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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

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

St. Hilary

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP 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

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The Baptism of the Lord, Feast Sunday, January 9, 2022

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11. Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30. Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7. Luke 3:5-16, 21-22.

Prayer. Jesus himself is baptized by John. Then he prays. In his praying, the Spirit comes and the Father speaks words of possessive pleasure.

- How will I pray this last day of the Christmas season?
- When I am quite enough, what do I hear God say?
- What mercy work does the Spirit empower me to do?

Respect Life Corner

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will hold its monthly meeting this Tuesday, January 11, at 7 pm in the Knights of Columbus hall. All men of the parish are welcome. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

JustFaith Catholic Program Offered Virtually

Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response

8 Consecutive Weeks Starting January 14 at 1pm

How do I respond to poverty and injustice? What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer? *Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response* is an 8 week program that explores God's call to respond to poverty in our local communities, equipping participants to take action in effective and sustainable ways. Meaningful prayer experiences in the context of a small faith community are an essential part of each session. The program will be offered virtually on Zoom for any interested adults in our diocese. For a short introductory video go to [youtube.com/watch?v=CRWqV_KhwLQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRWqV_KhwLQ). For more information go to <https://justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-jfc/>. The program is sponsored through a local grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. To register contact Cheryl Sommer, Diocesan Director for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at cchddiobelle@gmail.com or 618-624-2838.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ©LPi

WEEKLY PRAYER

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 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SUN 1/9	8:30 AM	For The People
MON 1/10	8:00 AM	Bill Bowden
TUE 1/11	8:00 AM	Don Erwin
WED 1/12	8:00 AM	Rita Rensing
	10:15 AM	ACHS
THR 1/13	8:00 AM	Judith Wiesemann
FRI 1/14	7:45 AM	Joan Maxwell
SAT 1/15	8:00 AM	Verna Frederick
	4:00 PM	For The People
SUN 1/16	8:30 AM	Barbara Miller

St. Augustine of Canterbury Church BLOOD DRIVE

January 10, 2022 - 2:00 – 6:00 P.M. - Kuhl Hall

Please give the Gift of Life. If you have given blood on or before November 15, 2021, you are eligible to give again on January 10, 2022. Blood is always needed no matter what season it is. Please refrain from drinking tea two weeks before giving blood as it depletes your iron. Also, please go to redcrossblood.org

Grief Support Group Meeting

Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery
10101 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62223
Phone (618) 397-0181

Our Grief Support Group meeting is held at 1:00 P.M. on the second Wednesday of every month at Mount Carmel Peace Chapel.

Those who have attended previous, as well as those who have never before attended these meetings are cordially welcomed. Rev. Dennis Voss is our facilitator. There is no charge for this ministry and no RSVP is needed.

Note: This group has offered support to those who are grieving since September of 1998



January 9, 2021

Sunday - 8:30 am Mass
Live Stream Mass 8:30
- PSR Classes Resume

Monday -
Tuesday - Men's Club Mtg 7:00 pm
Wednesday - Eucharistic Adoration
2:30-4:30 pm

Thursday -
Friday -
Saturday -

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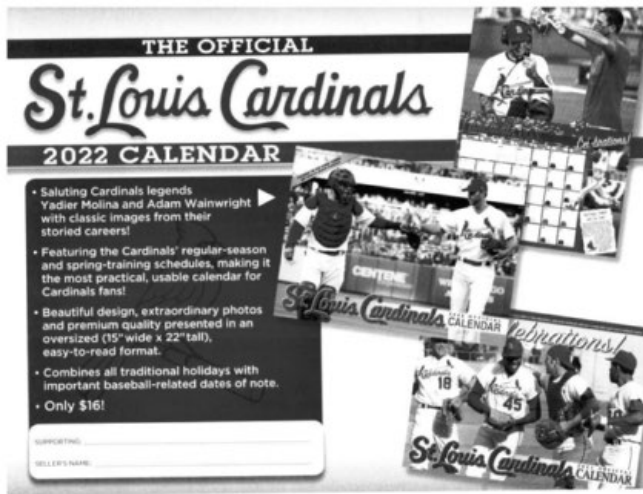


4:00 pm Mass Team #5 - January 15, 2022


Lector: Jeannette Yelinek
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Jim & Volunteer
Greeters/List: Joy Dierkes
Gift Bearers: Needs Volunteers
Ushers: Charlie & Kathleen DuMontier
Sanitizing: DuMontier

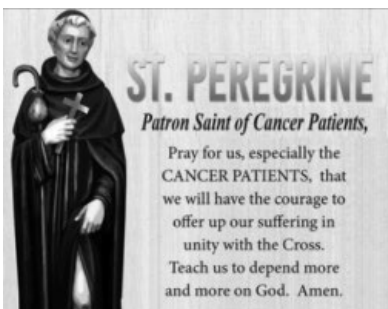
8:30 am Mass Team #5 - January 16, 2022

Lector: Jerry Ahrens
Eucharistic Minister: George Mehochko
Greeters/List: Chris Knee
Gift Bearers: Needs Volunteers
Ushers: Dan Broeckling & Andy Wells
Sanitizing: Knee



St. Henry Creative Learning Center has the 2022 Cardinals calendar available for pick up. This is a great quality calendar - all color. It is \$16, per calendar; please call Judy or Nicole 618-234-6061 if you would like one. Thank you.

	
December 24 & 25, 2021	
Envelopes	\$ 325.00
Loose Christmas Offering	\$ 1,854.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 2,150.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 40.00
Diocese Christmas Needy Coll.	<u>\$ 1,744.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,113.00
December 26, 2021	
Envelopes/Loose/Mail-Ins	\$ 3,171.00
St. Vincent de Paul/Mail-Ins	\$ 791.00
Guatemala	\$ 25.00
Immaculate Conception of Mary	\$ 5.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 220.00
Diocese Christmas Needy Coll.	\$ 25.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00
January 2, 2021	
Envelopes/Loose/Mail-Ins	\$ 1,715.00
St. Vincent de Paul/Mail-Ins	\$ 155.00
Guatemala	\$ 135.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 190.00



St. Peregrine Mass
1st Thursday
of the month
8:00am Mass
At Queen of
Peace Church

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



*Contributions for our
Christmas Decorations
were made in the memory of
the following individual*

Sharol L. Rice

Diocese of Belleville: Mass for Life

Please join Bishop Michael McGovern for Holy Mass on Sunday, January 16, at 10:30am at Holy Trinity Church, 505 Fountains Parkway, Fairview Heights, IL. We are especially mindful in the month of January of the tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Together we need the power of prayer and God's grace to build a culture where every human life is cherished and respected from conception until natural death. All are invited to draw strength from the power of Christ's holy word and the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

For more information, contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722-5003 or by e-mail at mail to: jhoffmann@diobelle.org

Special 2nd Collection

The Diocese of Belleville will be sending assistance to the Church in Owensboro, Kentucky following the devastating storms. We are taking up a second collection today to help assist the Church in Owensboro, Kentucky



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**Eucharistic Adoration every
Wednesday from 2:30-4:30.**

A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land

Co-Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services in the
Diocese of Belleville and The Messenger

November 28 to December 9, 2022

Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Steve Beatty

This pilgrimage will include important sites in Jesus' life as well as visits to places in the Holy Land where CRS is carrying on the work of Jesus today. Pricing, complete itinerary, and registration will be available after Feb. 28, 2022. To be placed on the priority mailing list to receive a full itinerary and registration information, contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Animator for the Diocese of Belleville at crsdiobelle@gmail.com or 618-624-2838.

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