



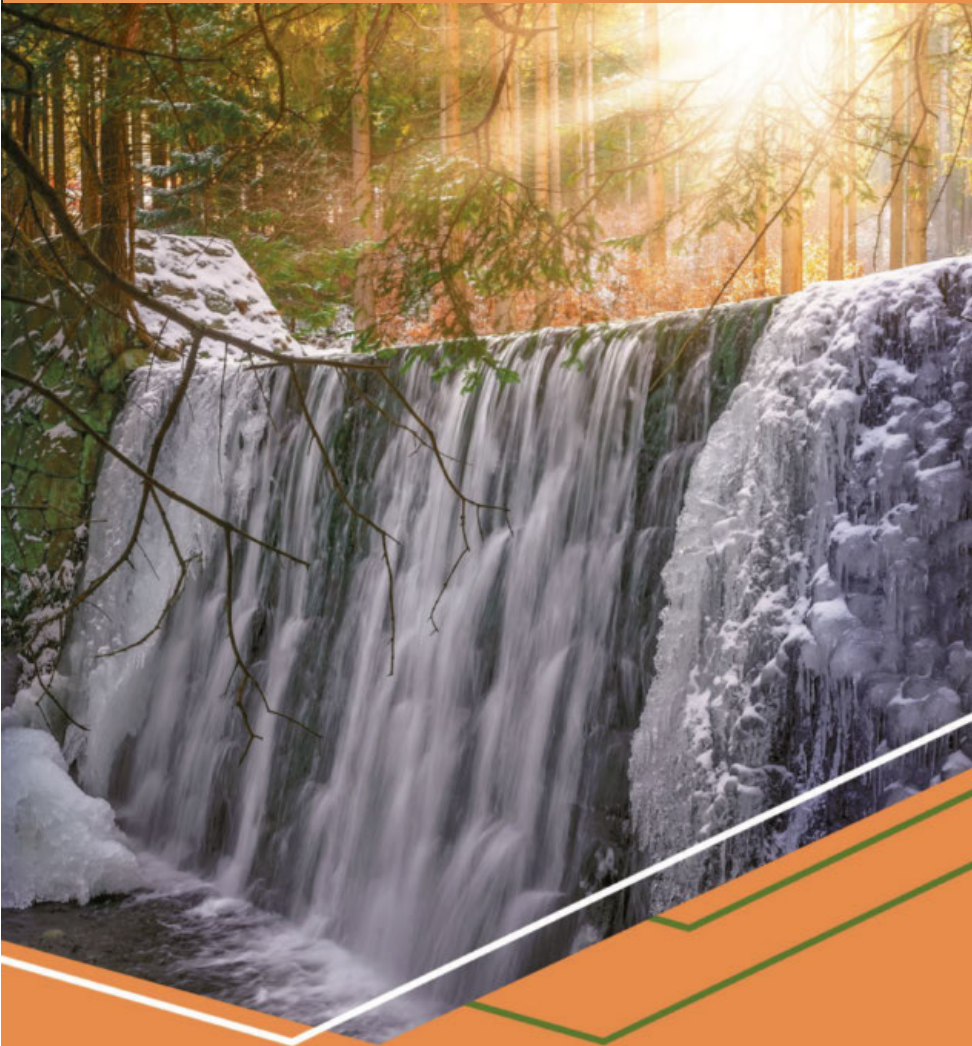
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where each is called**

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

“Your Spiritual home,  
where each is called by name.”

**Saturday, January 9, 2022**



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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**Parish Office Hours:**

M/T/W/TH 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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

### **ONLINE:**

**www.stbeagan.org**

Bulletin & Calendar

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### **CONFESSIONS:**

Call parish office for appointment

# 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 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 7, 2022 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](http://www.fscsmn.org) or call 651-406-4747

## Readings

January 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/  
Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5,  
9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/  
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9,  
10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/  
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

## Prayers for the Sick

**Please hold these parishioners in your prayers:**

Karen Little      Mary Cloutier      Judy Schmidt  
Lisa LaFrance      Janet Higgins

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

## Offerings

<b>OUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: (12/28/21 - 1/3/22)</b>		
Online		18,775.00
In Person/mail		4,026.00
Simplified Giving (automatic transfers)		<u>8,775.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>31,576.00</b>

<b>YEAR TO DATE: (11/30/21)</b>		
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Operating Revenue	\$469,094	\$ 512,002
Operating Expenses	<u>521,511</u>	<u>555,226</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(\$ 52,417)	(43,224)

## Calendar

**Monday, January 10:**

No Event Scheduled

**Tuesday, January 11:**

Decorating for Ordinary Time

AA meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Spirit of Justice mtg, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Troop 451, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**Wednesday, January 12:**

Elementary Faith Formation, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Elementary Faith Formation, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Middle School FF, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Thursday, January 13:**

Mass, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Parish Leadership Council, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Al-Anon meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Friday, January 14:**

Funeral

**Saturday, January 15:**

5:00 pm MASS, Fr. Tim

**Sunday, January 16:**

NO SGS

9:00 am Mass, Fr. Mike

RCIA 10:15 am - 11:30 am

11:00 am MASS, Fr. Tim

## Friendly Reminder



If you choose to continue wearing a face mask to church, please don't forget to bring your own face mask. Thank You!

# Makeup Donations Needed

Our Year 1 Confirmation Candidates will be putting together care packages for women served by Breaking Free at our upcoming half-day retreat. Breaking Free works directly with victims of human trafficking to help them escape “the life” and build the skills they need to thrive. Many of you already answered the call to clean out your makeup drawers, donating unopened products. Now, we invite anyone who wishes to support this project to shop for the items we still need, including lipsticks and lip balms, mascaras, and small eyeshadow palettes. To sign up to donate specific items, use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040449A8A92CA5FA7-makeup>, and then drop off your donation at the church by Sunday, February 6. Thank you!



## Save the Date:

Thursday, January 20, 2022  
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WOMAN?

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. What is happening in MN to address this crisis?

Presented by Sen. Mary Kunesh  
Sponsored by  
STB Spirit of Justice Ministry

*Watch the bulletin for further details.*

## Communion

**PLEASE DO NOT RECEIVE COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE.**

This practice has never been hygienic and puts you and everyone who comes to that communion minister after you in danger of illness.

To receive communion, hold out your hands with your dominant hand under your non-dominant hand. (Make a throne, we tell the children.) Receive the host in your non-dominant hand and use your dominant hand to place it in your mouth.

It is a respectful and holy action.

## Stewardship Message

Do a good turn daily.

## In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to parishioner, David Lesch, and his family on the death of his mom, Beverly Margaret Lesch, who passed away on Monday, December 20, 2021 at the age of 89.

*Please remember Beverly in your prayers.  
May God grant eternal rest and give comfort to the family  
at their time of loss.  
Amen*

## Want to Talk?

JustFaith Small Groups:  
Want to Talk?

Starting in mid-January, our parish will be offering numerous sessions of “Want to Talk?”

Communication Tools for Divided Times” from JustFaith.

This program, for groups of 8-14, will be based on small group discussions, readings and videos. It will guide you in deepening your relationships while staying true to your values, whether you find yourself in a disagreement with a family member, interrupting racism in the workplace, facilitating political tensions in a pandemic, or working for systemic change around any justice issue.

The program draws upon the wisdom of non-violent communication, civil dialogue and grassroots organizing.

This is open to all, whether in the parish or not, regardless of whether you’ve taken any JustFaith programs in the past or not. Your only cost for this program is the two books we will be discussing (\$45).

**Currently Taking Registrations for These Two Options:**

### OPTION 1

Tuesdays, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, beginning January 18, 2022, at STB. Facilitated by Dez Sobiech. For everyone’s safety, participants must be vaccinated for Covid-19, and masks will be required. If Covid conditions improve and there is full consensus in the group, we may lift the mask requirement at some point. To register for the Tuesday afternoon session, please contact Dez at [dezs@stbeagan.org](mailto:dezs@stbeagan.org) or 651-683-9808, extension 109.

### OPTION 2

Monday or Tuesday Evenings (TBD), beginning mid-January. Facilitated by Paul Mandell and Kadee Ruhland at the Ruhlands’ home, 6:30pm-8:30pm. If interested in this session, contact Paul Mandell at [paul.mandell@comcast.net](mailto:paul.mandell@comcast.net).

For general questions about this or other JustFaith programs, contact Dez Sobiech at [dezs@stbeagan.org](mailto:dezs@stbeagan.org).

## Everyday Stewardship

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 Saint 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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## The Racial Wealth Gap Part 4 of 4

This past fall, a small group of parishioners participated in a Just Faith Ministries Faith & Racial Justice program (8 weeks), sponsored by our STB Faith in Action Council. We wanted to share with the wider parish group one of the key learnings from the program.

**DID YOU KNOW** There is a Racial Wealth Gap in the U.S....AND..... 13 PUBLIC Policies have been found to be contributing factors? We will share all 13 with you over the next 4 weeks. Policies 10 & 13 follow. All 13 can be viewed at [www.stbeagan.org/racial-wealth-gap](http://www.stbeagan.org/racial-wealth-gap).

### **POLICY 10 THE WAR ON DRUGS (1971 TO PRESENT DAY)**

The War on Drugs, initiated in 1971 and continuing today, widened the racial wealth gap with policies targeting black and brown communities. Although rates of using and selling drugs are comparable across racial lines, blacks are up to 10 times as likely to be stopped, searched, arrested, prosecuted, convicted, and/or incarcerated for drug violations as whites. Since this means that black families are up to 10 times as likely to have a family member sent to prison, they are more than 10 times as likely to fall into hunger because of incarceration.

### **POLICY 11 LIFE AFTER INCARCERATION— CONSEQUENCES OF WAR ON DRUGS (PRESENT DAY)**

When people are released from jail or prison, they are hoping for a second chance. But they face more than 48,000 separate restrictions, known as collateral consequences. Some examples of lifelong penalties include being denied the right to vote in some states, being prohibited from applying to higher-paying jobs, being ineligible to participate in social safety net programs such as SNAP (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly food stamps), and other restrictions, such as being banned from getting a barber’s license. Since blacks are up to 10 times as likely as whites to be stopped, arrested, and sentenced, they are also up to 10 times as likely to face these restrictions.

### **POLICY 12 EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION (PRESENT DAY)**

Although racial discrimination in the workforce was legally abolished in 1964 with the Civil Rights Act, racial discrimination continues among all educational levels and job sectors. For example, blacks are twice as likely not to be called back after they complete job applications or interviews. In addition, the gap between the hourly pay of blacks and whites has grown from \$3.55/hour in 1979 to \$6.73/hour in 2016.

### **POLICY 13 THE VOTING RESTRICTIONS (1890 TO PRESENT DAY)**

Voting is key to ending hunger. As early as 1890, blacks faced organized campaigns to prevent them from voting, including biased “literacy tests,” poll taxes, and lynching. In 1965, the Voting Rights Act passed, making efforts to prevent voting illegal. But today, people returning from jail or prison (who are disproportionately black) are denied the right to vote in many states. In addition, as recently as 2017, states have proposed “Voter ID” laws, which would require voters to have government-issued identification. It is more difficult for African Americans to obtain these—one in four face barriers, compared with one in 10 whites. Barriers include, for example, having to pay up to \$150 for an acceptable copy of a birth certificate and Social Security card, travel costs, and time taken off from work.



Saint Thomas Becket  
Partners on  
South Metro FMSC Event  
**January 25 or 27**



## Feed My Starving Children

**Food Packing Event:  
Your Help Is Needed!**

St. Thomas Becket Parish will be joining nine other churches and schools in packing meals for Feed My Starving Children at the South of the River Mobile Pack 2022 event. This year's packing location will be at Berean Baptist Church in Burnsville, 309 County Road 42, Burnsville. The goal of this project is to provide 1 million meals to hungry children around the world. It is also geared to build stronger connections and relationships within the South of the River Christian faith communities. The two available packing sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 25th: 7:00 – 9:00 pm or,
- Thursday, January 27th: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Our parish goal is to have 60 volunteers (30 per session) and to raise at least \$600 to help cover the cost of food being packed.

**To sign up** for one or both evenings, follow this link to our SignUp Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040449a8a92ca5fa7-stbpacking>

To donate toward this event, use this link:

<https://give.fmsc.org/give/369590/#!/donation/checkout>

For more information or to sign up via e-mail, please contact: Tom Joseph at [tom.joseph6866@gmail.com](mailto:tom.joseph6866@gmail.com)

**Kids  
corner**

Read the  
Gospel & Color



Baptism of the Lord • Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

### Gospel

Your Dad says,  
“Wash your hands, please.  
It is almost time to eat.”  
After you wash your hands  
really well,  
your Dad smiles.  
He says,  
“That’s my boy.  
You did a good job!”  
In today’s Gospel,  
it was time for Jesus t  
o be baptized.  
After his baptism,  
Jesus talked to God  
his Father in prayer.  
Jesus did everything his  
Father asked.  
God was happy with his  
Son and said,  
“I’m pleased with you.”

### Prayer

God,  
I want to make you  
and my parents happy

### PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN MESSIAH BAPTIZING	WATER POWERFUL SANDALS	HOLY SPIRIT FIRE JESUS
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### MISSION

Find out what makes God happy. As a family,  
read John 15:9-12.



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