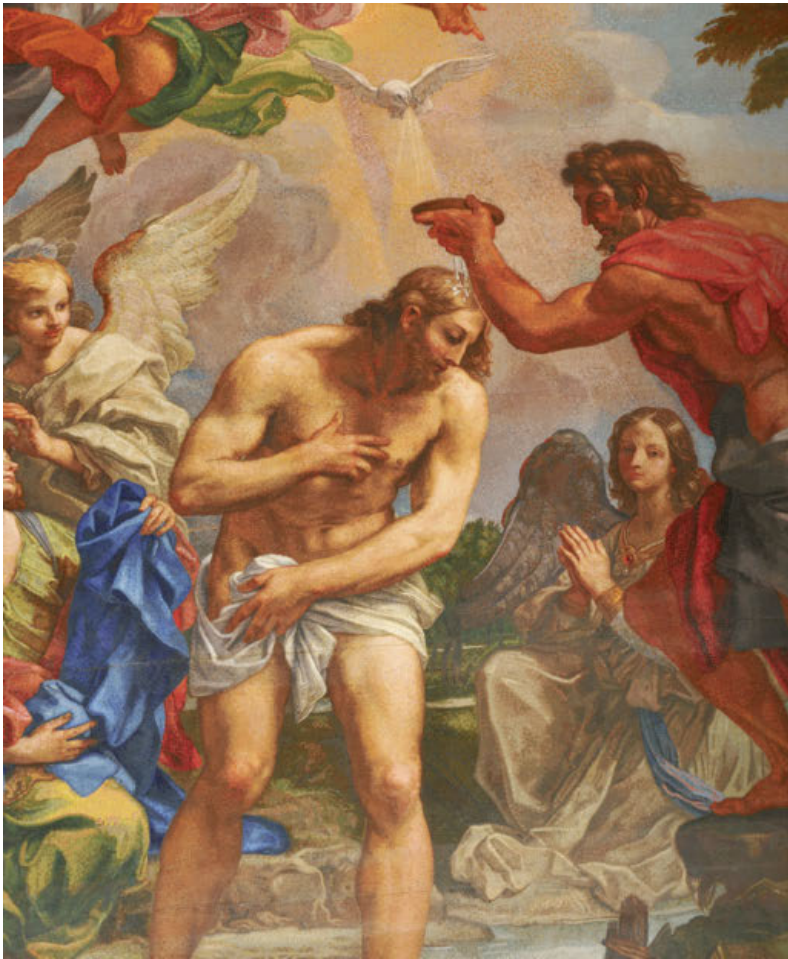




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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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TOGETHER IN BAPTISM

We welcome to the church the newly baptized **Francis David Perron**, son of Maureen and David Perron. Please join us in congratulating these parents upon the baptism of their child. We pledge to them our continued prayerful support throughout the journey of Christian parenting.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"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.



PARISH GUIDE BOOK

Due to printing issues we are now preparing the 2022 Parish Guide Book for publication. If you are the head of an organization or ministry and would like to make change in the description of your organization/ministry in the guidebook or have a change of address or family information, please contact Carmela Garza at cgarza@stmargaretstl.org or call the Rectory (314-776-0363) to update your information. Please make note that we **will not include phone numbers only email information** in the 2022 Guide Book publication. **Deadline to submit this information Monday, January 31, 2022.**

A NEW WEEK



BY FR. JOHN VIEN

The Season of Christmas comes to a close today on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Just as Jesus' baptism by John began his public ministry, so too all of us who have been baptized are called to make the presence of Jesus known in our world. May we live each day this New Year as faithful Missionary Disciples! Thanks to all who made our Christmas celebrations so wonderful and beautiful: those who decorated the Church; our Lectors, Communion Ministers, Servers, and Greeters; Peter and Steve and our wonderful choir, cantors, and musicians; and all who worshiped with us over these weeks. Finally, thank you to all who sent cards, treats, and cookies to me over the Christmas holidays. I'm grateful for all the wonderful homemade goodies that I share with family and friends and staff, and I will remember all of you in prayer and with gratitude in this New Year.

This month of January brings the return of Ordinary Time, and a few special occasions and remembrances. On the third Monday in January, our nation remembers the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his commitment to justice and non-violence. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an annual remembrance, begins on January 18, and we pray for unity in faith and belief among all the Christian denominations of the world, fulfilling Jesus' prayer "that all may be one." On January 22, we remember the sad anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision. As we pray that the lives of the unborn will be protected in law, we also work to change minds and hearts to the beauty and dignity of human life, and we vow to protect and care for all women and children. In 2019, Pope Francis declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, this year on January 23, be observed as the Sunday of the Word of God; this would be a fitting time to recommit to the reading and reflecting on the Bible as part of our daily prayer. Catholic Schools Week begins on January 30 and ushers in a week of fun and activities for our parish school community, including an Open House at School on that Sunday. Finally, we celebrate some amazing Saints this month, including the Americans St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. John Neumann; the Canadian St. Andre Besette; as well as St. Agnes, St. Francis de Sales, SS. Timothy & Titus, St. Angela Merici, and St. Thomas Aquinas.

Our Holy Father's intention for the month of January is for true human fraternity. Let us join Pope Francis in remembering this petition this month: 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.

Our COVID protocols remain in place at St. Margaret, and we should be ever vigilant as variants arise. If you are sick or have symptoms, are COVID positive or awaiting test results, please stay home and do not come to Mass. Face coverings (masks) are to be worn inside Church at all times. Holy Communion should be received on the hand, and will only be given on the tongue by the priest presider. Let us continue to pray for those who are sick, those who are caring for them and for hope and healing for our world.

January is often a dreary and cold month, but it's special to me as I celebrate my birthday and the anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood! I will be taking some time off away from the parish this month, after the Christmas holidays and before Lent begins, so please welcome the priests who will be here over the next weeks to celebrate Mass, including Fr. Charlie Bouchard, Fr. Jim Ramacciotti, and Fr. Jeff Puthoff, SJ. I will return to St. Margaret on January 22. Let us pray for one another!

Big News for the Parish!

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce the creation of a new endowment to benefit St. Margaret of Scotland Parish through the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri. This fund has been established with my support and the advice and support of our Parish Finance Advisory Committee.



Archbishop Carlson created the Foundation and it has been further endorsed by Archbishop Rozanski. It is a separate 501(c)(3) organization from the Archdiocese of St. Louis and has been designated as the long term financial and planned giving resource to the parishes, schools and ministries of the Archdiocese. After a mere 7 years in existence, the Foundation has more than 225 individual funds and more than \$68 million dollars under management.

The endowment will provide an annual distribution to the parish, which will be used for general support of the parish. The fund is perpetual and will provide on-going income to our parish for generations to come.

Additions to the fund can be made by anyone, at any time, and in any amount. Therefore, I encourage you to consider making gifts to the endowment through the Roman Catholic Foundation for birthdays, memorials, anniversaries, or any other special event. You can also make a planned gift, which will be added to the endowment after your lifetime!

To learn more about ways to assist with the long-term financial stability of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish or to learn more about the Foundation and the services they offer, please contact our planned giving partner at the Foundation, Michael Weisbrod, at 314.918.2893 or send him an email at michael.weisbrod@rcfrstl.org.

Sincerely,

Fr. John Rogers Vien
Pastor

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

SVDP Winter Outreach 2021

Happy New Year - And, Happy we are! Thank you! You are the most wonderfully generous parish ever! Together we raised **over \$27,800!!** Far exceeding our goal!



We are forever thankful and humbled by your show of support. These funds will help keep us funded for many months to come, enabling us to be generous with many who reach out to us for help. We are also very grateful to the students and faculty of St. Margaret's School. Their Dress Down Day brought us \$541, and then they held a class by class collection of personal/home care products that filled our pantry shelves abundantly! Plus, many thanks to Fr. Vien for his heartfelt attention and support for this cause. Giving is truly something this parish does so very well! Exceptionally in this case! We thank you for your generosity to this event, and your continued support as we carry on in St. Vincent de Paul's, and St. Margaret's, mission to serve those in need in our parish.

GROWING IN FAITH

Today marks the end of our Christmas season. I know many of us have already taken the Christmas decorations down and tucked them away so that the house feels fresh and ready for a new year; everything is back to business as kids resumed school this week. But the Church celebrates Christmas until now. I wonder why that is, especially since the story of the Lord's baptism isn't part of any of the infancy narratives we have about Christ. It seems like an odd thing to make sure to include in the season, especially when we do have a story of Jesus being presented in the Temple as an infant. Why is this?



BY RUTH PERA
COORDINATOR OF
FAITH FORMATION

A little light googling led me to an interesting read and a short video worth listening to. I am including the link at the end of this piece, in case you would like to hear it for yourself. I especially gleaned a lot about the beauty and importance of the Lord's baptism, when it is clear to all of us that Christ doesn't **need** to be baptized (in the same way that we need to be baptized in order to be freed from the death of sin to have eternal life with God). But there were two important notes for me about why this important moment, 30 years after Christ's birth, belongs in the Christmas season:

- Because Jesus does not, in fact, need to be baptized to have eternal life with God, his baptism is a true act of humility. In this moment, Jesus models for us his submission of his will to the will of the Father, and his desire to devote his life to fulfilling the Father's plan. Since the Nativity of the Lord is also a celebration of Christ's humble sacrifice so that we may be reunited with the Father, it is fitting that we remember these great feasts together.
- There are three major revelations about God in the Christmas season. The first is the Incarnation: that God would allow himself to be born as one of us. The second is the Epiphany, when Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and the king of Israel. And the third: the revelation of the Trinity, which is shown to us in the moment of Christ's baptism. We hear the Father speak, the Holy Spirit shows his presence, and Jesus is declared the Beloved Son. The inclusion of this moment in the Christmas season means that God reveals all parts of himself to us throughout this season - something I don't often consider. This season isn't **just** about the baby.

There is so much more that we can ponder about the wonder of Baptism - how it changed Christ's life, and how it changes ours. In a season of resolutions to do better, be better, it is worth considering how we can better fulfill our Baptismal call moving into this year. I invite you to read more and pray about it here: <https://www.dolr.org/article/christs-baptism-ends-christmas-season>

JUST FAITH MINISTRY

JustFaith's Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey is an eight-week small faith group session which will **start Monday, January 24, 2022** by zoom from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

This eight-session, faith-filled program provides you with a chance to learn, pray, discuss, and to discover more about our Catholic teachings, our values, our God, and the millions of people who are on the move in every part of the world.

The suggested price of the program is \$20, but do not let cost stand in your way of joining us. Sign up on We Share located on the parish website. Details will be sent upon registration.

For more information, contact Julie Hesed at momhesed@gmail.com (314-349-7788) or Astrid Homan at astrid@frontier.net (636 - 467-8036)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 10

6:30 a.m. The Casey Family +

Tuesday, January 11

6:30 a.m. John "Jack" Stirnemann +

Wednesday, January 12

6:30 a.m. Joan Tognoni +

Thursday, January 13

6:30 a.m. Mario Garza +

Friday, January 14

6:30 a.m. John D. Fritz, Sr.

Saturday, January 15

4:30 p.m. Thomas Gilsinn +

Sunday, January 16

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. William L. Zielinski +

To mark a special occasion or to remember a beloved family member or friend, living or deceased, with a Mass intention please call the Parish Office at 314-776-0363. The bishops of Missouri ask the faithful to make a \$10 offering for each Mass if they are able.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, January 11

PTA Mtg., 7:00 p.m. - School

Wednesday, January 12

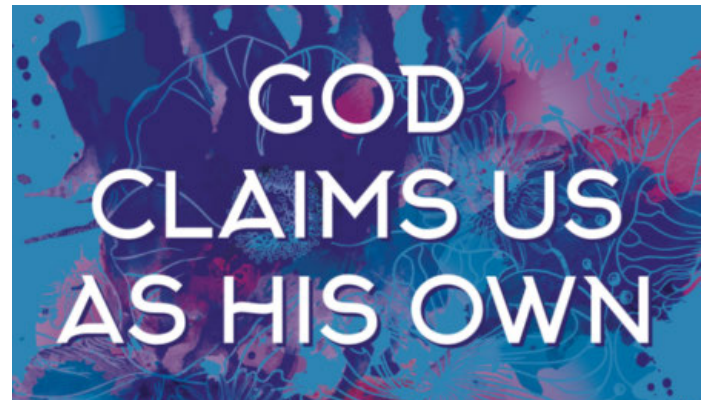
Centering Prayer, 8:30 a.m. - Chapel

Thursday, January 13

Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Church
1st Grade Girl Scout Mtg., 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

Sunday, January 16

Pray the Rosary, 7:30 a.m. - Church
Respect Life, 9:00 a.m. - Church Hall



MINISTRY SCHEDULE - WEEKEND OF JANUARY 15 & 16

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
ALTAR SERVERS	Madeline Moore Colleen Moore Andrew Mudd	Oscar Clyne William Lederle Meredith Lederle	Harrison Agniel Mia Agniel Sofia Debourg
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Monday, January 17 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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LIVING JUSTICE NEWS

LIVING JUSTICE NEWSLETTER



The St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Living Justice Ministry is monthly newsletter that provides updates on meetings and events, links to great social justice resources, suggestions for taking

action, prayers and reflections, and more!

Boy Scouts News

E-RECYCLING

Are you receiving new electronic devices for Christmas? Do you have any old ones? What will you do with them? Don't throw them out! Boy Scout Troop 110 will once again be holding an e-recycling event on Saturday, March 5, 2022.



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