

Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

January 9, 2022



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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Pastor's Letter

BAPTISM AS THE FOUNDATION

Jesus taught about the need to build our lives on the solid foundation of faith, centered in Him (*see Matthew 7:24*). While the necessary foundation itself for such building is solid and immovable, what is built on that foundation is always growing, always developing. Today's *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord* reminds us of our own baptismal dignity and our calling to grow spiritually and to mature as authentic disciples of the Lord Jesus.

One of the most important considerations of that fact is often misunderstood or altogether neglected, and that is that Baptism is the foundation of all we do *as Christians*: whatever good we do in this world merits in God's sight *only in virtue of our Baptism*; we grow in God's grace and in true knowledge of God *only in virtue of our Baptism*; we have hope of, and can strive for eternal life *only in virtue of our Baptism*; we reflect God's presence, compassion, mercy and universal love to those around us *only in virtue of our Baptism*.

God has called, but it is up to us to respond; God has taken the initiative, it is up to us to correspond to it; God has planted in us the seed of eternal life, it is up to us to nurture it, God has shown us the path and opened it up to us, but we must be the ones to walk in it.

As we continue our spiritual journey of growth through this still new Liturgical Cycle of the Church, this Year of Grace, I encourage you to focus on your own Baptism and how important it should be in your life. You may want to begin commemorating the day you were baptized each year, as you do your birthday or other anniversary. Above all, however, be thankful often to God who has called you to eternal life in His Son, Jesus Christ, through the purifying and life-giving waters of Baptism, and follow the exhortation of St. Paul "to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. (*Ephesians 4:1-6*).

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Isaiah 62:1-5 The primordial human institution of marriage was willed by God in creating humanity to serve as a symbol of the special and privileged relationship God wills to have with his People as their God, and with every Christian soul: unique, exclusive, and enduring.

I Corinthians 12:4-11 "One and the same Spirit" is at the origin of every good gift we possess, the ordinary no less than the extraordinary, all of them intended "for some benefit" among the community of the Church.

St. John 2:1-11 Just as Jesus turned water into wine, God has taken something good and elevated it to something better in elevating the natural institution of marriage to a Sacrament, a sign of the very love of God for his people.



FAIR SHARE PLEDGE DRIVE KEEP THOSE CARDS COMING!

In the first week of 2022, 62% of households have responded with pledges for 2022. If you have not already sent in your Fair Share pledge card please do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your card call the parish office for a replacement.

SECOND COLLECTION DATES FOR 2021

March 26 - 27	Global Solidarity Sunday
April 15	Holy Land Collection
April 23 - 24	Catholic Home Missions
June 25 -26	Peter's Pence
October 22 -23	World Mission Sunday
November 5 - 6	Military Services, USA
November 19 -20	Campaign for Human Dev.
December 10 -11	Retirement for Religious

The Catholic Service Appeal Foundation Announcement Weekend will be on February 19th and 20th. Commitment Weekend will be on February 26th and 27th.

ONLINE STREAMING OF THE MASS ON ZOOM

Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the Zoom email invitation. Email Jim at evanoff.jj@gmail.com or call (651) 357-7613.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Thank you to all the volunteers who decorated the church for Christmas. As the Christmas season draws to a close now, and we return to ordinary time, we are looking for helpers to put the decorations into storage for another year. This Monday, tomorrow, please stop by the church at 6:30 pm if you are able to help with this task. If enough people show up, it should take less than an hour to finish.

Thank you.

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Next meeting is January 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Buchanan Hall.

Parishioners are encouraged to contact any council member (see below) with items they would like to see discussed or addressed in future meetings. Parishioners are also invited to observe any council meeting.

Council Members:

Larry McMahon (Chair)	John Jacobsen
Judd Berthiaume	Tom Imhof
Mary Ellen Clasemann	Joyce Nevins

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

MEN'S RETREAT - DEMONTREVILLE

Looking for the perfect getaway? Let God meet you at a beautiful retreat location in Lake Elmo, MN. Join us for a Men's Silent Retreat at the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House **January 20 - January 23**. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. Free will donations are accepted. For more information, call Bob Cardinal at (651) 398-1457 or check out the website <http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com>.

Other retreat days are also available.

CHRIST THE KING - BUFFALO, MN

2022 Retreat Theme - **AMAZING GRACE**
Midweek & Weekend Retreats\

Men, Women & Married Couples Retreats
Register online at www.kingshouse.com

See the flyer on the narthex bulletin board for more information or visit their website at www.kingshouse.com.

FRANCISCAN RETREATS - PRIOR LAKE, MN

Retreat Theme:

Hope Rising: Revisioning Our Dream

Website www.franciscanretreats.net

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Mary Berthiaume
Lorraine Fait
12 Pat Schraad



JANUARY HC EVENTS

- 18, 7:00 p.m. - Parish Life Committee Mtg. (BH)
26, 6:30 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting (BH)

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION SUNDAYS AT 2:00 PM

Join us as we adore our Eucharistic Lord, and draw down God's abundant grace for our loved ones, our Church, our nation, and our world.

All are welcome to attend and spend some quality time with Our Lord.

JAN. SAINT ANDREW KIM SCHEDULE

- 9, 10:30 a.m. - Confession (Pastors Office)
11:15 a.m. - Mass (CH)
12, 7:00 p.m. - Legion of Mary (CR)
13, 10:00 a.m. - Legion of Mary (CR)
14, 7:00 p.m. - Mass
8:00 p.m. - Legion of Mary (CR)

PRO-LIFE EVENT



Pro Life Dinner Save The Date!

2022 Annual ProLife Dinner
January 15th. \$20/person

Tickets available through members of the Maternity of Mary/Holy Childhood Pro-Life group. Enjoy a hearty Italian meal, great fellowship, and a spirited speaker, Nic Davidson speaking on "Living a Joyful Life".

Visit <https://www.maternityofmarychurch.org/prolife-corner> for more information. A virtual only option will be available for \$10.

MMSA SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Looking Ahead: OPEN HOUSE: MMSA will be having a Pre-K through 8th grade open House and Information Night on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Save the date and come and find out all that our great school has to offer. Details to come in the weeks ahead!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8

7:45 a.m. † Amy Twe

5:00 p.m. Intentions of Catherine Ann Ogren

Sunday, January 9

9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Monday, January 10

7:45 a.m. † Karen Merth

Tuesday, January 11

7:45 a.m. † Ted Steiner

Wednesday, January 12

7:45 a.m. † Rita Duffy

3:30 p.m. †† Virgil & Hazel Robinson

Thursday, January 13

7:45 a.m. † Stemig Family

Friday, January 14

7:45 a.m. Dave & Lorraine Fait

Saturday, January 15

7:45 a.m. † Lorraine Quinn

5:00 p.m. † Beth Wollerman

Sunday, January 16

9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Parish Support January 2, 2022

Fair Share \$ 2610.00

Heat Fund \$ 539.00

Parish Information

Pastor, Fr. Timothy Cloutier

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Joseph Fink

Weekend Assistant, Fr. James Reidy, Ph. D.

Parish Office 651-644-7495

Buchanan Hall 651-647- 0689

Office Hours 6:30am -1:30pm, Monday-Friday

Our Current Services

Confessions - Saturday.....4:00-4:30 p.m.

Thursday.....7:10-7:25 a.m.

Conference Room

Saturday Anticipatory Mass.....5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass.....9:15 a.m.

Weekday Masses - Monday - Saturday.7:45 a.m.

Wednesday -Lyngblomsten Chapel.....3:30 p.m.

Holy Day of Obligation as announced.

Rosary - Thursday6:00 p.m.

Holy Hour - Sunday.....2:00 p.m.

Prayer Chain.....Peggy - 651-645-4955

Website.....www.holychildhoodparish.org

Email.....contact@holychildhoodparish.org

Victim Assistance Program.....651-291-4497



**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!



**Prayer Service for Life
Saturday, January 22, 10:30 a.m.,
Cathedral of Saint Paul**

This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome. Saint John Paul II Champions for Life Awardees will be recognized during the prayer service. This event is sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family and Life. For more information visit archspm.org/prayer-service-life or call 651.291.4488

**Equipped for Life: A Fresh Approach
to Conversation about Abortion
Saturday, February 5,
University of Saint Thomas, Saint Paul**

This day of training, provided by National Pro-Life Leader Emily Albrecht through the Equal Rights Institute, will equip attendees with a large, successfully tested set of practical tools to use in future conversations. The morning program runs from 9 a.m.-noon, followed by an afternoon program from 1-4 p.m. Participate in both or just a partial day. Cost is \$15 for half-day, \$20 for full-day and \$10 per session for students (high school and college). Tickets are available at mncatholic.org/equippedforlife.



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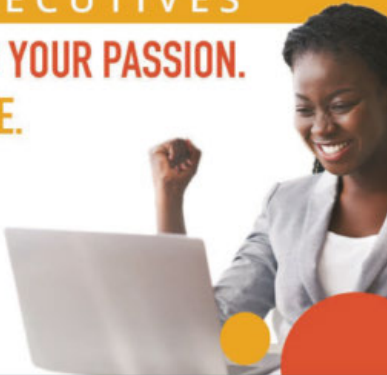
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