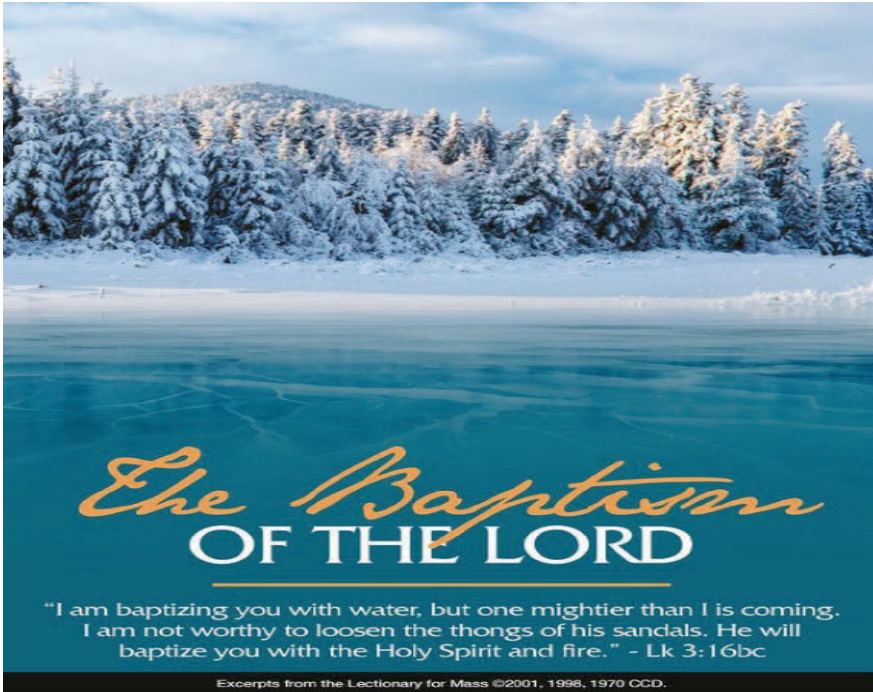


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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 am—St. Pius and 10:30 am—St. Mary
Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 9 am—St. Pius
Wednesday: 9am—St. Mary's
Thursday: 9 am—St. Anthony
Friday: 9 AM - St Pius
Saturday: St. Anthony 4 PM



Mass Intentions Week of 01/09/22—01/15/22

† Mary Ann Howard

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Building Fund.

Visitation of the Sick

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.

Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

The Bishops have requested this prayer be recited for the Synod of 2021-2023. This prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.
Amen.

The Baptism of the Lord

by **Mary M. McGlone**

Remember the day of your baptism? It's highly unlikely, but your parents and godparents and an assortment of relatives probably do. Perhaps they remember the event itself, or the party, or something that went wrong. When we were baptized as infants, we were the star of the show, but, unless we were older, we had no clue about what was happening or the commitment the baptism entailed. When it comes to Jesus' baptism by John, the opposite is true: he knew exactly what he was doing and those closest to him were uncomfortable with the memory and played it down.

Among the evangelists, John doesn't even mention Jesus' baptism, Mark openly depicts it, and Matthew qualifies the event by having John protest that Jesus should baptize him. Luke, our guide for this liturgical year, alludes to Jesus' baptism, then spotlights the descent of the Spirit and the divine voice that named Jesus as God's beloved son. For the early Christian community, Jesus' baptism was an embarrassing admission that Jesus began his ministry as one of John's disciples.

The early community's embarrassment about Jesus' relationship to John helps us understand Jesus in his own context. Luke tells us that John's preaching left people filled with expectation. John preached radical conversion. He had set up camp along the Jordan River, a site with enough water for his ceremonies and near a well-traveled trade route that assured a steady flow of people could hear his preaching. Most of all, the site was near Jericho, the place where Joshua had first entered the Promised Land. John preached and baptized from a desert spot from where his converts could cross the river and enter renewed into the life God offered them. John's baptismal rite, unlike people's ordinary ritual washings, had to be received — people did not do it for themselves. This established a unique relationship between John and the baptized, symbolizing their acceptance of his call to radical conversion. Baptism was a public proclamation of commitment.

After the infancy narratives, this is Jesus' first appearance in the Gospel. Jesus' baptism signaled a life-changing decision. If we read the Gospels without imposing later teachings on them, we see that they depict Jesus as a thoroughly human man whose goal was to discern and do God's will and to bring others along with him. We assume that until this time, Jesus had lived as an ordinary craftsman, one more among the inhabitants of Nazareth. Then one day, he joined the tax collectors, soldiers and throngs of ordinary folk going to John. He identified himself with their hopes and needs rather than with the righteous who felt no need for major changes. This, Jesus' first public act, declared his loyalty: He would stand with the people who desired a radical return to God for themselves and their world.

After allowing himself to be baptized, Jesus heard the divine voice say, "You are my beloved Son." Whatever it had taken to get him to that moment, whatever the options he had discarded and doubts he had to overcome, Jesus had received not just a baptism, but an affirmation and a naming. When Luke describes the Spirit and the voice that came to Jesus, the background music is that of the Servant Song of Isaiah 42 in which God says, "Here is my servant, my chosen one upon whom I have put my spirit." That song about God's servant reaffirmed Jesus' choices and set him on a path to serve the neediest of God's people.

We noted that Jesus' followers were reticent to admit that he had been baptized by John. As he continued his mission, some would continue to be embarrassed and even scandalized by the way he enjoyed the company of sinners and portrayed God as always kind and merciful. The people had been full of expectation, but he was not exactly what they expected.

The day of Jesus' baptism might be compared to the day a couple marries, a priest is ordained, or a woman or man religious pronounces their vows. Each of those is an extension of our baptismal call and grace. As on the day of our baptism, we have precious little idea about all that these commitments will call forth, except that they will call us to live radically, losing ourselves in love and serving others in the manner of Jesus.

Today is a good day to renew our baptism and the commitments that have flowed from it. It is always risky to make commitments about an unknown future, but like our Lord, we can trust that the Spirit will lead us to where God will say, "You are my beloved in whom I am well pleased."

| 12/26/21 | Solon | Gordon | Minong |
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| Envelopes | \$554 | | \$576 |
| Loose Change | \$76 | | \$88 |
| Fuel | | | |
| Building Fund | \$81 | | |
| Christmas | \$761 | \$773 | \$5702 |
| Haiti | \$20 | | \$114 |
| Total | \$1492 | \$773 | \$6480 |
| Electronic Donations (November) | \$755 | \$320 | \$1404.14 |
| CSA Goals (2021/22) | \$10,655 | \$6,460 | \$14,026 |
| CSA Results (as of: 11/02/21) | \$4530 | \$5965 | \$6795 |
| % of Goal | 43% | 92% | 48% |

Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or home-bound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

Laverne Treb Joseph Treb
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Little Flowers Girls Club

January 19th - Epiphany Party
 From 5-7 PM in the Old Village Hall.
 Little Flowers will celebrate the Liturgical
 Feast of Epiphany with fun and
 fellowship!



Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: Baptism of the Lord

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: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

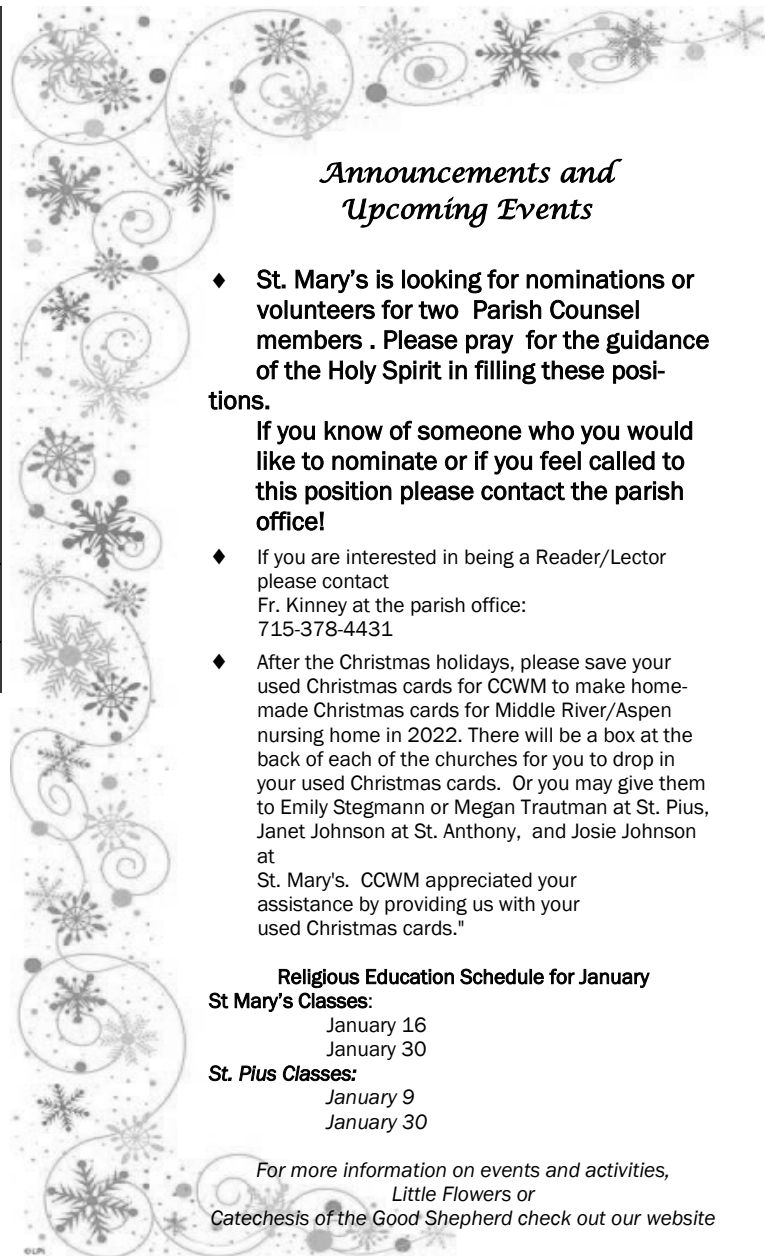
Friday:

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: 2nd. Sunday in Ordinary Time



Announcements and Upcoming Events

- ◆ **St. Mary's is looking for nominations or volunteers for two Parish Counsel members . Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in filling these positions.**

If you know of someone who you would like to nominate or if you feel called to this position please contact the parish office!

- ◆ If you are interested in being a Reader/Lector please contact Fr. Kinney at the parish office: 715-378-4431
- ◆ After the Christmas holidays, please save your used Christmas cards for CCWM to make home-made Christmas cards for Middle River/Aspen nursing home in 2022. There will be a box at the back of each of the churches for you to drop in your used Christmas cards. Or you may give them to Emily Stegmann or Megan Trautman at St. Pius, Janet Johnson at St. Anthony, and Josie Johnson at St. Mary's. CCWM appreciated your assistance by providing us with your used Christmas cards."

Religious Education Schedule for January

St Mary's Classes:

January 16
 January 30

St. Pius Classes:

January 9
 January 30

For more information on events and activities, Little Flowers or Catechesis of the Good Shepherd check out our website

Synod on Synodality

Worldwide diocesan reports will ultimately go to the Bishops' 2023 Synod gathering in Rome, **all members of our Triparish are being asked to participate in a January/February synod gathering**—the time, date and place for which will be announced on our Triparish website: (<https://www.stspiusmaryanthony.com>) and bulletin in the coming weeks. In the meantime parishioners can access the details for the Synod on our Triparish website as well as on the Diocesan website's dedicated Synod page: <https://catholicdos.org/synod>




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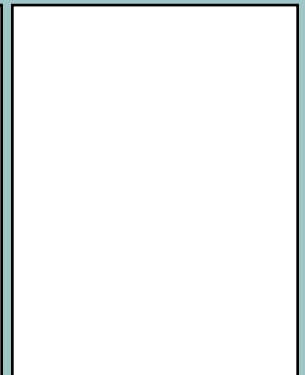
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