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A Catholic Church in Rural Southeastern Portage County, WI

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January 8 & 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

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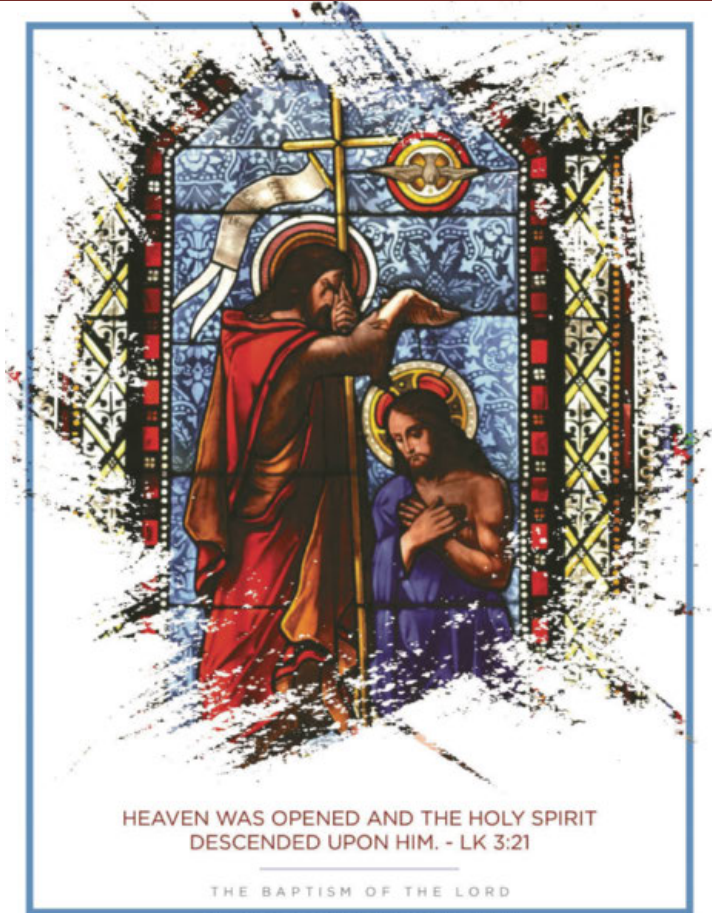
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Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturdays 7:00 p.m.
Sundays 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesdays 5:00 p.m. & Sundays 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 6:15—6:45 p.m.

Parish Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. and 3:30—5:30 p.m.
Thursday 3:30—5:30 p.m.

Father's Corner:

Dear Loving Parishioners,

Love and Peace of Christ! The Baptism of the Lord is the great event celebrated by the Church, and also marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

- It was a moment of identification with us sinners. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify himself with his people who realized for the first time that they were sinners.
- It was a moment of conviction about His identity and mission: that He is the Son of God and that His mission was to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation and to atone for our sins.
- It was a moment of decision to begin public ministry at the most opportune time after receiving the approval of his Heavenly Father as His beloved Son.
- The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit.
- It is a day to thank God for the graces we have received in Baptism, to renew our Baptismal promises and to preach Christ's 'Good News' by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness.

May God bless you!

Father Peter

The Arts & Environment Committee would like to thank all who volunteered their time decorating the church for Christmas. It is much appreciated!

Special thanks to Jan Wolosek for donating the beautiful Christmas trees and wreaths, and to Pat Peskie for taking care of them.

This year's Christmas decorations are in special remembrance of Nila Peskie who loved decorating the church at this time of year.

St. Max Social Hall Prayer

Thank you, good Lord, for blessing our St. Max family over the years.

We are truly blessed!

Throughout the entire social hall process you have been there for us and have guided us. Through your mercy, please continue to guide us and take our project over the finish line. St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us! Amen.

SOUP TO GO FUNDRAISER

Comfort and joy! On January 15 & 16 after each of the weekend Masses we will sell soup to go. PLEASE PRE-ORDER by January 12 so we can plan appropriately.



An order sheet is available in the gathering space or you can place your order by phone or text to Mary 715-340-7217 or Chris at 715-340-7810. We'll have Chicken Noodle, Chicken Dumpling or Beef Vegetable Barley soup. The cost is \$8 per quart and can be paid for at the time of pick up.

We also need help making soup on Friday evening and Saturday morning. It takes just a few hours and is so much fun. Please see the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. All proceeds will be applied to our fundraiser for the new religious education classrooms and social hall.

Can You Help?

We're looking for a few volunteers that can help take down Christmas decorations after the 10:30 a.m. Mass this weekend—1/9/22.

Thank you!

This Week's Birthdays

Riley Helbach 1/10	Kaylee Peterson 1/14
Franciene Hassman 1/11	Jeremiah Trzebiatowski 1/14
John Platten 1/12	Ty Jacowski 1/16
Matilda Dreger 1/13	Carson Zietlow 1/16
Bill Schmitt 1/13	
Randy Krusick 1/14	



This Week's Wedding Anniversaries



Tom & Margaret Guth 1/15

The 2021-2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) is underway.



Our goal is set at \$30,880.00. You can give online at <https://diolc.org/donate-online/>, by returning the pledge form you received in the mail, using one on the table in the gathering space, or via the collection box (please identify it as for the annual appeal). Please contact the office at 715-824-3380 with questions.

Thank you to those that have already donated!
We have reached approximately 45% of our goal.

Your DAA funds are not and will not be used for any fees, compensations, or settlements associated with any legal or abuse cases.

TEMPORARY DONOR BOARD ON DISPLAY

A temporary social hall donation recognition board is on display in the gathering space.

Plates displayed on the board will be transferred to a permanent board to be installed in the new addition.

Contact Betty Gonnering 703-509-5180
or bgonner@aol.com with questions.

New Parishioners

We welcome you to our parish family. If you wish to join our parish, you may register by calling the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 6:15—6:45 p.m.

Marriage Arrangements

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Baptism

Please call the parish office prior to the birth of your child.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the parish office at 715-824-3380.

Mass Intentions

Please submit Mass Intentions to the parish office.

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, January 15—7:00 p.m.

Reader: Mary
Usher Captain: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike B & Mary

Sunday, January 16—8:30 a.m.

Reader: Lindsay
Usher Captain: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers: Amy & Lindsay

Sunday, January 16—10:30 a.m.

Reader: Todd
Usher Captain: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers: Kris & Lance

Weekly Schedule and Mass Intention Offerings

Saturday, January 8

6:15—6:45 p.m. Confession
7:00 p.m. MASS: + Nila Peskie
by Bob & Helen Helbach

Sunday, January 9 *The Baptism of the Lord*

8:30 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Max's
10:30 a.m. MASS: + William & Nedra Christensen
by Marcia Johnson
6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, January 10

No Mass

Tuesday, January 11

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 p.m. MASS: + Joseph Heidger
& an end to abortion
by Stanley Heidger

Wednesday, January 12

8:00 a.m. MASS: + John Kalata
by Friends & family
6:00 p.m. Religious Education

Thursday, January 13

St. Hilary

8:00 a.m. MASS: + Louie Baumgartner

Friday, January 14

8:00 a.m. MASS: + Nila Peskie
by Bob & Helen Helbach

Saturday, January 15 *Blessed Virgin Mary*

6:15—6:45 p.m. Confession
7:00 p.m. MASS: + Delmer Flesch
by Leo & Betty Gonnering

Sunday, January 16

8:30 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Max's
10:30 a.m. MASS: + Fr. Ray Pedretti
by Craig & Terri Singer
6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Our CCD Program Needs YOU!

Do you like working with children?

The CCD program is looking for occasional help to teach a class if a regular teacher is absent. Lesson plans are already set up.

If you are interested or have questions, please email Sharon Christensen
at sharon.jc@live.com.

Thank you!

St. Martin's Cemetery News

Lot holders and family members of those buried in St. Martin's Cemetery can read the annual report & newsletter on the church website. Thank you!

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