

January 13, 2018 / The Baptism of the Lord



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Sacrament of Baptism

Call Deone Parnell in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage

To allow sufficient time for marriage preparation arrangements should be made at least 8 months in advance. Parish membership is required. Contact the Marriage Prep Coordinator.

New Member Registration

Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in joining or there are New Parishioner Packets available in the narthex.

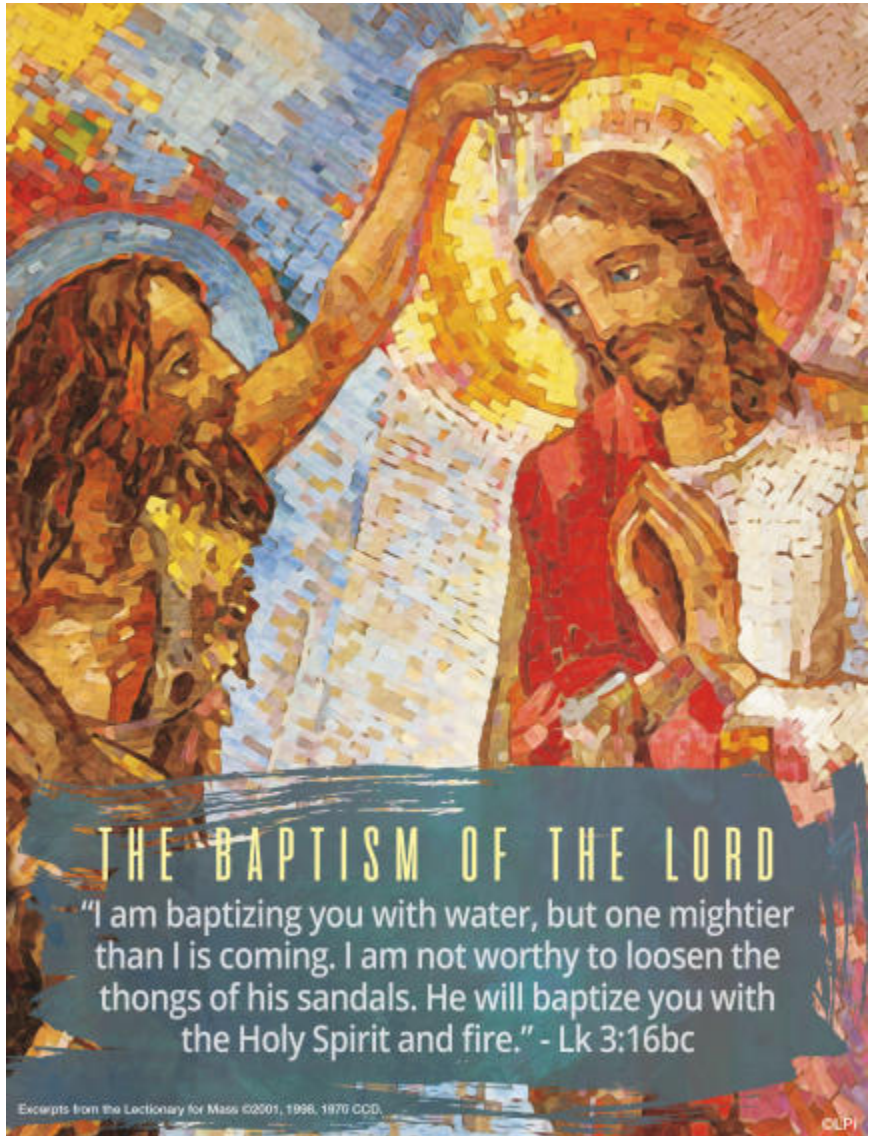
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, closed Noon - 1:00 pm
Friday: Closed

Mass Times: Saturday: 4:00 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 am

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Question for Children: What are some things you can do to please God?

Question for Youth: "With you I am well pleased." What are you doing right now that is pleasing to God? How does it feel to live that way?

Question for Adults: Name a time when you felt your actions were pleasing to God.



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons and daughters of God...."

Jesus also said "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. In this way, you will be daughters and sons of your Creator in heaven."

As we enter this New Year, 2019, many of us feel in our hearts the burden of the divisions in our country and in our Church. We are weary and tired of the rancor and meanness in our discourse. We recognize the violence in our own hearts when those snarky remarks about the "other side" come spilling out of our mouths and only add to the already contaminated atmosphere. How does the Gospel guide us in a time like this?

As I searched for New Year's resolutions, I was directed by my spiritual reading to the Pax Christi website. Pax Christi calls us to a comprehensive view of Gospel Peacemaking. Many of us may not be ready to respond fully to the demands of the 'vow of nonviolence' posted on the website. But, I found the first two practices of the "vow" intriguing, and I will share them with you.

"by striving for peace within myself and seeking to be a peacemaker in my daily life" and

"by refusing to retaliate in the face of provocation and violence; by persevering in nonviolence of tongue and heart."

I believe if many of us would choose to adopt these two practices in our lives during this next year, we can bring the antidote of Gospel nonviolence to the troubles of our time.

Mary Fleege, Social Justice Commission member.

LEADERSHIP MEETING
Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 pm
 Attention all Parish Council Members, Finance Council Members, Staff, ALL Commission members. Please mark your calendars now for the next Leadership Meeting.

WORKSHOP ON "WHAT HAPPENS IF I RUN OUT OF MONEY?"

We are continuing our series to help parishioners following our successful Wills and Trusts workshop. Sat., February 2, at 9:00 am, Jennifer will again return to continue the conversation on "What happens if I run out of money?" and how Medical Assistance works. This workshop is open to all parishioners, retirees, families with elderly parents, or anyone just trying to figure out what is allowed and what is not. There is no cost, but there will be a free will offering. We are asking you to call the office after January 1 to let us know if you are coming.

WINTER / SPRING YOGA
THURSDAY EVENINGS
FEBRUARY 7 THRU APRIL 11

Registrations are now being accepted for our Winter and Spring Yoga Sessions. Sessions begin on Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 pm. Cost will be \$80.00 for the ten sessions. Registration forms are available on the table in the Narthex.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR FRIENDS IN NEED

A special thank you to all who drop off food for the food shelf in the container in the narthex. While Friends In Need appreciates your gifts, they like to remind donors that they really need personal care items - bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. ONE REMINDER: PLEASE DO NOT DONATE PERISHABLE ITEMS. Sometimes the food shelf only gets to the church once a month. If you have items that are perishable it would be better if you dropped them off at the food shelf yourself. Thank you so very much.

**2nd WEEK CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!
 (drum roll please!) Congratulations!**

- Jan. 5 - \$25 Andrea & Tom Ross, Cottage Grove
- Jan. 6 - \$25 Terry Vanderbeek, Buffalo
- Jan. 7 - \$25 Douglas Harer, Cottage Grove
- Jan. 8 - \$25 Todd & Jean Herbst, Hastings
- Jan. 9 - \$25 Steve & Geri Morse, St. Paul Park
- Jan. 10 - \$25 Kathy Langbein, Cottage Grove
- Jan. 11 - \$25 Ted Hegner, St. Paul

Cadillac Dinner Tickets Available Now!

The 14th Annual Cadillac Dinner will be Sunday, January 27, 2019, at Tinucci's. The menu is Prime Rib or Deep-Fried Shrimp. If you're looking for a Christmas present for a loved one, this is an excellent idea! Tickets are \$120 per couple and are available at the parish office and in the narthex after masses beginning this weekend and every weekend after until January 21. Get your tickets now - we only sell 100 tickets for this event!



**FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS ARE FOR SALE THIS WEEKEND
 JANUARY 12 & 13**

PRAYER CHAIR


Renee McCawley 459-2641 or Parish Office 459-2131

MANY HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please remember all of the following who have asked for our prayers in their illness:

Austin Cronquist	Richard O’Ryan	Kevin Dinger
Mary Baumhover	Loretta Casale	Janet Waldbillig
Jody Hasbrouck	Geri Morse	Bernice Bailey
Tim Geraghty	John Burgy	

Please also remember the many members of our parish who are in nursing homes, assisted living, or homebound.




MARDI GRAS 2019
 Mark your calendars now!!!
 Mardi Gras is March 3, 2019. Our theme is "Mardi Gras in the Park". Please plan on joining us! Also, if anyone is interested in volunteering to help out and meet a fantastic group of people, please feel free to contact us!!
 Thank you! Sincerely, Bob Cronquist, 651-295-9284
PLEASE PICK UP YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS IN THE NARTHEX AND START SELLING!

MARDI GRAS GRANNY'S ATTIC


With the holiday celebrations coming to an end and as you begin your "winter" cleaning, remember our Granny's Attic at Mardi Gras. We will begin accepting your donations on Monday, February 25. You can bring your donations to the Activities Building, Holley Ave. entrance ONLY during regular business hours of the parish. Please no baby items, no clothing, no Fall or Christmas items or decorations, no golf clubs. We love your knick-knacks and treasures. Watch for the flyer in a few weeks. Thank you.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Start the year off right by refreshing your marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next available weekends are Feb, 8-10 in Buffalo, MN and Feb. 15-17, in Belle Plaine, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.



PAJAMA PARTY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27
4:30 PM
 Fun & Food for the kiddos during the Cadillac Dinner. Drop off your children at the St. Thomas Church basement.
 Youth ages 3-17 are welcome. No charge, but registration is required.
 Donation of snacks, beverages and prizes are gladly accepted.
 Contact Deone in the church office with any questions.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

- ◆ **The Word!**: We welcome children of all ages for this FREE & FUN Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday masses.
- ◆ **Baptism**: Interested in preparing and planning for the Sacrament of Baptism for children? If you would like more information or would like to help as a mentor, please contact Deone in the Faith Formation office.
- ◆ **Faith Formation Calendar**: You can access the most up-to-date information at www.st-thomas-aquinas.com/calendar.
- ◆ **Questions, comments**: Deone Parnell at dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com or 651-459-2131 x 108.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

KEY (AB) = Activities Building (CB) = Church Basement
 (C) = Church Comn. = Commission Cmte. = Committee

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

- 8:30 am - No Rosary
- 9:00 am - No Word & Communion
- 1:00 pm - Homeschool Opportunity Monday (C)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 8:30 am - No Rosary
- 9:00 am - No Word & Communion
- 6:30 pm - Social Justice (AB)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)
- 9:00 am - Red Rock Communion Service
- 9:30 am - Bible Study (AB)
- 11:00 am - Norris Square Communion Service
- 5:00 pm - Take 5 for Youth! (C)
- 6:30 pm - FF Session (AB)
- 6:30 pm - Confirmation Preparation (AB)
- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal (C)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

- 8:30 am - No Rosary
- 9:00 am - No Mass or Word & Communion
- 6:30 pm - Finance Council (AB)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

Parish Office Closed

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)
- 10:00 am - White Pines Communion Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

- 2:30 pm - St. Thomas Ensemble (C)
- 4:00 pm - Mass, John & Lorraine Sathra † (C)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

- 8:30 am - Mass, The Connolly Family (deceased) † (C)
- 8:30 am - The Word!
- 9:30 am - Sunday Faith Formation
- 9:30 am - Sunday Confirmation
- 10:30 am - Mass, Inocencio Flores † (C)
- 10:30 am - The Word!

NOTE: Weekday Morning Mass/Word & Communion is canceled when a funeral is scheduled.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is celebrated every Saturday at 3:15 pm or by appointment.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 13

- Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1, 2b, 6-9/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab-9/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-9/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-11/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3c-8/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8-15/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

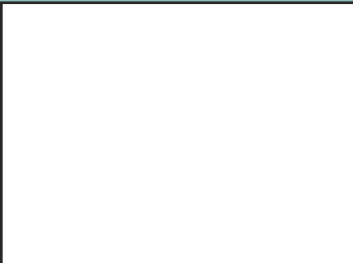
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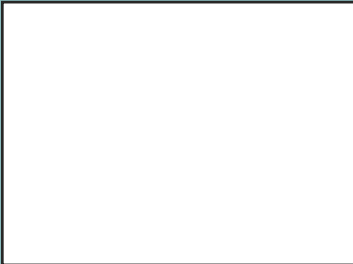
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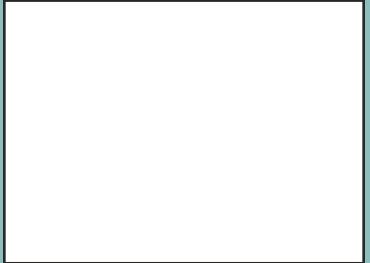
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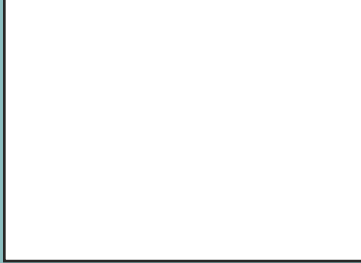
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