

Holy Name of Jesus Church 14203 State Route 9N Au Sable Forks. New York





St. Margaret's Church 5789 NY State Route 86 Wilmington, New York



## Catholics Along the Au Sable River

consisting of the following parishes

Catholic Community of Holy Name & St. Matthew

Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville

St. Margaret's Parish

MAILING ADDRESSES: P.O. Box 719, Au Sable Forks, NY 12912 1804 Main Street, Keeseville, NY 12944



St. John the Baptist Church 1803 Main Street NY State Route #22 Keeseville, New York

## Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022

Immaculate Conception Church 1660 Front Street Route 9 Keeseville, New York

#### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

#### Saturday anticipated Mass

4:00pm @ St. John the Baptist Church, Keeseville

#### **Sundays Masses**

8:30am @ St. Margaret's Church, Wilmington 10:30am @ Holy Name Church, Au Sable Forks The Rosary is recited 30 minutes before Mass.

#### **CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 3:15—3:45pm, St. John the Baptist

Sunday: by request

prior to 8:30am, St. Margaret's after Mass at Holy Name Church

#### DAILY MASS AND PRAYER SERVICES

Mon. & Tues.: I.C., Keeseville

8:00am, Rosary 8:30am Mass

#### Thursday, Holy Name, Au Sable Forks

4:00pm, Eucharistic Holy Hour

5:00pm, Evening Prayer

5:15pm Mass

#### Friday, Holy Name, Au Sable Forks

8:15am, Morning Prayer

8:30am Mass

#### Sunday, I.C., Keeseville

1:00—4:00pm, Eucharistic Adoration

**Note:** See "This Week's Happenings" and "Mass Schedule" for any changes.

Parish Offices: Au Sable Forks, Pleasant Street, Mon. thru Thurs. 8:30am-1:30pm, phone: 518-647-8225

Keeseville, 1806 Main Street, Mon. 8am-2:30pm: phone: 518-834-7100

#### Parish e-mail addresses:

Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville office@rcckparish.org

Catholic Community of Holy Name and St. Matthew ccofhnandsm@gmail.com

#### **Sacramental Life**

Daily Mass, Holy Days: see weekly schedule

#### **Baptism**

Parents are to contact the pastor at the parish office to make arrangements for instruction before choosing godparents or seeking to set a date.

#### **Marriage**

Couples should contact the pastor to discuss preparation. Pre-Cana instruction is necessary. Contact should be made at least 6 months before a desired date. No date may be set until after meeting with the pastor.

#### **PARISH STAFF:**

PASTOR: Rev. Kris C. Lauzon (518) 647-8225 ccofhnandsm@gmail.com

#### OFFICE ASSISTANTS:

Theresa Guibord, RCCK Office Shelley Light, CC of HN & SM Office

#### **DEACONS:**

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#### TRUSTEES, RCCK:

Jeffrey Dengler & Gail Roushia

#### TRUSTEES, CC of HN & SM:

Michelle Goyette & Thomas McDonald

#### TRUSTEES, St. Margaret's Parish:

Susan Scavo & Sam Murphy

#### **CHRISTIAN FORMATION:**

Nicole Richards

#### MUSIC:

**RCCK:** Khristina Heffernan

CC of HN and SM: Khristina Heffernan

St. Margaret's: Sue Scavo

#### "BAPTISM"

This weekend's Feast celebrates the Baptism of the Lord Jesus by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. Through his preaching, John called the people to repent from their sins. His baptism was a sign of their conversion from sin but it did not have the power to forgive or wash away sins. In today's gospel reading we hear John tell the people, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Baptism can be a very confusing topic. John baptized people as a sign of their repentance from sin. In Matthew's gospel (4:13), Jesus who was without sin, approaches John to be baptized. John tries to prevent Jesus from receiving his baptism. Jesus responds saying, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Different religions have different understandings of Baptism. Some say it is a sacrament. Others say you can be baptized many times. Some even teach that you can receive baptism on behalf of someone who has already died.

An accurate understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism is critical for us as Roman Catholics. Many "popular" teachings on the Sacrament of Baptism have diminished the theological significance of Sacramental Baptism, placing many souls at risk.

First and foremost, in the Roman Catholic Church Baptism is a Sacrament. A visible sign of an invisible reality, instituted by Christ to confer grace. Baptism is not a social construct. It is not something we simply "do" to a child as a reason to have a party. Sacramental Baptism is not a free pass into heaven. In the Roman Catholic Church as in many other churches, Baptism is serious business. For the person receiving the sacrament and for those participating in this celebration of God's love.

You remember that Baptism washes away original sin. It is a new birth. Jesus speaks to Nicodemus of a birth from above. (John 3:3). We do not re-enter our mother's womb but we are reborn of water and Spirit. Our parents of this new birth are God the Father, who raises us to new life in the Spirit and Holy Mother Church who prepares us for this new life through her preaching of the gospel. Having received the Sacrament of Baptism we are no longer just God's creation. God makes us His sons and daughters through our new birth into the Body of Christ, the Church. Parents, godparents and the community of believers state that they are ready to accept the responsibility for raising their child in the practice of the faith. This is a solemn obligation with grave consequences for the child, their family and the community of believers. (More next week)

#### **MASS SCHEDULE:1/10— 1/16**

**Monday, 1/10:** 8:30am, I.C. Maurice Bezio (83rd B'day)

By wife and family

Tuesday, 1/11: 8:30am, I.C.

Maurice Brow

By Maxine and Gerald Brow

Wednesday, 1/12: No Mass

Thursday, 1/13: 5:15pm, Holy Name

Cynthia Smart

By Mike & Carolyn Fitzsimmons & family

Friday, 1/14: 8:30am, Holy Name

Will Ward

By Deb Biasini

Saturday, 1/15: 4:00pm, St. John's

People of the Parishes

By Fr. Kris Lauzon

Sunday, 1/16: 8:30am, St. Margaret's

Margaret Rock

By Holly & Henry Coolidge

**Sunday, 1/16:** 10:30am, Holy Name

Sarah Richards By Peg Bombard

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord will bring the Church's observance of the 2021 Christmas season to an end. On Monday, January 10th we will enter "Winter Ordinary Time". We will be using the familiar green vestments until Ash Wednesday which will usher in our Lenten observe on March 2, 2022.

The Church provides us with five different seasons in the year. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time.
These seasons help us to remember the cycle of the year and the rhythm of salvation history. Ordinary time is the longest season and divided into two parts "Winter Ordinary Time" between Christmas and Lent and "Ordinary Time" between Easter and Advent. It is called "Ordinary Time" because we focus on the fullness of our salvation history in Christ.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:

Margaret LaBombard, Luke Garcia, Joan Plumadore, Paul Savage, Sr., Isaiah Deslauriers, Tim Smith, Michaela Rose Bushey-Devins, Aaron LaMay, Mike Rafferty, Timothy Booth, Al Bombard, Sam Burchill, Dann Sally, Anne Rooney, Lisa Caito, John Pattno, Joshua Haywood, Chris Whisher, Deacon John Ryan, Tammy Kessler, Kathryn Kipp, Wilford Hesler, Brian Bezio, Jeff Stars, John Cummings, Sue Rosio, Dylan Sorrell, Steven Siskavich, Taylor Allen, Pat Latourelle, Sue Ashline Pauline Crahan, Morgan Gilbert, Evelyn Coolidge, C. Brooke Champine, Patricia Frank, Zoey Daniels, Amy Votraw, Tammy Bola, Nancy Bombard, Bonnie Rondeau, Mary Thwaits, Lynn LaDieu, Lorraine Donahue, Bryan Deyoe, Joseph Malskis, Jr., Danny Witherwax, John Champine, Polly Brelia, Lata Annayya, Sue Pulitzer, Joan F. Lukasiewicz, Matthew Inga, Chris Angevine, Cheryl Stone-O'bert, John Olsen, Aliana Randall, Margaret Bombard, Robert & Maureen Camp, Sandra Bezio, David Nadeau. Jim & Mary Ellen Cleveland, Norman Coolidge If you are aware of people who would like to be added to the prayer list ask them to please call the parish office in Au Sable Forks (518) 647-8225. Please, continue to

### "THE SYNODAL PROCESS"

Thank you to everyone who took part in the synodal process in our parishes. During the Advent season we opened the homily to share thoughts on a variety of questions which we had reflected on the previous week. We included a survey in the parishes' Christmas letter asking parishioners to either complete the survey on line or to complete the forms and return them to the parish.

We did get a number of surveys back and the committee will be meeting soon to discuss the ideas that have surfaced at Mass and in the surveys to prepare our report to the diocese. It is very interesting to receive grass root insights into the life of the Church. Sometimes people will ask, "What good will it do? Will they listen to us? I think that the better question is, Will we listen to one another? The Church does have a structure and a hierarchy, but the life of the Church is lived out in the family, the domestic church. For many Catholics their experience of the Church comes from the lived experience in their local church parish. Official documents can seem distant and difficult to understand. Solutions are found within not from an exterior bureaucratic office.

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