visit, please call the Parish Office with name, phone number and address. Our Pastoral Care Eucharistic Ministers will continue their ministry in addition to Father's visits.



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