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### *The Baptism of the Lord—Sunday, January 9th*

*We are a Catholic Faith Community, united in Christ through Sacrament, dedicated to charity, community, service and spiritual growth.*

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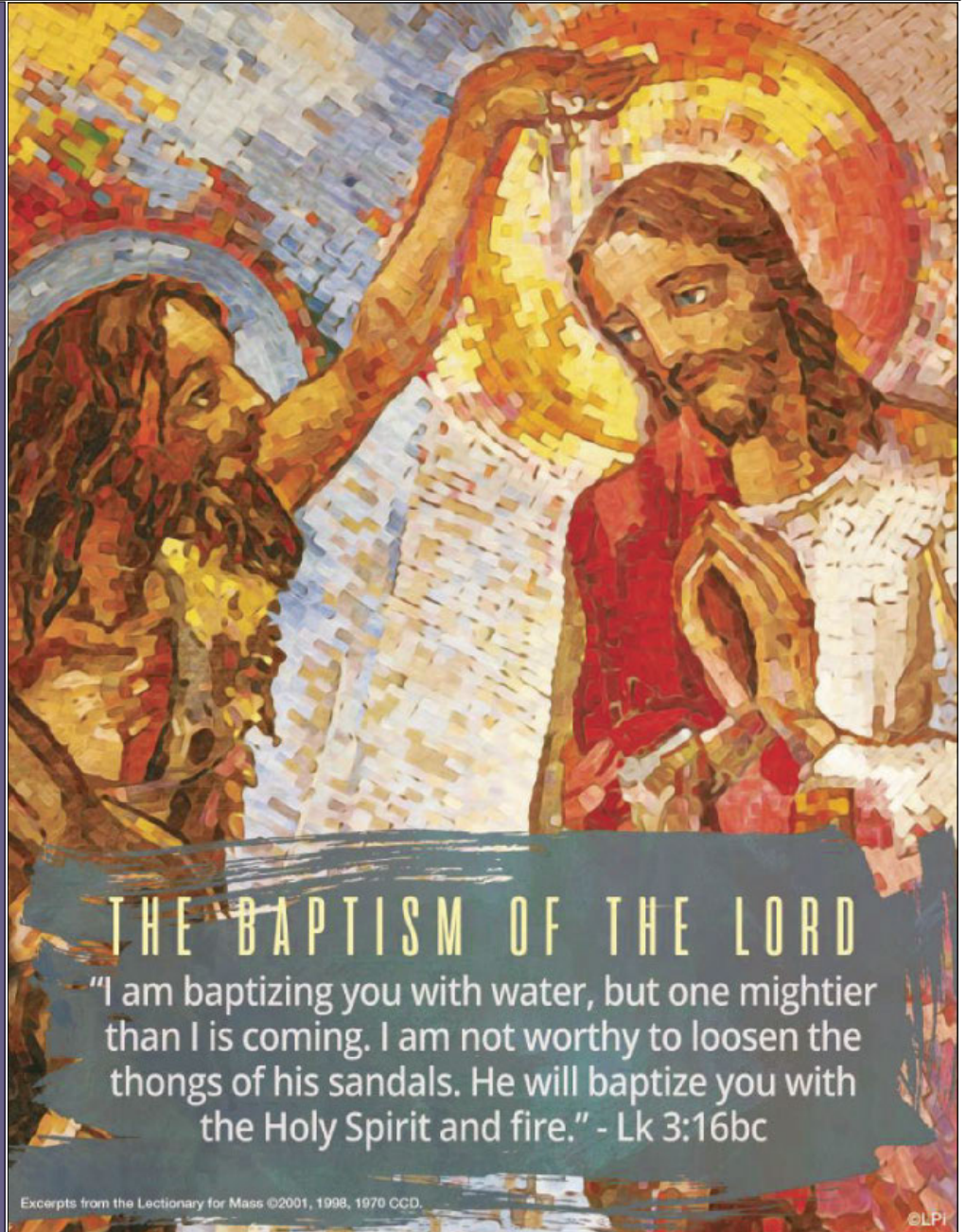
**Sunday Masses**

8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

**Confessions**

30 Minutes prior to each Mass.

We need your help! If you are able to act as a server for either of our Masses, easy instruction will be provided. Please contact Jeanine at 815-790-3643. Thank you!



### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“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

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Jesus, whom God call “my beloved Son,” is also the “servant” of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

## SCRIPTURAL READINGS

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

As a young man marries a virgin, so the Lord will marry Israel. No longer will she be called "Forsaken," for she is now the precious one of God and will be called "My Delight."

#### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96:1-2

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is one Spirit from whom come many gifts. Each person is given a different gift to use for the common good. We are all united in the one Spirit through our individual gifts.

#### Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus and his mother were invited to a wedding feast at Cana. There he performed the first of his great signs, changing water into wine. Thus he revealed his glory to all.

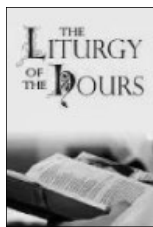


## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, January 16th

8:00 a.m.: People of the Parish

10:15 a.m.: Judy Worts  
Requested by the Wagner's



Tuesdays—7:30 a.m.

Wednesdays—6:00 p.m.

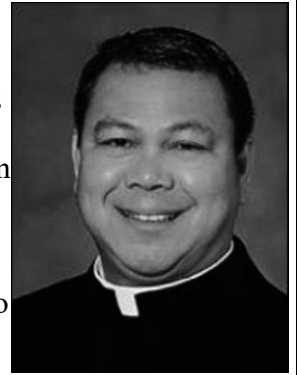
Fridays—7:30 a.m.

Please contact Ray Wagner for additional information at 815-648-2440. Consider joining us for this new prayer opportunity.

## Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The Church holds Christmas as the second most sacred celebration after Easter. Liturgically, Christmas refers to the memorial of Christ's Nativity and His early manifestations which include His baptism as an adult. Thus, today's Feast, **The Baptism of the Lord**, is still part of Christmas celebration although it concludes it. We are so used to think only of Jesus as an infant during the Season that it doesn't come to mind so often His adult image as part of Christmas.

In fact, all the daily Gospel readings, from last Sunday's Feast of Epiphany to this Sunday, are all adult images of Jesus portraying different qualities of His person in order to reveal what kind of God who became man He is in relation to us. Those portrayed images of Jesus are called His *Epiphanies* or His manifestations in order the answer the question asked in the famous carol "*What Child is this?*" The ultimate answer to the same question is now given in today's feast; given not by prophets or sages but by God the Father Himself: "This is my beloved Son...Listen to Him." On that note, Christmas is concluded and we are now to listen to the beloved Son of the Father and follow Him.



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is an opportune time to reflect on our own baptism. Most of us were baptized as babies and don't have the privilege of recollecting this momentous event of faith journey like those in the RCIA program. However, our baptism is not an event of the past. Rather it is an ever present reality, a constant and an on-going sharing in the life of the Risen Christ. We can and we must reflect on our baptism as an on-going and daily spiritual exercise. Turning to the very words used for the rite of Baptism is an excellent source of help for a most fruitful reflection:

*God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.*

At baptism, God through Christ has set us free from the bondage of original sin, made us into a new creation through the Holy Spirit by transforming us to become His sons and daughters and brought us into His family, the Church.

*He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king.*

At baptism we were configure into Christ in His three-fold function as priest prophet, and king so that as we strive daily to come closer to God in worship and prayer, we also do our roles as helpers in Christ work of salvation.

As we renew our baptismal vows during this most solemn feast, let us be led by the Spirit to seek the Glory of God in everything that we do. For one last time this year: Merry Christmas to you! And may God bless you.



## Top O' The Morning with Bishop David J. Malloy

Weekdays at 6:59 a.m. on WREX Channel 13

## VOCATION CORNER

### Winter: perfect pruning time

This time of the year, after the holidays, seems that there is not a lot to do. Life in the parish slows down; in most of the parishes there are not special activities or events, lines for confession and Mass attendance comes back to its regular numbers. Even nature seems to take a break during the winter season; trees lose their leaves during fall, and look barren the whole winter season. But life is still there.

Winter season is a time to prune trees. Some branches are cut off because they are dead; others are pruned if they had been damaged by a wind or storm; other branches are pruned to make trees more beautiful and fruitful. Just like the trees we also can take advantage of this time of the church (ordinary time) to cut off whatever is dead in our lives, or brings death to our lives (i.e. a vice or a bad attitude towards others); We may also take a look to those relationships damaged by the storms of hate and misunderstanding in the past; or we make just look at ourselves and see in what ways we can be more beautiful and fruitful.

Be aware! A tree that is not pruned may cause damage to our property. A broken or dead branch that is not taken care of may fall in our home or car. A tree that is not pruned does not bear much fruit. The same thing happens with our lives, in particular with our vocation. If we don't look constantly into ourselves to cut off whatever is dead or broken within us we may be risking that a dead branch may collapse our vocation. It is also true that if we don't leave behind the things that do not allow us to be more beautiful and fruitful, our vocation eventually will be like an old barren tree. Responding to God's call is a continuous process of growth, let us ask God's grace to keep growing in his friendship and love.

## Ministry Schedule Sunday, January 16th

### 8:00 a.m.

DCN: Tom Rome  
L: Michael Vest  
S: Ray Wagner  
S: Stefanie Vanderstappen  
U: Vest Family  
U:

### 10:15 a.m.

DCN: Peggy Buechler  
L: Rick Buechler  
S: Jacob Fifer  
S: Logan Riley  
U: Janine Rapa  
U: Nikolas Rapa

We are still in need of altar servers—the schedule is flexible and training is provided—please see Ray Wagner for additional information.



## People of God

Your prayers are requested for the sick;

Casey Porch	Jeff Kruzan
Erwin Arendt	Cindy Kruzan
Lisa Ash	Robert Kutella
Mary Bassett	Barb Lanphier
Emily Davis	Henry Kranz
Renee Biestek	Steve Welch
Rich Biestek	Rick Hoffman
Mary Lou	Billy Matussek
Draper	John Ferraro
Barbara Dye	Viola Huff
Wayne Dye	Paul Kries
Steve Fitzgerald	Melissa Rath
Mary Watson	Philip Weidner
Dennis Gallagher	Jeremy Scully
Mary Gillis	Geraldine Slarai
Nancy Golbeck	Derrick Verona
Gaye Johnson	Rita Hagenbruch

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# Men's Club Annual Smoker

February 5, 2022

Guest Speaker:  
**OLIN KRUETZ**

Early Bird Pricing (till 12/31/21)

## ONE IN CHRIST NATIONAL APPEAL

January 15-16, 2022

The National Appeal reflects the varied ways we seek to communicate Christ's message. Pope Francis has called upon us to dedicate ourselves to spreading the Gospel Message to everyone we meet.

One of the ways we could do this is by participating on the weekend of January 15 and 16 in our annual collection for the National Appeal.


Simply offer what you can to help promote the Gospel through these worthy causes:

- Retirement Fund for Religious
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Catholic Communication Campaign
- Catholic University of America
- Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension
- Catholic Elementary School Financial Support for the Diocese of Rockford

Please bring the National Appeal envelope to Mass, or donate online at [www.rockforddiocese.org/donate](http://www.rockforddiocese.org/donate)

Thank you for your generous gift.

Our 19th Smoker will be February 5, 2022. Bear great and current Bear analyst, Olin Kruetz, will be our guest speaker. Ticket sales are NOW OPEN! Early-bird pricing ends December 31st. We look forward to seeing you again! St. Mary Men's Club TICKET PACKAGES Early-bird pricing (Until 12/31/21) Gold-Corporate \$1,900 - 10 tickets After 1/1 \$2,200 (6pm-7pm meet & greet with Olin, Corporate name on banner, Business name recognized through out the evening, a signed gift) Green \$750 - 5 tickets After 1/1 \$950 (Reserved assigned seating) White \$150 - 1 ticket After 1/1 \$190. <https://www.stmary-woodstock.org/ministries/organizations/men-s-club>



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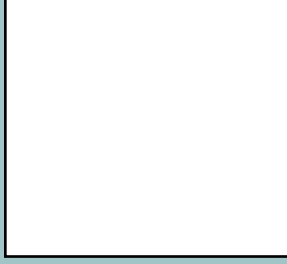
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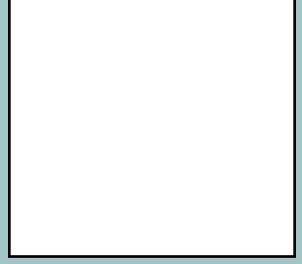


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