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DAILY: THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS AT 8:30AM

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St. John the Baptist Parish

SACRAMENTS

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SATURDAYS AT 3:00 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

BAPTISM

BAPTISMS ARE USUALLY HELD
AFTER THE SUNDAY 10:00 AM MASS

MARRIAGE

PLEASE CONTACT EITHER PRIEST AT THE RECTORY
AT LEAST 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE DESIRED DATE
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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." - Mk 1:7-8



Sacraments and other events

Sat., Jan. 9, 2021

4:00 pm For George and Cecile Chapdelaine,
req. by the family

Sun., Jan. 10, 2021

10:00am For Ernest Berthiaume (2nd anniv.)
req. by Priscilla Berthiaume

Mon. Jan. 11, 2021

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield

Tues. Jan. 12, 2021

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield

Wed. Jan. 13, 2021

No Wed. Masses at either St. John's or St. Joseph's.

Masses in the nearby parishes:

8:00 am Mass, Mary, Queen of the Rosary in Spencer

*8:00 am Mass, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,
W. Brookfield*

Thurs., Jan. 14, 2021

8:30 am For all who have lost their faith,
req. by the parish

Fri., Jan. 15, 2021

8:30 am For David Gagne (months mind),
req. by Gloria and Kathleen Dupuis

Sat., Jan. 16, 2021

4:00 pm For John Annese (2nd anniv.)
req. by his daughter Marie and family

Sun., Jan. 17, 2021

10:00am For Marie Giard (13th anniv.),
req. by Jean Joel

Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1- 11/Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
- Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/
Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/
Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/
Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/
Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/
Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/
Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a,
9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

History Lessons

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so? ©LPi





Upcoming Schedule

Jan. 10th Grade 9/10 9am and Grade 2 11am
 Jan. 17th 9am Grade 7
 Jan. 24th 9am Grade 9/10 and Grade 2 11am



Scratch Ticket Raffle

The Scratch Ticket Raffle is fully underway. The Grand Prize will be a book of 50 \$30.00 scratch tickets. The 2nd prize is \$200, and the 3rd prize is \$100. Chances are \$20.00. If you would like more tickets, please call the parish office. You know that this would make a great present.

The deadline for the ticket returns is Friday, Jan. 29th. The drawing will take place on Sunday, Jan. 31st.

When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.” Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Legacy of Hope Update

Our parish has received pledges totaling \$ 58, 165.00. If you have yet to make your pledge, please complete the donor’s card and mail it directly to the Diocese. You may also drop it off at the rectory or place it in the collection basket. We thank those who have already made their pledge in this campaign.

Word of Life Reflection January 10th

“When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.”

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 “How to Build a Culture of Life”
 (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)*

<i>Parish Support</i>	Dec. 27	Jan. 1	Jan. 3
Weekly	\$1,552.00	\$330.00	\$1,271.00
Christmas	\$920.00	\$145.00	\$342.00
Immaculate Conception	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
All Saints	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fuel	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Monthly	\$742.00	\$5.00	\$260.00
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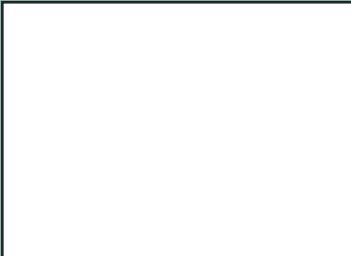
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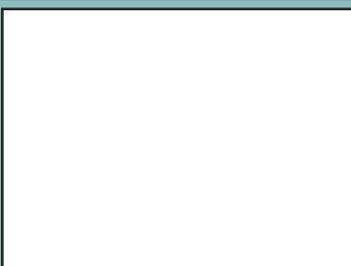
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