



# ST. MARY

*by the Lake*

**JANUARY 9, 2022**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am  
Weekday Masses at St. Matthew:  
Tuesday and Friday: 7:45 am  
1st Friday: 6:30 pm

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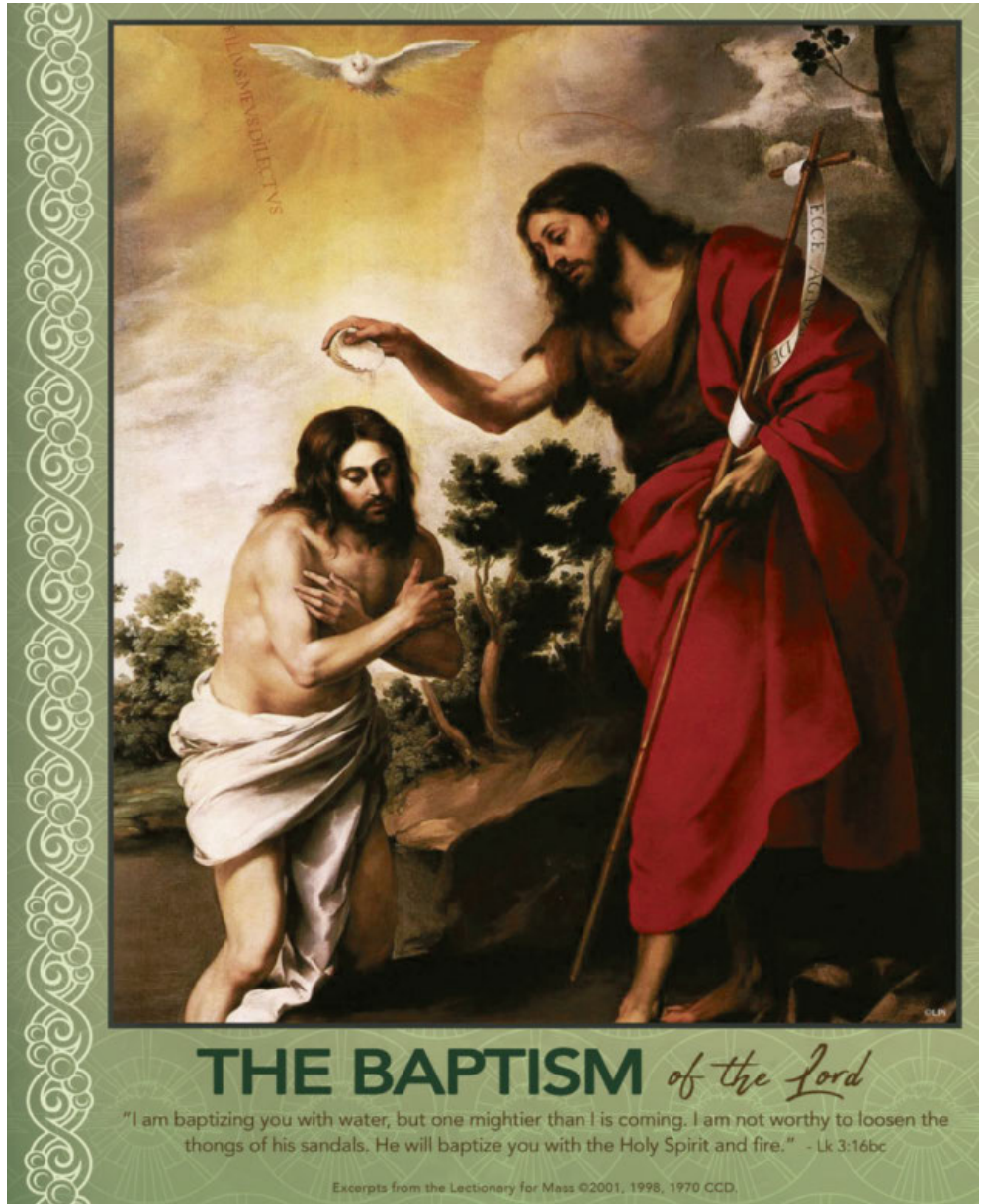
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## THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**BAPTISMS:** A class for both parents is required before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office.

**MARRIAGES:** Registered, practicing members, call the pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

**RECONCILIATION:** Anytime by appointment

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Forms are available in the vestibule or contact the parish office.

# MASS Intentions

## This Week

Saturday 1/08/2022 5:30pm Alice Komos

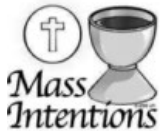
Sunday 1/9/2022 8:30am Mary B. Kroes

## Next Week

Saturday 1/15/2022 5:30pm Sandy Vitek

Sunday 1/16/2022 8:30am Jimmy Leo

## MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE



Mass intentions can be scheduled for \$10 each by contacting the Parish Office. Dates are first come, first served and are only considered scheduled when payment is received. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or if you are interested in scheduling a Mass.

## MEAL PROGRAM THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all who donated and came to serve at the Hospitality Center Hot Meal Program on January 3rd.

We served 50 chicken dinners and gave 20 dinners to the Women's Resource Center.

Our next Hot Meal program will be April 4th. Watch the bulletin for information on how you can help.

## MEAL PROGRAM CONTRIBUTIONS

St. Mary by the Lake hosts the Meal Program four times a year at the Hospitality Center (located at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 614 Main Street). Occasionally, the main dish may be catered or additional food is needed.

We have begun collecting funds to help offset these purchases. If you would like to help, envelopes for your financial contributions to the Meal Program can be found on the table in the vestibule. (Please make checks payable to St. Mary by the Lake.) They may be returned to the Collection Basket or the Parish Office. Thank You.



## FOOD PANTRY

The North Side Food Pantry that we support is in need of supplies. They are humbly asking us to "come thru again" with these specific items:



- Jelly/Jam
- Dry/instant potatoes
- Soup (no cream of)
- Laundry soap
- Dry pasta (shells, elbow, egg noodles)
- Saltine Crackers
- Spaghetti O's
- Pork & beans
- Pancake Syrup
- Pancake Mix
- Toilet Paper

Food may be dropped off in the blue barrel at the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you know anyone who needs food, please send them over to the Food Pantry.

**Additional Food Barrel:** In addition to the barrel being out on Tuesdays and Thursdays, there is now a barrel in the vestibule of church. You can now drop off food on weekends when you come to church.



## UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan.

All are welcome to begin the *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* study at St. Mary by the Lake on **January 12th at 1:00pm or 6:00pm**. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, visit [www.stmarybythelake.org](http://www.stmarybythelake.org), or contact Heather Warner at 262-639-3616 or [hwarner@stmarybythelake.org](mailto:hwarner@stmarybythelake.org).

## IN SICKNESS AND HEALTH - ESTATE PLANNING ISN'T JUST FOR DEATH

It's so necessary! St. Matthew & St. Mary by the Lake parishioners are invited to attend a seminar on wills, trusts, and estate planning presented by St. Matthew parishioner and attorney, Elizabeth Ruthmansdorfer. She has been assisting clients since 2003 with estate planning, elder law issues, Title 19/Medicaid, probate, and guardianship.

Beth will share the basics of estate planning and how they actually work during a person's life and after death. Everyone over the age of 18 should have a basic plan.

Join us on **Saturday, January 15 at 2:30 pm in the cafeteria at St. Matthew**. There is no cost or obligation to attend! Light refreshments will be served.

## 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.

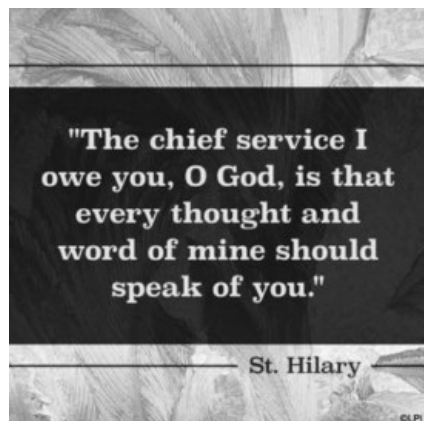
Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

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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## 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.

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## ARE YOU REGISTERED?



If you are not registered in our parish, please consider doing so. Also, please encourage your friends and family to register!

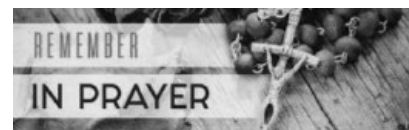
Registering is important because:

- If a parish doesn't know who is out there, how can it adequately serve the needs of all?
- When the services of the Church are needed - such as for a wedding, Baptism or funeral - it is easier if the person is registered.
- Registered parishioners receive helpful information about our parish including periodic mailings.

Registering is easy. Contact the parish office today!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME

Religious Education classes will resume on Wednesday, January 12th and Sunday, January 16th. We look forward to seeing you!



We remember in prayer all who are sick or suffering. If you or a loved one would like to be added to this list, please contact the Parish Office. To maintain privacy, please confirm the person submitted is aware their name will be published.

Patricia Bladzick  
Kevin Burgey  
Eryn

Virginia Fitzgerald  
Joan Grontkowski  
Joe Guertin  
Jenny Kraase

Christopher Kroes  
Sarah M.

Saralee Mayew  
James (Jamie) Michael  
Carolyn Potter  
Joyce Ramczyk  
Diana Salamone

Tom Schultz  
Barbara and Dan Schuster  
Calvin Sustachek

William & Diane Wagner

For the children who are not in school, that they continue to receive school support, love and sustenance.

That all affected by the pandemic stay safe, especially the elderly.

For the swift end to this crisis.

For all first responders in Racine County.

For a good friend of Kathy S.

*Please remember to notify the Parish Office of any updates to the prayer list, including when to remove yourself or a loved one from the list. Thank you!*

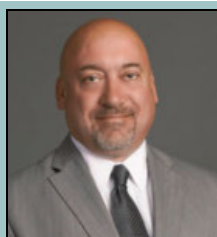
## PARISH BOOK PROGRAM

Are you in need of a spiritual boost.... a "pick me up from the pew"? Check out St. Mary by the Lake READS our new Parish Book Program!

This Parish Book Program is designed to reconnect men, women, and families within our faith community - to help engage Catholics and reinvigorate parish life. According to research, each year only 1% of Catholics in America read a Catholic book.

Located in the vestibule of St. Mary by the Lake, is the St. Mary by the Lake READS cart, featuring complimentary copies of great Catholic books. The featured titles are carefully selected to meet people where they are and lead them to where God is calling them to be. Feel free to take a book, and then share it with a friend once you are done!





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