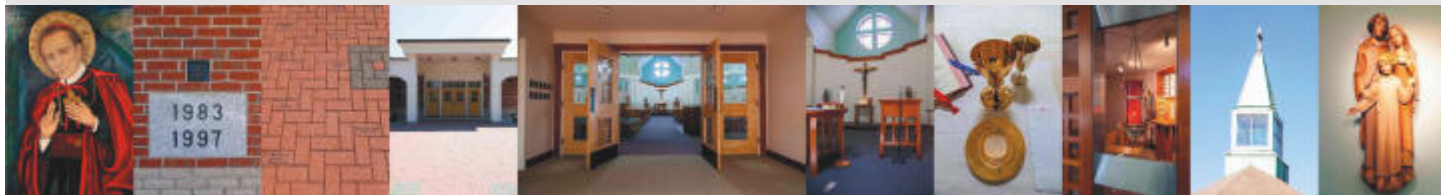


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BAPTISM OF THE LORD January 9, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipatory) 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday (Labor Day thru Memorial Day) ... 6:00 PM
Daily (Mon, Wed-Fri) 12:15 PM

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
And before/after daily Mass, or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered the first Sunday of each month following the 10:00 AM Mass.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

ON BAPTISM

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. —Mark 16:16

The first excerpt below is from the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith's Instruction on Infant Baptism (Part One: Traditional Doctrine on Infant Baptism) approved by His Holiness, Pope St John Paul II on 20 Oct 1980. The second is from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

IMMEMORIAL PRACTICE

4. BOTH in the East and in the West the practice of baptizing infants is considered a

rule of immemorial tradition. Origen, and later St Augustine, considered it a "tradition received from the Apostles." When the first direct evidence of infant Baptism appears in the second century, it is never presented as an innovation. St Irenaeus, in particular, considers it a

matter of course that the baptized should include "infants and small children" as well as adolescents, young adults and older people. The oldest known ritual, describing at the start of the third century the Apostolic Tradition, contains the following rule: "First baptize the children. Those of them who can speak for themselves should do so. The parents or someone of their family should speak for the others." At a Synod of African Bishops, St Cyprian stated that "God's mercy and grace should not be refused to anyone born," and the Synod, recalling that "all human beings" are "equal," whatever be "their size or



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age," declared it lawful to baptize children "by the second or third day after their birth."

1. The three SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION lay the foundations of Christian life:
 - i. Baptism [rebirth],
 - ii. Confirmation [strengthening],
 - iii. Eucharist [the food of eternal life].
2. Baptism is NECESSARY FOR SALVATION for those who have received the Gospel and have heard that Christ is "*the way, and the truth, and the life*" (Jn 14:6). It is received only once. The reception of Baptism is required before we can receive the other Sacraments. Baptism gives access to the other Sacraments. It is the "GATEWAY" to life in the Spirit.
3. The SOLE PREREQUISITE for Baptism is *faith*, which must be professed publicly at the time of Baptism. At infant baptisms, parents profess the faith on behalf of their child.
4. The PRINCIPAL EFFECTS of Baptism are two:
 - i. FORGIVENESS OF SINS, Original Sin and all personal sins (as well as all punishment for sin);
 - ii. Conferral of SANCTIFYING GRACE [the gift of God's own life, a participation in the life of the Holy Trinity for the purpose of healing and sanctifying the soul]—that is, in Baptism we become adopted children of God, members of the Body of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit.
5. Together with Sanctifying Grace, Baptism bestows:
 - i. the THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES [Faith, Hope, and Love];
 - ii. the GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT [Wisdom, Counsel, Understanding, Knowledge, Courage, Piety, Fear of the Lord]
 - iii. a growth in goodness through the MORAL VIRTUES [Prudence, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude].
6. Baptism is administered by immersion or pouring water three times over the candidate's head while saying, "N., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." 1239-1240,1278
 - i. Water symbolizes cleansing and new life.

- ii. The Trinitarian formula, anointings [w/ the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism], white garment, and baptismal candle all signify new life in Christ.
7. The ordinary ministers of Baptism are clergy. In an emergency, however, anyone can baptize.
8. That Baptism is God's gift of NEW LIFE—"Unless a man be BORN AGAIN of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven" (John 3:5)—, LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS. In the words of St Paul (Rom 11:17-24), we are grafted in to Christ Jesus. It is Baptism that renders us CHILDREN OF GOD by adoption, and members of the Church, the Body of Christ. Its principle effects are:
 - i. The REMISSION OF SIN, Original and Actual [that is, voluntary sins once we've reached the age of reason], and the punishment due sin.
 - ii. The first infusion of SANCTIFYING GRACE and the Supernatural Gifts/Virtues. It is SANCTIFYING GRACE which renders us adopted CHILDREN OF GOD and which confers the right to those special graces necessary for attaining the end for which the sacrament was instituted and for enabling him to fulfill the baptismal promises.
9. CONVERSION OF HEART is the LIFELONG TASK OF PURIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION. The frailty and weakness of human nature and the inclination to sin [i.e., concupiscence] are not abolished by Baptism. Lifelong CONVERSION OF HEART and GROWTH IN HOLINESS is the work of God's grace. While Baptism forgives past sins, it does not safeguard future justice, which is preserved only by labor and industry and diligence—that is, by a life of faith—, and depends always and above all on the mercy of God. By trusting in God's mercy and the help of his grace, we may prove ourselves in the struggle to shun sin/evil and to be faithful to the Gospel.
10. The TEMPORAL CONSEQUENCES of Original Sin remaining after Baptism are:
 - i. the two WOUNDS OF THE BODY (Suffering, Death);
 - ii. the four WOUNDS OF THE SOUL (concupiscence —i.e., an inclination to evil/sin—, weakness, ignorance, malice).
11. Wounded as we are by sin, it is not easy

to maintain moral balance. The more we do evil, the less free we become: "He who sins is a slave of sin" (Rom 6:17). The life of faith requires us to shun evil and pursue GOOD: "For this is the will of God, your sanctification" (1 Thes 4:3). The more we do GOOD, the freer we become. In the words of St Agatha (d. 251), "To be a servant of Christ is to be truly free." The Catechism defines VIRTUE as an habitual/firm disposition to do GOOD. The moral VIRTUES are acquired by prayer, by education, and by deliberate and persevering acts/effort elevated by divine grace. The goal is to become like God: "Be holy as I am holy" (Lev 11:44; 19:2; 20:7; 1 Pet 1:16). With God's help, VIRTUE forges our character and gives facility in the practice of the GOOD.

"For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery" (Gal 5:1).

LAST WEEK

Christmas Masses (25 Dec), \$8,255.00

Holy Family (26 Dec), \$7,021.00

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

9 Jan, SUNDAY — BAPTISM OF THE LORD (First Week of Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM | Mass

10:00 AM | Mass

6:00 PM | Mass

7:00 PM | Adoration

10 Jan, MONDAY

12:15 PM | *No Daily Mass

11 Jan, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scout Meeting

12 Jan, WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM | Knitting Group (meets every other Wednesday)

10:00 AM | Faith Sharing

12:15 PM | *No Daily Mass

13 Jan, THURSDAY — NOTICE: No daily Mass thru Jan 17th. Daily Mass will resume Jan 19th.

12:15 PM | *No Daily Mass

14 Jan, FRIDAY (Day of Penance)

10:00 AM | Food Pantry

12:15 PM | *No Daily Mass or Adoration

15 Jan, SATURDAY

8:30 AM | Men's Group

9:00 AM | Divine Mercy Cenacle (1st & 3rd Sat)

9:30 AM | Widow's Group (2nd Sat of month)

4:00 PM | Confession (w/ Visiting Priest)

5:30 PM | 5:30 Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 8 (Sat), 5:30 PM SJNI Parishioners

Jan 9 (Sun), 8:00 AM Peter Lagatta (req. by Rita Geringer)

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es) for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

— DAILY MASS NOTICE —

Fr. Glasgow will be attending a course beginning later this week. There will be no daily Mass from Thursday (Jan 6) thru Monday (Jan 17). Daily Mass will resume on Wednesday, Jan 19.

BIBLE IN A YEAR

Join Fr. Mike Schmitz beginning January 1, 2022 whose 365 daily BIBLE IN A YEAR podcasts will guide you through the Bible (each episode is about 20-25 minutes). There is no cost, although Ascension Press offers materials in support of the Bible study. For more information:

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IN MEMORIAM

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V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

R/. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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Statements will go out in February. Your financial support, especially during the past few months, has been very much appreciated!

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