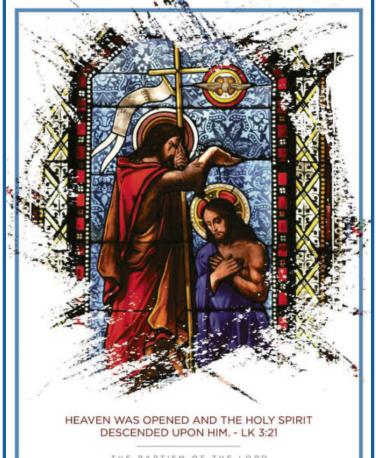


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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



- Donald Saeugling, brother of Karen Hunt of St. Joseph
- Lorraine Hirsch, mother of Dave Hirsch of St. Joseph
- Jim Wolf of St. Clement
- Dave Denlinger, brother of Vanita Bries of St. Patrick
- Deacon James Kean of St. Patrick
- *John Conrad,* brother of Bill Conrad of St. John the Evangelist

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan? - *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi



Congratulations to Taylor Lake and Jon Kluesner who were married at St. Clement Church, Bankston on December 31.

FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, which closes the Christmas season. The child Jesus, born into the world, grew into a man with a message for each of us. Our baptism is our initiation and call into this "New Way" of life; a radical life that looks to others outside of ourselves. It is a struggle to live a Christian life at times, but also a fulfilling and rewarding life.

Other items to note:

- Deacon Jim Kean passed away earlier this week. Deacon Jim was from St. Patrick in Epworth and served our parishes with tremendous grace for 25 years as a deacon. It was an honor to work with Jim and he is one of the finest men I have ever known.
- Now that the Christmas season has concluded, we move into a short period of Ordinary Time until the beginning of Lent on Wednesday, March 2.
- The weather has turned to winter after a long run of pleasant and warm weather. We do our best to clear sidewalks, parking lots, etc., please take extra caution as you move about.
- I will be using some more additional time off that I have accumulated over the past several months. Not sure exactly what I am going to do, but someplace warm might be in my future.

The Knights of Columbus Council #5513 is hosting a traveling icon honoring St. Joseph from January 10-16 at St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta (in the Breitbach Room). All members of the community are welcome to visit during the week and to join in a prayer service on Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 PM to pray for the intercession of St. Joseph in protecting, defending, and raising future generations.

Merry Christmas and Seasons Blessings to all of you!! A huge thank you for the many cards, gifts and greetings from all of you. I am truly humbled and blessed by each of you now and throughout the year. May God continue to bless all of you! - Fr. Scott Boone

The St. Clement's Men's Drive Thru Breakfast is today (January 9) from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. Menu includes eggs, sausage, ham, hash browns, and cinnamon rolls. Cost is \$10. Enter from New Vienna Road. All are welcome!

The next Women of Service meeting will be held Wednesday, January 12 at St. Patrick Church Hall, Epworth from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. We will be tying "No Sew Blankets" for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. The material is provided. Bring a scissors and small ruler.

We will also be donating items to Opening Doors (a women's organization). Items needed are: gift cards for gas or for grocery stores, paper towels, dishwasher detergent, liquid laundry detergent, floor and bathroom cleaner or garbage bags.

> The Friday Community Meal is served from 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM at the St. Patrick Church Hall in Epworth. Eat in or carry out. Delivery service is still available. All are welcome! For guestions, contact Rod at 563.451.3134 or Sandy at 563.580.3102.

> > SCHOOL MASS CANCELLATION - If the Western Dubuque School District cancels or delays school due to the weather, the school mass held on that day will be cancelled. All other pastorate liturgies will be held.

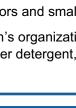


On Wednesday, January 12, there will be a regional holy hour for vocations at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Dubuque. It begins at 7:00 PM. One of our seminarians will be giving a witness talk. All are welcome!









TIME AND TALENT

St. Clement—Two people gave two hours of time to a Social Concerns meeting.

St. Patrick—Four people worked eight hours putting up shelves in the Epworth Food Pantry.

St. Joseph—Each month, two parishioners give six hours of time to tracking and filling Seton Scrip orders and balancing Scrip sales.

St. John, Peosta-One person worked over ten hours keeping bees and gathering the honey that was used for the Mary's Meals fundraiser.

St. John, Placid—Thirty people gave 8.5 hours switching out the Breaking Bread books for the next liturgical year.

FINANCE

Stewardship Giving for Dec. 26

Includes EFT's		
St. Clement	\$16,487	
St. Joseph	\$37,394	
St. Patrick	\$16,688	
St. John, Peosta	\$37,729	
St. John, Placid	\$15,846	

Stewardship Giving

for Jan. 2

St. Clement	\$ 5,750
St. Joseph	\$16,195
St. Patrick	\$ 7.649
St. John, Peosta	\$12,053
St. John, Placid	\$ 5,103

Growth & Improvement

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\$50
\$50
\$25

Growth & Improvement

for Jan. 2			
St. Patrick	\$ 60		
St. Joseph	\$240		
St. John, Peosta	\$510		

Debt to the Archdiocese as of December 31, 2021

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St. Patrick \$99,418.20)

ST. JOHN - PLACID NEWS



Church Cleaning—Helen Koopmann, Karen Young, Alicia Connolly, Kristi Strief, Julie Koopmann and Jenny Olson.

The Epworth American Legion John White Post 650 is holding card games, board games, dominoes and socializing at their building (206 W Main St, Epworth) every Wednesday through March 2022 from 1:00-4:00 PM. Bring your own beverages, snacks, dominoes

and board games. Playing cards and dice will be available. Men and women are welcome. Call Dick Bries at 563-581-7012 with questions.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Find out what you've been missing by of these attending one experiences on February 11-13 in Ankeny or encounter



April 23-24 in Epworth. For more information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.

Question of the Day

Baptism of the Lord

How has the Holy Spirit, whom I received in baptism, influenced my outlook and my actions?

WEEKLY ROSARY

Farley

Jan. 15 at 4:00 PM—George & Bonnie Heisler Jan. 16 at 9:00 AM-Volunteer



Jan. 16 at 9:00 AM—Joann Roberts



The men's CEW weekend that was to be held January 14-16 has been canceled. A one day renewal will be held on Saturday, January 15 for anyone who has made a men's weekend. To register or for more details, contact Gordon Dossey at gordondossey@gmail.com or 563-543-3328.

Please keep the women attending the CEW this weekend in your prayers.



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

St. Hilary

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WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022



Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20 **Tues:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28 **Wed:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Mk 1:29-39

Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45 Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12 Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17 Sun: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/ Jn 2:1-11

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Jan. 10 8:00 AM	Peosta	† Eldon Hanfelt		
RECONCILIATION at Peosta 8:30-9:00 AM ADORATION at Peosta following Mass until 8:00 PM				
Tue., Jan. 11	j			
6:30 AM	Peosta	In Thanksgiving		
8:45 AM	Seton School- Peosta	† Mary Jo Ernst		
Wed., Jan. 12				
6:30 AM	Peosta	† Ted Kalb		
8:45 AM	Farley	† JoAnn Schmitt		
	t Peosta following Ma	iss until 12:00 noon for		
vocations ADORATION with RECONCILIATION at Placid 8:30-10:00 PM				
Thu., Jan. 13	St. Hilary			
6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Placid Epworth	† Eldon Hanfelt † Marc Lahey (Birthday)		
	RECONCILIATION at Epworth 8:30-9:00 AM			
ADORATION at Epworth following Mass until 12:00 noon				
Fri., Jan. 14 8:00 AM	Bankston	† Rita Riniker		
8:00 AM	Farley	† Don, Milly & Dale Russell		
		AM, RECONCILIATION 7:15-7:45 AM		
	t Farley following Mas	s until 11:30 AM		
Sat., Jan. 15	F and a set	For the Doorly of the Doots wete		
4:00 PM 4:00 PM	Farley Peosta	For the People of the Pastorate † Jerry Kramer, Jr. (Birthday)		
4:00 PM	Placid	† Don Casey		
RECONCILIATI	ON at Farley 3:15 PM			
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Sun., Jan. 16	2nd Sunday in	n Ordinary Time		
7:30 AM	Epworth	† Charles & Jane Smith		
9:00 AM	Bankston	† Dorothy Meyer		
9:00 AM	Epworth	† Albert Trenkamp		
9:00 AM	Farley	† Steve (Punk) Georgen		
9:00 AM	Peosta	† Jonathon Gallagher		
9:00 AM	Placid	† Carl Bonert (Anniversary)		
SACRAMENTS				
BAPTISM. For pre-baptismal preparation or to schedule a baptism				

BAPTISM: For pre-baptismal preparation or to schedule a baptism, contact Lynne McDermott. At least one parent must be a registered and practicing member of the pastorate.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Pastorate office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. At least one of the parties must be a registered member of the pastorate.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you or someone you know is considering joining the Catholic Church or inquiring about the Faith, please call the pastorate office.

PASTORATE PRAYER LINE

Direct prayer intentions to: Donna Gibbs at 563.744.2006 or email step.prayerline@gmail.com, Kim Koetz at 563.451.4024 or email kkoetz@yousq.net or Mary Rauen at 563.581-1828 or email rickandmaryr@aol.com.

Faith Formation

2021 Confirmation Students: There are Confirmation STUDENT meetings scheduled for Sunday (today), January 9 at 10:15 AM at St. Joseph Church and Wednesday, January 12 at 6:30 PM at St. Patrick Church. Plan to attend one of these meetings.

Summer Faith Formation Families—Intergenerational Faith meetings will be held at Seton Catholic School, Peosta on Sunday (today), January 9 at 5:00 PM, Wednesday, January 26 at 6:30 PM and Sunday, January 30 at 5:00 PM. Please attend one of these meetings.

Homeschool Families: The Homeschool Parent meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 16 has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 12 at 6:30 PM in Shannon Hall, St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta.

1st Eucharist Parents: There is a 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 19 at 6:30 PM at St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta and Monday, January 24 at 6:30 PM at St. Patrick Church, Epworth. **Only parents** need to attend one of these meetings.

Seton Catholic Preschool and Kindergarten Open House for Parents and Students

Open House will be held on Monday, February 7, 2022 at Seton Catholic School, 7597 Burds Road, Peosta

6:00 - 7:00 PM for Pre-School

6:30 - 7:30 PM for Kindergarten

If you have questions about Seton Catholic, please feel free to contact us at 563.556.5967. *If we have to cancel the Open House due to severe weather, it will be posted on the Seton website <u>www.setonschool.org</u> by 2:00 PM that day.





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