

Catholic Community in Central Racine

January 9, 2022

EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

Sucedió que entre la gente que se bautizaba, también Jesús fue bautizado. Mientras éste oraba, se abrió el cielo y el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él en forma sensible, como de una paloma. - Lc 3, 21-22



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

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Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
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Saturday/Sábado	4:00 pm	English
Sunday/Domingo	9:00 am	English
Sunday/Domingo	10:30 am	Español
Sunday/Domingo	12:00 pm	Español
Sunday/Domingo	6:00 pm	Español
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Masses

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
Sunday	11:30 am
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	9:00 am

Livestream Masses:

Sunday: 9:00 am English; 10:30 am Español

Wednesday-Friday: 9:00 am English

St. Edward Parish



This Week:

Saturday, January 8
4:00 pm Mass at St. Edward
Sunday, January 9
9:00 am Mass at St. Edward
Tuesday, January 11
9:00 am Mass at St. Edward
Wednesday, January 12
9:00 am Mass (rosary) at St. Edward
Thursday, January 13
9:00 am Mass at St. Richard
Friday, January 14
9:00 am Mass at St. Richard
Saturday, January 15
4:00 pm Mass at St. Edward

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord
9:00 am For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Tuesday, January 11
9:00 am
Wednesday, January 12
9:00 am
Saturday, January 15
4:00 pm †Jackie Kohel
Sunday, January 16, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am †Eva Spalla



Please pray for comfort and healing for the homebound and those who are ill.

2022 Calendars

There are 2022 calendars available in the church. Thank you to Maresh-Meredith & Acklam Funeral Home for their generosity in providing the calendars.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

New schedules have been sent out. Hard copies are available in the sacristy. Readers please pick up your new workbooks in the sacristy. New ministry volunteers are welcome, especially for 4:00 Mass. If interested, contact Bill Frayer or leave your name/contact info. with the Parish Office or an usher.

2nd Monday Book Club

The next meeting of the book club will be on January 10th from 10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Hoeffert at 262-994-0771 or lauriehoffert@gmail.com .



Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul

Your Knights of Columbus RoundTable and your Our Lady of Guadalupe St. Vincent de Paul Conference thank you all for your generosity and support this past year. We wish you a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Safe New Year 2022. God's Blessings to you all.

JOIN US!

1. Assist the poor, strengthen your faith, build new friendships within the church.
2. Practice the virtues of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Participate in programming that builds faith, community, and parish, while strengthening family and the culture of life, including one of the nations top ranked insurance organizations.

If either of these appeal to you, you should prayerfully and seriously consider joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society and/or Knights of Columbus. For more information, on the benefits of joining the organizations, contact Bill Frayer (262-633-7887), frayerfamily@yahoo.com or leave your name/contact info. with the Parish Office. For St. Vincent de Paul, you can also contact Don Mueller at (262-456-4345). For the Knights, visit kofc.org/joinus or www.wikofc.com.

Community Meal and Christmas Coalition

Thank you to everyone that donated food or helped serve the community meal on January 4th. Also, thank you to everyone that helped with the display on Monument Square.

THANK YOU



Weekly Collections for December 24-26

Weekly Envelopes.....	\$3,260.00
Save the Building.....	\$250.00
Offertory Collection.....	\$897.00
Votive Candles.....	\$31.00
Miscellaneous Collections.....	\$4,040.00
Total.....	\$8,478.00

Stewardship Corner

Today, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us renew our own Baptismal Commitment to help those in need with a gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It's like giving the lifesaving water of Baptism to them.



St. Patrick Parish/Parroquia de San Patricio

Mass Intentions/Intenciones de Misa

1/8	4:00 pm	Our Parishioners/Por la Comunidad
1/9	9:00 am	† Paul Akowski
	10:30 am	Our Parishioners/Por la Comunidad
	12:00 pm	† Alejandro Ramos
	6:00 pm	Our Parishioners/Por la Comunidad
1/15	4:00 pm	Our Parishioners/Por la Comunidad
1/16	9:00 am	Our Parishioners/Por la Comunidad
	10:30 am	Our Parishioners/Por la Comunidad
	12:00 pm	Our Parishioners/Por la Comunidad
	6:00 pm	Our Parishioners/Por la Comunidad

Weekly Schedule

Sunday/domingo 1/9
Monday/lunes 1/10
Tuesday/martes 1/11
Wednesday/miércoles 1/12
Thursday/jueves 1/13
Friday/viernes 1/14
Saturday/sábado 1/15
Sunday/domingo 1/16

Próximos Eventos

Pensamientos del Padre Juan . .

Gracia y paz para ustedes:

Estamos ya bastante entrados en el Año Nuevo y estamos volviendo a nuestra rutina después de las celebraciones de Navidad y Año Nuevo. Volvemos a la "normalidad". ¿Tenemos nuestras metas del año listas? Recuerden hacer compromisos de cambio simples pero concretos (especialmente espirituales) de las que podamos estar orgullosos de haberlo logrado al final del año. Fue muy gratificante para mi poder celebrar la Navidad con todos ustedes este año. La Navidad fue hermosa. Quiero agradecer a todos los que hicieron las decoraciones y los escenarios navideños en la iglesia. Quedó todo muy bonito. Gracias por todo el trabajo y el compromiso que pusieron a nuestra familia de fe.

Hoy celebramos la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. Es un momento decisivo en la vida de Jesús. Momento en el que asume públicamente su responsabilidad de Hijo de Dios. Después de una vida juvenil con sus padres terrenales en Nazaret trabajando en estructuras de madera y edificios, ahora pasa a ser "discipulo de Juan el Bautista". Cuando Jesús escuchó de Juan en el desierto se unió a su movimiento por un tiempo. Por supuesto, Juan el Bautista profesaba un bautismo de arrepentimiento y disposición para el Reino de Dios. Sabemos que Jesús, como Hijo de Dios, no necesitaba arrepentirse de los pecados ni ninguna conversión. Fue al Jordán para su bautismo para mostrarnos el camino que todos nosotros debemos seguir. De esta manera, Jesús estableció el Sacramento del Bautismo. Jesús nos muestra la manera de cambiar completamente nuestra vida en preparación para el Reino. Si solo tomáramos en serio nuestro bautismo, nuestra vida sería una vida de conversión de corazón y entrega total a la voluntad de Dios.

Este momento en la vida de Jesús significó para él vivir las palabras del Padre: "Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo complacencia". Estas palabras guiaron a Jesús a llevar la misión del Padre al mundo al inaugurar el Reino de Dios en la tierra. Desde el momento del bautismo, Jesús comenzó a predicar la Buena Nueva a todos los pueblos. El comienzo de su ministerio.

Creo que todos estamos llamados a recibir estas palabras de Dios Padre para todos nosotros. Todos somos hijos e hijas amados de Dios y Dios está complacido con nosotros. Una vez que entendemos el significado de esta declaración en nuestras propias vidas; entonces comenzamos a ser más como Jesús. Una vez que comprendamos lo que significa para nosotros ser hijos e hijas de Dios; estaremos totalmente comprometidos con hacer presente el Reino de Dios en este mundo. Los invito a todos en este día del Señor a renovar nuestras promesas de bautismo y asumir la misión como hijas e hijos de Dios.

Bendiciones

Juan M. Camacho

PARISH SUNDAY & HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS LAS COLECTAS PARA LOS DOMINGOS Y LOS DÍAS SAGRADOS

December 25-26, 2021/25-26 de diciembre 2021

Received/recibido\$ 5,708.01

December 31, 2021-January 2, 2022/31 de diciembre-2 de enero

Received/recibido\$ 7,308.65

(Includes monthly automatic withdrawals)

This week's second collection will be for La Sagrada Familia Parish in the Dominican Republic.

La segunda colecta de esta semana será para la Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia en la Republica Dominicana.

Lecturas para la semana del 9 de enero de 2022

Domingo:	Is 42, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 28, 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10/Hch 10, 34-38 Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22 o Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 103, 1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30 Tit 2, 11-14; 3, 4-7/Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22
Lunes:	1 Sm 1, 1-8/Sal 115, 12-13. 14-17. 18-19/Mc 1, 14-20
Martes:	1 Sm 1, 9-20/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Mc 1, 21-28
Miércoles:	1 Sm 3, 1-10. 19-20/Sal 39, 2 y 5. 7-8. 8-9. 10/Mc 1, 29-39
Jueves:	1 Sm 4, 1-11/Sal 43, 10-11. 14-15. 24-25/Mc 1, 40-45
Viernes:	1 Sm 8, 4-7. 10-22/Sal 88, 16-17. 18-19/Mc 2, 1-12
Sábado:	1 Sm 9, 1-4. 17-19; 10, 1/Sal 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mc 2, 13-17
Domingo siguiente:	Is 62, 1-5/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 9-10/1 Co 12, 4-11 Jn 2, 1-11

AYÚDENOS A ACTUALIZAR NUESTROS REGISTROS

Si usted ha tenido algún cambio en los miembros de la familia, número de teléfono, dirección, correo electrónico, etc., por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia (632-8808) para hacernos saber. Queremos tener registros correctos para ustedes.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The poinsettias that beautifully decorated our church for Christmas were donated by our parishioners in memory or in honor of:

Roberto Aquino, Jr.
Mary & Albert Benedict
Mary Benedict
Elmer & Ruth Coonen
Jayden Malik Cronin
Deceased members of Cronin Family
Deceased members of Dresen Family
Richard Frankowski
Alvaro Gonzalez Familia
Bud Goodrich
Betty Harrison
David Harrison
Willie Harrison
George & Margaret Hass
Roy Josten
Clayton Kovac
Peter & Helen Kuyoth

NOCHES BUENAS PARA LA NAVIDAD

Las noches buenas que bellamente decorada nuestra iglesia para Navidad fueron donadas por nuestros parroquianos en la memoria o en honor de:

Lucy López
Joseph & Helen Marik
Robert, Paula, Joseph Marik
Audrey & Jack Moore
José Miguel Nuñez Saavedra
Margarita Ojeda
Louise Reeves
Robert Reeves
Adan Saavedra
Schanstine Family
Jim & Millie Sweeti
Alice Thomas
Leone Townsend
Hilda & Robert Woodruff
Wally Wozniak
Walter & Julia Wozniak
Las Almas del Purgatorio

NO CRISTO REY CAFÉ IN JANUARY

Due to the high number of COVID cases in the Racine area, Cristo Rey Café will not be open during the month of January.

Debido a la gran cantidad de casos de COVID en el área de Racine, Cristo Rey Café no estará abierto durante el mes de enero.

St. Richard Parish



This Week in Our Parish

Wed.	Mass - 9:00 a.m.	In person @ St. Edward & Live Stream
Thur.	Mass - 9:00 a.m.	In person and Facebook Live Stream
Fri.	Mass - 9:00 a.m.	In person
Sat.	Mass - 4:00 p.m.	In person
Sun.	Mass - 9:00 a.m.	In person and Facebook Live Stream
	Mass - 11:30 a.m.	In person

Stewardship Report

One of the most frequently asked questions in any stewardship education program is "How much do I have to give?" The answer (from a stewardship perspective) is nothing. We don't have to give anything. "How much do we want to give?" is the question stewardship asks. Stewardship means giving as much as we can, as often as we can, from the heart as a faith response because we are generous stewards who want to share our time, talent, and treasure.

Financial Stewardship for December 26

\$3,112 Envelopes
\$291 Anonymous Gifts to God
\$20 Building Fund
\$15 Siena School Fund
\$1,602 Christmas Offerings

Financial Stewardship for January 2

\$1,973 Envelopes
\$174 Anonymous Gifts to God
\$10 Building Fund
\$10 Siena School Fund
\$60 Christmas Offerings

Mass

Having a Mass said for someone is one of the greatest forms of prayer one can receive. Please call the parish center if you are interested in having a Mass offered for someone. A Mass offering is \$10.

2022 Calendar Raffle Winners

1/2/22	Misty Cross	Huntington Beach, CA
1/5/22	Mary Schinkowitch	Racine
1/9/22	Lailah Haider	Sturtevant

St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program

St. Richard will provide food for the St. Vincent de Paul Meal on Tuesday, January 25. New location—North Pointe Church, 3825 Erie Street. Food and volunteers are needed to prepare, package, and serve food in a "to go" format. All COVID safety measures will be followed. Set up at the site begins at 3:30 p.m. with food being served from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in being a volunteer to provide food or to help serve food, please send an email to Ann Wirtz at annwirtz@yahoo.com or call 262-930-0511. Needs have increased please consider volunteering! Thank you.

Coordinator of Liturgy and Music

St. Richard is seeking a part time musician/liturgist. Applicants must be able to play both organ and piano and have experience with Catholic worship music/Mass. A working knowledge of current liturgical music is preferred. Interested persons should contact Karen Crane @ kcrane@strichard-parish.org or call the parish office.

2022 Calendars

Calendars for 2022 are available in the south entrance. One per family please. Thank you to the Maresh-Meredith & Acklam Funeral Home for providing our parish calendars.

Blessed Among Us—Mother Theresa Maxis

Theresa Maxis was born in Baltimore to unwed parents—her mother a free Haitian and her father a British soldier (who would not acknowledge her). At nineteen she became one of the

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m. † George Jansta
Living and deceased members of the St. Richard Altar Society

11:30 a.m. In celebration of Rosemary Wensing's 90th birthday

Wednesday, January 12, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Thursday, January 13, St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. † John and Mary Orr

Friday, January 14,

9:00 a.m. St. Richard All Souls Remembrance

Saturday, January 15

4:00 p.m. † Bill Mutchler

Sunday, January 16, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of the Catholic Community in Central Racine

11:30 a.m. † Mary Ann Lojeski

Blessed Among Us cont.

founding members, and later the superior general, of the Oblates of Providence, the first congregation of women religious of color in the world. In 1845, however, she was persuaded by a Belgian Redemptorist, Fr. Louis Florent Gillet, to open a school for French-speaking girls in Monroe, Michigan, and to establish a new congregation, the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Eventually, at the invitation of Bishop John Neumann, the congregation expanded into the diocese of Philadelphia and, later, Scranton.

Mother Theresa earned the disfavor of the bishop of Detroit when the Redemptorists, for financial reasons, withdrew support from the congregation. Blaming Maxis for this, Bishop Lefevre deposed her as superior general and ordered her to leave Monroe. (He wrote to an associate that Maxis had "all the softness, slyness, and low cunning of the mulatto.") The congregation split in two. Not wishing to be a source of division, Maxis withdrew from her order, finding a home with the Grey Nuns of Ottawa, where she spent the following eighteen years. Finally, she was at last welcomed back to the IHM motherhouse in West Chester, Pennsylvania, where she spent her remaining days until her death, January 14, 1892.

Long written out of the congregation's history, her true role as founder was only recovered in the late twentieth century.

Give Us This Day

Never Alone

When moments of loneliness hit, they can be hard to walk through. It seems, though, that in these moments we touch our yearning for relationships. When we look around us and see no one physically there or we feel that people do not understand what's happening to us, it can stir deep feelings of loneliness. Embracing God's gift of the inner chapel helps me tremendously when I experience loneliness. By visiting it each day for almost two decades, I believe I am finally beginning to understand the words in the Gospel of John where Jesus promises us the Advocate—the Holy Spirit—and promises us we will never be alone: "I will not leave you orphaned" (John 14:18). When I think of these words and repeat them to myself, something inside shifts and brings a bit of light into the dark loneliness. Remembering God promises to be with me and that I am never alone is deeply comforting. When I first began to understand this years ago, it caused a life-altering shift, one I am still trying to deepen and believe in more.

It comforts me to know I am not left on my own to figure out things. I am not alone in growing in my relationship with God. I am not alone in making decisions. I am not alone in walking through joys or heartbreaking sorrow.

God is always with me, residing in the chapel I carry with me wherever I go. God's friendship and presence are unshakable gifts of companionship and give me reason to hope. I am never alone, because God is with me. I know and believe this in my bones because of my own experience of God's presence.

Becky Eldredge, The Inner Chapel Give Us This Day

Catholic Community in Central Racine / Comunidad Católica en el Centro de Racine

Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or
Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 & 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10/1 Cor 12:4-11
Jn 2:1-11

Retreat Day for Those Grieving a Loss

Grief and loss are a part of life and can be catalysts for self-awareness and growth. Siena Retreat Center (5637 Erie St.) will offer a day-long retreat for adults grieving a loss on Saturday, January 15, 9:00am-5:00pm. The day will include reflection, sharing, prayer and meditation. The cost of \$60 includes \$20 non-refundable deposit, handouts, and mid-day meal. Partial scholarships are available. Learn more and register at www.SienaRetreatCenter.org.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2022

For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family. popesprayerusa.net

APOSTLESHIP
OF PRAYER



CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA IS ASSISTING AREAS DAMAGED BY TORNADOES, *and can use your help.*

As you may have heard, tornadoes recently tore through multiple states in the South and Midwest, leaving miles of destruction. Please pray for those who have been injured, for those who have lost their lives, and for their grieving families and communities. Catholics and all people of good will can help our brothers and sisters by supporting the work of Catholic Charities USA, which has been engaging as early responders and will remain in recovery support for the long-term. Donations can be made at catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c353051

Thoughts from Father Juan . . .

Grace and Peace to you:

We are well into the New Year, and we are settling back into our normal routine after Christmas and New Year's celebrations. We are back to "normal". We have our New Year's resolutions in place for 2022. Remember to make simple but concrete goals (especially spiritual ones) which we can be proud of at the end of the year. It was so great to be able to celebrate Christmas with all of you this year. Christmas was beautiful, and I want to thank all those who did the decorations and the Christmas settings at church; they were just amazing. Thank you for all the work and commitment that all of you put in for our faith family.

Today we are celebrating the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is a **decisive moment in Jesus' life**, the moment in which he takes on his responsibility as the Son of God in public. After a youthful life with his earthly parents in Nazareth working on wood structures and buildings, he now moves on to be "a disciple of John the Baptist". When Jesus heard of John in the desert; he went to meet John and participate in his movement. Of course, John the Baptist professed a baptism of repentance and readiness for the Kingdom of God. We know that Jesus as the Son of God did not need repentance from sins or any conversion. He went into the Jordan for his baptism to show us the way. In this way, Jesus established the Sacrament of Baptism. Jesus shows the way to **completely turn around one's life** in preparation for the Kingdom. If we only take our baptism seriously, our life will be a life of **conversion of heart and total surrender to God's will**.

This moment in Jesus' life meant for him to live out the Father's words "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." These words guided Jesus to take the Father's mission into the world by inaugurating God's Kingdom on earth. From the moment of baptism on, Jesus started to preach the Good News to all peoples. This was the beginning of his ministry.

I think we all are called to receive these words of God the Father for all of us. **We are all beloved sons and daughters of God, and God is pleased with us.** Once we understand the meaning of this statement in our own lives, we start to be more like Jesus. Once we comprehend what it means for us to be sons and daughters of God, we will be entirely committed to making God's Kingdom present in this world. I invite all of you on this Holy Sunday to renew our baptism promises and take on the mission as daughters and sons of God.

Blessings,

Juan M. Camacho

Catholic Charities Needs Volunteers for Ft. McCoy

Catholic Charities agencies are mobilizing personnel, volunteers, and resources to provide refugees at Ft. McCoy with a welcoming atmosphere, a break from the confines of temporary housing, and relief from their difficult journey. Among the services provided are on-base legal assistance, social engagement for women and children, and learning centers. The women's centers provide a quiet and clean place for mothers to bond and play with their children and develop friendships. The children's area is a place for children to gather and create arts and craft projects, build puzzles, play games and be sociable. **Volunteers are crucial** to keep the centers running smoothly and safely.

The USCCB and Catholic Charities are seeking more volunteers to aid in this mission. Volunteers will spend time at one of the three Women and Children Centers, two Sewing Center or Learning Center. Each of the centers requires between 6-10 volunteers to operate. Individuals must be able to commit to a minimum of three days.

For information about volunteer opportunities or donations, contact Andrew Ruesch, Afghan Project Coordinator, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee: aruesch@ccmke.org / 414-769-3543

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