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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday & Thursday | 10:00 am
Wednesday & Friday | 9:00 am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Devotion | Wednesday at 8:50 am

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday | 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday | 9:30 am Mass
Rosary | Sunday 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thursday | 10:30 am - 6:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm or
by appointment

PASTOR

Fr. Shane Stoppel-Wasinger

DEACON

Dn. Kevin Downie

ASSISTING PRIESTS

Fr. Chuck Brambilla
Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald
Fr. Bob Nygaard

PARISH OFFICE

Tammy Molitor | Admin. Asst.
June Cierzan | Bookkeeper
Mary Felix | Bookkeeper

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Shawn Yerges | Admin. Asst.
Claire Kind | KIC Coordinator
Joan Hetherington | DOC Coord.

MUSIC

Cathie Hendren | Music Director
Vince Hendren | Youth Music

MAINTENANCE

Rich Ohmann | Maintenance/
Grounds Director
Brian Bossard | Maintenance/
Grounds Assistant
Lisa Ohmann | Custodial Tech.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday | 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tues.-Thurs. | 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday | Closed

FORMATION OFFICE HOURS:

Tues. - Thurs. | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday | 8:00 am - 7:30 pm
(Religion nights ONLY)



THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

The Epiphany of the Lord | 1-2-2022

The Baptism of the Lord | 1-9-2022

CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND EXPERIENCES

One of my favorite comics is Calvin and Hobbes. In the December 17th, 1995 Sunday newspaper, two weeks before the series ended, the comic was about challenges and experiences. Calvin, the mischievous six year old, and his imaginary friend Hobbes, a stuffed tiger, are sledding in the snow.

In the first scene, Calvin suggests that they try a path "over there". Hobbes responds saying, "I don't see a path". Then Calvin shouts out, "We'll make a path." The next scene has Calvin telling his tiger friend that, "Change is invigorating! If you don't accept new challenges, you become complacent and lazy! Your life atrophies!" The boy continues by saying "New experiences lead to new questions and new solutions! Change forces us to experiment and adapt! That's how we learn and grow!"

Then it shows both of them flying through the air as their sled goes off a cliff. Calvin shouts out, "Whoops... well, here's a fresh challenge. Replying back, Hobbes says, "I'll admit it's opened up new horizons". The last scene shows the boy, tiger, and sled laying on the ground with their faces buried in the snow. The tiger states, "The problem with new experiences is that they're so rarely the ones you choose". Calvin replies,

"I feel smarter already".

Several times over the past 26 years, whenever I have started to resist a change or challenge, I think about that Calvin and Hobbes comic; it helps me to realize that our lives can have some unexpected wonderful experiences, if we choose to try things that may be out of our comfort zone. We should never feel too old to try new things or put ourselves in a situation we may normally think we should not do. This certainly was the case for two of my parishioners recently. Married for 67 years and they still find time for new experiences. I guess you are never too old to sit on Santa's lap! Seeing their smiles filled my soul with joy and thoughts of courage to try that again myself some day!

The Pandemic has been draining on us all. We are now faced with so many more challenges and live in a world which is constantly changing. It is a very difficult time indeed. Now, more than ever, we need to trust. Trust in God. Move forward, knowing he is with you every step of the way. Be creative and find new ways to bring joy into your lives and into the lives of others. Celebrate the little moments, as well as the big ones. We were presented with unexpected challenges, but it does



not mean we cannot get through them. God will be with us, every step of the way.

Only yesterday we entered into a new year. What will 2022 bring? What new challenges, opportunities, and experiences will come to each of us this new year? Will you be open to try new things? Will you look for the joy whenever you can? I am ready for whatever God brings my way and pray the same is true for you.

*Have a Blessed & Happy New Year,
Father Shane*



Our Confirmation Students would like to say a heart felt THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Christmas Tree Certificate fundraiser this Christmas season.

A Special thank you to the Carlson family for the donation of trees for our fundraiser and also for the beautiful trees that are decorating our parish for the Christmas Season!

Thank you to all who helped in any way, large or small, to make our Christmas Liturgies special, from the cleaning and decorating of the church, to those who participated by volunteering to lector, usher, altar serve, sing, set up for Mass, distribute communion, opening doors...the list goes on and on!! You are SO appreciated.

May your New Year be filled with many blessings!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 4

St. Elizabeth An Seton, Religious

10:00 a.m. †James Morrison

Wednesday, January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop

9:00 a.m. †Marlene Hoffman

Thursday, January 6

St. André Bessett, Religious

10:00 a.m. †Brad Dawson

Friday, January 7

St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, January 8

5:00 p.m. †Deceased Relatives of Joe and Geri Sausen

Sunday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

9:30 a.m. The Parish

Tuesday, January 11

10:00 a.m. †Heidi Toos

Wednesday, January 12

9:00 a.m. †Bill and †Louise Randano

Thursday, January 13

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

10:00 a.m. †Sr. Mary Matt

Friday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, January 15

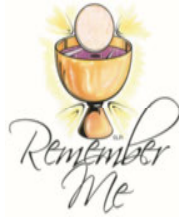
Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 p.m. OPEN

Sunday, January 16

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. The Parish



Readings for the week of January 2, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a
and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Readings for the week of 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/k 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

CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 4

10:00 a.m. Mass Church
7:00 p.m. NA Meeting Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 5

8:50 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion Church
9:00 a.m. Mass-Immaculate Conception Church
6:00 p.m. KIC - Grades 5-8 Classrooms

Thursday, January 6

10:00 a.m. Mass Church
10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Church
7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Parish Hall

Friday, January 7

9:00 a.m. Communion Service Church

Saturday, January 8

8:00 a.m. DOC - Feed My Starving Children Off-Site
4:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church
5:00 p.m. Mass Church

Sunday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Rosary Church
9:30 a.m. Mass Church
10:30 a.m. Coffee Sunday Parish Hall
10:30 a.m. KIC - Grades 1-4 Classrooms
5:00 p.m. DOC - Confirmation Classrooms

Tuesday, January 11

10:00 a.m. Mass Church
7:00 p.m. NA Meeting Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 12

8:50 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion Church
9:00 a.m. Mass Church
6:00 p.m. KIC - Grades 5-8 Classrooms

Thursday, January 13

10:00 a.m. Mass Church
10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Church

Friday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Communion Service Church

Saturday, January 15

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church
5:00 p.m. Mass Church

Sunday, January 16

9:00 a.m. Rosary Church
9:30 a.m. Mass Church
10:30 a.m. Coffee Sunday Parish Hall
10:30 a.m. KIC - Grades 1-4 Classrooms

JANUARY 15 & 16 CELEBRANTS

Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Chuck w/Dn. Kevin	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

JANUARY 22 & 23 CELEBRANTS

Fr. Shane	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Fitzgerald w/Dn Kevin	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: DECEMBER 2021

Weekly Goal	\$5,470
Collected for 12/12	\$5,307.42 (+/-) (\$162.58)
Collected for 12/19	\$4,883.05 (+/-) (\$586.95)

YTD WEEKLY GOAL & COLLECTION

Year to Date Goal	\$136,750.00
Actual Collected	\$124,450.51 (+/-) (\$12,299.49)

MONTHLY UTILITY GOAL/COLLECTION

Monthly Utility Goal	\$725
October Utility Collected	\$680 (+/-) (\$45)

MONTHLY MDR GOAL/COLLECTION

Monthly MDR Goal	\$1,200
October MDR Collected	\$575 (+/-) (\$625)

SECOND COLLECTION

Retirement Fund for Religious - \$1,285



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