



JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*Heaven Was Opened And The Holy Spirit
Descended Upon Him
- Luke 3:21*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis
 10:30 a.m. at Sts. Mary & Joseph
Tues—Fri: 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. at St. Francis
Sunday: 10:05 a.m. at Saints Mary & Joseph
 or any time by appointment

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FROM FR. JOEL

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased:” Sharing in Jesus’ Baptism.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus Christ our Lord. Clearly the baptism of Jesus had a different significance than what you and I received – as he had no sin for which he needed to be forgiven. However, this key moment in the earthly life of Jesus reveals in great depth several layers of meaning within our baptism. One example is in the voice of God the Father from heaven that spoke the words “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased,” and the impact of this declaration in both the life of Jesus and in reference to our baptism in Christ.

To begin, consider that Jesus’ baptism was a moment of God’s revealing of himself to the world. Among the truths that God revealed in Jesus’ receiving the baptism of John is a central truth that Jesus is the Son of God Most High. While the words addressed say “*You* are my beloved Son,” we rightly acknowledge that the voice from heaven speaks to all who are present (as demonstrated by the fact that everyone heard the voice) pointing to Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah who has come into the world. That He is called a “beloved Son” reveals that Jesus is the same divine nature as the Father or as we say, that He is “consubstantial” with the Father. Next, the words express Jesus’ relationship to the Father as Son – that He is distinct from the Father and at the same time one with the Father – in a union of love. Finally, these words express that Jesus truly is sent into the world insofar as the Father is pleased with Him as he appears in the world. All of these truths are at the heart of understanding “who” Jesus is as Son of God, the second person of the Most Holy Trinity and the Messiah or “Anointed One” who comes to redeem and set us free.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and invite you to join us in all endeavors. Please call the office to register.

BAPTISMS:

Please call parish office to make arrangements at least one month prior to the proposed date of Baptism. Preparation session required for parents of first-born child.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Contact the pastor no later than nine months prior to the requested marriage date. Interview and marriage preparation classes are required.

ONLINE GIVING:

Is being encouraged. Instructions available on our website. Questions? Call Kristi Salls

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Josh Stinar, Tara Lamo, Billy Cockriel, David Sell, Jacob Eggert, Daniel Eggert, Jacob Larson, Justin Lake, Brandon Lucas

PARISH PRAYER CHAINS:

Saint Francis:

Call Louise Jones at 879-5265,

Saints Mary & Joseph:

Call Jen Ninneman at 393-0464

FROM FR. JOEL (CONTINUED)

While the revelation of Jesus in these words is clear, what is hidden is how they also apply to each of us. To understand this application, it is important to look at other accounts of Jesus' baptism (notably in Matthew's account of Jesus baptism) where Jesus himself refers to his baptism as fulfilling all righteousness (see Matthew 3:13-17). Just as the voice from heaven has multiple effects, so too this purpose of fulfilling righteousness can be applied in multiple ways. Consider first that Jesus' fulfilling of righteousness through His baptism increases the significance of baptism. In particular, as many were going out to John to be baptized for repentance, Jesus' action of receiving it elevated the meaning of baptism beyond that of an act of repenting unto one that also grants righteousness (both as forgiveness AND in how it gives God's grace to the recipient as a sharing of His divine life that dwells in us). Thus, baptism both leads toward God and it includes the giving of the life of God to those who receive it, uniting them with Him. Returning then to the declaration of Jesus as the Beloved Son of God, realize that those words also apply to all who receive baptism in Jesus Christ. How? By the very fact that in our baptism we received the life of God and this gift of His life bestows on us a sharing in His life to the effect that you and I are called beloved sons and daughters of God! Our being His children is indeed a central effect of our baptism: as our sins are washed from our souls we are brought into a relationship with God as his children. What a gift! Do you believe that you are a son or daughter of God? For it is the truth of God's will for the baptized.

I want to invite you, dear reader, to not be afraid to approach God and ask Him to show you that you are His own beloved child – a son or a daughter – with whom He is well pleased. Ask the Lord to help you see this truth – that what Jesus received to fulfill all righteousness may grow more perfectly within you and draw you into deeper union with Him.

Blessings, Father Joel Hastings



WEEKLY COLLECTION

SF DECEMBER 25 TH /26 TH & JANUARY 1 ST /2 ND		SMJ DECEMBER 25 TH /26 TH & JANUARY 1 ST /2 ND	
Envelopes:	\$4,976.00	Envelopes:	\$2,531.00
Plate:	\$1,316.00	Plate:	\$442.50
Total:	\$6,292.00	Total:	\$2,973.50
UCA:	\$745.00	UCA:	\$150.00

UCA Total as of Dec. 27th \$17,990.11

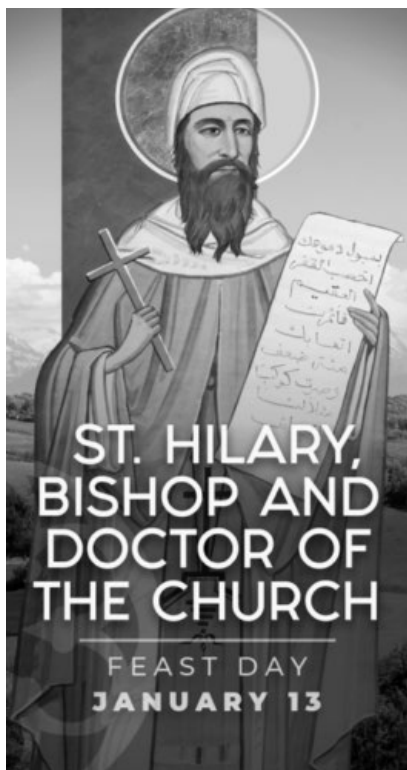
UCA Goal for 2021 \$23,826.00

UCA Total as of Dec. 27th \$8,990.26

UCA Goal for 2021 \$8,911.36

(Online giving included) Please only one check per individual envelope.

Items and Announcements for the weekly bulletin must be received by Noon on Monday, in writing at the church office or through the parish email: stfmj catholic@gmail.com



St. Hilary Of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | January 13
Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy. Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, January 9— 8:30 am (SF) - All Parishioners
10:30 am (SMJ) - † Josephine Foucault
TUESDAY, January 11 — 8:30 am (SF) - † Rita Sjolsvold
WEDNESDAY, January 12 — No 8:30 am Mass
THURSDAY, January 13— 8:30 am (SF) - † Father Jon Wild
FRIDAY, January 14 — 8:30 am (SF) - † Father Roland Antus
SATURDAY, January 15 — 4:00 pm (SF) - All Parishioners
SUNDAY, January 16 — 8:30 am (SF) - Rose Carlson
10:30 am (SMJ) - † Debbie Yanda

TO OFFER MASS INTENTIONS At every Mass, a special intention is offered. Mass intentions can be requested to honor the memory of someone, the memory of a certain date, for someone who is ill, or just needs prayers through parish office or directly to Father. Currently there are very few masses scheduled for individual intentions for the year. A \$10 donation is suggested as per Diocese regulation.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY - January 9

9:15 am K-5th Grade Faith Formation at Sts. Mary & Joseph
9:40 am Pre-K-5th Grade Faith Formation at St. Francis

TUESDAY - January 11

10 am-6 pm Blood Drive at St. Francis

WEDNESDAY - January 12

6:00 pm-7:15 pm 6th-11th grade Faith Formation

THURSDAY - January 13

9:00 am- Legion of Mary at St. Francis

9:00 am-1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Francis

SUNDAY - January 16

No Faith Formation at Both Churches



FLOCKNOTE: **To receive emails and text message announcements** from the parish, sign up today — go on our parish website, www.stfmjatholic.org and click the "Flocknote" logo to get started.

THIS WEEK:

We all know about the importance of St. Joseph, but have you ever heard of St. Andre Bessette? He lived in Montreal, Quebec and had great devotion to St. Joseph. His feast day is January 6. To learn more about St. Andre and about the power of St. Joseph's intercession, check out the video "God's Doorkeeper: St. Andre of Montreal"; you can find it at <https://watch.formed.org/january-6-st-andre-bessette/videos/god-s-doorkeeper-st-andre-of-montreal>

TO SIGN UP:

1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter our parish zip or name
3. Enter your name and email



January 22nd MCCL March for Life

On Saturday, January 22, join thousands of Minnesotans at the State Capitol in St. Paul at 12:00 noon for the MCCL March for Life. The March commemorates the deaths of more than 62 million unborn babies since the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. Your presence will help show elected officials and the public the importance of protecting unborn children and supporting women. For more information, visit mccl.org/march

Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

If you or someone you know who is not Catholic is interested in entering the Catholic Church, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Joel, Deacon Steve, or Deacon Bryan (our contact info is on the front of the bulletin) to learn more about initiation into the Church and the way to accomplish this initiation.

Saints Mary and Joseph Log Church Tour

See the Oldest Altar in existence in the Diocese of Duluth and the beautiful Saint Kateri Tekakwitha "Lily of the Mohawks" shrine. The second oldest church in the Diocese is on the National Register of Historic Sites. Narrated tours are available by contacting Deacon Bryan Bassa at 879-6933. Please visit our website a www.stkaterisawyer.com for more info.



ATTENTION! Memorial Blood Center has asked St. Francis to host a blood drive on Tuesday, January 11th from 10 am-6 pm. Lets fill as many spots as we can. To donate please call Cecelia Anderson at 393-0589



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