



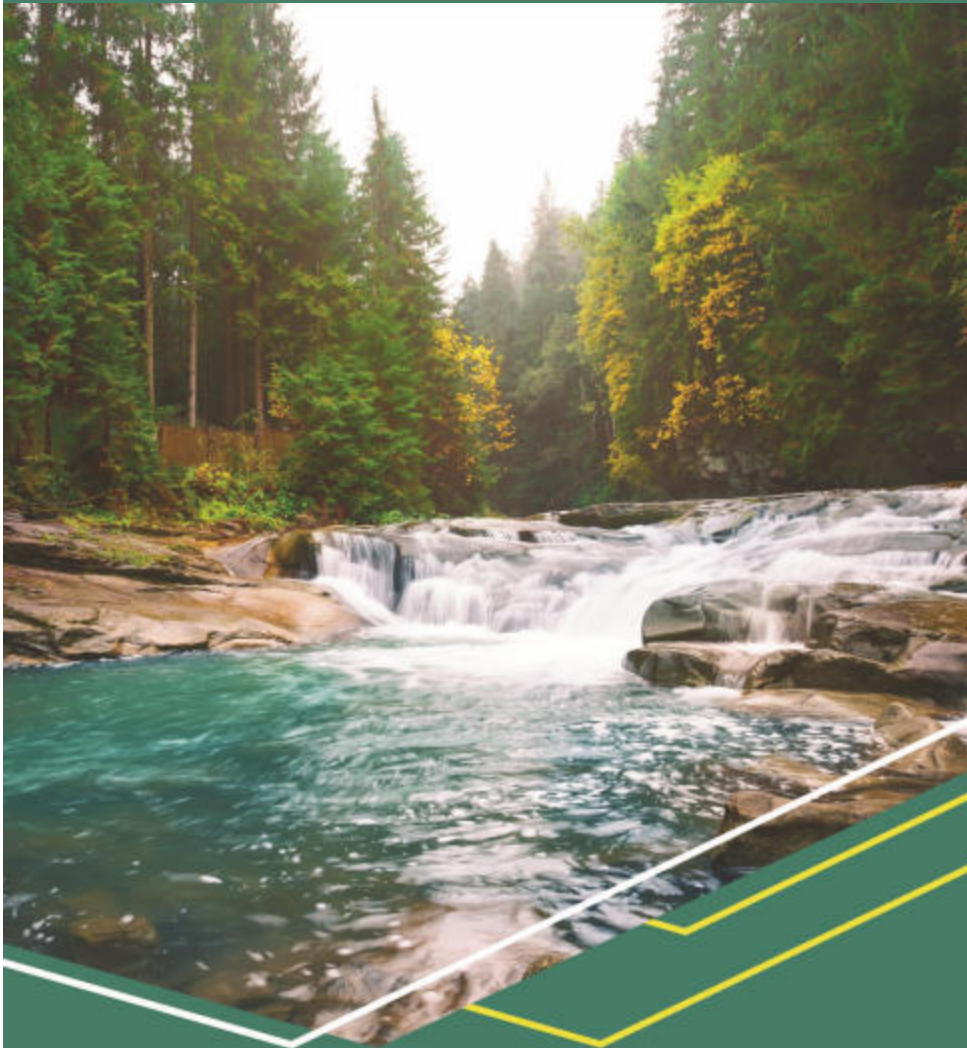
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Saint Thomas Becket

**A Welcoming Spirit-led
Catholic Community
where each is called**

to *love*,
to *serve* and
to *be hope*

"Your Spiritual home,
where each is called by name."

Sunday, January 10, 2021



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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Lord's Day Masses: All Are Welcome
See website for current information.

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Welcome!

a Catholic Community Where ALL are Welcome.

To New Parishioners: If you do not have a church home, we would be honored to have you as part of our parish family. Registration Forms are available at the New Parishioner Welcome Kiosk in the Commons, and online or call our Office at (651) 683-9808 , and we will help you out.

Baptism: All parents (must be parishioners) are asked to attend a baptism preparation meeting prior to the baptism of their child. Please register online; if you have questions call the parish office at (651) 683-9808.

Next baptism preparation meeting is Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

Marriage: Registered parishioners should contact the Office at least eight months prior to requested date.

Anointing of the Sick: Available to anyone who is seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Call Parish Office at (651) 683-9808 .

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School and Tri-Parish Center: www.fscsmn.org or call 651-406-4747

Readings

Week of January 10, 2021

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
[8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Prayers for the Sick

Please hold these parishioners in your prayers:

Janet Higgins	Mary Cloutier
Judy Schmidt	Peter DePover
Dale O'Brien	Lisa LaFrance

If you have someone you would like added to our confidential Prayer Line call Cathy at 651-344-3350.

Offerings

OUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: (12/29 - 1/4)

Online	7,715.00
In Person/mail	66,457.00
Simplified Giving (automatic transfers)	<u>10,381.00</u>
TOTAL	84,553.00

YEAR TO DATE: (11/30/20)

	Actual	Budgeted
Operating Revenue	\$ 491,745	\$ 490,250
Operating Expenses	<u>518,060</u>	<u>530,371</u>
Net Income (loss)	\$ (26,315)	(40,121)

Everyday Stewardship

When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout.
My hearing works just fine.”

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Uncovering Myths Surrounding Migrants

Our Advent/Christmas theme, “sense of place,” cries out to us to remember the immigrants, those who have lost their place of origin and have not yet reached their promised land, their longed for place. They dwell in an in-between place that demands the practice of mercy and listening from us.

Last January we here at St. Thomas Becket donated funds to Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas, a refuge for migrants crossing the border. We also wrote messages of hope for them, which were translated before they were sent.

The reasons for a migrant’s journey vary, the suffering varies, the responses to immigrants vary. Often myths get told and retold about migrants. Yet does not the Gospel call us to one response: love? May watching the following video, **US Immigrants Bust Myths About Immigrants** (<https://youtu.be/zftZI1M1S2Y?t=1>), open our hearts to a deeper wisdom about and acceptance of immigrants.

As we explored our sense of place during Advent, we may have uncovered stories of our past and why certain places evoke the power of love. May this video call us to imagine a variety of Gospel responses to the grace of immigrants and their presence in our lives.

Be an Usher or Greeter

Would you like to be an usher or greeter at the 9:00 a.m. Mass?

There are a number of protocols from the Diocese, the MN Department of Health and the CDC that must be followed in order for us to be open for Mass. Parish Council members and their families have been handling the greeter and usher responsibilities since we started with indoor Masses on August 23. We wanted to test our procedures and ensure a safe environment for everyone. We are now training parishioners in these positions to assist the Council members with this ministry.

If you are interested in finding out if this is right for you, please contact Kevin Magyar at kevinm@stbeagan.org.

Exploring Sunday scriptures?

Are you interested in exploring the Sunday scripture readings with a small group of parishioners?

A group of parishioners has been meeting via Zoom at 10:30-11:30 on Friday mornings to break open the Sunday readings. As we begin the new year, it might be a good time to consider a new way to enhance your worship experience.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Mary Lou Logsdon at logsdon.marylou@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Do you have a green thumb?

People are needed to water the plants in the church. You would be on a monthly schedule with a partner for roughly three to four months a year of your choosing.

Email Jackie at jackieg@stbeagan.org for information or to volunteer.

FAITH FORMATION

R. C. I. A.

AN INVITATION TO
LEARN MORE ABOUT
HOW TO BECOME A
CATHOLIC

- Are you or a friend or loved one looking for a faith community which can nurture their growth in faith?
- Wondering about the role of God in your life, Jesus, Pope Francis, the Catholic Church today?
- Wanting to know more about the faith of someone you love?
- Thinking about being baptized? Already baptized but want to find out about becoming Catholic?
- Do you have a child seven years old or older who isn’t baptized? Do you have a young person baptized in another tradition but seeking 1st Eucharist & Confirmation in the Catholic Church?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which people ages 7 to 107 become Catholic Christians. But before making this decision we spend time exploring our own faith and the faith of this community. Then the process is tailored to the needs and background of the person.

If you have questions, call or email Jackie Graham (612-452-8775 or jackieg@stbeagan.org)

Stewardship Message

O Father
I know that
when I serve others
– especially those in need –
I also serve you.
Help me to make time
to serve.

Amen.

Don't be a stranger Stay Connected

Best way to find out what is happening with the community is by visiting STB's web page at

www.stbeagan.org

Current events are located at the home page under "What's Happening".

Get updates via text

To make sure you get all updates about last minute cancellations and announcements, schedule changes, etc., sign up to receive text updates and select the **STB PARISH UPDATES** list and other lists you might be interested in.

1. Text "stbeagan" to 84576
2. Click the link that is sent back to you in a reply
3. Enter your first name, last name and email (after clicking link)
4. Then you will see a list of available groups/lists to join.

Get involved

The best way to be part of this wonderful Community is by joining a ministry. Look under "Our Parish" and click the "Get Involved" link.

Councils

The leadership of the Parish is represented by 6 Councils: Worship, Fun and Fellowship, Faith in Action, Life Stages, Spirituality, Caring and Stewardship. Each have their own ministries and are formed by parishioners willing to volunteer for a 3 year term.

Finding it hard to focus?

Feeling anxiety and unrest?

Longing to go deeper and feel God's presence?

Learning about and practicing Centering Prayer may be a gift to you!

Here are a couple of links that offer information and insight about this personal prayer style. These are not short, simple descriptions, but Centering Prayer is not a short, simple idea. These are intended for those who want to explore a spiritual practice rooted in Jesus' own words.

See, for example these words of invitation from the Gospel of Matthew 6:6, "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Creator who is in secret, and your Creator who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you."

* Contemplative Outreach: <https://www.minnesotacontemplativeoutreach.org/centering-prayer.html>

* You tube resources: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FWvxwfN_CE&t=262s

InterFaith Creation Care South Metro (ICCSM)



would like to invite you to a **CLIMATE REALITY/En-ROADS Discussion** of reimagining the future for God's Creation. This is a presentation using ZOOM, the web-based video conferencing tool. It is scheduled for Monday, January 25th at 7pm. The ZOOM link will be provided by registering at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reimagining-the-future-for-gods-creation-tickets-131063886613>.

The event will include a **Climate Reality** presentation showing the environmental destruction impacts we are experiencing today, how we got to this point, and what the future may hold. Following that, participants will use **En-ROADS** to imagine together what our future could be. **En-ROADS** is a "choose your ending" simulation that uses some of the best available science to compute and present the results of choices in energy, food production, land-use and consumer behavior that society can make today.

Bill Middlecamp is our presenter and is one of over 20,000 trained **Climate Reality** Leaders from more than 150 countries and is a trained **En-ROADS** facilitator. Bill has a BS degree in Meteorology, an MS degree in Computer Science, and is a commissioned United Methodist Earth keeper. For over a decade, Bill has participated in organizing and delivering presentations on environmental issues related to health, economics, science and solutions to the harmful changes we are seeing.

InterFaith Creation Care South Metro (ICCSM) is an organization of creation care stewards from sixteen faith communities in the south metro, including yours, seeking a faith-based approach to responsible care for the planet.

Visit our website at <http://iccsmc.blogspot.com/> for more information.

Christmas, 2020



Thank You!



Dear Friends from Mendota Heights Visitation,
St. Thomas Becket Church in Eagan, Sponsor a Family Minnesota and so Many Others,

We have been the recipients, during these pandemic times, of many, many people's generosity! It feels as if one of the upsides of this unique moment in history around the world, is that we have rediscovered together that we are ONE with one another and that when one hurts, ALL (physically, economically, mentally) hurt.

Thank you for reaching out to our neighbors here in North Minneapolis, the majority of whom are suffering and struggling to make ends meet. We are so grateful that through your gifting, folks do not feel so alone, so hopeless, and that they can provide Christmas for their families as well. The gift cards, the household items, Christmas stockings, toys, etc., were greatly appreciated. We partner with many organizations on the Northside, so your gifts went to many communities. What is also wonderful is that we are like one big happy family with the groups we partner with.

God knows, we are looking to a rough 2021 ahead, but TOGETHER we are going to emerge stronger and more united. And the best news is that God walks with us, and that Jesus is incarnated and lives within each of us. We can bring healing love to others if we but believe!

Pope Francis has a wonderful message for the New year:

"The future does have a name...and its name is HOPE."

Please be assured of our prayerful presence with you and your loved ones throughout 2021.

Gratefully,
 Sister Mary Frances Reis and The Sisters of the Visitation

Kids corner

Read the Gospel & Color



Baptism of the Lord • Mark 1:7-11

Sharing the Gospel

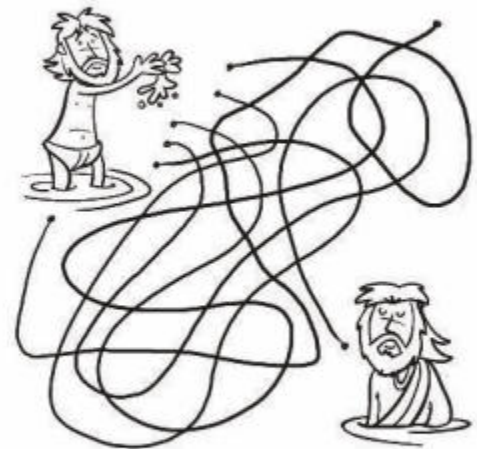
"Keep trying. You're doing great. I'm so proud of you." Every child should hear words like that. Every child wants to feel God's love. As Jesus grew from a boy to a man, he showed he was ready to live for God. At Jesus' baptism, God told Jesus, "You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you." God loves you as his child, too.

Prayer

God, I am so glad you love me.

PUZZLE

Show John the path to baptize Jesus.



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