ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

PO Box 234, Taylors Falls, MN 55084 www.stjosephtaylorsfalls.org January 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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- Mk 1:7-8

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MASS TIMES

Mass Times at St. Joseph's
Monday-Friday 7:30am
Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 7:30am, 11:00am

Mass Time at St. Francis Xavier
Sunday 9:15am

*The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday has been suspended until further notice.

ANOINTING Call Fr. Drees at 651.465.7345 for someone in need of Anointing of the Sick.

Confessions (St. Joseph)
Monday- Friday: 7:00am-7:25am
Thursday: 4:00pm-5:30pm
Saturday: 4:30pm - 5:15pm

Adoration (St. Joseph)
Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF Jan. 10

Saturday, January 9

Sunday, January 10
7:30am

9:15am
Parishioners of both parishes
11:00am
†William Otto

Monday, January 11
Claire Christine Novak
Tuesday, January 12
Frank Novak Sr.
Wednesday, January 13

Thursday, January 14

Friday, January 15

FOR THE WEEK OF Jan. 17

Saturday Vigil, January 16

Sunday, January 17
7:30am

9:15am
†James Poli
11:00am

† *Indicates repose of soul*

Please pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory daily.

MN Knights of Columbus Statewide Raffle
Minnesota Knights of Columbus STATEWIDE Raffle tickets are available. The raffle tickets are $10 for two. Grand prize it $5000 and the drawing is on May 15th. There are a limited supply of tickets so contact Bill Maassen at 651.269.6015 or see Fr. Drees after Mass to purchase your tickets. Please make checks out to: Minnesota Knights Foundation.

Advent Donations to New Pathways
The churches of St. Joseph and St. Francis Xavier donated $1185.00 to help homeless families through the New Pathways program at St. Bridget's Catholic Church. Thank you to everyone who contributed! Your generosity will give many the opportunity to make a new beginning.

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

St. Joseph
($3,100 needed weekly)
December 31 $3630.00
January 3 $2537.00

St. Francis Xavier
($1,425 needed weekly)
December 31 $2060.00
January 3 $ 640.61

Online Giving

There are a number of parishioners who have signed-up for automatic giving (Electronic Funds Transfer). These forms can be picked up at the parish office or can be found on the parish website homepage.

Would You like to Join the Parish?

If you would like to become a member of St. Joseph or St. Francis Xavier, talk to Fr. Drees after Mass so that he can personally give you a parish registration form.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUFFERING OF OUR PARISHES

Terri Angel, Steve Gall, James McIntyre, Don Nellen, Pat Lee, Sr., Justin Bradley, Dory Kazmierczak, Gene Krell, Karen Salokar, Mark Kruger, Jim Burkart, Elizabeth Cox, Daniel Ostling, Adam Carr, Loren Deneen, Troy Maassen, Mary Ohotto, Carl Ostling, Allen Peltier, Kylie Peterson, Don Klocker, Dona Roderigue, Chris McIntyre, Robert Steele, Rick Globensky, Robert Linwood, Don LeVasseur, Kimberly Vaneps.

To add or subtract a name, please call the office.

From Fr. Drees' Desk

The Baptism of the Lord
At first glance, it may seem strange that Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. John baptized with a baptism of repentance, but Jesus was without sin. Jesus was not baptized for his sake but for ours. Here are two of the reasons some early Christian writers give for why Jesus was baptized.

1) Jesus was baptized, not to be sanctified by baptism, but to turn baptism into a sanctifying reality.
2) Though he did not need baptism, Jesus is baptized to obey the command of being baptized that he later gave his disciples. Jesus encourages baptism by his example.

St. Joseph Consecration
With it being the Year of St. Joseph, I encourage you to consider making a consecration to St. Joseph to develop or deepen your devotion to St. Joseph. Such a consecration would include a preparation period and the consecration day itself. The preparation would include daily prayer and perhaps some spiritual reading. The consecration day would be on a feast day related to St. Joseph. It is encouraged that one go to daily Mass on the consecration day if at all possible.

The Feast of St. Joseph on March 19 is one such consecration day. I will offer an evening Mass on March 19 to make it easier for individuals to attend Mass that day. The 33 days preparation period for March 19 begins on February 15, which is two days before Ash Wednesday this year. If you looking for something to give focus your Lent, developing one's devotion to St. Joseph may be the answer. Here are two possible ways of doing the consecration to St. Joseph.

1) *Purchase and use* Fr. Donald Calloway's book entitled *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*. This book gives readings for each day of preparation period and the day of consecration.
2) Pray the litany of St. Joseph each day and the consecration prayer on the day of consecration. The litany of St. Joseph and the consecration prayer are available on the parish website on the Year of St. Joseph page.

Happy Baptism of the Lord,
Fr. Drees

Worship Aid for recorded Mass. Online by noon on Sunday, January 10.
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Gloria
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

1st Reading: IS 55:1-11

Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!
You who have no money,
come, receive grain and eat;
come, without paying and without cost,
drink wine and milk!
Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy?
Heed me, and you shall eat well,
you shall delight in rich fare.
Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life.
I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.
As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations,
so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.
Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked man his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.
For just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats,
so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12
R/ You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

2nd Reading: 1 JN 5:1-9

Beloved:
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him.
In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments.
For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments.
And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.
And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.
Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ,
not by water alone, but by water and blood.
The Spirit is the one who testifies,
and the Spirit is truth.
So there are three that testify,
the Spirit, the water, and the blood,
and the three are of one accord.
If we accept human testimony,
the testimony of God is surely greater.
Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

Gospel: MK 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.
On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St. Peter Catholic School Admission Events

Please join us for one of our admission events! Tour our classrooms, meet our teachers, learn about our curriculum, and see how Saint Peter Catholic School can provide the foundation for your child's success. Preschool and Kindergarten Information Evening, Monday, January 11—6:00 pm. Open House (Preschool – Grade 8) Sunday, January 31—10:30 am-12:30 pm. Registration for the 2021-2022 school year begins January 2, 2021. Visit our website www.school.stpeterfl.org or go to http://mytads.com/a/stpetersmn to apply for enrollment. New students will be accepted in the order received starting January 18, 2021. Saint Peter Catholic School, 1250 South Shore Drive, Forest Lake, MN Phone 651-982-2216 / www.school.stpeterfl.org

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