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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**St. Mary Church — 303 West Monroe Street, Tomah**

Saturday.....4:00pm

Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am

**St. Andrew Church — 203 May Street, Warrens**

Saturday.....6:00pm

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## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St. Mary, Tomah

Tuesday.....5:30pm

Wednesday-Friday.....8:00am

Liberty Village Assisted Living, Tomah

First and Third Wednesdays.....10:00am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday.....4:30pm-5:15pm

Thursday.....5:00pm-6:00pm

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday.....4:00pm-5:15pm

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### **BAPTISM**

Are you a new or expectant parent? Baptism is the sacrament of initiation that welcomes your child into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Parents must complete baptismal preparation prior to their child's reception of the sacrament. Please contact Jon Burbach to schedule a class at 372-4516 x3.

### **MARRIAGE**

At the time of engagement, but not less than six months prior to the wedding, please call the parish office to arrange for marriage preparation and to schedule your specific wedding date.

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK/HOME VISIT**

Please contact the parish office for any sacramental ministry (anointing before a planned surgery, severe illness, etc.) or visitation to the sick or homebound.



As of January 4, 2022  
**215 families have pledged**  
**\$95,753.00**

Thank you so much, we have exceeded our parish goal of \$90,690!!! Everything given from this point will go to our Education Endowment Trust.

## *Gospel Reflection*

*"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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**"The chief service I  
owe you, O God, is that  
every thought and  
word of mine should  
speak of you."**

**St. Hilary**

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

*My Catholic Life*



Can you not see  
that if Christ  
himself willed  
to be physically  
formed in her  
for nine months  
and then be  
spiritually formed  
by her for 30 years,  
it is to her that  
we must go to  
learn how to have  
Christ formed in us?

-Ven. Fulton Sheen -  
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## *Intentions for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*

### Saturday, January 8 Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Kenny Christensen

*St. Andrew — Warrens*

6:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of  
the Warren Family

### Sunday, January 9 Baptism of the Lord

7:30 AM Ernest Schreier

9:00 AM *Pro populo* of Queen of the  
Apostles Parish

10:30 AM Norman and Roseann Kinnett

### Tuesday, January 11

9:30 AM *School:* Jerome Schmid

*Adoration — 4:00pm-5:15pm*

*Confession — 4:30pm-5:15pm (SM)*

5:30 PM Mike Larkin

### Wednesday, January 12

8:00 AM Daniel Breska

### Thursday, January 13

8:00 AM Donald Quinn

9:30 AM *School:* Intention of Avery Sauter

*Confession — 5:00pm-6:00pm (DK)*

### Friday, January 14

8:00 AM Barb Grygleski

### Saturday, January 15 Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Dan Grygleski

*St. Andrew — Warrens*

6:00 PM Jerry and Rosie Haun

### Sunday, January 16 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Elizabeth Dwyer

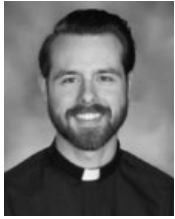
9:00 AM *Pro populo* of Queen of the  
Apostles Parish

10:30 AM Gerald "Baldy" Alderman,  
Ruth Alderman McGath and  
James McGath



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Keeping Current with  
**Queen of the Apostles**  
 CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL



I recently finished listening to the audiobook of *Dune* by Frank Herbert. The book was written in the 60s and has been recently resurfacing in popular culture partly because of a new movie that came out in the fall. It's certainly an engaging story - interplanetary royal houses battling for power, a bitter family rivalry, a desolate sand planet, and the young protagonist with mysterious abilities and destiny. I've been reflecting, though, on the importance of *power* in the book: whoever has the most gets to rule and the characters are looking for ways to increase their own stature and diminish the others'. The main question is whether Paul Atreides will have the ability (power) to defeat his enemies. I won't spoil it, the suspense and uncertainty is a great part of the novel.

The thing is, we live in a reality that *does not* include the same suspense and uncertainty. Certainly there are great houses at battle with each other, but we know that Christ has the power and the victory already in hand. We simply have to align ourselves with him to be on the winning side. A bit more trust in God's providence and plan brings us back into focus: have no anxiety for the future but remember that all will be resolved in the Lord's time and according to his will.

-Fr. Sam

The Baptism of the Lord ends the Christmas season... it's back to Ordinary Time! If you are able to help take down Christmas decorations, plan to stay after the 10:30am Mass (or come back). Many hands make light work!

WE SHOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME  
 IN THANKING GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS  
 AS WE DO IN ASKING FOR THEM.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**Do You Know and Celebrate Your Baptismal Day?**

Pope Francis says, "To know the date of our Baptism is to know a blessed day. The danger of not knowing is that we can lose awareness of what the Lord has done in us, the memory of the gift we have received. Thus, we end up considering it only as an event that took place in the past - and not by our own will but by that of our parents - and that it has no impact on the present."

*If you need help locating your baptismal day, contact the office!  
 This is a day worth celebrating!*

*School News*

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**School Office:** (608) 372-5765

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 7:30am-3:30pm

**Mass Schedule**

Grades 4K-2: Tuesday, January 11 at 9:30am

Grades 3-5: Thursday, January 13 at 9:30am

**Football Mania — Week 16 Winners**

Robia Vang — \$25

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**Football Mania — Week 17 Winner**

Tim Abbs — \$25

*Religious Education*

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**Sunday, January 9**

Level 9: No Class

**Wednesday, January 12**

Levels K-5: Class — 6:00pm-7:00pm

\*First Reconciliation — 2nd Grade

Levels 6-8, 10: Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm

**Sunday, January 16**

Level 9: Large Group — 6:00pm-7:30pm

**Wednesday, January 19**

Levels K-5: No Class — Catechist In-Service

Levels 6-8, 10: No Class — Catechist In-Service

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

***Weekend of December 24-26***

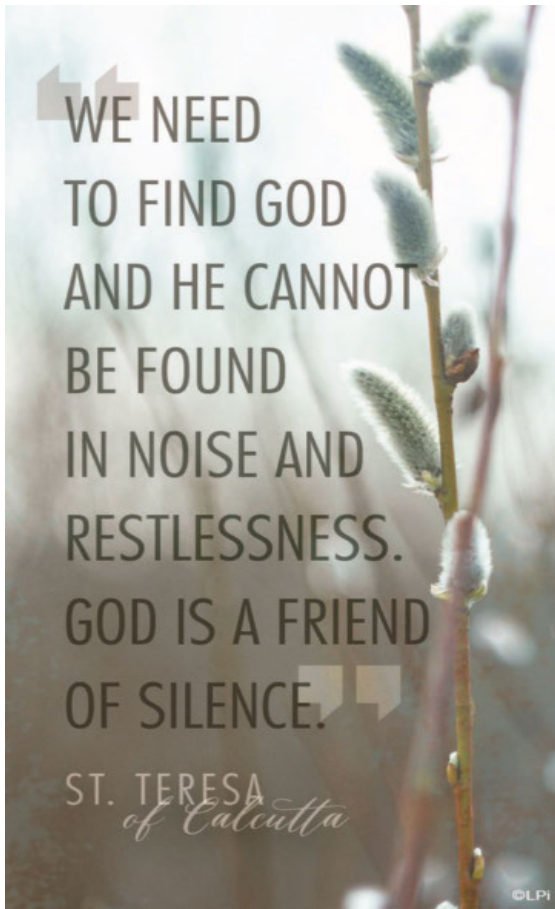
Estimated Weekly Need.....	\$13,840.00
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$13,897.76
Online Giving/ACH.....	\$1,963.00
Christmas.....	\$12,190.00
End of Year.....	\$5,500.00

Weekly Total.....\$33,550.76

***Weekend of January 1-2***

Estimated Weekly Need.....	\$13,840.00
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$8,320.00
Online Giving/ACH.....	\$3,496.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$2,142.00

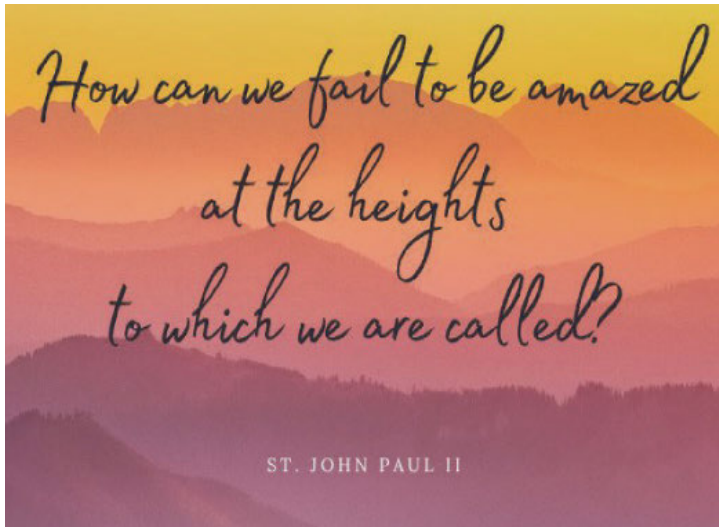
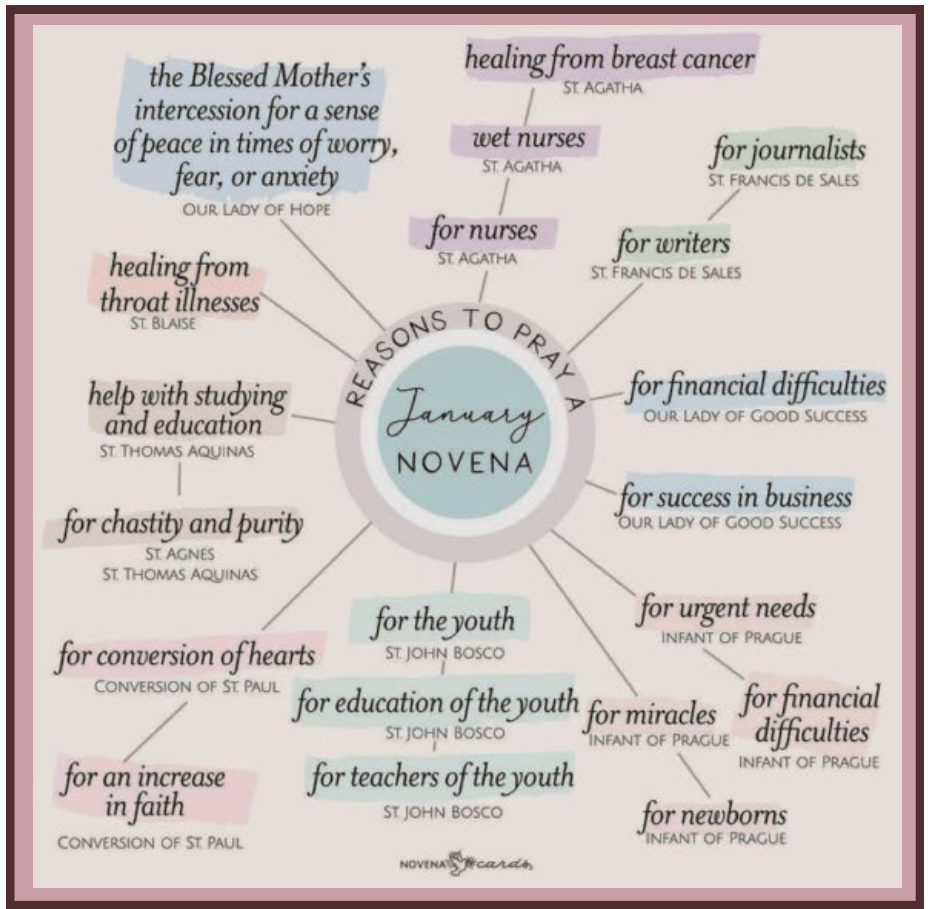
Weekly Total.....\$13,958.00



WE NEED  
TO FIND GOD  
AND HE CANNOT  
BE FOUND  
IN NOISE AND  
RESTLESSNESS.  
GOD IS A FRIEND  
OF SILENCE.

ST. TERESA  
*of Calcutta*

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How can we fail to be amazed  
at the heights  
to which we are called?

ST. JOHN PAUL II

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