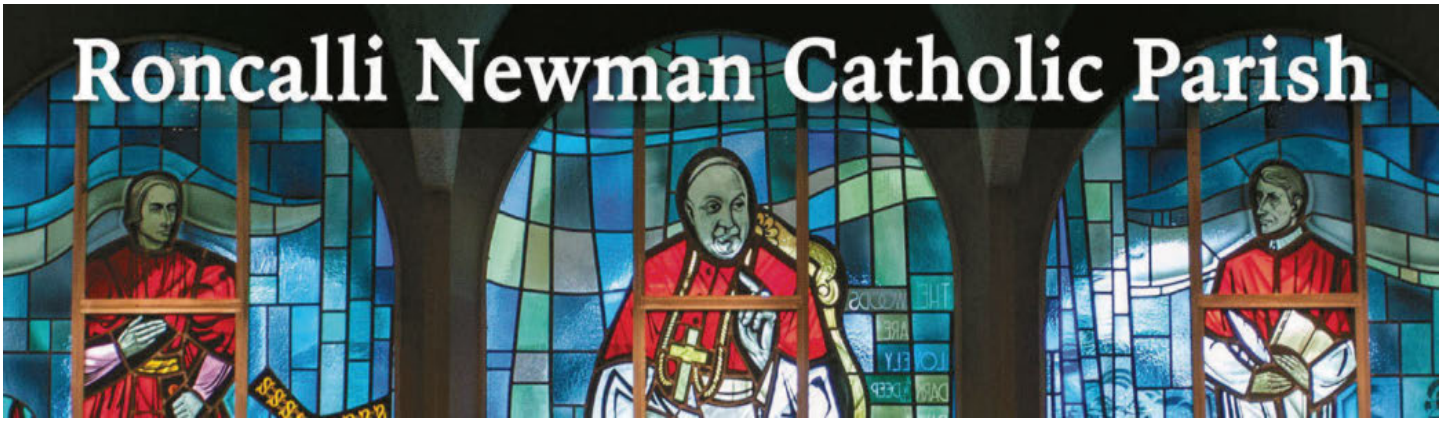
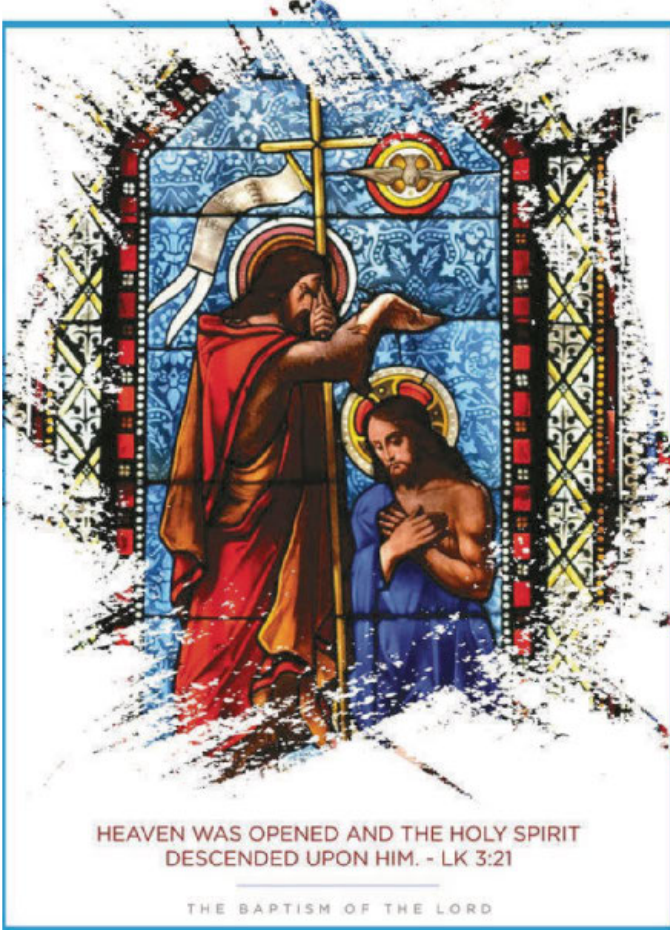


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HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm

(and **Thursday** 6:00 pm & **Sunday** after the 8:30 pm Mass during academic year)

Eucharistic Adoration (during academic year)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 1:00 am

Tuesday 4:15 pm

Thursday 6:00 pm

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January 9, 2022
The Baptism of the Lord

The Roman Catholic Community at UW-L and WTC

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Campus Ministry

If you would like to help with Tuesday, 6 pm dinners, By bringing an entrée, side dish, or dessert, please contact Adele at campusmin@newmanlc.org

Thank you.

Religious Ed

Bulletin January 8 and 9

Edge: The Heart of A Hero

The goal of this Edge Night on **Wednesday January 12th from 6:45pm-8:15pm at Mary Mother of the Church** is for the youth to see that we are drawn to superheroes because of their goodness, and we are compelled to cultivate virtue in their own lives because we will find happiness when they seek what is good.

Life Teen

Connected Session 1 - God's Creation and Stewardship.

Teens today see division, anxiety, and tension all around them. We will begin using a new resource this semester at Life Teen starting this week on **January 12th from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Blessed Sacrament**, called Connected. *Connected: Catholic Social Teaching for This Generation, brings Christ's healing message to a world that sorely needs it through the topics that are most important to teens right now. It addresses: God's Creation and Stewardship, The Dignity of Human Life, Poverty and the Dignity of Work. Connected offers a unique presentation that blends glimpses of Catholic organizations at work in the world today, with accessible and attractive explanations of Church teaching, as well as engaging stories of the saints. This combination cuts through the noise to touch the hearts and enlighten the minds of our teens.*

Family Faith Formation

Families should be completing the Green Lesson in your take home packet, the Sanctity of Life. Our next Family Faith Formation Sunday for parents and children in grades 1st-5th will be **February 6th from 12:15pm -2:00pm.**

Message for The Baptism of the Lord

January 8/9, 2022
Baptism of Jesus, Year C

Dear Parish Family and Friends of Roncalli Newman,

I would appreciate prayers for my sister-in-law Becky. She is 33 weeks pregnant, and is in the hospital trying to postpone the birth until at least the 34th week. My brother and Becky were at Roncalli Newman for Christmas, and a number of parishioners met them and their 10 month old daughter Mary Grace.

This weekend we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. Jesus was baptized not because he needed forgiveness of sin, but in being baptized he identifies himself with us who are fallen. In a real sense baptism unites us to Jesus and Jesus to us. When a baby gets baptized at Newman I tell the godparents to write down that date into their digital calendars as a yearly reminder, and then send a card on the anniversary of their godchild's baptism to remind them of their "birthday into the Body of Christ." Perhaps you could remind your own child of what day they were baptized, and mark it in some special way.

One of my seminary professors had a short saying to summarize the effects of baptism: "Sin out, God in, member of the Church (body of Christ)." It's condensed, and a lot to unpack in each of those concepts.

In Christ,
Father Billy Dodge

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The Baptism of Our Lord-January 9,2022

Music & Liturgy

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

This special feast marks the end of the Christmas season by celebrating another manifestation of “God with us.” The following article was first published by Fr. James Martin in 2015.

Why was Jesus baptized? Let's see what the Gospels say...

by Fr. James Martin

In Mark's Gospel, John the Baptist simply does it—sans explanation. Jesus “came from Nazareth of Galilee” and, upon his baptism, Jesus saw the heavens “torn apart” and the Holy Spirit descending upon him “like a dove.” The importance here lays not so much with the appearance of a bird, as portrayed in most classical paintings, as with the presence of the Holy Spirit. The tearing open of the heavens may have served for Mark's audience as a sign of the opening of a new kind of divine-human communication. A voice from heavens then proclaims, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

After this, Jesus is driven into the desert immediately to begin his period of testing, or temptation. Interestingly, Mark's account of the baptism is told from Jesus's perspective: Jesus sees and hears these things, but we're not told explicitly if anyone else does. Mark's account (unlike the other Gospels) intimates that Jesus had a private experience of God's revelation.

Luke's description is in parts more specific but in others more confusing. His Gospel presents Jesus as already baptized. He is praying with people in a crowd, who have also been baptized, when the heavens open and the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus in a slightly different way: “in bodily form like a dove.” That is, the Holy Spirit appeared, physically, as a dove. Again, the voice comes from the heavens, presumably heard by the crowd. “You are my son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.”

But there's an oddity in Luke's version: John the Baptist doesn't seem to be on the scene. For in the previous passage, Luke says that John has been imprisoned by Herod. Who did the baptizing? We are not told.

The Gospel of John's version features more storytelling. As in the Synoptics, the Baptist assumes a subordinate role to the man who may once have been his disciple. The day before the baptism, John says, in response to those who asked whether he was the Messiah: “I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal,” a menial task done for a master by a slave.

The next day, presumably at the Jordan River performing baptisms, John sees Jesus approaching, and proclaims him as the “Lamb of God.” It is a phrase rich with meaning—most likely referring to the use of the lamb as a sacrifice and prefigures Jesus's sacrifice during his crucifixion, which occurs during the Passover. Despite John's earlier protestations of his subordination, he performs the baptism.

Or seems to. We're not told anything about the baptism itself, nor is there any mention of Jesus stepping into the Jordan River. John the Baptist describes the descent of the Spirit after the fact: “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.” Then John explains, “I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’”

In other words, God has somehow revealed to the Baptist that Jesus is the one he has been anticipating. The voice that in the Synoptics came from the heavens speaks to the Baptist directly. What John has awaited, God provides.

Overall, the Gospel of John's version subordinates the Baptist, and also clearly identifies—early on and publicly, rather unlike the Synoptics, where Jesus's identity will be something of a secret—Jesus's divine identity.

Only in Matthew is the big question raised. John the Baptist tries to prevent (in some translations “forbid”) the baptism, and he says bluntly to Jesus: “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” And only in Matthew does Jesus provide an answer of sorts: “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.”

While some argue that Jesus's words refer to the later tradition of Christian baptism or to a fulfillment of the Old Testament, Jesus may simply be referring to the kind of life to which John's disciples have pledged themselves, one “producing good fruit,” as John says earlier in Matthew. Notice that John the Baptist says nothing about Jesus's sinlessness. Nor does Jesus. Jesus freely presents himself to be baptized by John, though he is sinless; and John freely baptizes him, though he feels unworthy to do so.

Jesus somehow came to realize that baptism was what God the Father desired for him—to fulfill “all righteousness.” Perhaps this meant publicly aligning himself with John's ministry. Perhaps before he began his own ministry, he wanted, in a sense, to pay tribute to that of his cousin, as a way of underlining his solidarity with the Baptist's message. Jesus may also have wanted to perform a public ritual to inaugurate his own ministry.

But there is another possibility, which is that Jesus decided to enter even more deeply into the human condition. Though sinless, Jesus participates in the ritual that others are performing as well. He participates in this movement of repentance and conversion not because he needs it, but because it aligns him with those around him, with those anticipating the reign of God, with the community of believers. It's an act of solidarity, a human act from the Son of God who casts his lot with the people of the time. It has less to do with his original sin, which he does not carry, than identifying with those who carry that sin, as George and I experienced at the Jordan. The divine is fully immersing himself, literally in this case, in our humanity. At the Baptism, Jesus was taking sides with us. God stood in line.

THE WEEK OF January 9, 2022

Sunday, January 9-The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4,6-7/Acts 10:34-38/k 3:15-16,21-22

9:00 am- Mass (+Bonnie Gebhart)

11:15 am- Mass

Monday, January 10-Weekday

1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

No Mass

Tuesday, January 11-Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

5:15 pm Mass (+Jean Matheny)

Wednesday, January 12-Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Noon Mass (+Ray Ekern)

Thursday, January 13-Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Mass at Bethany/10 am (+Souls in Purg)

Friday, January 14-Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Noon Mass (+Ted Hobbins)

Saturday, January 15-Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19/Mk 2:13-17

5 pm Mass (+Peg Crowley)

Sunday, January 16-Second Sunday in Ord. Time

Is 62:1-5/I Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

9 am Mass Parish Family

11:15 Mass

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Readers

5 pm John Houge/Meredith Houghe

9 am Maureen Neuville/Margaret Bluske

1115 am Michael Porter/Julie Montabon

Greeters

5 pm Michele Cook/Volunteer

9 am Karen Gamoke/Rita Richmond
Scott Smerud

1115 am Jim & Carolyn Bagniewski
Sean O'Flaherty/Seth Polfus

Cleaners

5 pm Becky Kreiling

9 am Mary Kerrigan

1115 am Volunteer

Newman Needs Vintage Table Cloths To Make Purificators for the Chalice for Mass

Looking for vintage table cloths, stains are ok, natural fibers only, such as linen and cotton, color needs to be white to off white to sew purificators for the chalice. We also are in need of others with reliable machines for sewing these. Also we could use help with soaking, pressing and ironing these cloths. This project requires just basic hemming skills, cutting out of the cloth, and or sewing. We will provide the thread and needles and clips, Thank you for considering doing this as these are the best purificators and most absorbent. Call Sandy in the Newman office if you have suggestions or can help with this project. We are repurposing the material in the spirit of Pope Francis' Encyclical. We would like the linens now but our plan is to start sewing at the end of Feb.

Giving Tree Thank You

Thank you to all who grabbed a tag from our Newman Giving Tree. Because of you, the Boys & Girls Club, the Exchange and New Horizons were filled with items from their Wish Lists. Games, snacks, towels, silverware, toasters, microwaves and a whole lot more were donated to these agencies who do such great work in our area. Each gift will find a home with someone in need and make their day brighter and easier. Thank you from these agencies to our parish. Roncalli Newman is filled with angel parishioners who overwhelmingly gave to these causes. Thank you!!!

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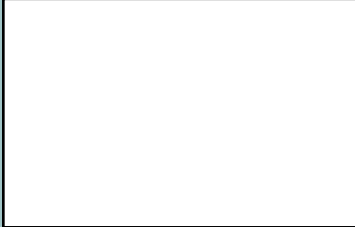


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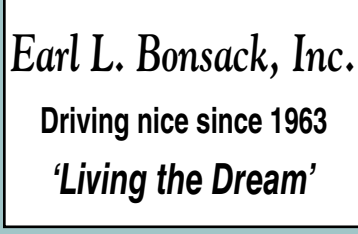
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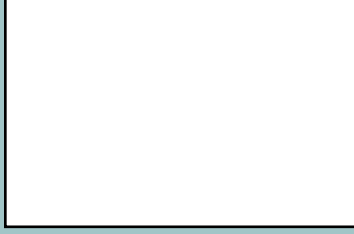
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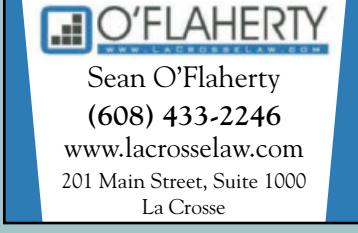
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