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Baptism of the Lord

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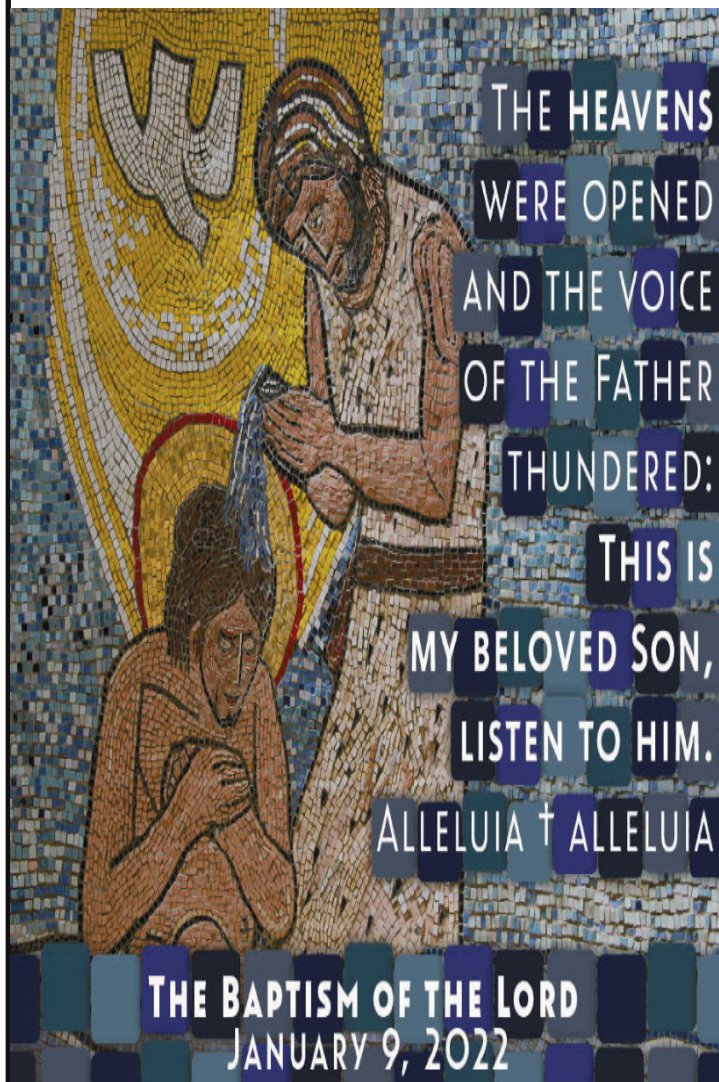
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TWINNED IN CHRIST
*St. Jeanne de Chantal,
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Eternal Father,

*I offer You the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Your
dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.*



BYTES OF FAITH

By FATHER STEVEN J. McLOUD

How long is the Christmas season?

One of the joys of being Catholic is that we give our great feast days all the festivity they deserve. For us, Christmas is not merely a one-day event that is over as soon as it has begun. In fact, while Christmas Day itself is the 25th, the Feast really lasts a full 8 days: an octave. The Church celebrates her most sacred feasts with octaves. In the current calendar, Christmas and Easter have their own octaves, and in the older calendar, feasts such as Pentecost did as well.

The season of Christmas doesn't end after the octave. Our celebrations continue through the "Twelve Days of Christ-

mas," which end on the Feast of the Epiphany—January 6th, though it is often transferred to the Sunday between January 2nd and January 8th. And still, we keep celebrating. The Church invites us to celebrate this glorious mystery of our redemption, to keep those decorations up and continue exulting with the angels at the coming of the Savior! The Christmas season doesn't end until the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, which usually occurs on the Sunday following Epiphany. This year it will be on January 9, 2022.

Christmas is a Season, not just a day!

Synod 2021 – 2023 Phase Two

As the Diocese moves forward in its synodal process related to Synod 2021-2023, I would like to express my appreciation to all of our parishioners who took time to attend the parish meeting in the Phase One Process at the local level on November 30 and share their thoughts and wisdom.

The next phase in our Diocesan Synodal Process is for the Diocese to host Deanery-Wide Listening Events which are two-fold. These Listening Events are for pastors and their parish representatives to share directly with the Bishop what they heard at their parish gatherings and for the faithful and those in attendance to have the opportunity to add to those comments and conversations. **The Deanery-Wide Listening Events are not sounding boards for specific complaints or concerns about any particular parish grouping but are designed to listen to the thoughts and recommendations as to how the Church Universal should proceed and move forward. In addition, these sessions are designed for the Bishop to listen, to process and to take note of. They are not occurring for him to give answers, debate or otherwise comment.**

It should be noted and is important to know that the Deanery-Wide Listening Events in addition to having the pastors and their representatives present are open to the public both Catholic and non-Catholic. The meeting for our Northeast Deanery will be held on **Thursday, January 13 at the Divine Mercy Parish -St. Cecelia Church Hall.** The agenda and timeline are as follows: The Prayer, Conversations / Listening will be facilitated by our Directors in the Office of Evangelization.

Synod 2021 – 2023 Phase Two

Agenda

5:00pm Prayer in Church
5:30pm Meal or Snacks
6:15pm Conversation – Listening
7:45pm Adjourn

THANK YOU for your kindness, prayers and friendship.

Fr. Merle Kollasch

The Baptism of Jesus

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)
Based on Matthew 3:13-17



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Custodian is needed for St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and Center. Job includes weekly cleaning and maintenance of the church and hall and the St. John Center (school). Please contact Dave Wieland at the Divine Mercy Parish Office at 515.295.3435.

BULLETIN DEADLINE | If you would like to have your announcement posted in the weekly bulletin, please email Lori Geitzenauer at geitzl@dmparish.org. All articles need to be submitted **by 12:00 pm Noon on Friday the prior week.**

Communion to the Homebound - Divine Mercy St. Cecelia is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to take communion to the homebound on Sundays. If you would be interested in this special ministry, please call the parish office (515.295.3435) and let us know.



If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, the weekday Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, Religious Education, Parish Offices and other parish activities are cancelled. If

there is a 2-hour late start, No Morning Mass. If weather and road conditions begin to deteriorate after normal school hours and on weekends, a notification alert will be sent out on the Parish App, Facebook page and area radio stations.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini - meeting will be held on Thursday, January 13, 6:00 p.m. Mass, lunch and meeting to follow in Sts. Peter and Paul Church Hall. Committee: Janet Laubenthal and Pat Montag-Chairman, Karen Forgarty G/O, Patti Runchey-Program.

Sts. Peter & Paul Church Decorating committee would like to thank everyone who donated Poinsettias to help decorate and make our church even more beautiful!!! A big thank you to the Juanita Yoch family for donating the 4 new Christmas trees. They are beautiful and so nice to have prelit trees with working lights!! Thanks again and have a Blessed New Year.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Openings in the Adoration Chapel at Divine Mercy - St. Cecelia

Tuesday 9:00-10:00 p.m.
Fridays 7:00-8:00 p.m. 8:00-9:00 p.m. 9:00-10:00 p.m.
Saturdays (4th Saturday of Month) 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturdays (1st, 3rd, 4th weeks) 8:00-9:00 p.m. and 9:00-10:00 p.m.
Sundays 3:00-4:00 p.m. 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Contact Patti Thilges at 515.341.1398

BAPTISM

We welcome those who have been newly baptized. Please pray that they will continue to grow in faith.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations and Blessings to all couples joined together in the Sacrament of Matrimony and those preparing for marriage.

Levi Todd Gardewine and Cady Ann Steinman

FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL MASS

May the angels lead those who have died into eternal paradise and count them among the saints in Heaven.

Daryl Arend

James D. Shillington

+ SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION +

BAPTISM


Parents need to be registered in the parish and actively practicing their faith. First-time parents are required to take a Pre-Baptism class. Call the Rectory at 515.295.3435.

MARRIAGE


Diocesan and Parish policy require that couples planning a wedding must contact the parish at least six (6) months in advance of an anticipated marriage. No date is scheduled until it is confirmed by the pastor. Couples will need to meet with the priest or deacon to complete a Pre-Nuptial Investigation and attend two diocesan classes: "Called to the Wedding Feast" and "Walking in Love." To make arrangements for an upcoming wedding contact Deacon Bill Black at 515.295.3435 or blackb@dmparish.org.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

R.C.I.A. is for those who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith. It is a time to learn about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches and gives you the opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have about Catholicism. RCIA is open to anyone unbaptized, baptized in another faith or baptized as a Catholic, but have not received any of the other sacraments. For more information, contact Deacon Bill Black 515.295.3435 or email blackb@dmparish.org.



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for the Holy Rosary
on Facebook**

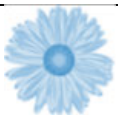


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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

JANUARY 15 & 16 ~ 2022

Altar Servers	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Sean Thilges, Noah Wehrspan
		5:00 pm	SJW	Corbin Darling, Alyssa Haugland
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Lucy Illg, Madelyn Bronk
		8:30 am	SJB	Gavin Goche
		10:30 am	SSPP	Ryen & Trent Morey
		10:30 am	SC	Shiloh & Benjamin Trainer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Joe Muller, Becky Tietz, John Bartolo-Choir
		5:00 pm	SJW	Tom Ryan
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Mark Baumann, Kitty Schneider
		8:30 am	SJB	Brian & Judy Vaske, Shannon Goche-Back/Choir
		10:30 am	SSPP	Brian & Cindy Bormann
		10:30 am	SC	Sue & Pat Murphy, Renetta Seiler-Choir
Gift Bearers	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Ruth Brunsen
		5:00 pm	SJW	David & Kristen Reding
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Gavin & Tara Illg
		8:30 am	SJB	Family of Don Degen
		10:30 am	SSPP	Larry & Renita Brown
		10:30 am	SC	Joe & Virginia Vaske
Lector	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Angie Elbert
		5:00 pm	SJW	Lisa Forburger
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Tara Illg
		8:30 am	SJB	Lisa Merron
		10:30 am	SSPP	Jay Bargman
		10:30 am	SC	Sean Noonan
Sacred Music	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Ellen Gatton, Denise Walker
		5:00 pm	SJW	Bev Klein, Choir
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Colleen Kenyon, Ron Kenyon
		8:30 am	SJB	Antonia Rupert, Jenny Eichenberger
		10:30 am	SSPP	Julie Bargman, Diane Streit, Ang Hellesteth
		10:30 am	SC	Sheila Black, Julianne Kiesel
Ushers	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Kevin Bleich, Don Walker, Glen Eischen, Cyril Thilges
		5:00 pm	SJW	Rick Forburger, Dan Studer
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Michaela Creighton, Linda Vaudt, Carla & Ed Schmidt
		8:30 am	SJB	Chris Vaske, Pat Wilhelmi, Larry Vaske, Mark Blocker
		10:30 am	SSPP	Christy & Joe Mader, Joe & Kathy Montag
		10:30 am	SC	Leo Hamilton, Martin Kramer, Pat Murphy, Gregory Stewart
Greeters	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Farah & Kyle Wehrspan, John & Meredith Reding, Wayne & Bev Kaiser Family
	Sunday	10:30 am	SSPP	Larry & Renita Brown
	Sunday	10:30 am	SC	Renita Seiler Family, Margaret Norland, Donna Grandgenett
Holy Communion to Homebound	Sunday	8:30 am	SJB	Lori Nickel
		8:30 am	SM	Don Long



Psalm 29 Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise.





SCHOOL NEWS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

“MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERYDAY”

BISHOP GARRIGAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

January 11 8:40 am BG Student Mass [SC]



It's that time again! The Divine Mercy Parish Youth Ministry Team is planning a trip to the summer Steubenville Conference. This year we plan to make the trip to Rochester, MN. We will work on an itinerary to include a service project and an activity. Speakers: Fr. Agustino Torres, Bob Rice, Megan Mohan, Pete Burds, Mari Pablo, with praise and worship by Sonar Worship. All are welcome to attend regardless of school or worship site! Contact Deacon David Penton or Rachel Vaske at the parish office 515.295.3435 to seek further information or to register.

\$\$\$\$\$\$ Scholarships are available! \$\$\$\$\$\$

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January 12 6:30 pm Grades 7, 8, 9 Faith Formation [SC]
Family Formation K-6

January 12 6:30 pm Religious Ed Rosary followed by Class [SSPP]

January 12 7:00 pm Religious Education Class [SJB]

January 12 7:30 pm Divine Mercy Youth Ministry
Meet in the Divine Mercy Parish Office

Football Knights of Columbus

Week 16 -

Winners: Book 14 - Robbie Gelhaus & Bob Gifford



Parish Family Against Hunger Fundraising Meal

You're invited!

Fundraiser meal to raise funds to purchase the food that is packaged & sent to our Twin Parish in Haiti

Sunday, January 9th
11:15 pm - 12:30 pm

Bake Sale & Games
for the Kids

Divine Mercy Catholic Parish
Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall

Come join us for a delicious meal of
Breakfast Burritos - Biscuits & Gravy
Sausage & Ham - Cheesy Hash Browns
Rolls & Baked Goods

The Sts. Peter & Paul Church at West Bend PFAH Group will have their 3rd Annual Breakfast / Bake Sale & Games for the kids on January 9, 2022. Menu: Breakfast burrito, biscuits & sausage gravy, sausage, ham, rolls and baked goods. Circle 1, 2, and 3 please bring \$15.00 worth of baked goods. Circle 4 bring 2 jars or bags filled with goodies for jar stop game. Circle 5 bring 1 dozen rolls, coffee cake, or doughnuts for the breakfast. Please bring all jars and food to the church basement before Mass on January 9 or drop off anytime the day before. All proceeds go to the cost of the food we package and send to our Twin Parish. We are excited to welcome all of our Divine Mercy family to attend this event!! Breakfast starts immediately after 10:30 Mass until 12:30 p.m.

Bancroft/Ledyard Knights of Columbus will hold their Breakfast on Sunday, January 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Bancroft Summit Center. Free Will Donation! Serving eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast.

St. John Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, January 12 following the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Church Hall.

Taize Prayer Service
A service of song,
silence and contemplation.
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Sunday, January 23
6:00 PM
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Collection	\$26,875.85
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Catholic Charities	\$225.00
Flowers	\$130.00
Haiti/PFAH	\$2055.00
Immaculate Conception/Solemnity of Mary	\$60.00



MASS INTENTION



Sunday, January 9 ~ Baptism of the Lord

- 8:30 am SM †Lyle Hansen
- 8:30 am SJB †Deceased members Martin McGuire Family, Loren Frank, Tom Lappe
- 10:30 am SSPP †Leo & Mariann Montag
- 10:30 am SC †Dr. Jerry Shey, Louis & Evelyn Ferstl, Armand Dangelser

Monday, January 10

- 7:30 am BGC Bishop Garrigan Chapel

Tuesday, January 11

- 8:40 am SC †Eleanor Kohlhaas
- 5:30 pm SJB †Jim & Carol Goche, Deacon Phil Doocy
- 5:30 pm SC †Mildred Erpelding, John Shaw

Wednesday, January 12

- 8:30 am SJB †David McNertney, Joe Eich
- 1:45 pm NH †Cheryl Miller

Thursday, January 13 ~ Saint Hilary

- 8:30 am SJW †Mildred Martin
- 6:00 pm SSPP †Living & Deceased members CDA, Mary & Emmet Montag

Friday, January 14

- 7:00 am SC †Marlene Theesfeld, Maxine Platt
- 8:30 am SM †William & Bertha Weber Family

Saturday, January 15

- 4:30 pm SC †Merle Laubenthal, Betty Rochleau, John Burns, Dan Burns, Colleen Hegarty, Ashley Kajewski, Living & Deceased members Kajewski Family
- 5:00 pm SJW †Dan Trenary

Sunday, January 16 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am SM †Deacon Joseph Straub Jr.
- 8:30 am SJB †Donald Degen, Denny & Donna Hellman, Bill Ford, Ed & Rose Schiltz
- 10:30 am SSPP †Loretta Langel, Al & Irene Henricks
- 10:30 am SC †Katie Thilges, Merlin & Minnie Walker, Mary & Elvin Godfredsen



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 8:30 am Mass [SM]
- 8:30 am Mass [SJB]
- 10:30 am Mass [SSPP]
- 10:30 am Mass [SC]

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

- 7:30 am Mass [Bishop Garrigan Chapel]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

- 8:40 am BG School Mass [SC]
- 2:00 pm Divine Mercy Staff Meeting [Office]
- 4:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration | Sacrament of Penance [SJB]
- 5:30 pm Mass [SJB]
- 5:30 pm Mass [SC]
- 6:00 pm Sacrament of Penance [SC]
- 7:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Team Rosary [Facebook]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

- 8:30 am Mass [SJB]
- 9:00 am Altar Society Meeting [SJB]
- 1:00 pm Kossuth County Food Pantry [Algona]
- 1:45 pm Mass [Good Samaritan]
- 6:00 pm KC Meeting [SJB]
- 6:30 pm Religious Education [SSPP]
- 6:30 pm Religious Education [SC]
- 7:00 pm Religious Education [SJB]
- 7:30 pm Divine Mercy Youth Ministry [SC]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

- 8:30 am Mass [SJW]
- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration | Sacrament of Penance [SJW]
- 5:00 pm Synod Deanery Meeting [SC]
- 5:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration | Sacrament of Penance [SSPP]
- 6:00 pm Mass [SSPP]
- 6:30 pm CDA & KC Meeting [SSPP]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

- 7:00 am Mass [SC]
- 8:30 am Mass [SM]
- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration & Sacrament of Penance [SM]
- 1:00 pm Kossuth County Food Pantry [Algona]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

- 3:15 pm Sacrament of Penance [SC]
- 4:15 pm Sacrament of Penance [SJW]
- 4:30 pm Mass [SC]
- 5:00 pm Mass [SJW]

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:30 am Mass [SM]
- 8:30 am Mass [SJB]
- 9:30 am Sacrament of Baptism [SJB]
- 10:30 am Mass [SSPP]
- 10:30 am Mass [SC]

Perpetual Adoration Chapel Hours:

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