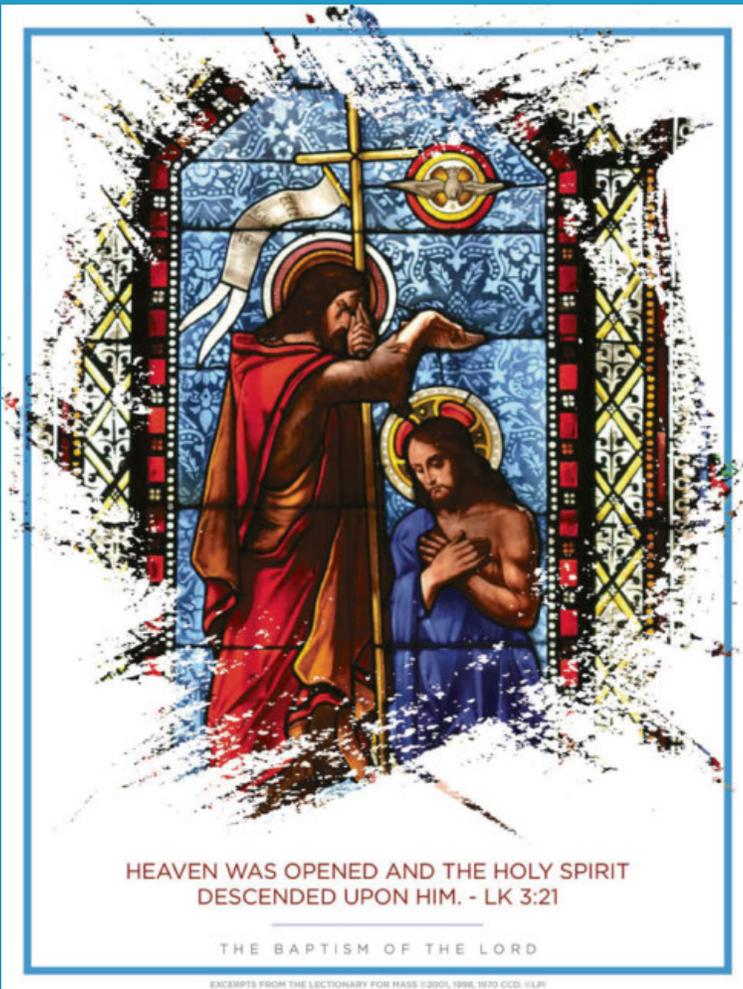


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January 9th, The Baptism of the Lord



PARISH INFORMATION

Fr. Eric Kunz, Pastor

Deacon TJ Wild

Deacon Harvey Dubbs — Retired

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Monday — Friday 8:00 AM

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Eucharistic Exposition

Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Prayer Chain Contacts

Joyce Willis 629-2573 or

Sherry Reed 629-7535

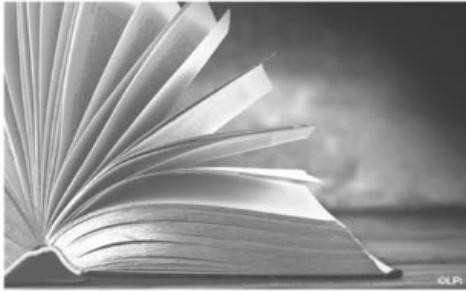
WELCOME

A warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us. If you are visiting, we are honored by your presence. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the rectory. Our Parish serves the needs of this community in many ways. We offer preparation for Sacraments, education for children and adults, social activities, assistance to those in difficulty, comfort to the sick and those who mourn a loss.

*If we can be of service, please let us know. We hope you will come again soon.
For your convenience, we have blue “Let Us Know” cards in back of church.*

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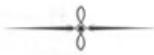
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WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
(40:5)



PSALM

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)



SECOND READING

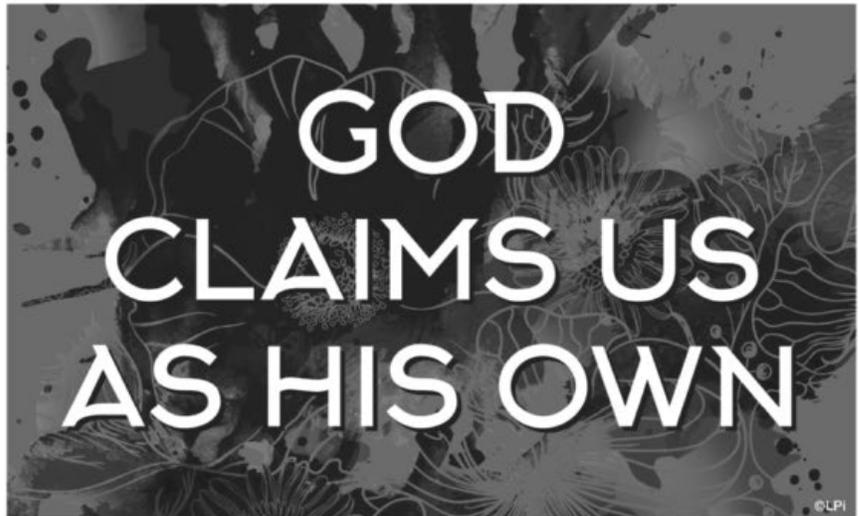
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)



GOSPEL

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 3:22)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"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.

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 Calendars are Here!

We are grateful for **Russell Colonial Funeral Home** for providing these religious calendars for our parishioners. Please pick one up in back of church.



"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." — Lk 3:16bc

St. Clair Community Trust Project

Hosted by Jefferson Franklin Community Action Corporation

WHAT IF...

- ▶ St. Clair residents could select a specific community project to benefit their community?
- ▶ Residents could select local individuals to lead that project?
- ▶ Residents could choose how JFCAC allocates \$15,000 in seed funding for this project?

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Volunteer Facilitators and Note-takers are needed to help ensure Community Trust meetings. Online training is provided on Jan. 11. To sign up, visit the website or call a number above.



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This project is funded 100% at \$200,000.00 for two years with federal funds received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provided by the Missouri Department of Social Services.

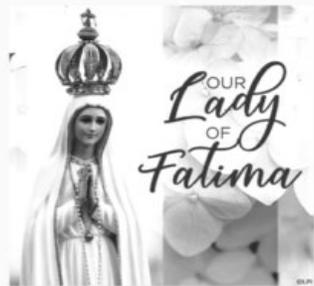
*This agreement applies to all 4 Jefferson & Franklin County Community Trust Projects.

One for Every Room

One Sunday our priest announced he was passing out miniature crosses made of palm leaves. "Put this cross in the room where your family argues most," he advised. "When you look at it, the cross will remind you that God is watching."

As I was leaving church, the woman in front of me walked up to the priest, shook his hand, and said, "I'll take five."

"My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."



**Rosary Rally
Thursday
January 13th**

1:00 pm
St. Francis Borgia Church

You are invited to join us as we ask the Blessed Mother's intercessions for our personal needs and those of our society.

All are welcome to pray with us!

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Other Parish Activities

Parish Breakfast—Sunday, January 16th, **St. Francis Borgia, Washington, MO.** 7:30—11:00am. ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET Adults: \$10 / 6-11 yr old: \$5 Under 6: Free. Cinnamon rolls, pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, bone-in ham, hash browns, fresh fruit, biscuits & gravy, coffee, milk & juice.

Can You Help?

We have a parishioner, an older gentleman, who is needing a ride to Mass on the weekends. He lives in town on Virginia Mines Road. If you are interested in helping, call the parish office for more information.

CATHOLIC SERVICES OF ST. CLAIR

Jan 1, 2021 thru Dec. 31, 2021

- Food provided to 997 families; 3046 people.
- Total paid for food, utility assistance, medication and misc. needs — \$14,638.59
- With a large donation to the Pantry to use as needed, we were able to put in a handicap accessible ramp to the church basement.

Catholic Services of St. Clair has been blessed with the support of our parish and community. Our volunteers have been able to continue to help those in need.

If you would like to donate or volunteer your time, or if you need assistance, call us at 636-629-4997 and leave a message.

Everyday Stewardship

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



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon	1/10	8:00 am	Mass
Tues	1/11	8:00 am	Mass
Wed	1/12	8:00 am	Mass
Thurs	1/13	8:00 am 8:30 - 3:00	Mass Adoration
Fri	1/14	8:00 am	Mass
Sat	1/15	3:30 - 4:15 4:30 pm	Confessions Mass
Sun	1/16	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass

Readings For The Week

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



January 8th — January 16th

WEEKEND, JANUARY 8TH & 9TH

SAT. 4:30 PM † LUCILLE JUST
 SUN. 8:00 AM † PEOPLE OF PARISH
 10:30 AM † MARY KELLY OLSON

MONDAY, JANUARY 10TH

8:00 AM † RAY RUBY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11TH

8:00 AM † REV. MARK S. EBERT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12TH

8:00 AM † CHARLOTTE HAGEDORN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13TH

8:00 AM † ANN HANNEKEN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14TH

8:00 AM † PAT STEINBACH

WEEKEND, JANUARY 15TH & 16TH

SAT. 4:30 PM † DAVE HECK, SR
 SUN. 8:00 AM † WILLETTA VOGELGSANG
 10:30 AM † PEOPLE OF PARISH

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - JANUARY 15TH & 16TH

DATE	SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC
1/15 4:30 pm	Mike Boyer	—	Ruth Cordia	—
1/16 8:00 am	Messenger Brothers Cole Horton Wyatt Horton	—	Tammy Alsop	—
1/16 10:30 am	Messenger Brothers Schreck Children	—	Karen Tauchert	—

1/16 Collection Counters: — Sharon Freeman, Juanita Perkins



WE PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES

May God Provide Health and Comfort to:

January

Katherine Haynes (Joann Haynes great-granddaughter)
John Wilinski, Paul Freeman, Leona Collins, Jennifer Schafer,
James Charboneau, Sandi Stahl,
Kim Overschmidt Schroeder, Josh Garrett,
Terry Shadrick, Sgt. Ian Ives, Mark Hoffmeister,
Lori Mayer, and Sandy Stecher.

December

Tom Osterkamp, Nathan Chase, John Vogelgesang,
Gale Cordia, Wendy Peters, Rachael Putnam,
Lloyd DeGuire, Kay Blanke, Loretta Gravagna,
Larry Perkins, Leslie George, Pat Cordia, Larry Hanks,
Rodney Bryan, Patti Smith, Pauline Ware Scheer,
John Evans and Dalton Via.

November

Coach Perry, Bernard Unnerstall, Jerome Ritter, Tony
DeMoor, Mary Suntrup, Hugo Vaden, Carol Krassinger,
Andrea Moore, Loraine Shaw, Jennifer Harter,
Joann Haynes, and Gordon Monk.

STEWARDSHIP

Week of December 26th

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,626.00
Loose Collection	<u>343.00</u>
Total Money For Operating Capital	\$ 2,969.00

Restricted Funds

Christmas Offering	2700.00
Immaculate Conception	25.00
Seminary	859.00
Cemetery Care	100.00
Good Samaritan Supper	50.00
Parish Improvements.....	<u>65.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,799.00

Monthly Offertory Total To Date: \$ 13,903.23

December Collection Goal: \$ 14,500.00

Thanks be to God for the generosity of our Parishioners!

Week of January 2nd

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,577.00
Loose Collection	<u>102.00</u>
Total Money For Operating Capital	\$ 2,679.00

Restricted Funds

Solemnity of Mary	230.00
First Offering	140.00
Seminary	120.00
Permanent Deaconate	20.00
Retired Priests	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$ 530.00

Monthly Offertory Total To Date: \$ 2,679.00

January Collection Goal: \$ 14,500.00

Thanks be to God for the generosity of our Parishioners!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Please remember in your prayers the following military personnel:

*Captain Gionna Casatelli — Us Army,
SGT Ian Ives — US Army,
SGT Drew Alsop — US Army, Erin Arent — US Navy,
Jeff Arent — U.S. Marines, SGT Jamie Bucher — USAF,
Jason Burton — US Navy,
Scott Daugherty, Coty DeClue — USAF,
SGT Cameron Earley — US Army,
SGT Tyler Earley — US Army,
Clay Fisher — US Marines,
James Taylor Gragg — USAF, SPC Tyler Grogan — US Army,
Matthew Martin — US Navy, Logan Moore — USAF,
Monty Perkins, And Andrew Snodgrass — US Navy.
MSgt Jeffrey Haynes—USAF*

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’ ” —(LUKE 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! — Prayer

We hear in this week’s Gospel about how Jesus visited John the Baptist and was baptized with water. We also hear that after His baptism, Jesus took time to pray. Jesus was commissioned by God for a large and vital mission, and He knew that He only had three short years to accomplish it! His example shows us that no matter how busy we are or how much we have to do it is vital that we take time to pray. In fact, the examples shown by Jesus and many of the saints teach us that the need to take time to pray grows with the busyness of our lives. Please, Jesus, instill in all of us the desire to build a deeper relationship with you through prayer. Amen.

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