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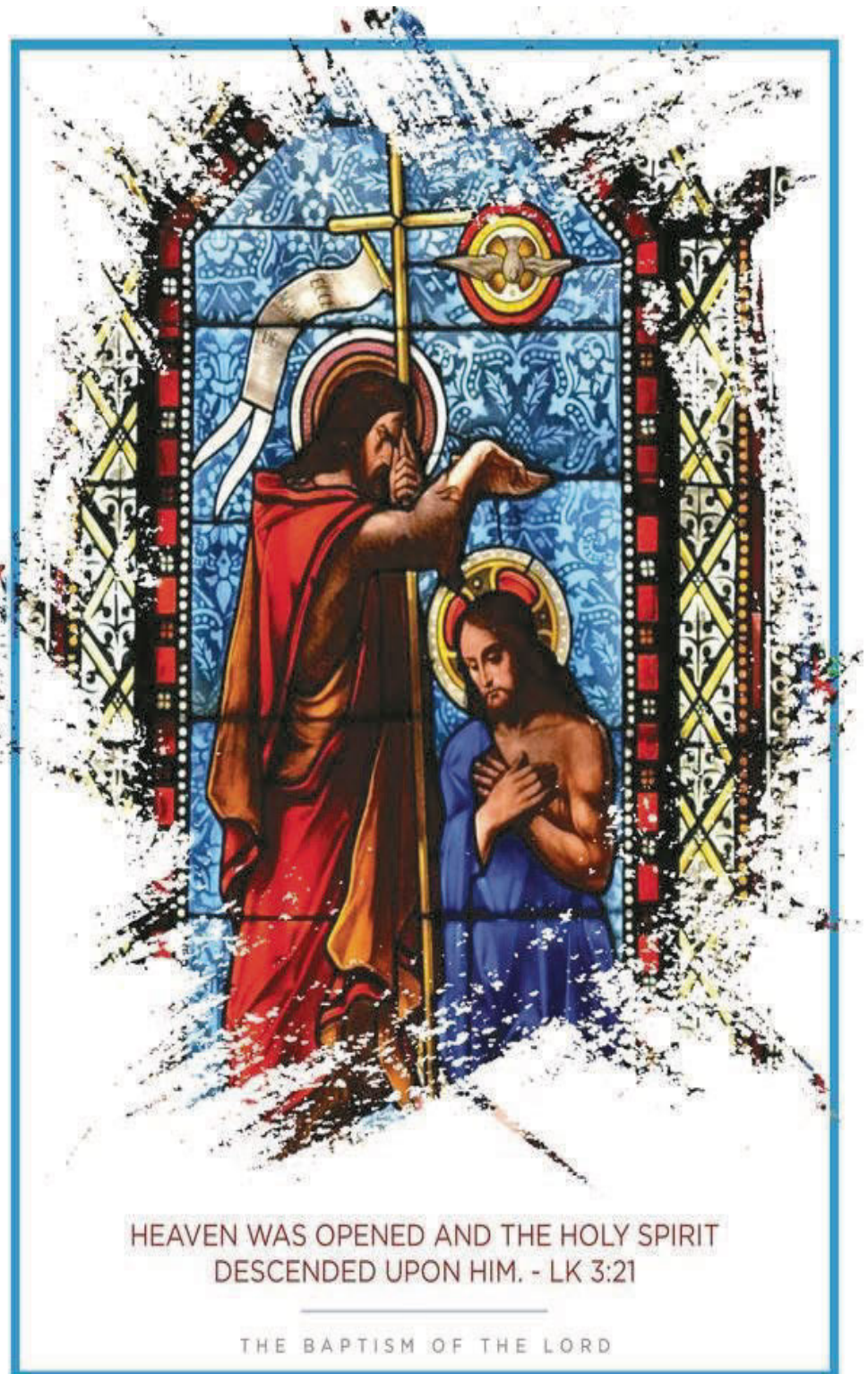
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HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Testimony of Faith

Stewardship of Treasure

August 31, 2021

Envelopes/Plate\$18,023.83

Online Giving/ACH.....\$8,321.64

Weekly Goal.....\$9,712.00

Received to Date.....\$234,004.53

Annual Goal 21-22...\$505,000.00

United Catholic Appeal 2021

Envelopes/Plate.....\$880.00

Goal.....\$72,352.00

Total Received.....\$40,288.00

Balance Due.....\$32,064.00

Includes online giving

includes last two weeks

Marquette Catholic School Endowment

Fund Balance:
\$142,159.33

Holy Spirit Endowment Fund Balance

\$50,633.06

Marriage Contact parish office as soon as possible and at least **6 months prior** to desired wedding date.

Baptism Infant baptism during Mass or privately. Call parish to arrange pre-baptism parent session or request information. Forms available on the parish website.

Anointing of the Sick Call the Parish office to schedule Sacrament or Communion calls for the home-bound.

Prayer Warrior Team Please call Donna Strumbell at 218-290-3767.

Greetings Holy Spirit Parish and Marquette School!

The law of the world, the law of fallen nature, is the law of the jungle. What matters is power, prestige, and prowess. Only the strong survive. There are countless personal development gurus only too happy to tell you how to explode your stock portfolio, shred your physique, double your productivity, or attract more people to yourself—for a small fee, of course. In such a paradigm, what matters is results. If you can produce, if you can make things happen, you are a success. The easiest way to measure these results is usually by obvious externals: the car in your driveway, the titles after your name, the size of your bank account, or your number of sexual conquests. Stated so plainly, desiring such externals may sound crude or shallow. And yet the desire for these very things is what drives much of the world's population in their day-to-day existence.

In direct contrast to this paradigm of power is the kingdom of heaven. Standing before Pilate, the representative of the mightiest man on earth, Jesus Christ boldly declared that he was indeed a king, but further declared that “my kingdom is not of this world.” In so saying, he in essence proclaimed that all of Caesar's vast empire was so much dust. It was worth nothing.

What, then, is the kingdom which Christ rules? Of what is he Master? “The kingdom of heaven is within you,” answers the Lord.

In other words, Christ is Lord of the invisible domain of the heart, the dwelling place of all that which is of moral worth. He is Master of goodness, of truth, of grace, of beauty—ultimately, of Love. He reigns over a paradigm entirely above and outside the vicious, dog-eat-dog struggle for the existence that is “this world.”

St. Paul, in the famous thirteenth chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians, writes a beautiful soliloquy to the kingdom of love, the kingdom of the heart over which Christ rules. In some of the most poetic words in all scripture, he extols the shimmering countenance, the many-faceted manifestations of love. “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.”

As he continues his rich description of love, St. Paul utters a phrase that is simple but profound in its depth of meaning: “Love endures forever.” We would do well to meditate on these words. All of the empires of the world will someday crumble into dust. All the treasures we can amass in this world will blow away like so much smoke. All acts of selfishness or hate will vanish as ultimately unreal. The only thing that will endure for all of eternity is love and love alone.

Each act of love is of eternal value. Each act of love will echo in eternity. Each act of love is an indestructible monument of infinite worth. “A cup of cold water given in my name will not be without its reward,” says the Master. Acts of love are at best unnoticed and at worst despised by the world. They are often quiet, subtle, hidden. But in the kingdom of Christ, the smallest unseen act of love done from the heart is worth more than all the wealth, notoriety, or power in the world.

Do we pursue what is of infinite worth? Or only that which is of passing value? It is a question we all must ask, tempted as we are by the hollow paradigm of this world. Let us examine our hearts, our consciences, and pursue that which is of eternal worth. For all the treasures of this world will pass away. Love alone endures forever.

Live for the things that endure this week!

Fr. B



Parish News



February Mercy Tour:
Registration for the February Mercy Tour is now open. Go to www.holyspiritvirginia.com for more information and to register.

Welcome to our parish - Are you Registered?

Join our parish community by registering online at <https://engage.suran.comholyspiritvirginiamn> Here you can enter your information online (or update it for current parishioners!) and receive communications from our parish and sign up for online giving to Holy Spirit Church and Marquette Catholic School. We love to stay in touch with our parish community members, so please register as soon as you can! Need assistance? Contact Jessica or Stefanie in the Holy Spirit parish office. Thank you for being part of the Holy Spirit and Marquette family!

Weekly Rosaries

The Knights of Columbus will lead a Rosary Monday evenings following the 5:30pm Mass.

Deacon Rick and Diana Moravitz will be leading a rosary for Vocations each Thursday evening at 8pm, followed by the Benediction.



Bible Study

Bible study continues to meet following 8:30 Mass on Tuesday mornings. Join us in the social hall for great discussions, coffee, and treats.

Holiday Sacrament Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday @ 4:30pm
Sunday @ 8am & 10am

Weekday Masses:

Monday & Wednesday @ 8:30am & 5:30pm
Tuesday & Thursday @ 8:30am

Confessions:

Monday @ 4:45pm
Saturday @ 3pm

Adoration:

Tuesday & Thursday 9am-9pm

Exodus 90-

Calling all men of Holy Spirit church. This January we will venture into an incredible fraternal journey called Exodus 90. This program has been alive in our Church for three years and honestly, it is a program that has born incredible fruit! Are you a man who needs the challenge to get to a new level in life and faith? Are you willing and able to sacrifice elements of your daily life to become a better man? husband? father? If you feel a tug on your heart than we encourage you to consider joining us for Exodus 90 2022 starting January 17.

In the coming weeks we will have promotional materials to distribute during the weekend Masses as well as sign up/interest forms. Simply sign up on the form and talk to our exodus men and we will help get you connected.

RCIA

All are welcomed to join us for RCIA now on Monday nights at 6:30pm. If you or somebody you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or would like to consider becoming Catholic, then these classes are for you. It's not too late! Join us on Monday nights as we journey through the beauty and treasures of the Catholic faith!

9 Days for Life Novena is Jan. 19 to Jan. 27: Join in praying this novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested action to build a culture of life. Go to respectlife.org/9-days-for-life for intentions and reflections.

March for Life Events 2022

January 22 marks the 49th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, the devastating ruling that wiped away laws protecting unborn children nationwide and has led to the deaths of more than 62 million babies.

March for Life 2022, St. Paul

Out of abundance of caution, the Diocese will not have a bus going down to the St. Paul, March for Life. However, individuals and families are encouraged to drive down on their own. Here is the schedule:

Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 10:30 a.m.

March on the State Capitol grounds at 12:00 p.m.

Pro-life program on the Capitol steps hosted by Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life at 12:30 p.m. typically last less than 30 minutes.

Local-Pro Life March, Duluth

Jericho March and Pro-Life Rally 2022

Saturday, January 22nd 2022

Jericho March at 4 pm:

Sidewalk outside the Building for Women, 32 E First St. Duluth, MN

Pro Life Rally to follow at 5:30 pm

Duluth Gospel Tabernacle, 1515 W Superior St. Duluth, MN.

FORMED.org Feature: St. Gianna Molla: Wife, Mother, Doctor by James Monti and Pietro Molla

Gianna Molla (1923-1962) risked her life in order to save her unborn child. Diagnosed with uterine tumors during her fourth pregnancy, she refused a hysterectomy that would have aborted the child, and opted for a riskier surgery in an attempt to save the baby. Gianna gave birth to the child, but succumbed to an infection. A unique story, co-authored by her own husband, with his deeply moving personal insights of the heroic witness, love, sacrifice and joy of his saintly wife. This moving account of the selfless St. Gianna Molla, who made the ultimate sacrifice to save her unborn child, will be an inspiration to all readers.

Augustine Institute Kiosk Feature: Why I Left Planned Parenthood: From Death to Life by Abby Johnson

Abby Johnson is a widely recognized Catholic speaker who was once the director of one of Planned Parenthood's largest clinics where she came face to face with the reality of abortion. She shares an insider's perspective about the true motivations of the abortion industry, and her courageous journey away from it and towards life. Her story is a testament to God's grace and mercy, and the joy that comes from being an advocate for life.



Monday	January 10
8:30 AM †	Kathleen McCusker
5:30 PM †	Our Parish Family
Tuesday	January 11
8:30 AM †	Ralph Harvey
Wednesday	January 12
8:30 AM †	Robert Pluskwick
5:30 PM †	Fr. Jon Wild
Thursday	January 13
8:30 AM †	Dennis Kruse & Diane Dickson
Friday	January 14-No Mass
Saturday	January 15
4:30 PM †	Steven Block
Sunday	January 16
8:00 AM †	Ralph Harvey
10:00 AM †	Grace Fitzgerald

**Altar Server Schedule Weekend of
January 15-16**

Sat. 4:30pm	Sun. 8:00am	Sun. 10:00am
E. Pond	I. Villebrun	S. Carlson
T. Pope	L. Evans	J. Rosandich
	P. Gramm	K. Roark
		B. Simetkosky
		L. Simetkosky

**Sacristan Schedule
Weekend of January 15-16**

Sat. 4:30pm 1/15	C. Bainter
Sun. 8:00am 1/16	D. Peterson
Sun. 10:00am 1/16	L. Peterson

**Lector Schedule
Weekend of January 15-16**

Sat. 4:30pm 1/15	N. Ringhend
Sun. 8:00am 1/16	B. Youngman
Sun. 10:00am 1/16	C. Louks

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