



St. Michael's

CATHOLIC CHURCH
1/9/2022

The Baptism of the Lord

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

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

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

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.

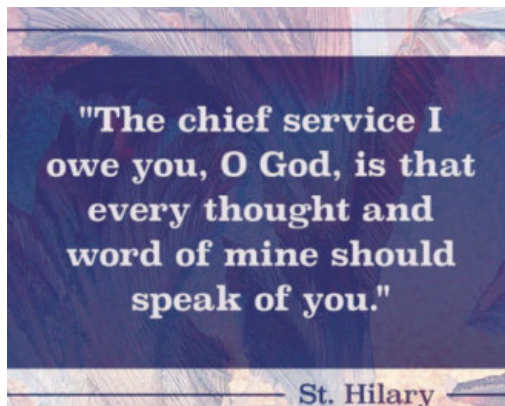
"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

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?



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St. Peter's in Defiance
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
St. Joseph's in Earling
Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am
Sunday 9:00 am

YOU'RE INVITED

CALENDAR & INTENTIONS for the Week of January 9, 2022

Monday, January 10, No Mass
 Tuesday, January 11, 8:15 am Mass in memory of Cletus Schmitz
 6:00 pm Finance Meeting in Parish Office Meeting Room
 7:00 pm Pastoral Council in Parish Office Meeting Room
 Wednesday, January 12, 8:15 am School Mass in memory of Fr. David Smith
 6:30 pm ALL DEFENDERS YOUTH GROUPS MEET
 6:30 pm Guild Meeting in Parish Office Meeting Room
 Thursday, January 13, 12:00 Noon Communion Service
 9:00 am Hearts & Hands, Ministry & Fellowship
 6:30 pm Liturgy Meeting in Church
 Friday, January 14, 8:15 am Communion Service
 Saturday, January 15, 5:00 pm Mass in memory of Tim Hinkley and Otto Klein, Dean Klein & Irene Buckley
 Sunday, January 16, 9:30 am Mass for the people of St. Michael's

Where to Watch

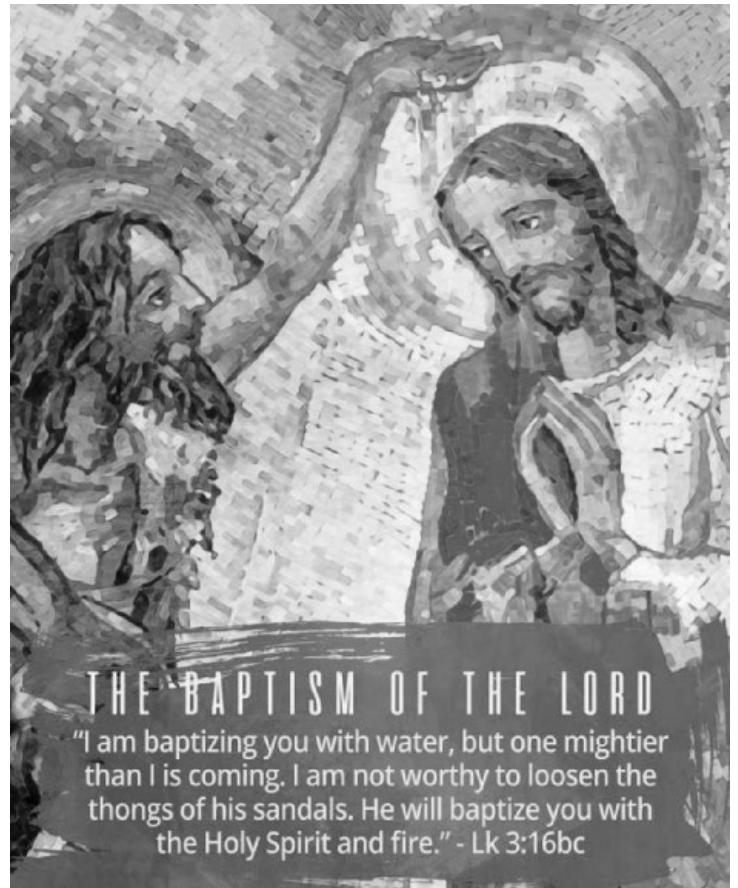
St. Michael's Mass is televised on cable TV (HMU Channel 15 at 4:00 pm on Sunday & Wednesday, on Mediacom Channel 18 at 4:00 pm on Monday, and on FMCTC Channel 48 at 4:00 pm on Sunday.) Mass is also available as **livestream** or on demand on Harlan Knights of Columbus channel on YouTube at:

<https://tinyurl.com/y4ax6z3g>

St. Michael's 9:30 AM Sun Mass is **livestreamed** on Facebook:
St. Michael's Catholic Church - Harlan, IA

Ministry Schedule

	Friday Jan. 15-16 5:00 pm	Sunday 9:30 am
Lector	Steve Finn	Kathleen Noeth
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Cavanaugh (T) Joan M Chamberlain Deacon Jim	Mitch Osborn (T) Elizabeth Schechinger Deacon Jim
Servers	Cole Fahn Harlee Fahn	Ben Alberti Sadie Alberti Cole Koesters
Musicians Cantors		
Ushers	Joe Klein Lin Brinker Joann Kenkel Ethan Tepe	Bill Buman Russ Chamberlain Marcus Gross, Jr. Tom Powers



Financial Blessings Received

December 2021 Income	\$ 44,948
Budgeted Income for December	\$ 29,168
Difference	\$ 15,780
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Remember the Sick

Gary Kenkel	Theresa Kranz
Charlotte Leinen	Becca (Kloewer) Fawkes
Tami Rueschenberg	Olivia Fawkes
Jennifer Anderson	Dawson Fawkes
Gay Burgod	Ethel Defenbaugh
Fr. Glen Wilwerding	Tyler Bruck
Carol Thompson	Denny Stolz

Sacrament Information

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

4:00 P.M. Saturday or by Appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Is celebrated by request. Notify the office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the office to set a date

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Wedding dates are set after initial interview with Father Clement

+St. Michael's 2021 Scholarship Winners+
Please remember to get your 1st Semester Grades turned in ASAP. Thank you!

Church Calendars

2022 calendars are in the back of church.
We ask a donation of \$2 to help cover the cost.

Thanks to many of you, for your Christmas cards and gifts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. It is a gift to share ministry in the parish. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Gratefully, Father Wayne Gubbels



*****REMEMBER*****

Family Formation
meets the 1st Weds of each
month in the Gym 6:30-7:45

ALL DYGs 7/8 Jr High, 9/10 Confirmation
& 11/12 Sr High
meet the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Weds each month.
Jr High in Music Rm, Sr High in Library &
Confirmation Class in the Gym 6:30-8:00

New Year, New Habit!?!?

Join ROSARY CONNECTION

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm on Zoom!

Please join on your computer/cell phone.

Zoom meeting # 842 1695 2573 Passcode 112411



Fifteen-Decade Rosary for Life

Sun., Jan. 16, 2022

1:30-2:30 PM

St. Mary, Portsmouth

All parishioners of all
Shelby County Catholic Churches are
encouraged to attend.

Pancake Breakfast & Open House

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 30.
Shelby County Catholic School will be hosting their
annual open house and pancake breakfast on
Sunday, January 30, from 8:00 am until 11:30 am.
Come celebrate the opening of
Catholic Schools Week with us.

Save The Date

Mark your calendar now for the
St. Michael's Spring Fundraiser/Auction &
Dinner that is scheduled for
Sat., March 19, at the Rosman Parish Center.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Beverly Dea, mother of Deb Schechinger of our parish.



Thank you for Christmas Flowers!

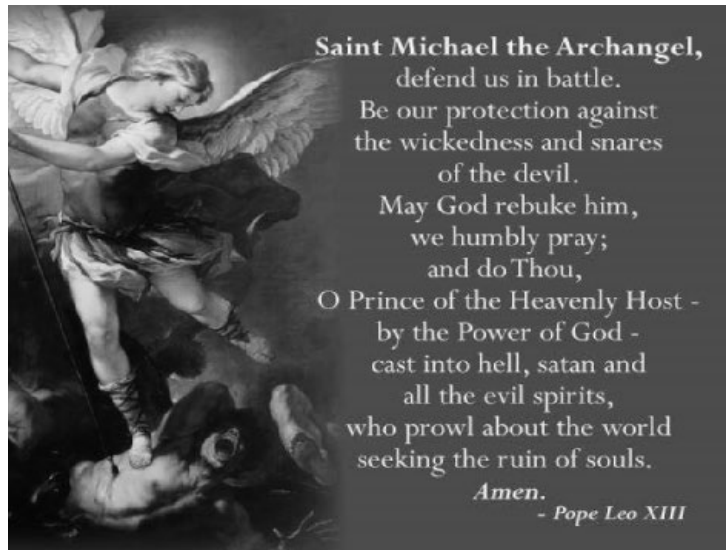
Flowers were in memory of...

Ashley Stamp, Steve Knight,
Chuck Jacobs, Mark & Helen Bruck,
Otto Klein, Dean Klein, Irene Buckley,
Deceased members of Bill & Loretta
Koster Family, Ferd, Dorothy & Dan Gaul, Ed, Helen, &
Ellery Bieker, Ernie Journell, Al & Mildred Schechinger
Ralph & Ellen Trout

Parish Support

We need past Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and
Ushers to let us know if we can put you back
into rotation. Please call or email the office.

We can also always use new volunteers for
these and other ministries, consider giving of
your time and talents. Thank you!



St. Michael's Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Michael's Catholic Parish, are many
parts, but one body. As a community of believers in Jesus
Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the
sacraments, are challenged by Sacred Scripture and
Roman Catholic Tradition, share of ourselves in service to
others, and strive to promote the dignity of all human life
and justice for all, as we continue toward the eternal glory
of God's kingdom.



Sunday Saints

Sunday 9:30 Mass 3 y/o - 2nd Graders

Family Formation Encounter

**1/5 6:30-7:45 K-6
Rosman Parish Hall**

Defenders Youth Group (DYG)

**1/12, 1/19 and 1/26
6:30-8:00 ALL DYG Gather
Rosman Parish Hall
Jr High Music Rm - Sr High Library
- Confirmation in Gym -**

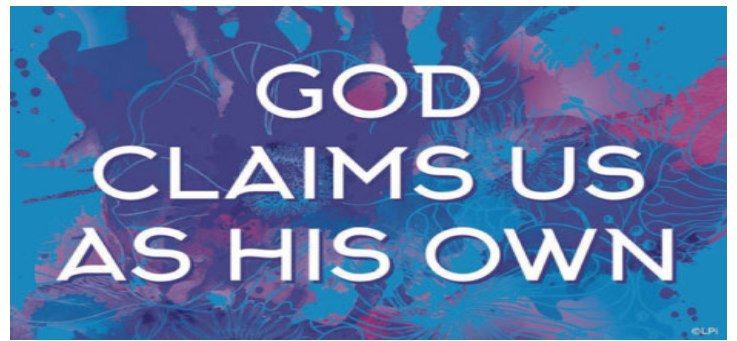
*****Please attend all gatherings*****

The Bishop wants to hear from us

Bishop William Joensen invites us to take part in a brief survey that will assist our visioning process for the Diocese of Des Moines. We want to hear of your joys and disappointments, your hopes and priorities for our diocesan future. To complete the survey in English, go here:
<https://forms.gle/1mp721t5b8TFcAid8>
or scan the QR code.



The Bishop also invites us to pray that God will grace us with clear vision of His will for the way forward.



GOSPEL MEDITATION -

The Baptism of the Lord

“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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