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January 9, 2022



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

**Stewardship Reflection** As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership that is characterized by humility and leading by example. Certainly, the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence. As a servant leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He does not just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus, we, too, must “walk the walk” and not just “talk the talk.” If we want those who we lead to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves. Immediately after His baptism, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form, and says audibly, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased.” Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.

**Baptism** Congratulations to Kinsey Marie Hyatt, daughter of Anthony and Nicole Hyatt, who will be baptized following the 10:00 Mass. Please keep Kinsey and her family in your prayers.

**Religious Education Service Project** A huge thanks to the Religious Ed students and families for the donations of baby items for Catholic Charities - Pregnancy Support Services. There were eight large boxes full of diapers, wipes, clothes, books, diaper bags and more. They were overwhelmed by your support! Please keep their Pro-Life ministry and families in your prayers. May you have a very blessed and Happy New Year!

**Church Decorations** Volunteers are needed to assist in taking down the decorations this Wednesday, January 12, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us if you are able to help.

**Extra Stable** The church has an extra stable for a Nativity scene. If you are interested in a large stable for decorating, please contact Sandy in the Pastoral Office.

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**BULLETIN DEADLINE** To appear in the bulletin, items must be received no later than 12:00 noon on the preceding Tuesday.

**New Ministry Schedule** Our current ministry schedule runs through January 30. A new schedule will be prepared to run through May 29. If you are unable to assist at Mass during this time, please sign into *Ministry Scheduler Pro*, chose *Profile*, and under *Ministries and Scheduling* add you unavailable dates and times. Make sure to click on the *Submit* button. You will need to do this by noon on Monday, January 24, as that is when the new schedule will be generated.

**Rosary Leaders** Please contact Sandy in the Pastoral Office if you would like to volunteer as a Rosary Leader. We will begin scheduling this ministry in February.

**Missals** There is still a limited supply of the *Living in Christ* Missals available for purchase from the ushers before or after Mass at a cost of \$5.

**Volunteer Photographer Needed** We are looking for a Volunteer Photographer to capture the special Sacraments of our Youth in the Religious Ed program this spring. We would love for you to share your talent with us! The dates required are May 4th and 15th. If you are interested, please contact Karla Schams at stteresacre@wsbcwi.org or at 608.786.0610 ext. 2.

**Adult Bible Studies** Forgiveness is powerful! We often struggle with how God can be so merciful to us as sinners. His love for us is almost unfathomable. Many of us understand the need for confession, but find it difficult to actually go and confess. If this is you, then now is the time to understand God's forgiveness and accept it. As we await the Lenten Season, join us for **Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession**. A Bible Study that explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love in 5 sessions. Please join us on Tuesdays, January 25 - February 22 at 6:15 p.m. and register by January 10th, 2022. Following the Forgiven Bible Study, we will take a break before beginning **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist** in preparation for Easter. A Pew Survey from 2019 shows that 69% of Catholics no longer believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, but that the bread and wine are simply symbols. However, transubstantiation is a basic tenet of our Catholic faith. The Presence Bible study will explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. Please register by February 10 for the this session which will be on Tuesdays, March 8 – 29 at 6:15 p.m. Each Bible Study will begin in the Annex

Christmas Flower Memorials	
In Memory of	By
McKenna Marie Verse	Her Family
Statement of Activity	
December 20-26, 2021	
	Total
4110 Adult Envelopes	10,488.00
4111 Offertory Collections, Youth	4.00
4112 Plate Collection	1,010.35
4125 Votive Candles	23.50
4212 Restricted - New Church Fund	40.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 11,565.85</b>

MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
January 15 - 16: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Ushers	4:30 PM	Paula Dunnum, Brady Dunnum, Mike Lang, Sandy Sesvold
	8:00 AM	Corne Klos, Ron O'Connell, NOT FILLED
	10:00 AM	Jenny Stenberg, Sam Stenberg, Greg Stenberg, Tom Stenberg
Servers	4:30 PM	NOT FILLED
	8:00 AM	NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
	10:00 AM	Carson Gronemus, Tanner Moore
Cantors	4:30 PM	Sydney Martin
	8:00 AM	Rachael Martin
	10:00 AM	Jennifer Aasen
Readers	4:30 PM	Michelle Stello
	8:00 AM	Steve Mueggenborg
	10:00 AM	Brenda Freit
Musicians	4:30 PM	Kelli Martin
	8:00 AM	Kelli Martin
	10:00 AM	Renee Bradley
Counters		Connie Breier, Mary Meyer, Marlene Nolte

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT	
2021-22	
\$ 32,080.00	Parish Target
\$ 40,925.00	Amount Received
128%	Percent of Target Met
\$ -	Amount Needed
\$ 8,845.00	Monies Returning to Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK		
Wed Jan 12	6:30 PM	Grades 8-10 CCD
Thurs Jan 13	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Sun Jan 16	9:00 AM	Grades K-3 CCD

#### READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-19/Mk 1:14-20</b>		
Jan 10	Private Mass	† Fred & Mary Schroeder by Mike Schroeder
<b>Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd/Mk 1:21-28</b>		
Jan 11	5:30 PM	† John Grattan by Jane & Brandon Mathison
<b>Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10/Mk 1:29-39</b>		
Jan 12	8:30 AM	† James McDonald by Jim Murphy
<b>Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45</b>		
Jan 13	8:30 AM	† Sharon Friet by Family
<b>Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12</b>		
Jan 14	8:30 AM	† Jack Ebert by Joyce Ebert
	10:00 AM	Residents of Lakeview by Friends
<b>Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17</b>		
<b>Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11</b>		
Jan 15	4:30 PM	† Duane Johnson by Jeff & Paula Kroes
Jan 16	8:00 AM	† Cheryl Keivel by Family
	10:00 AM	Pro Populo

following the Tuesday evening 5:30 pm Mass. The meetings will run approximately 90 minutes. The cost is \$10 each and payment is due at the first session. To register, contact Karla Schams at stteresacre@wsbcwi.org or at 608.786.0610 ext. 2.

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**Help those Devastated by the December Tornadoes** Assist families and communities affected by the recent devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and at least 5 other states – including Stanley, WI, in our own Diocese. Visit Catholic Charities’ website – CCLSE.org – click on “Donate Today,” enter “tornado relief” and your gift amount in the “general donations” box.

**Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C.** Mark your calendars for January 19-23. There has never been a more important time to join the March for Life in our nation’s capitol, with the Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court and the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned. Deliberations will go on for many weeks, with a decision expected in June. Let us show the Supreme Court justices by our numbers and our passion that we stand strong for life. For the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details, visit diolc.org/yya and click on the Pilgrimage for Life tab.

**New Hope for Unborn Babies** Is the end near for Roe v. Wade? Could the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy be overturned? The Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court could have that outcome – but we must pray. Read about the nationwide initiative of fasting and prayer at diolc.org/respect-life, where you can also download a flyer with photos of each of the Justices. Post it on your refrigerator and remember to pray and sacrifice for each of them by name! A ruling is expected by June.

**Inspiration for the Week** Jesus stood in line with

everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That’s exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ©Lpi

**Catholic Quote**

**“Grace is nothing else but a certain beginning of glory within us.”**

**St. Thomas Aquinas**

### The Baptism of the Lord

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Find the following words in the puzzle.  
 Words are hidden ↑ ↓ → ← and ↘ .

BAPTIZE	GRACE	JUDAH	PLEASED	REVEALED
BELOVED	HEAVEN	JUST	POWER	REWARD
CHRIST	HOLY	KINDNESS	PRAISE	SAVIOR
COMFORT	HOPE	LORD	PROCLAIM	SHEPHERD
COVENANT	ISAIAH	LOVE	PROPHET	SON
DEVOUT	JERUSALEM	MAJESTIC	REBIRTH	SPIRIT
FLOCK	JESUS	MERCY	RECOMPENSE	TITUS
GLORY	JOHN	PAUL	RENEWAL	WORTHY

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

#### Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

#### Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.  
(40:5)



## PSALM

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)



## SECOND READING

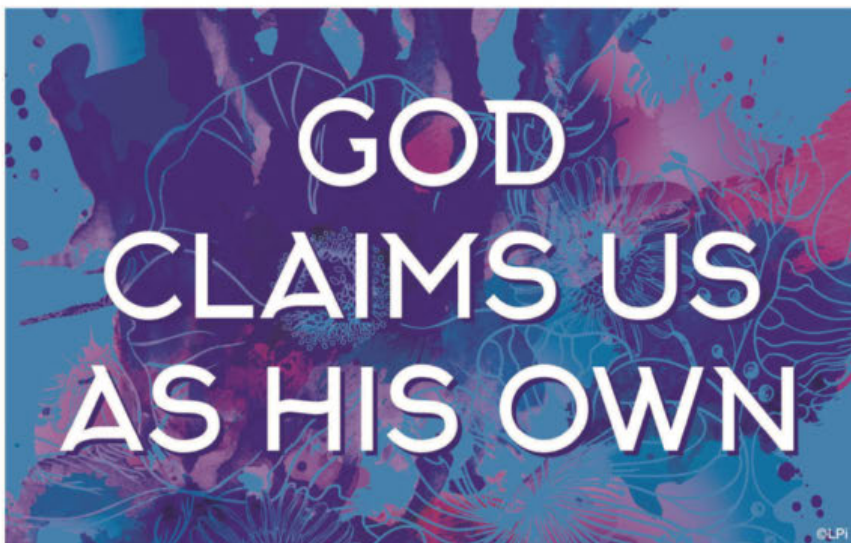
He saved us through the bath of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)



## GOSPEL

After all the people had been baptized  
and Jesus also had been baptized and  
was praying,  
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit  
descended upon him  
in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

*"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."*

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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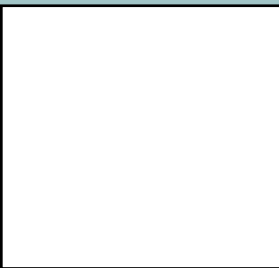
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