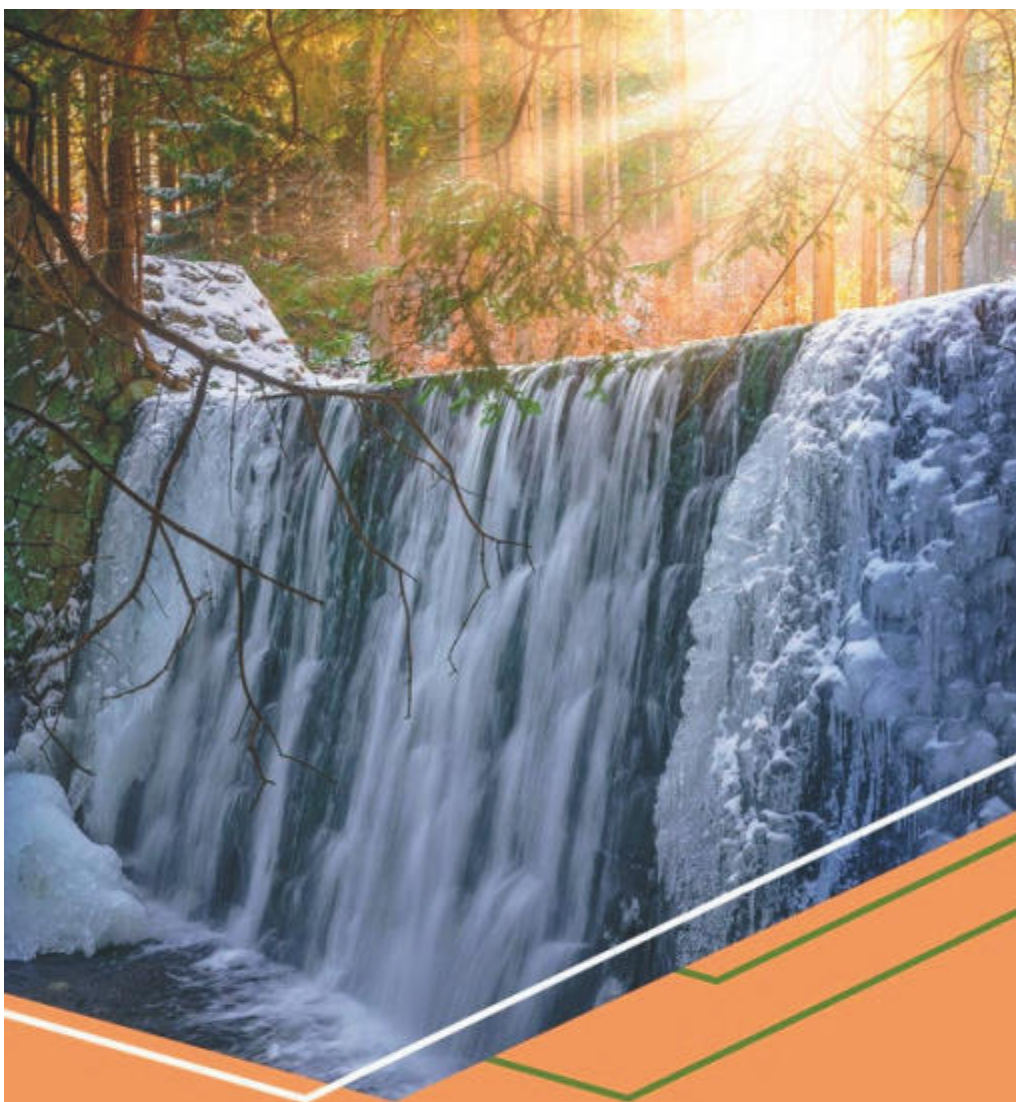


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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

Weekend Mass Schedule



**FACE MASK IS
REQUIRED**

**Saturday at 4:30 p.m.
and
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

Weekday schedule is listed
inside the bulletin.

Please join us!



ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Bible Study Group – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month.
(Sept.-June)

Men's Fellowship Group—
2nd Saturday of each month
at 9 a.m.

Parish Council — 2nd Tues-
day of January, March, May,
September, and November, at
7:00 p.m. All Parishioners
are welcome!

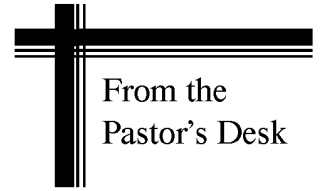
Religious Education —
Grades K-12 classes are held
on Sundays from Sept-May
from at 11:00 a.m.—12:00
p.m. == **Why Catholic (for
Adults)** Sundays from 8:30
to 9:45 a.m.

Rosary Group—after the
10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.
PLEASE JOIN US!

Dear Parishioners,

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

“By nature we deserved God’s wrath like the rest. But God is rich in mercy, because of His great love for us. He brought us to life with Christ when we were dead in sin. By this favor you were saved.”
Ephesians 2:3b-5



Mercy is a divine gift which God has given to each of us. Jesus is the picture of mercy. He is the gift of salvation.

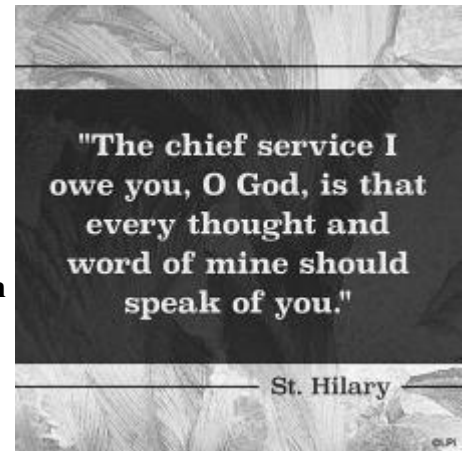
Each of us enjoys receiving mercy from other people. Are we willing to give mercy to other people? Sometimes, we want mercy for ourselves, but we want justice for others.

Our world can be cruel, hard and difficult. When we show mercy, we help people who are needy and hurting.

The Divine Mercy novena is a wonderful opportunity to connect with Jesus. Saint Faustina has introduced this beautiful devotion to the world.

This novena helps us to feel the Divine Mercy that Jesus has for each of us. It also helps us to be merciful to each other.

We are asked to pray the Divine Mercy Novena at 3:00 p.m. each day.



In Christ,

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We Pray in Faith that all who have died may be welcomed into the peace of God’s Kingdom.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends, especially: Bill Kahler, Dolores Kelly, Wayne Riesner (Suzanne LaVoie’s brother), Karen Miller (Mike & Joyce McCoy’s niece), Cathy Dreyer (Steve Appel’s cousin), Jean Previs and Sr. Kathleen Haughey.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!





Monday	01/10	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Joe Rupinski
Tuesday	01/11	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Earl Donelson
Wednesday	01/12	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Rita Connor
Thursday	01/13	
8:30 a.m. Mass		William Spiegel
Friday	01/14	
8:30 a.m. Mass		In honor of Benedicta Ntani's 60th Birthday
Saturday	01/15	
4:30 p.m. Mass		Barbara & Ernest Szillat
Sunday	01/16	
10:00 a.m. Mass		For the Parishioners

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - INVITE PARISHIONERS TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

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? ©LPi

Readings for January 9, 2022

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

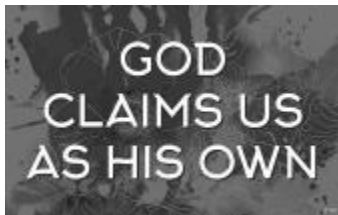
Readings for January 16, 2022

Is 62:1-5

Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ©LPi

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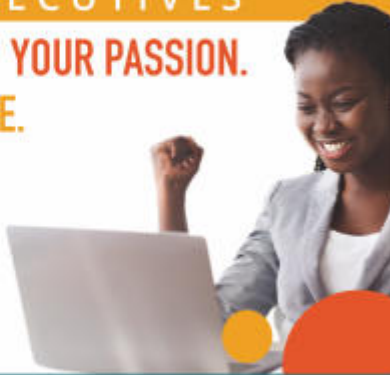
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