



JANUARY 9, 2022: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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BAPTISM: AN INVISIBLE GUARANTEE!

In our last preparatory session for the Sacrament of Baptism, one of the parents described Baptism as an invisible guarantee that God is always there to protect his child from all dangers. The father explained that he cannot be present to his child always and he cannot be watching over his child all the time, but he knows deep in his heart that through Baptism God assures that He will always be there.

What a marvelous way to describe the precious gift of God's *ownership and belovedness*! This is what gives us the courage to return home when we have gone astray, this is what stirs our hearts to love the ones who have hurt us, this is what restores us to original beauty when we have stained it by our choices for the less good, and this is what gives us the grace and humility to beg for God's mercy and long for his kindness.

God does it for us when His Son, though sinless, decides to lift us up by standing one among sinners to be baptized by John. With Pope Benedict, "let us consider the greatness of our God who "blends into the grey mass of sinners" to restore our original greatness and beauty. Let's contemplate the humility of our God who bends so low to carry us forward to love, freedom, and transformation" (*Jesus of Nazareth*, 16 p).

I will never forget the faces of those who stood with me in my weakness. There is something unimaginable happens within us. The unmerited grace of God, as it were, becomes fruitful for the first time in us because we are ready to partake of our sonship (& daughtership) in the Lord. It brings us to the Face of Mercy we have been hungering for so long and yet unwillingly have stayed in darkness mistaking it for light.

As we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord Jesus, let us renew our baptismal promises. May our renewal be intentional and bold; may 2022 help us begin again to live as *His sons and daughters*!

Pax et bonum, Father Chinna

“El Bautismo: Una Garantía Invisible”

En nuestra última sesión preparatoria para el Sacramento del Bautismo, uno de los padres describió el Bautismo como una garantía invisible de que Dios siempre está ahí para proteger a su hijo de todos los peligros. El padre explicó que no puede estar presente para el niño siempre y que no puede estar cuidando a su hijo todo el tiempo, pero sabe que en lo profundo de su corazón, a través del bautismo, Dios asegura que Él siempre estará allí.

¡Qué maravillosa manera de describir el precioso regalo de la propiedad y el amor de Dios! Esto es lo que nos da el coraje de volver a casa cuando nos hemos descarriado, esto es lo que mueve nuestro corazón a amar a los que nos han hecho daño, esto es lo que nos devuelve a la belleza original cuando la hemos manchado con nuestras elecciones de menos. bueno, y esto es lo que nos da la gracia y la humildad para implorar la misericordia de Dios y anhelar su bondad.

Dios lo hace por nosotros cuando Su Hijo, aunque sin pecado, decide levantarnos poniéndonos de pie entre los pecadores para ser bautizados por Juan. Con el Papa Benedicto, "consideremos la grandeza de nuestro Dios que "se confunde con la masa gris de los pecadores" para restaurar nuestra grandeza y belleza originales. Contemplemos la humildad de nuestro Dios que se inclina tan bajo para llevarnos hacia el amor, la libertad y la transformación" (Pope Benedict, *Jesús de Nazaret*, 16 p.)

Nunca olvidaré los rostros de aquellos que estuvieron conmigo en mi debilidad. Hay algo inimaginable que sucede dentro de nosotros. La gracia inmerecida de Dios, por así decirlo, se vuelve fructífera por primera vez en nosotros porque estamos listos para participar de nuestra filiación (y hija) en el Señor. Nos lleva al Rostro de la Misericordia que hemos estado anhelando durante tanto tiempo y, sin embargo, de mala gana nos hemos quedado en la oscuridad confundiéndolo con la luz.

Mientras celebramos el Bautismo de nuestro Señor Jesús, renovemos nuestras promesas bautismales. Que nuestra renovación sea intencional; ¡que el 2022 nos ayude a comenzar de nuevo a vivir como sus hijos e hijas!

Pax et bonum, Padre Chinna

DAILY READINGS

Saturday, 8 January

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, 9 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday, 10 January

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

Tuesday, 11 January

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

Wednesday, 12 January

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

Thursday, 13 January

Saint Hilary

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45 (308)

Friday, 14 January

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

Saturday, 15 January

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, 16 January

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 8 January

4:00 PM (Online): Intentions of our parish family

5:00 PM: Marian Niemeyer (RIP)

Sunday, 9 January

8:30 AM: Judy Elderdge (RIP)

10:30 AM: Lynne Rihner (RIP)

Tuesday, 11 January

5:30 PM: Madonna Gardinier (RIP)

Wednesday, 12 January

8:00 AM: John Downey (RIP)

Thursday, 13 January

8:00 AM: Elaine Rudnicki (RIP)

Friday, 14 January

8:00 AM: Tom Stevermen (RIP)

Saturday, 15 January

4:00 PM (Online): Intentions of Parish Family

5:00 PM: Tom Herbers (RIP)

Sunday, 16 January

8:30 AM: Louella Schmidt (RIP)

10:30 AM: Dan Berthelson (RIP)

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's SANCTUARY LAMP is offered in remembrance of MARIA SALGADO LOPEZ. May the Lord grant her eternal rest!

ADORATION 2022

Please join us on Tuesday, January 18th following 5:30 PM Mass for Adoration until 8 PM. Please spend 15-20 minutes in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord as you listen, pray, and reflect! Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS!

- ⇒ Karen and Tom Baynard
- ⇒ Patsy Bettendorf
- ⇒ Family of Mike Ripple
- ⇒ Dave Kovalsky
- ⇒ Paul Gengler
- ⇒ Kathy Luethye
- ⇒ Family of Nate Nidey



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<i>Week ending January 4, 2021</i>	
Tithing	\$66,827
Building Faith	\$5,291
Parish Debt as of 7 Dec.	\$1,258,964

<i>Week ending January 3, 2022</i>	
Tithing	\$107,751
Building Faith	\$7,411
Parish Debt as of 6 Dec.	\$672,950

COMING IN FEBRUARY 2022

STOKE THE FIRE OF YOUR FAITH!

ONE DAY RETREAT FOR ADULTS

SATURDAY, FEB. 19

10:00 AM - 4:30 PM



To register, scan the QR code or visit
www.stbonifacechurch.org/retreat-and-discern

DIOCESE of DES MOINES

BISHOP JOENSEN WANTS TO HEAR FROM US!

As part of visioning process for the Diocese of Des Moines, Bishop William Joensen invites us—faithful of the Diocese—to take part in a brief survey.

Bishop Joensen wants to hear your joys and disappointments, your hopes and priorities for our diocesan future. To complete this survey, please click this link: <https://forms.gle/1mp721t5b8TFcAid8> or click on the QR code



Spanish

MASS for SEMINARIANS



In picture:

Bishop Joensen, Father Ross Parker, Deacon Alex Kramer, Altar servers: Eli & Grant!

It was a marvelous gift to have Bishop Joensen celebrate Mass in our parish last Sunday at 10:30 AM Mass. It was a winter gathering for the Seminarians and their families. Saint Boniface was blessed to host this event and pray for the seminarians! Thanks to everyone who supported this event!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2021



Courtesy: Mike Nass

Thanks to Bridget, Pam, and our beloved children and youth for this joyous event!

FAITH FORMATION

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FAMILY HUNGER SIMULATION

LED BY DMARC FOOD PANTRY NETWORK

MON, JAN 17
or
WED, JAN 19
6:00-7:30PM
PARISH HALL

Sample a simple meal from Meals from the Heartland and learn with your family what it's like to live with food insecurity.

Please register by Mon, Jan 10
stbonifacechurch.org/family-nights

HELP KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!

SAFETY TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!

We need every household's participation to keep our children safe this year as they arrive and leave faith formation sessions. Looking ahead, we have many safety team spots open on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

We need **one adult from every family** to sign up as a safety team member for **at least one two-hour shift during the year**. At the beginning of your shift, you will report to a safety team "captain" in the faith formation office and receive your instructions.



NEXT LIFETEEN MASS & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: JAN 9

Has your teen tried a Sunday evening LifeTeen Mass or our high school youth group yet? Our next LifeTeen Mass is Sun, Jan 23, at 5pm, followed by high school youth group (9th-12th grade) with food and fellowship in the Mary & Joseph Room.

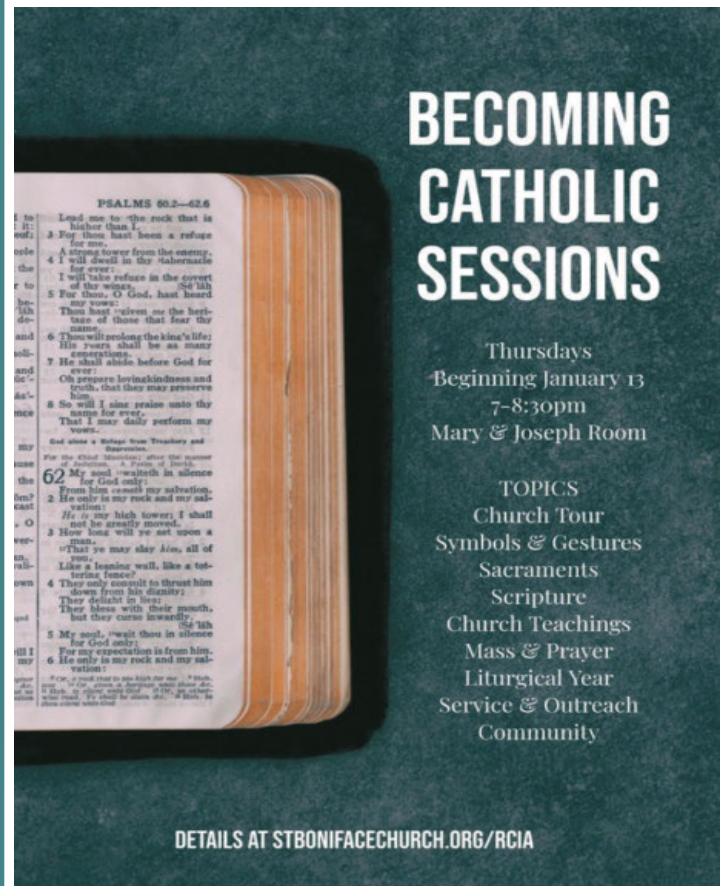
Questions? Contact Megan Schraeger in the Faith Formation Office at 515-850-1883.



BECOMING CATHOLIC SESSIONS

Thursdays
Beginning January 13
7-8:30pm
Mary & Joseph Room

TOPICS
Church Tour
Symbols & Gestures
Sacraments
Scripture
Church Teachings
Mass & Prayer
Liturgical Year
Service & Outreach
Community



DETAILS AT STBONIFACECHURCH.ORG/RCIA

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Your gift will assist in the construction of a new Religious Education Center that will include 6 classrooms, adequate restrooms, and an office space.

FAITH FORMATION



Provide a safe space where our up to 50 children learn about being Catholic and have their faith formed.

HEAR THEIR STORY

Hear their story and lend a hand with a contribution to the Parish Solidarity Fund at dmdiocese.org/hamburg



QUESTIONS



Contact Maureen Kenney, MBA, Diocesan Director of Stewardship, mkenney@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5079

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1306 Washington Street, Hamburg, IA 51640, (712)382-4316

'Amoris Laetitia' FAMILY YEAR!

A celebration to honor family and marriage



Couples married 1-15 years are invited to join us for an evening of faith, fun and fellowship.

- Meet other couples
- Share stories
- Listen to how God accompanies you and shapes you as parents and as married couples.

Dinner, drinks, and childcare provided.

Registration coming soon.

COMING IN FEBRUARY



EVENTS WITH THE KNIGHTS

Donuts & Coffee January 2022

- After the 8:30 AM Mass beginning January 9 and continuing every Sunday of the month

- Hosted by Knights of Columbus



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 16, 2022
after the 8:30 AM Mass in the
Parish Hall.
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SPELLING BEE



Sunday, January 16, 2022
1:00 PM

FREE THROW CONTEST



SUNDAY, FEB. 6

5:30 - 6:30 PM AT WAUKEE ELEMENTARY

To register for the Spelling Bee and for more information on the Free Throw Contest, please visit

<https://sites.google.com/view/waukeeknightsofcolumbus/home> or scan the QR code.



JANUARY EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Please join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the Annual Respect Life novena, **9 Days for Life**, Wednesday, January 19–Thursday, January 27. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more! Sign up at 9daysforlife.com

YOUNG CATHOLIC NETWORK

All young adult professionals in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Young Catholic Network Speaker Series on Tuesday, January 25th!

Join us at 6 PM for an evening of networking and fellowship at the Catholic Pastoral Center in downtown Des Moines. Enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers while meeting other young Catholics committed to professional and spiritual growth.

Sharon Krause of Krause Group (parent company of Kum & Go) and Dalla Terra Ranch will be our featured speaker. She will talk about the alignment of one's personal and faith-based mission in the workplace and beyond!

Free childcare is provided if you register by Jan 17. Register today at www.dmdiocese.org/vcn

MISSION

*“To encounter Jesus
and to become the joy of the Gospel.”*

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday at 5:30 PM
Wednesday through Friday at 8:00 AM

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday: 4:00 PM (Online Only) ; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday: 8:30 AM Mass & 10:30 AM Mass

CONFESSION

Thursday through Saturday: 4:00–5:00PM

PARISH CONTACTS

WELCOME TO ST. BONIFACE

You are welcome here—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or another parish in the diocese!

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you want to register in St. Boniface family, please call Tiffany Hilgenberg in the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS

If you need information on Baptism, Marriage, Confession, and Anointing of the Sick, please contact [Sara Krohnke](#) in the Parish Office.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you like to become Catholic or go deeper, please contact [Faye Akers](#) in the Parish office

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