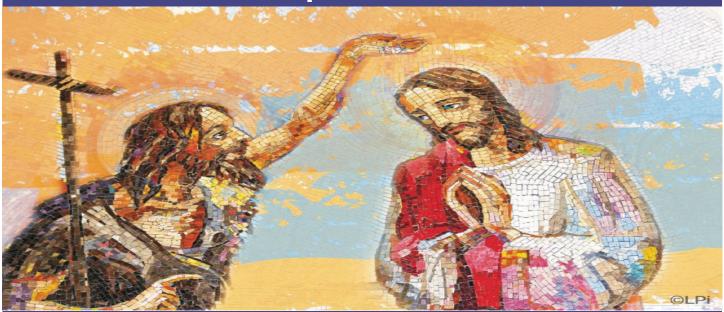




# January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7 Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22	1 Sm 1:1-8 Mk 1:14-20	1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39
8:00 am Mass DMCC Dick Donahue †  10:00 am Mass (ASL interpreted) DMCC Parish  12 Noon Mass (Spanish) DMCC Jose de Santiago † and Maria Luis Soto †  5:00 pm Mass DMCC Shirley Amundson † and Cassie Maxson †	6:45 am High School Bible Study IC-TC  12:00 pm Bulletin announcements due to Bulletin Editor. Occasionally deadlines vary due to holiday schedules.  5:00 pm Reconciliation DMCC  5:30 pm Mass DMCC  Gladys Stassen †	8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC  8:30 am Mass DMCC Dan Culhane † 9:00 am DMCC Quilters IC-TC 9:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitters DMCC-SFC 2:00 pm FCTV Mass from previous weekend: Consolidated Communications channel 10, Charter channel 181 3:00 pm Cantor Practice IC 5:30 pm PPC Exec Meeting DMCC-NAR 7:00 pm Son's of Thunder Men's Bible Study DMCC-Farmhouse	8:30 am Mass IC Megan Graham †  10:30 am Mass IC Clara Voegele †  5:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 MSB- Atrium  5:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2 MSB- Atrium  6:00 pm Confirmation DMCS- CAF  6:30 pm DMCC Choir Re- hearsal DMCC  7:15 pm High School Youth Group DMCS-Gym

#### **Locations Key**

DMCC—New Site (SFC—St. Faustina Commons; BDR—Bishop Dudley Activity Room; JP II—John Paul II Portico; NAR-Narthex); HOG—House of Gratitude; DMCS—Divine Mercy Catholic School; GYM—DMCS Gym; IC-Immaculate Conception; KC—KC Hall; MSB—Mother Samuel Building; TC—Tomlinson Center (youth room) MCF—Minnesota Correctional Facility PLM—Pleasant Manor



## Message from Father Cory Rohlfing

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be." (JN 1:1) How beautiful that Mother Church provides these first words of John's Gospel, so timeless and deep, to help us reflect on the awesome nature of God as we close out another calendar year. In the beginning—before any of our days were numbered, before human beings existed, before God separated light from darkness (Genesis 1: 3-4)—Our Lord is. In our world, time passes, we grow old, and everything is in flux, so we draw consolation from the truth that God never changes. He loved us just as much before the world was created as he does today, and will for all eternity. How blessed we are, mere creatures, to be so beloved by the Creator of all!

Lest we settle for being mere creatures, John reminds us that we have "been given the power to become children of God." We are required only to accept him, to believe in his name, and to be born "not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God." Our divine filiation merits us unique spiritual gifts and graces from the moment of our baptism to our final breath. For our part, we honor our God with love and obedience, desiring with our whole heart this most intimate relationship. Our inheritance as children of God is nothing less than Heaven, tastes of which we can savor right here and now.

John the Baptist was called by Jesus the greatest man born of a woman (Matthew 11:11), as the bridge between the Old and New Testaments, the person entrusted with preparing the way for the coming of the Messiah, and the prophet who was honored to proclaim Jesus "Lamb of God" at his baptism. John's mission was lofty, of eternal significance. To be appointed by God to such a position in salvation history would be daunting. Yet, in the economy of salvation, each of us has an important and unrepeatable role to play. We probably don't dress in hair shirts or eat locusts, but we are nevertheless called to witness to our faith in uncomfortable ways. As this year begins, let's reflect on the witness we have given and look ahead, begging God to make his will known in the new year.

God bless, Fr. Cory Rohlfing

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Mk 2:13-17	Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11
8:30 am Mass DMCC Gary Beucler 🛧	7:45 am St. Anne's Choir Practice DMCC-BDAR	8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC	8:00 am Mass DMCC Melvin Charlton †
9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 MSB-Atrium	8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC 8:30 am Mass DMCC	8:30 am Mass DMCC Wally Taylor 9:00 am Reconciliation	10:00 am Mass (ASL interpreted) DMCC Parish
7:00 pm Prayer Group DMCC	George Bultman 7:00 pm The Restful Waters Ultreyas Meeting	DMCC 4:00 pm Mass DMCC Joyce Brazil †	12 Noon Mass (Spanish)  DMCC  Angela Ramirez † and  Crecencio Rivera ↑
	DMCC-SFC		3:00 pm Baptism DMCC  5:00 pm Mass DMCC  Helen Beucler 🕆

## **Music Ministry**

To the Faith Community of Divine Mercy,

I have been overwhelmed with such a warm welcome from you. It is indeed "good for me to be here". I am especially pleased with how our "Christmas Choir" quickly formed and brought us beauty over the Advent and Christmas Season. Choir members all agree it is good to be singing again, so we will continue this important music ministry as The *Parish Choir of Divine Mercy*. Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, January 12th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the church. All are welcome to join the choir. No auditions are held but good sightreading and some experience in choral singing is appreciated.

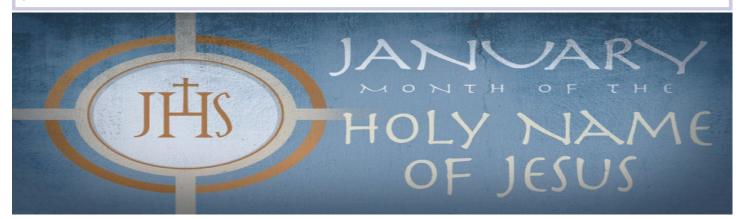
Our Green Gather Hymnals have seen better days and unfortunately all its Mass settings are now obsolete. When discussing this reality with Fr. Cory and Philip Parrish, I discouraged the idea of purchasing new pew Hymnals, not only for the expense involved but because the Church now sings such a wide variety of musical styles that one single edition will not contain it all.

To this end, I have produced *A Music Supplement* for the pews. This contains notated music from numerous sources; three Mass settings, Psalms, Hymns and Songs. This music will be familiar to many of you and some will be new, but accessible and good for liturgical prayer.

I would like for you to consider the Seven Sundays of our Winter Ordinary Time, beginning on January 16th and prayerfully consider your participation in the choir, as cantor, or as Psalmist. Since not everyone has the availability for rehearsals, please consider your participation in the singing assembly. Even if you "can't sing", take the Hymnal or Supplement, and follow along with the texts.

The Parish Choir of Divine Mercy will resume weekend singing in Lent, beginning on March 2nd: Ash Wednesday. Please remember also that we have a beautiful 3 octave set of handbells. If you play an instrument, please contact me, and let me know of your interest in sharing your gifts at gcomeaux@divinemercy.cc

Garrick



## Ministry of Mission and Outreach

#### **Pastoral Care/Mission and Outreach**

Assisted Living and Nursing Home Services: If you or any one in your family is planning a move to an assisted living or nursing home (even if only temporary after time in the hospital) please call (507-331-7253) or email Bernadette Tatge (btatge@divinemercy.cc) or Sister Kathleen (srkathleen@divinemercy.cc) so we may be sure they are on the list of Catholics that we serve in these facilities weekly.

<u>Hospice</u>: If you or your loved one is entering Hospice Care and would like spiritual support from Divine Mercy Catholic Church, please contact Pastoral Care at 507-331-7253 and talk with Bernadette or Sister Kathleen so we might help to provide for your spiritual needs and those of your loved ones.

#### **CCW**

The ACCW President, Mickey Nickelson, wrote in the winter issue of the Image (the ACCW Newsletter) about moving from "knowing about" someone to really "knowing" someone. That is what becoming involved in church ministries and organizations can do. We see people in church or the community, maybe we know their name, and greet them without knowing much about them. Many women involved in CCW would be the first to say that they have gotten to "know" and care about the women they see at meetings, work on projects with, and pray with. Involvement in church community, whatever that means for you, strengthens our faith, and expands our network of people who we care about.

As we start a new year, hopefully you can consider ways you can strengthen your faith, and developing deeper connections with people in our faith community.

Happy New Year from CCW!

#### **Respect Life**

We have been blessed to have Father Andrew Cozzens as a Pastor here in Faribault and then as Bishop Cozzens in the Archdiocese, but did you know his birth story? His mother Judy, when pregnant with him, was advised by her physician to get an abortion. His Mother told the doctor that God sends us whatever we can handle, that this was her baby and she was going to have her baby. Because of her brave "yes" her son has been a great addition to the pro-life cause; praying at Planned Parenthood clinics, participating in the March for Life, and being involved in the Champions for Life Awards. He and she are examples of faithful pro-life people and we thank God for them.



Pregnancy Options Life Care Center is always in need of donations; call the center for more information! Diapers are always needed! www.pregnancyoptionsfbo.org - (507-332-7644)

#### St. Vincent de Paul

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved with whom I am well pleased."

The Restful Waters Ultreyas will be held at DMCC during 2022. We will meet in the Faustina Commons the second Friday of each month starting at 7:00pm. Save the dates - Friday, January 14th: Fr. Louie will be speaking and Friday, February 11th: Fr. Cory will be speaking. Please join us.

#### **Adult Formation**

Your Children Need You! Join Fr. Louie for a 10-session book study of Made This Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today's Tough Moral Issues by Leila Miller & Trent Horn. Utilizing the text, speakers, testimonies and group discussion we will explore topics including: Homosexuality, Sex Outside of Marriage, Divorce, Contraception, Abortion, Reproductive Technologies, Modesty, Pornography, and Transgender Identity. We will focus on: What does the Church teach? As well as advice for talking with children and advice for talking with teens. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 7:15pm — 8:30pm on the IC/Divine Mercy School campus beginning January 12. Registration is required through the parish website divinemercy.cc/madethisway or by calling Ellie Wilder at 507-210-9060. This is a study for adults. We hope to provide childcare for those with that need.

Can you help? If you can assist one or more evenings with childcare please contact Ellie Wilder at 507-210-9060.

#### **Knights of Columbus**

Happy New Year! Please join us on Friday, January 28 for our membership dinner at the American Legion. The dinner is free to Council 889 members and \$10 for guests. This will also be a great opportunity to pay your dues for the year! Please RSVP to fariboknights@gmail.com by January 17 for meal planning.

#### **Sons of Thunder**

#### Tuesday Nights at 7:00 PM at DMCC Farmhouse

Men of the Church,

You are invited to join a men's group formed to help us grow in our walk with God, to answer His call, and to give us an opportunity for fraternity. We call ourselves Sons of Thunder. This was the name Jesus gave two of his disciples, James and John (Mark 3:17), when he appointed the Twelve. This group will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

What to expect: Opening Prayer, Reading of following Sunday's Mass Readings, Refreshments, & Fraternity.

Please plan on joining us for about an hour or so. After closing prayer, we will have refreshments and social time.

## PreK-Grade 12 Education

**BA Youth Basketball Night**: Bethlehem Academy is hosting a youth basketball night Friday, January 28, at the boys home game. All are welcome to this free event! Sign up on BA's webpage at www.bacards.org.

Open House Events - February 13: Know a student who would benefit from the gift of Catholic education? Bethlehem Academy (Gr 6-12) and Divine Mercy Catholic School (PreK-Gr 5) will be hosting open house events on Sunday, February 13. Watch this space for more information.

#### 2022-2023 BA/DMCS New Student Applications Now Open

BA and DMCS are excited to welcome new student applications for the 2022-2023 school year! Apply online for spots in our PreK-Grade 12 classes at www.dmcs.cc or www.bacards.org.

#### **BA/DMCS** Tours and BA Student Shadow Information

Family tours are offered Monday-Friday from 9am-4:30pm at both Bethlehem Academy (Gr 6-12) and Divine Mercy Catholic School (PreK-Gr 5). Contact Ginger Van Hecke at DMCS (gvanhecke@dmcs.cc or Kris Sauer (ksauer@bacards.org) at BA to schedule a tour. Student shadow days now offered most weeks Tuesday-Friday at Bethlehem Academy for students entering Grades 6-12. Email Kris at ksauer@bacards.org to set up a shadow day.

## **Ministry of Communion**

### **Adoration Chapel**

Mother Samuel Building 104 Second Ave SW

Please consider joining this beautiful ministry in our parish. God bless you all!

Current available hours:

Tuesday 5-6 p.m. (for 3 months)

Friday 2-3 p.m. (prayer partner needed)

Saturday 1-2 p.m.

Saturday 8-9 p.m.

Sunday 1-2 p.m.

Please contact Libby at 507-331-0860 if you can take an hour.





### **Seven Sisters Apostolate-Praying for our Priests**

Help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come. May we welcome your lavish love. In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless our holy priests!

## **Ministry of Administration**

#### **Stewardship of Tithing: Financial Gifts**

Envelope/Plate Contributions: December 26, 2021 \$ 17,860.44 Automatic (ACH) Contributions: December 20, 2021 \$ 11.949.00 Envelope/Plate Contributions: Christmas \$ 35,740.00 Automatic (ACH) Contributions: Christmas \$ 4,755.00 Envelope/Plate Contributions: January 2, 2022 \$ 73,336.81

•Your 2022 contribution envelopes are available in the narthex. Please pick them up, and we encourage you to use them throughout the year or sign-up for electronic e-giving at www.divinemercy.cc.

## **Community News**

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Rice County residents living independently and looking for help with snow removal or other home chores can look to this program for assistance. Call Anne Pleskono at Buckham West (507-332-7357) to learn about these services with a minimum cost and some cases may even be free.

Please join in welcoming Bishop-elect Joseph Williams: On December 10, Pope Francis named Father Joseph Williams, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The ordination of Joseph Williams to the Episcopacy will take place Tuesday, January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. The ordination will be livestreamed on the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis' Facebook page. Time to be announced. Learn more about Bishop-elect Williams, watch video interviews, and find details on the ordination at archspm.org/ newbishop. Please join us in praying for our new auxiliary bishop!





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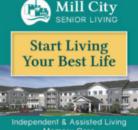
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