

# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA - PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022**

## 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

## PASTOR NOTE

It is hard to believe that it is already January 9<sup>th</sup>! Sadly, our Christmas Season ends today as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. All of our beautiful decorations will be coming down as we enter a brief period of Ordinary Time and begin to gear up for Lent. As we settle into this new year, I again promise my prayers for each of you and your families. I especially pray that everyone enjoys good health and avoid the usual seasonal flu, colds and especially the nasty virus. Let's keep an eye on each other and help out whenever we hear of a neighbor getting sick. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me. May God bless us in this new year.

During our Advent Parish Retreat I offered a brief talk on the Liturgy of the Hours. This is an age old prayer in the Church. After the celebration of Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours is the premiere prayer of the Church. The Liturgy of the Hours is a cycle of prayers that includes seven separate prayers that are offered throughout the day. Each of these seven times of prayer include psalms, readings, intercessions, and other prayers. Priests and religious take a vow to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. The Church encourages lay people to also pray the Liturgy of the Hours, adopted to their busy lives. Through these prayers the person's day is sanctified and they join together with people throughout the world offering glory and praise to God. I encourage you to learn more about this prayer and incorporate it in your life.

The Liturgy of the Hours requires some training in the various prayers and rituals. As promised at our Advent Parish Retreat, I will offer instruction for praying the Liturgy of the Hours. This instruction will focus on Morning and Evening Prayer. I will provide two identical instruction sessions on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:15pm, Harkrader Hall; and, Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1pm, Harkrader Hall. Please join either one of the sessions, which will last about an hour. Having a Liturgy of the Hours book will be helpful for the meeting, but not necessary.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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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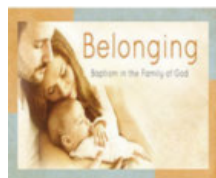
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**Readings for the week of January 9, 2022**

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/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 and 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 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

***Belonging* Baptism Preparation**



Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.  
stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com  
815-303-2330

"Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: 'Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word'" (CCC 1213).

**Mass Intentions**

Monday, January 10 **Weekday**  
7:00 am + Mary Kunkel by Tom & Laurel Kunkel

Tues, January 11 **Weekday**  
5:15 pm +Sherry Henkel by Bill & Janet Politsch  
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Wed, January 12 **Weekday**  
7:00 am + Mary Johnson by John & Julie Hassler

Thurs, January 13 **St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
5:15 pm +MaryAnn Nink  
by Linda Carter and Bernetta Wood  
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Friday, January 14 **Weekday**  
7:00 am + Gary Hoelle by Tim and Julie Puhr

Sat, January 15 **Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 pm +Jeanne Austin by Joanne Bowman

Sunday, January 16 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 am +Sister Eloise Marie Pulskamp  
by Former Staff of St. Louis School  
9:00 am +Dick & Elaine Olds  
by Chuck and Pam Hanson  
10:30 am People of the Parish

**SEMINARIAN SPOTLIGHT**



**John Paul Stedwill**

Born 7-3-97. Class of 2026  
Mount St. Mary's Seminary  
16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd.,  
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Background: He is a member of St. Jude parish. He attended Benedictine College and desired to pursue medical school and being a military doctor. He enjoys backpacking. He says, "As I grew older, I always found myself ultimately unfilled in my plans. I realized that the moments where I did experience fulfillment with an inner sense of peace and joy were in participating in the sacraments. I discerned my vocation and entered the seminary."



Please remember to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life especially from St. Louis Parish!

***St. Therese, Patroness of Vocations, pray for us!***

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4:00 pm: Saturday, January 15th

Altar Servers Gretchen & Gabby Carden  
 Lectors Patty Daluga  
 Sacristan Mandy Robinson  
 Ushers **(Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)**

### 7:30 am: Sunday, January 16th

Altar Servers Brady Peach  
 Lectors Margaret Martinkus  
 Sacristan Joann Bowman  
 Ushers Gary Blessman

### 9:00 am: Sunday, January 16th

Altar Server Patsy Bystry, Elizabeth Keutzer  
 Camera Operators Marty Makransky  
 Lectors Tim Kunkel  
 Sacristan Susanna Prushinski  
 Ushers Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker,

### 10:30 am: Sunday, January 16th

Altar Server Nate Lough, Brennan Roden  
 Lectors Marcia Obenhaus  
 Sacristan Tim Smith  
 Ushers Ken Lough, Pat Mason **(Additional Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)**

EMHC for Homebound: Linda Carter, Pat Galassi-Carlson, Tim Smith, Gene Menard, Mandy Robinson, Mary Beth Crowe

## STEWARDSHIP

### Church Monetary Support

#### Through December 26, 2021

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$ 6,835.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 335.00

#### Through January 2, 2022

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$ 8,468.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 1,968.00

#### Fiscal Period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Amount needed to date:	\$175,500.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$173,712.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	(\$ 1,788.00)

Christmas Collection	\$ 7,938.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 972.00

## ST. LOUIS SCHEDULE

### MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI	7:00 AM
TUE, THR	5:15 PM
SAT	4:00 PM
SUN	7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM

(SUN 9:00AM Live-streamed on YouTube & FaceBook)

### OUTDOOR DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(AT ANDERSON ST ENTRANCE)  
 SAT 5:00—5:15 PM  
 SUN 10:00—10:15 AM

### RECONCILIATION

TUE, THR 4:30—4:50 PM  
 SAT 3-3:45 PM

Or, by appointment. Call or email Msgr. Kruse to make an appointment. In order to maintain privacy, he will be in the confessional a few moments before the arranged time. 309-634-5822 | jameskruse1996@gmail.com

### HOLY HOUR

TUE, THR 4:00 PM

**PRIVATE PRAYER:** The Chapel is open for Private Prayer— if you need the access code please contact the parish office.

## *Rest In Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Edward Sims**  
 and for consolation for his family.  
 Funeral Mass will be January 14th at 10am

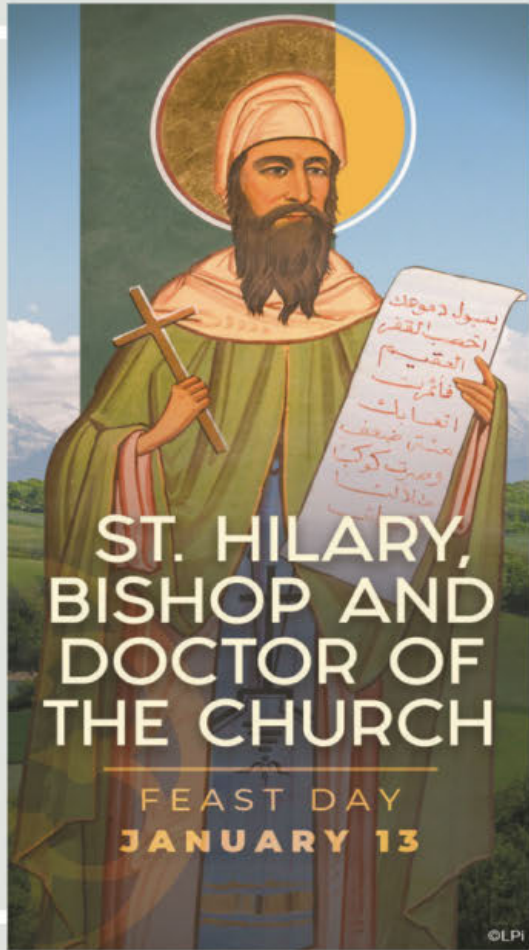
*Eternal Rest grant unto him  
 O Lord, and let perpetual light  
 shine upon his soul. May his soul, and the  
 souls of all of the faithful departed,  
 through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen*

### Men's Holy Hour

**Every Saturday at 7am** - read the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday and spend time in silent meditation. Enter through the Chapel door.

*“You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new center. Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you.”*  
*- Venerable Fulton Sheen*





# ST. HILARY, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

FEAST DAY  
JANUARY 13

## Saint of the Week

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

**POKER NIGHT!**

YOU'VE BEEN DEALT AN INVITATION TO...  
**No Limit Texas Hold 'Em**  
St. Louis Parish  
Harkrader Hall  
Sat., January 15th  
6-9pm

Everyone, aged 21 and older, including non-parishioners, is invited to meet every third Saturday, 6pm to 9pm, at Harkrader Hall. Beginners and experts are welcome. Join us for our next one on Saturday, January 15th.

We will follow standard Tournament Rules for No Limit Texas Hold 'Em. The Buy-in is \$10, with a chance for Re-Buy and Add-on. Rules and payouts will be posted. A portion of the purse will go to charity. No alcohol.

**2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month**

All High School students are invited to Youth Group Night

**This Sunday, January 9th 6-7:30 pm**  
We will meet in the Youth Group Room

**Stay & Play Update**

Due to low attendance in the past few months, we've decided to suspend Stay & Play for now. Stay tuned for other parish family events in the upcoming months!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
*to Jim and Peggy Sandberg*  
*celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary*  
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