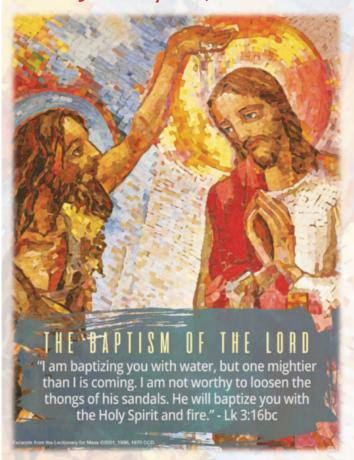
January 8/9, 2022



Spirit of Christ Christ CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 8:30 AM to 8 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM to 3 PM
Closed each day from noon to 1 PM
The church is open during all office hours.

Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday: 9 AM*
Saturday: 5 PM*
Sunday: 7:00, 8:30,10:30 AM, 12:15 & 5 PM
* indicates live streamed
Confessions

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM in the chapel

Fr. Chris' Catholic Cultural Corner

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (AND OUR BAPTISMS)

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This Feast "concludes" the revelatory phases of Jesus' earthly life. He is proclaimed by the angel Gabriel in the Annunciation, made incarnate by his Nativity, manifested to the world in the Feast of the Epiphany, and now enters into his earthly ministry with his Baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan. He steps onto the "stage" at this time and begins his ministry of preaching an teaching, and drawing people closer to God.

At this celebration as well, we look back to our own baptisms. Most of us do not recollect the event itself, but we are definitely beneficiaries of the fruits of the Sacrament of Baptism. The fruits are three-fold. First, baptism removes Original Sin from our souls. This is a lack of sanctifying grace, a gift lost by the fall of Adam and Eve. Washing away this original sin allows us to live lives of grace in God. Baptism is also the gateway to the sacramental life. It disposes us to the reception of the grace inherent in all the sacraments. Lastly, baptism makes us members, members of the Church, members of God's flock. We have identity, we are claimed as co-heirs with the Son by the Father.

Our lives are lived in constant reminder of our baptisms. It makes us who we are and who we are meant to be. God created us out of love, and invites us to share with him eternal life. Baptism is not simply a "rite of passage", like joining a club or organization. It is an acknowledgement of the truth of our lives in God. Christ has shown us the way and shares his own humanity

with us in a very special way. Of course, Jesus did not "need" the Sacrament of Baptism. But, in the very act of asking John to baptize him, he shows his union with us, and further calls us to live with him in God.

In preparing ourselves for baptism, we call upon the parents and godparents of these precious children. As in all sacraments, a preparatory process is required for parents and godparents. This is usually accomplished through attendance at Baptism classes. These are regularly offered at Spirit of Christ. In selecting godparents, the call of the church is to choose a "good witness", to the faith, someone who practices the faith, and is properly married in the faith. This may move outside family and close friends. The godparents represent the church, welcoming the newborn into the flock of Christ. We would ask that prayerful consideration and spiritual discernment be employed in the selection of godparents. Just a few logistical reminders: 1) there may not be two godparents of the same sex, 2) only one godparent is required, and 3) one godparent must be Catholics. If a non -Catholic is chosen, they serve as a Christian witness to the baptism, and are recorded in the sacramental record as such.

Baptism is a joyful time for families, including the family of the church. The church rejoices in its new members, and makes a commitment to pray for and care for them. When baptized, we know we belong. God claims us as his own, and baptism celebrates that reality int he lives of the faithful.

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)



Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop

Father Chris, Deacon A.J. and Music Director Ron Marinelli invite you to a Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop Thursday January 13 in Spirit Center East at 6:00 pm. The workshop agenda includes an overview of Catholic funeral liturgies and the theology behind them, an overview of Catholic funeral music, and participants getting started on their own funeral plans. This is a great opportunity to help our loved ones by organizing one big part of the responsibilities that they will have when we pass on to eternal life with our Fa-



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Ministry fair for:

Welcoming **Small Church communities** Fellowship and Support **Outreach ministries**

All invited

January 22/23 after all Masses in the Spirit Center Find out what these ministries do and how to join or share in your stewardship of time and talent. Refreshments will be served!

Greeters needed at all Masses. If interested in saying Good Morning, Good Evening or Welcome as people enter for Mass, then please contact Janette in the office or email janette@spiritofchrist.org. Thank you!

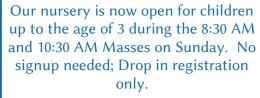
the Gifts of the Spirit is located in our Gathering Space. They sells candles, bibles, rosaries and many other reli-

gious items and gifts. They are open:

Saturday before the 5 PM Mass

1st and 3rd Sunday, from 9:30-11:45 AM. Plus an extra Sunday this month, January 30. Thank you to the volunteers who make this possible.

While supplies last, SOC logoed stainless steel mug with lid. \$16. Please call the office if you would be interested in volunteering one hour a month with us.







Christian Formation

Library/Resource Center has children's books and DVDs, educational, bible studies, current topics, good reads!! Come see and check them out to take home for a couple of weeks. They are located down the hall past the Spirit Center.

They are open: Sundays from 8 AM-Noon Monday and Tuesday from 10 AM-11:30 AM Contact sociibrary@spiritofchrist.org for more info.



The next saint featured is: St. Andre Bessette The links are on our website spiritofchrist.org or can be found on our Spirit of Christ YouTube page.

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Baptism of our Lord-Jan. 9

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Responsorial: Psalms 104: 1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time-Jan. 16

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8, 9-10

Second Reading: First Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

The Baptism of the Lord

He says many fiery things in the gospels, this cousin of Jesus. He rants about broods of vipers trying to escape the coming wrath. He rails against adulterous Herods and their adulterous wives. But the sentence I most associate with him---other than his embryonic announcement of the Messiah from his mother's womb---is what he says about Jesus: I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. It touches me deeply that, at the height of his renown in the desert, he was willing to step out of the frame so that Jesus could come into perfect focus.

Oh, to see Thee more clearly, Jesus. I long for it. The entire Catholic Culture presses me to see You in Your most distressing disguise, those who are poor in all kinds of ways. I try not to know about them, but, of course, that will be a ridiculous defense when I meet You. I will never be able to say I didn't know.

Maybe I try not to know because I so deeply recognize that I'm not worthy to loosen the sandals of those whose lives are so challenging. I couldn't do for one day what aging grandparents are doing in order to keep their imperiled grandchildren safe and sheltered. I know I couldn't do for more than a few hours what those caring for spouses and parents with dementia do, endless day after endless day.

I am aware of the giants around me. But this year I resolve to look for Jesus in the daily courage of the unseen, people's whose challenges I could never, never meet. Step into the frame, Jesus. I long to see You.

Who are the people whose sandals you are unworthy to loosen? Kathy McGovern ©2022 www.thestoryandyou.com

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available in the chapel

Mon-Thur. 9:30 am - noon. Fridays 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. (In the event of a funeral in the chapel, Adoration will be in the Church.) If the office is closed, then there will not be adoration.





(Please note: These are subject to change)

Saturday, January 8

5:00 PM Ski Radwanski +

Edith Smith +

Sunday, January 9

7:00 AM Randall Loomis + 8:30 AM Joe Kreuzer + 10:30 AM The People of SOC

12:15 PM Amalia Salazar Archuleta +

5:00 PM Mary Anne Cipolla +

Monday, January 10

9:00 AM Harvey Williams +

Tuesday

9:00 AM Terri Lupiezowietz +

Wednesday

9:00 AM Karen Crum +

Della Gallegos +

Thursday

9:00 AM Alfonso Roybal +

Friday

9:00 AM Helmer Kruger +

+ indicates deceased

Our Prayer List for the Sick and the Military are both online at www.spiritofchrist.org. under *Prayer Intentions* and on the altar for the priest's intentions. Contact the office for additions.

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died

George Smith, uncle of Dennis Bohan

Steve Abeyta, husband of Beth, son-in-law of Pam and Dennis Devine

Ramona Berry, mother of Keith

Ed Good, father of Dave Good, grandfather of Jacob and Jeremiah

Edward Argeuello, godfather and uncle of Thom Garcia Patti Lochner, sister-in-law of Dick Lochner Steve Skinner, friend of Janette Fayhoe

Funerals here at SOC are listed on our website: spiritofchrist.org under Schedules/funerals



OUTREACH - Your Stewardship (time, talent, treasure) In Action

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Your Tithing continues to enable Spirit of Christ to be Stewards by supporting so many and varied ways we can bring the Gospel to our community and the world. The following organization has received grant money from Spirit of Christ:

Ralston House ralstonhouse.org 720-898-6752 -Ralston House's mission is to stop the abuse and start the healing. Ralston House Child Advocacy Center works with law enforcement, human services, and the community to provide a safe, comfortable place to investigate child abuse and ensure victim services for children who have been physically or sexually abused or who have witnessed violence. We also provide education and outreach to prevent child abuse. The funds will be used to provide comprehensive medical services, free of charge, for children an youth who have been sexually abused or who have experienced long-term torture or extreme physical abuse.

Save The Date: The Archdiocese is once again able to sponsor the Annual Celebrate Life Rally and March at the Colorado State Capitol on January 15, 2022. Spirit of Christ will be taking a bus from the church to Holy Ghost Parish



where we will be provided a lunch after 11am Mass and prior to the 1pm rally. Seating is first come-first serve and there is no cost for the bus or the lunch. Please contact socrespectlife@gmail.com for sign-ups and more information. We hope you join us for this inspir-

Spirit of Christ and the community is blessed to have the following Outreach Ministries. They are an example of Stewardship: love, kindness, support, and thankfulness. They are living their faith as Jesus has taught us. Please go to our website, under the Programs tab, and Ministries subtab, you can find out more about what they do and how to get involved:

Birthright Blankets for Babies

Fair Trade Products HOPE (Help our People Eat)

Migrant Ministry Koats for Kids Keep Moving Forward (Men's Prison Ministry) **Homeless Ministry** Respect Life Reverse Collection Fran's Rosary Makers SHOW (Seasonal Home Outdoor Work)

Kairos Women's Prison Ministry Soup Kitchen

https://spiritofchrist.org/ministries.html

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COMMUNITY Table

The "Table" serves northern Jefferson County. Beyond food, we offer programs to stabilize lives and provide a hand up. Please continue to support our efforts by dropping food off in the box in the Gathering Space during office hours or before Mass.



Thank you SOC for your continued support.

Gather around

Items Most Needed: Canned fruit (pears, apple sauce, pineapple, fruit cocktail), peanut butter, pinto beans, cold cereal, spaghetti and pasta, baking items (flour, sugar, cake mix), personal care items (soap, body wash, shampoo)

Fair Trade - "Every time you spend money, you are casting a vote for the kind of world you want." Anna Lappe. We will be selling all kinds of Fair Trade products on January 22nd and 23rd, after all the masses in the Spirit

Center. If you would like to pay by credit card or have your order ready for pick up, then order on our website, spiritofchrist.org by midnight on Monday, January 10th. Thank you for your support, the farmers thank you!





Volunteer Opportunities with The Rosary Team

in Arvada Volunteers pair up to pray the rosary together for nursing home residents who are asking for our spiritual support and companionship. Please join this mission of prayer being the face of Christ to those most in need in our community. Please contact:

therosaryteam@gmail.com Teresa Rodriguez 303-550-6962

Fellowship and Support Ministries

Spirituality of Character Al-Anon Family

Group is here to support the family and friends of alcoholics. Meetings are Mondays at 7 p.m. in John XXIII. Newcomers are welcome to join us at 6:30 p.m. for an introduction meeting. Questions: Alanon@spiritofchrist.org

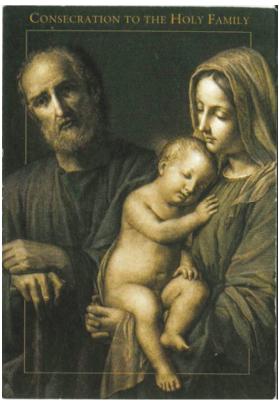
Love & Unity (AA Group) Meets each Tuesday from 7:30-9 PM in room 103-104. AA@spiritofchrist.org for more info.

Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family, for further information email divorceministry@spiritofchrist.org. Next session to start February 2022.



ANAWIM Ministry Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning support ministry for SOC members, families and friends. Please contact Ralph at rreschkejr@q.com or 303-425-9995 for any questions.

"The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the **Consecration to the Holy Family on January 15, 2022**, after the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday in the Chapel. Prayer cards and the information pamphlets on how to prepare will be available on the counter in the gathering space after all Masses. We encourage all parish families to commit to the Consecration."





KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

Planning meeting 1st Thurs. each month Business meeting 2nd Thurs. each month Call Grand Knight, Jeff Adrian at 720-323-7124 or email gk@kofc12979.org.



Young At Heart CARDS & GAMES will start up again Jan 27th at 1pm. There will NOT be a lunch with it at this time because of Covid. We thank you for understanding.

Questions about the COVID vaccine?

If you have questions about the COVID vaccine, especially with regard to children, a Spirit of Christ parishioner and physician is available to answer your questions. Questions will be answered regarding the science of the vaccine as well as the specifics regarding the efficacy of the vaccine. Call the parish office, leave your contact information and we will get you in touch with the one who can provide information and answers.



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For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact:

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Sacramental Information

Sacrament of Confession: Sat. from 3:30- 4:45 PM, or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents wishing to have a child baptized call Deacon A.J. 303-867-9163. Please allow 4-6 months.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Please allow 10-12 months for preparation. Call the parish office.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office if someone is ill or hospitalized and would like to be anointed, or if you would like to make arrangements to come into the office or to a daily Mass to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

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