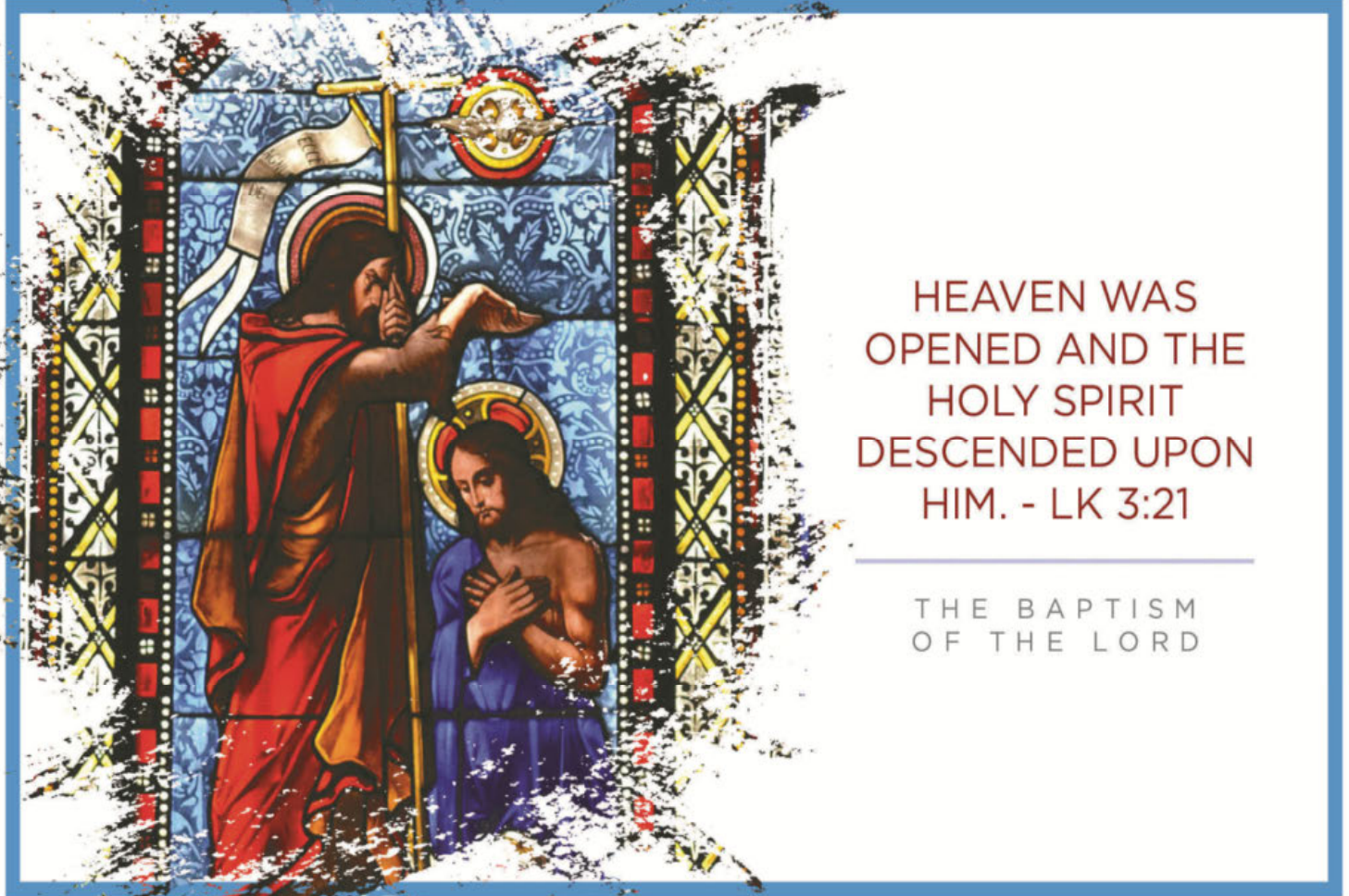


SAINT BRIDGET OF KILDARE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 9, 2022



HEAVEN WAS
OPENED AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON
HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD

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Mass Times:

Monday through Friday 8:00am

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00 & 10:00am

First Saturday Latin Mass 8:00am

St. Bridget of Kildare

111 West Union Street

Parish and School Office 636-271-3993

Parish Office Hours Monday—Friday 8am - 4pm

Website: www.sbkparish.org

Adoration: Tuesday 9:00am—7:00pm

Confession: Tuesday 6:00pm—6:50pm,

Saturday 4:15pm—4:50pm, Sunday 7:30am & 9:30am

Baptisms: Parishioners are asked to please call the Parish Office.

Marriages: Parishioners are asked to make arrangements with the priest at least six months in advance.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday 12:00pm

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Mass Schedule		Mass Intentions	
Monday	1/10	8:00am	Bob McDermott
Tuesday	1/11	8:00am	Patricia Brice
Wednesday	1/12	8:00am	<i>Teresa Simmons</i>
Thursday	1/13	8:00am	<i>Mike & Katie Feketic</i>
Friday	1/14	8:00am	<i>The Mandis Family</i>
Saturday	1/15	5:00pm	Bill Burrington
Sunday	1/16	8:00am	Pro Populo
Sunday	1/16	10:00am	Stephanie Goden Reedy

Liturgical Ministers St. Bridget Church

LECTOR: SATURDAY, January 15, 2022 5pm
Mary Elaine Suden
LECTOR: SUNDAY, January 16, 2022 8am
Mike & Ginger Beck
LECTOR: SUNDAY, January 16, 2022 10am
Jan Green

St. Bridget Stewardship

1/02/2022

Collection Envelopes

Our Weekly need is \$7500.00 received \$4163.52

Online Donations \$ Parish Improvements \$205.00

First Offering \$357.00 St. Louis Review \$65.00

Solemnity of Mary \$432.00 Christmas \$25.00 SvDP \$433.00

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IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR ST. BRIDGET Please remember the sick:

Philip Black, Sally Hanneken, The Schmidt Family, Danny Gettemeier, Norma Litzau, Vicki Brinker, Faye Balsman, Veronica Kelly, Greg Gossage, Kristian McDonald, Daryl Denu, Keith Bruns, Tom Cross, Lawrence Lindemann, Marleen Hartzell, Tom and Lois Martin, Steve Rost, Shelly Fischer Haney, Rosemary Woods, Barbara Johnson, Sharon Trentmann, Toni Strothkamp, Liam & Lauren Viotrain, David Mueller, Bev Schneider, David Reincke, Laura Masson, Jerry Stewart, Cecilia Mueller, Marge Phelan, Emilia Wieczorek, Amber Luetkemeyer, Joshua Carson, Meg Gallagher, Christine Floyd, Martha Sheerin-Speck, Rose Schuessler, Becky Coyner, LeRoy Hirth, Robin Henry, Dave Whitt, Geraldine Carrico, Tim Brauer, Debbie Price, Bill Drimped, Christine Eilman, David May, Bev Duncan, Kathy Doak, Pat Gomez, Alice Thawley, Joe Quennoz, Stephen W. Flannery Jr., Dan Witte, Brandon Huels, Belle Tenny, Ron Phillips, Jack Drummond, Candy Cloak, Amy Short, Pat Herbst, Monica Dabbs, Mary Bradford, Sarah Gould, Preston Thompson, Barbara Johnson, and the home bound and nursing home patients.
Also those who serve our country: Steven Sutterer, Corey Dorsey, Sgt. Jeremy Ross, Jennings Casey, Chief Petty Officer Mike Murphy, Aaron Cooley, Alex Churchill, Jonathan Savala, Brandon Ell, Wade Iliff Jr., & Andrew Bornholdt

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There will be a meeting for Parents of Prodigals will be on Thursday Jan 13th at 6 pm at the SBK Knights of Columbus Hall. All are welcome to join us.

Winter Wonderland

St. Bridget of Kildare presents

Messy Play Night

January 13, 2022

6:00—7:30pm

Inclement Weather Date Jan. 20th

St. Bridget of Kildare Gym

Please RSVP to 636-271-4533

The Baptism of our Lord

Happy Feast of the Baptism of the Lord!

First, a huge "Thank You!" to all who contributed to the Church Christmas Wish List. We received sufficient donations to purchase the new monstrance, and it may be in use as early as this Tuesday for Eucharistic Adoration! Second, a word about the upcoming transition in Liturgical seasons.

Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord officially concludes the Christmas Season and returns us to Ordinary Time.

In English, the word "ordinary" typically conveys a sense that little or nothing of great importance is happening...but nothing could be further from the truth. The entire purpose of the season of "Ordinary Time" is to strive anew to turn from sin and grow in holiness, becoming better disciples each and every day. This growth is far from ordinary. In fact, it is extraordinary insofar as we need God's grace and life within us in order for this growth to occur!

The spiritual growth that we seek during Ordinary Time is conveyed by the liturgical colour of green that is used throughout this season. Green is associated with life and growth: the vegetative life of trees, plants, and grass, radiates a beautiful green colour when healthy and vibrant. Taking this cue from nature, the liturgy designates green for use during Ordinary Time to teach us that this is a season for focused growth in our spiritual life.

For each of us, our Baptism was the moment when we began our spiritual life, but this life is meant to grow stronger until the moment of our death. This is what it means to grow in holiness, and it is a full-time job!

The readings at Holy Mass during Ordinary Time focus on various aspects of living the Catholic Faith: prayer, virtues, love of God and neighbor, turning from sin, etc. We are challenged to do our best to heed these directions and put them into practice in our life, because these provide the nourishment we need to grow in holiness and become spiritually vibrant.

During this season, I encourage you to focus on one or two aspects of your life and strive to grow especially in those areas.

It could be: prayer, attending Holy Mass or Confession more frequently, turning from a specific sin and growing in a specific virtue, seeking to strengthen relationships in your life, trying to serve others in need, or any other number of things. All aspects of our life are open to God's work and His grace, and strengthening any of these aspects strengthens the whole as well.

Let's also be sure to pray for one another so that this season of Ordinary Time becomes a time of extraordinary spiritual growth for us as individuals, as a parish, and for the entire Body of Christ.

For the final time, Merry Christmas!

In Christ, Fr Burkemper

DEACON'S CORNER

Q. Deacon Mike, do you think that a priest would think less of a penitent after hearing his/her confession?

A. Absolutely not. The sacrament of confession is a most impersonal thing. A priest may be very friendly towards someone but, should this person ask the priest to hear his/her confession, the relationship changes completely. The priest is no longer their personal friend for the purpose of confession. To the priest, this person is now just a soul looking for spiritual advice and absolution. The priest is like a surgeon who concentrates on the physical troubles of a patient, except that, in the confessional, the priest is concentrating on the penitent's spiritual troubles. The moment that the words of absolution are spoken, the priest dismisses any and all thoughts of what he has just heard in the confessional. If the priest sees that person five minutes after his/her confession, it's like the priest never had heard the confession at all. Priests are no more 'shocked' at hearing someone's confession of their sins than they would be at hearing about the same person's physical problems. At the end of the confession, everything that the priest has heard is consigned to that oblivion in which every other confession lies buried and forgotten. Deacon Mike can be reached at mmeadg@outlook.com.

Hey, this is Father Tim Foy from St. John the Baptist-Gildehaus Parish, and I want to invite you on a very unique pilgrimage to Poland from Aug. 1-15, 2022! We will retrace many of the steps of Pope St. John Paul II and see the Wawel Castle and Cathedral, the Divine Mercy Shrine, St. Faustina's Convent, the Wieliczka Salt mine, and the heart of the trip is a walking pilgrimage from Krakow to the Black Madonna Shrine of Czestochowa (Note: our tour bus will accompany the pilgrims to provide a break if needed). The next two information meetings are at Holy Infant of Ballwin on January 30th at 1pm and at Immaculate Conception of Dardenne Prairie on the same day at 3 pm. Please call me with any questions at 636-583-2488.

The SVDP food pantry is in need of personal care items. Our current need is toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and cream rinse. Thank you for your continued support.

We will un-decorating church this Sunday at Noon all helping hands will be appreciated!

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