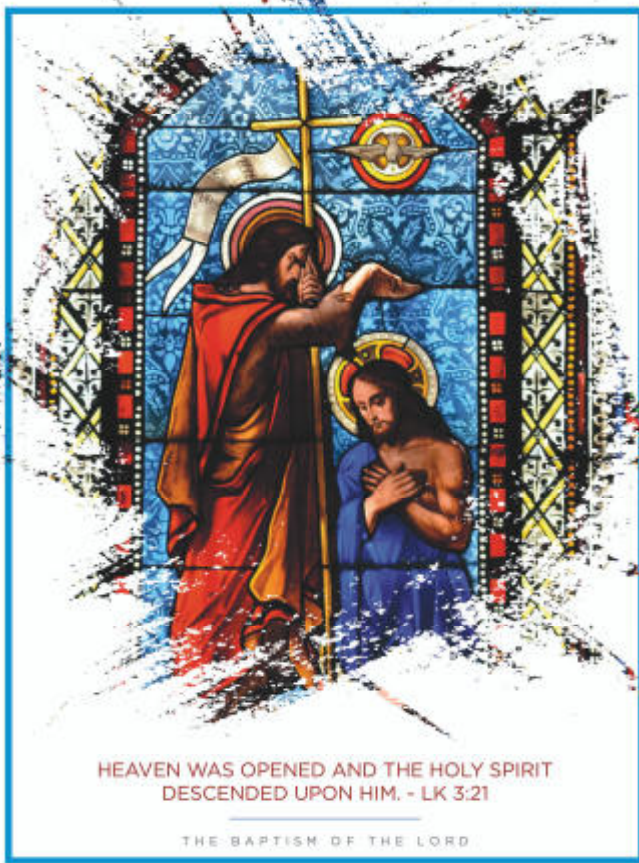


# Catholic Family of Epiphany

January 9, 2022 - The Baptism of the Lord



## Staying With

Today marks the formal end of the Church's Christmas season. Jesus' birth into earthly life has now been sufficiently celebrated. His public life comes next and his baptism begins it, even though the vestment color is still white. I know, I know, Christmas has been over for ages and we are making ready for Easter eggs or whatever else. But the Church has sense and gives us a Christmas season of weeks instead of just ripping down decorations and going on to the next thing. Good for the Church!

**Help all you can, but definitely do not stop the growing.**

But what about Jesus' public life, beginning with Baptism? In the Gospel we hear the voice of God the Father speaking to him. This only happens twice in the Gospels, though on the other hand, Jesus talks and prays to his Abba often. Here it is the same message from God both times:

**“You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased”**

Who would not want to hear these words over and over? I would. The beloved of God! It is like having candy and circuses and ice cream and all your favorite things. God has settled upon you as his special one. Everything will be fine. Except that “being fine” is not the true meaning of “beloved.”

I was visiting a Jesuit friend of mine in Washington DC, Pete, who is a prankster. He was in the kitchen cooking up

homemade spaghetti. Icky sticky mess. I asked him what time something or other was going to happen and he said “I don't know, but we can ask Joe.” Joe was another Jesuit who on that Saturday was working at his job in the Jesuit Conference building. My friend put the kitchen phone on its speaker and “floured in” the phone number.

Joe answered and Pete said, “Hi, how are you doing, Joseph?”

Joe said, “Just great.”

Pete said, “How wonderful, since you are spending your weekend working.”

Joe said, “No it is ok. God told me everything was going to be fine.”

Without skipping a beat Pete said, “Yeah, that's what he told his Son.”

I was on the floor laughing at such a funny, quick, piercing reply, delivered seemingly with no forethought at all. But notice what is behind that joke. God does in fact tolerate pain and suffering, now in his beloved son, on the cross. This is the other side of being the beloved of God. Suffering, temptation.

Jesus heard the voice from the cloud and went to the desert to ponder. Maybe by now he saw the implications. The devil was going to give him huge, slick temptations to help win him over. Build up your earthly power and honor, use your now public status as “Beloved.” Be big. Directly and deeply contrary to Jesus' mission, of course, but God let the temptation happen. Why? Well, God is like a parent watching a teenager's growing pains. Help all you can, but definitely do not stop the growing. Temptation and suffering create an urgent need in a person to open up, to broaden the scope, to better understand what love is, to see that love does not mean God taking charge and making everything alright but rather God *staying with* the beloved, continuing to love and admire him or her, since love at its root means sharing another's life, not taking it over.

***To paraphrase the Father's words at the Jordan: receive my love that never runs away, never let go, even in the desert, even on the cross.***

-John Foley, SJ

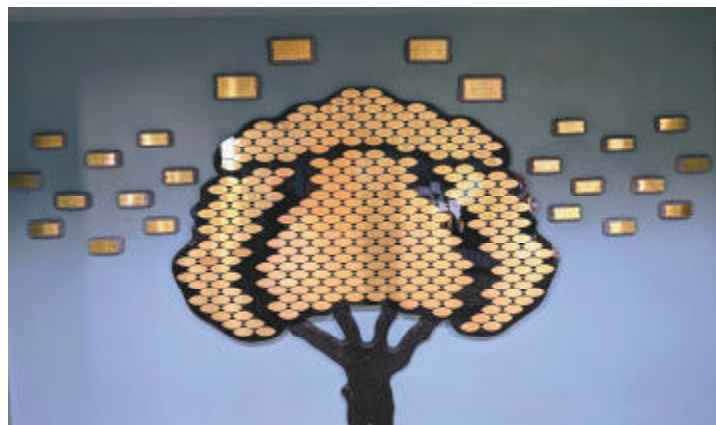
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# Epiphany Parish Tableau

The 2021 Epiphany Tableau made for a beautiful Holy Night on Christmas Eve! The children worked so hard and did a wonderful job! We had over 50 children and teens participate this year's rendition!

It was equal representation from each parish campus proving once again how good coming together can be!

*Merry Christmas!*



## Living Tree

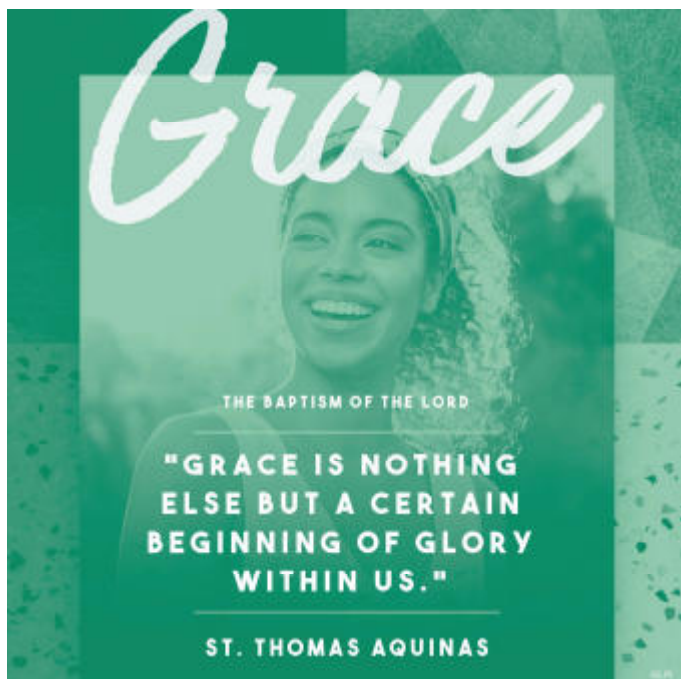
**In Memorial** to those who have died and a symbol of hope to the living. Dedicating a leaf or a stone is a beautiful way to memorialize and honor a loved one. The Living Tree is displayed in the foyer of Epiphany IHM Church and will be a part of Epiphany Parish as our future evolves. We hope you will consider this long-lasting way to memorialize and provide a tribute to your loved one. The suggested donation for a leaf is between \$1,000 to \$4,999; for a small stone, between \$5,000 to \$9,999; a large stone, \$10,000 or more. Please reach out to our parish office for more information.

## Flowers In Memory Of:

<i>Eustacchio &amp; Anna Alberici</i>	M/M Joseph Alberici
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<i>Joseph Karl Kuss, Sr.</i>	Jeanne R. Kuss
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<i>Frederick Windhausen &amp; Richard Miller</i>	M/M Walter Peters
<i>M/M Schafran &amp; Parents of Walter Peters</i>	M/M Walter Peters
<i>Grilli &amp; Sellin Families</i>	M/M Leonard Sellin

## Give Graciously

We are called to be gracious givers. We are called to allow the Jesus in us to encounter the Jesus in others. Humility does not mean that we hide away after we give, but we give in a way that has less to do with us and more to do with the one in whose name we give. Our world needs philanthropy and generosity, but it needs Jesus even more. We want to be good examples to others of how to be generous, not because we want them to be like us but like Jesus.



## Food Pantries:

**Mary's Pantry (IHM) ~ 315-457-5787**

<b>Monday</b>	12:00pm	2:00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	2:00pm	3:30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	2:30pm	4:00pm

**Loaves & Fishes Pantry (SJW) ~ 315-399-6023**

<b>Monday</b>	12:00pm	2:00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:00pm	3:00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	3:00pm	5:00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	12:00pm	2:00pm

The food pantries of Epiphany Parish would like to extend a huge thank you to all who donated food, gifts and time to make this holiday special for so many in our community. Your generosity to give back and bless others with the abundance the Lord has given you, has brought hope and love to so many in our community that are struggling. Thank you for being a light in their time of need and for putting your faith into action.



### Electronic Offering

Electronic offering is a convenient way to give. You may do so by visiting our home page at: [www.epiphanyparishliverpool.org](http://www.epiphanyparishliverpool.org)

### We Need You to Help Serve During Mass!!

We would like to welcome back our Eucharistic Ministers! We are also welcoming anyone who would like to join this ministry. Please prayerfully consider this. We will have a training session/ refresher for anyone who is interested. Please contact the liturgy office 315-451-5070 ext 108 or email Jennifer at [jwoodburn@ihmsjw.org](mailto:jwoodburn@ihmsjw.org) or Helen at [hfrawley@ihmsjw.org](mailto:hfrawley@ihmsjw.org) if you are interested in this ministry. You can also see us at mass on the weekends.



### Rehearsals:

**Sunday, January 9 - 10:30am—IHM**  
**Thursday, January 13 - 7:00pm—SJW**  
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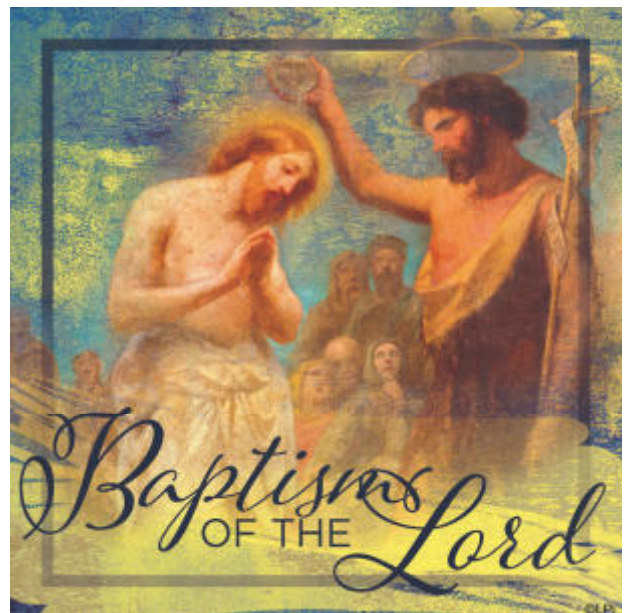
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## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

<b>Sunday:</b>	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
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



## January Book Club

Watch for a special handout on Christmas featuring Life Is Messy by Matthew Kelly. Adult formation will be sponsoring a 4 week book club discussion group on **Wednesday's January 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th** in the SJW Library from 6:30 PM - 8 PM. It will be a great opportunity to discuss the concepts in Matthew's latest book ...and the book is free (1 to a family) for you for Christmas.

Attend Mass. Pick up a book, and join us!

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## Rosary for Life

A special Rosary for Life will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 16th at 2:30 PM** at the SJW Campus in the Church. This is to pray for a respect for life from beginning to end and in support of those travelling to Washington for demonstrations and prayers. This is an especially critical time during the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade decision of the Supreme Court. Deacon Steve Manzene will preside for Rosary and Benediction. Registration is not required, but we request if you plan on attending you call Terry Wellenzohn @315-457-4630 or register via the Parish website under the Adult Formation tab.

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## I Hope I Am Like Him

*“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”*

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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All parishioners are invited to attend a viewing of THE SEARCH, an innovative and captivating video series that tackles key questions at the core of every human heart and soul.

We will be presenting all seven of the beautifully filmed episodes, hosted by Chris Stefanick, with appearances from several experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion as they examine our place in the larger story of creation and our existence.

Join us for an hour on Sunday, January 9th after the 9:30 am Mass at IHM in the IHM Campus Parish Center to watch the second video in this series titled *“What Do You Seek?”*. The series will be re-presented on Sunday, January 23rd after the 11:00am Mass at SJW Campus Library. The Schedule is listed below through the beginning of Lent. Couldn't make it to the first gathering? No worries, they are not consecutive; each session has meaning and will take you deeper into your faith! We promise!

	<u>IHM</u>	<u>SJW</u>
Session # 2	January 9	January 23
Session # 3	January 30	February 6
Session # 4	February 13	March 6

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**Sunday, January 9**

8:00am SJW Mass  
 9:30am IHM Mass  
 9:30am IHM Children's Liturgy  
 10:30am IHM Choir Rehearsal  
 10:30am IHM Faith Formation Class  
 11:00am SJW Mass  
 11:00am SJW Children Liturgy  
 12:00pm SJW Faith Formation

**Monday, January 10**

9:00am IHM Daily Mass  
 3:00pm IHM Adoration  
 4:30pm IHM Novena  
 4:30pm SJW **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 6:30pm IHM Adult Faith Formation Meeting

**Tuesday, January 11**

9:00am IHM Daily Mass  
 6:30pm SJW Pastoral Council  
 7:00pm SJW Bible Study (In Library)

**Wednesday, January 12**

9:00am IHM Daily Mass  
 9:30am IHM Legion of Mary  
 2:30pm SJW Bereavement Meeting  
 6:30pm SJW RCIA Meeting (In Library)

**Thursday, January 13**

9:00am IHM Daily Mass  
 7:00pm SJW Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, January 14**

**Offices Closed**  
 8:30am SJW Sandwich Making

**Saturday, January 15**

4:00pm IHM Mass

**Sunday, January 16**

8:00am SJW Mass  
 9:30am IHM Mass  
 9:30am IHM Children Liturgy  
 10:30am IHM Choir Rehearsal  
 10:30am IHM Faith Formation Class  
 11:00am SJW Mass  
 11:00am SJW Children's Liturgy  
 12:00pm SJW Faith Formation  
 2:30pm SJW Rosary for Life

*All Parishioners of Epiphany Parish*

**Weekend of January 8/9**

<i>Joanne McCabe</i>	R. Johanne & Anthony Calaprico
<i>Robert P. Dimiero</i>	R. The Abbamont Family
<i>Charles Harbach</i>	R. Carol Puschaver
<i>Judith Renno</i>	R. Wojcikowski Family
<i>Clinton Capeling</i>	R. Joe & Pauline Peluso
<i>Deceased Members of The Wellenzohn, Groth &amp; Gugliuzza Families</i>	
	R. Wellenzohn Family

**Weekdays of January 10—13**

<i>Catherine Hartmann</i>	R. Family
<i>Sheila Bradley</i>	R. Debbie Santaro
<i>James Ostuni</i>	R. Anthony & Johanne Calaprico
<i>Kaye Caravaglio</i>	R. Carol Hartmann
<i>Josephine McCabe</i>	R. Mary Shadd & M/M Jim Miner
<i>Kathleen Azzoleno</i>	R. Robert & Mary Reynolds
<i>Mario DeSantis</i>	R. May Family
<i>Mark Mitchell</i>	R. Sue Murphy

**Weekend of January 15/16**

<i>Shirley Lewis</i>	R. Mary Passalacqua
<i>Richard Ward</i>	R. Ginger Gedney
<i>Joan E. Supino</i>	R. Bob & Jean Ann Zenker
<i>Jean Condon</i>	R. Hansen Family
<i>Robert P. DiMiero</i>	R. Abbamont Family
<i>Gayle Lawler</i>	R. Helen & Sean Frawley

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**Celebrated on Mondays**  
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Adoration—3:00pm  
 Novena—4:30pm

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## **Bulletin Announcements**

Bulletin announcements must be received by Friday, 9am for the following weekend. Please email info to Ben Krisher at [bulletinepiphanyparish@syrdio.org](mailto:bulletinepiphanyparish@syrdio.org). Info will be included space permitting.

## **Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick ~**

If you or a loved one would like to receive Holy Communion or the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call either parish office. We can visit you at home, in the hospital, or at a nursing home.

*A reminder that the Anointing of the Sick is not primarily for someone in imminent danger of death.*

*It is used at any time of illness or advanced age.*

**Hospital/Nursing Home Visits ~** Would you like a hospital or home visit? Do you have a loved one who is in the hospital or recovering at home? Please do not hesitate to call our office 315-451-5070 or 315-457-6060. We are not notified when loved ones are hospitalized due to the HIPPA Laws.

**Voices of Hope Ministry** is always looking for those who would like to pray for intentions requested by members of our faith community. If you are interested in joining us as a prayer warrior, a list is emailed or snail mailed if required, monthly to members. You are requested to pray for these intentions throughout the month. **If you have a prayer request**, please email names to [info@ihmsjw.org](mailto:info@ihmsjw.org) or call Terry W. at 315-457-4630 if you have questions.

**Sacrament of Baptism ~** Your addition is our addition! As you welcome a new member to your family we warmly welcome him/her into our parish family! Email Amy at [faithformation@ihmsjw.org](mailto:faithformation@ihmsjw.org) or call 315-451-5070. God Bless you and your new addition.

**Being Separated/Divorced** does not exclude a person from receiving the Eucharist. If you need help and support, please call Family Life Education at 315-472-6754, ext. 5.

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

Please call the parish office 6 months in advance of your wedding to set a date and plan for Pre-Cana instruction.

## **RCIA**

Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult, or wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please call Michael Tubbert 315-451-5070.

Both churches have **hearing aids** available; please see the sacristan.

Both churches are **wheelchair accessible**.

**Please notify the Parish Office of address changes by calling or emailing [info@ihmsjw.org](mailto:info@ihmsjw.org).**

**Reminder ~** Children under the age of 13 must always be accompanied by an adult if they leave the worship area during mass. Please be aware our churches are open buildings and this policy is enforced for the safety of our children.

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