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## MASS

### SATURDAY

4:30pm @ Parish Comm Center  
6995 Centerville Road, Centerville

### SUNDAY

8:30am @ St. John's Site  
14363 Forest Boulevard N, Hugo  
10:30am @ Parish Comm Center  
6995 Centerville Road, Centerville

### WEDNESDAY

8:00am @ St. Genevieve church

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:00pm  
@ St. Genevieve church  
or by appt. at 651-429-7937



Watch Mass on YouTube: @St. Genevieve's Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

## Reflect

### First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. **How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?**

### Second Reading:

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." **How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?**

### Gospel:

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." **What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?**

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## STAYING SAFE

Let's work together to keep everyone healthy.

- *If you are sick, please stay home.* Stay home if you exhibit flu-like symptoms or have known COVID-19 exposure. (Our Saturday, 4:30pm Mass is livestreamed and uploaded to YouTube to watch at home.)
- *Wear a mask.* The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently recommends wearing a mask in crowded, indoor spaces regardless of vaccination status.
- *Follow best hygiene practices* by washing your hands, using hand sanitizer, and covering coughs and sneezes.

***When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
then the work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
to heal those broken in spirit,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the oppressed,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among all peoples,  
to make a little music with the heart.  
And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way,  
in all that we do and in all that we say.  
Then the work of Christmas begins.***

~Howard Thurman

## OPEN HOUSE - Today!

We received the following open house invitation from St. Andrew's Family Shelter in Hugo.

*"We have exciting news! St. Andrew's Family Shelter will be hosting an open house on Sunday, **January 9**, 1:00pm-4:00pm. You, our supporting churches, are the core to our success. We cannot provide services without a strong, solid base of volunteers and the time, talents, and treasures that you all bring.*

*Homelessness is not only scary but potentially dangerous. It only takes one missed paycheck, an illness, or an unplanned car repair to send a family into a financial downward spiral.*

*Please join us by inviting all your volunteers and church members to stop by and tour our facility. Let's build a safe space together. Light refreshments will be served."*

## MUSIC NOTES

We wrap up the Christmas season this weekend with the Baptism of the Lord. There aren't a whole lot of songs dedicated to this feast day but I have us singing *Come to the Water* to remind us that all are called to be baptized in Christ and to receive what only he can give us. Since it is still the Christmas season, I also have us singing some of the all-time favorite Christmas carols. I hope you all enjoy singing them one last time...until next year! I wish you many blessings in this coming year! *Peace, Laura*

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated and worked at the Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Gen's on December 30.  
A total of **51 pints** was donated!

## 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Have you wondered about the story of the statue of Mary in the Parish Community Center to the right of the altar? This is Our Lady of Kibeho. She appeared in Kibeho, Rwanda from November 28, 1981 until November 28, 1989.

When asked her name, Mary told the high schoolers Alphonsine, Marie Clare and Anathalie that she was Mother of The Word. Mary had many messages during her appearance, but one of the most important was to inspire people to pray the rosary, most especially to learn about the Seven Sorrows Rosary.

You can learn more about the Seven Sorrows Rosary at the website deceased parishioner Matt Wiederkehr made with his daughter, Donna: [sevensorrowsrosary.org](http://sevensorrowsrosary.org)

## OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS

*Kris and Paul Collova*

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*Andy, Kelsey, and Bentley Worzala*



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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The next Baptism Class is scheduled for **January 11**, 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom. To register, go to our website at [www.stgens.org/baptism](http://www.stgens.org/baptism) or contact the Parish Office.

## IN SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Judy Perzichilli**. May Judy rejoice in the presence of the newborn King.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 12** - St. Genevieve church  
8:00am For our Parish

**SATURDAY, JAN 15** - Parish Community Center  
4:30pm MaryAnn Thill †

**SUNDAY, JAN 16** - St. John's site  
8:30am Alex Garcia, Jr. †

**SUNDAY, JAN 16** - Parish Community Center  
10:30am Living and deceased Council of  
Catholic Women members

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Saturday, Jan 15 - 4:30pm (Parish Comm Ctr)**

Sacristan—M. Wilharber

Lector—N. Beck

EMs—T. Blageo, D. Thill, R. Peterson

Ushers—T. Wilharber, J. Nistler, M. Blageo

Livestream—C. Lindholm; Video Desk—C. Lindholm

**Sunday, Jan 16 - 8:30am (St. John's site)**

Sacristan—A. Christiansen

Lector—S. Stephan

EMs—S. Irlbeck, K. Newell, S. Stephan

Ushers—J. Coons, J. Weyandt, S. Irlbeck

**Sunday, Jan 16 - 10:30am (Parish Comm Ctr)**

Sacristan—B. Gagnon, D. Gagnon

Lector—C. DuFresne

EMs—D. Gagnon, C. DuFresne, C. Wurzer

Ushers—T. Hoang, J. Peters, D. McCarthy

Video Desk—J. McCarthy

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**Preschool & Kindergarten Information Evening**

Monday, January 10—6:00pm

**Open House (Preschool – Grade 8)**

Sunday, January 30—10:30am-12:30pm

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open. Go to [www.school.stpeterfl.org](http://www.school.stpeterfl.org) or <http://mytads.com/a/stpetersmn> to apply for enrollment.

# TIME *Talent* TREASURE

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP - DEC 25 & 26

### Sunday Collection

Sunday:	\$23,642.00	Grow Parish:	\$ 65.00
Christmas:	\$ 7,440.00	Bldg Upkeep:	\$ 100.00
Cath Relief:	\$ 270.00	Rel Retire:	\$ 125.00
		Flowers:	\$ 50.00

### Electronic Giving

Sunday:	\$ 7,845.00	Grow Parish:	\$ 20.00
Food Shelf:	\$ 205.00	Fam Shelter:	\$ 230.00
Christmas:	\$ 3,150.00	Rel Retire:	\$ 820.00
Cath Relief:	\$ 1,247.00	Flowers:	\$ 35.00

### 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 ©LPI

### ST. GEN’S PRAYER CHAIN

To request a prayer intention or to participate in our Prayer Chain, call Yvonne at 651-206-7247 or email prayer to [prayer@stgens.org](mailto:prayer@stgens.org)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday (10)

10:00 am Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Mtg - PCC  
5:00 pm Yoga Devotion - PCC

### Tuesday (11)

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg - PCC  
7:00 pm Baptism Class - via Zoom  
7:00 pm AA Meeting - STJ

### Wednesday (12)

8:00 am Mass - STG  
6:30 pm Faith Formation Grades 9-10 - FFC  
6:30 pm Faith Formation Preschool-Grade 5 - CVE

### Thursday (13)

7:00 pm AA Meeting - STG

### Friday (14)

### Saturday (15)

3:30 pm Reconciliation - STG (3:30-4:00pm)  
4:30 pm Mass - PCC

### Sunday (16)

8:30 am Mass/Children's Liturgy of the Word-STJ  
10:30 am Mass/Children's Liturgy of the Word-PCC

**STJ** - St. John's site, Hugo

**FH** - Fortin Hall (St. John's site), Hugo

**PCC** - Parish Community Center, Centerville

**STG** - St. Genevieve church, Centerville

**PO** - Parish Office, Centerville

**FFC** - Faith Formation Center, Centerville

**CVE** - Centerville Elementary School, Centerville

## READINGS - Week of January 9

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/  
Acts 10:34-38/Lk 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

## MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Looking for the perfect getaway? Let God meet you at a beautiful retreat location in Lake Elmo. Join us for a Men's Silent Retreat at the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House **January 20-23**. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. Free will donations are accepted. For more info, call Bob at (651) 398-1457 or check out the website <http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com>. Other retreat days are also available.

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