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BAPTISM - Please call the Parish Office for an appointment

MARRIAGE - Couples must contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the celebration.

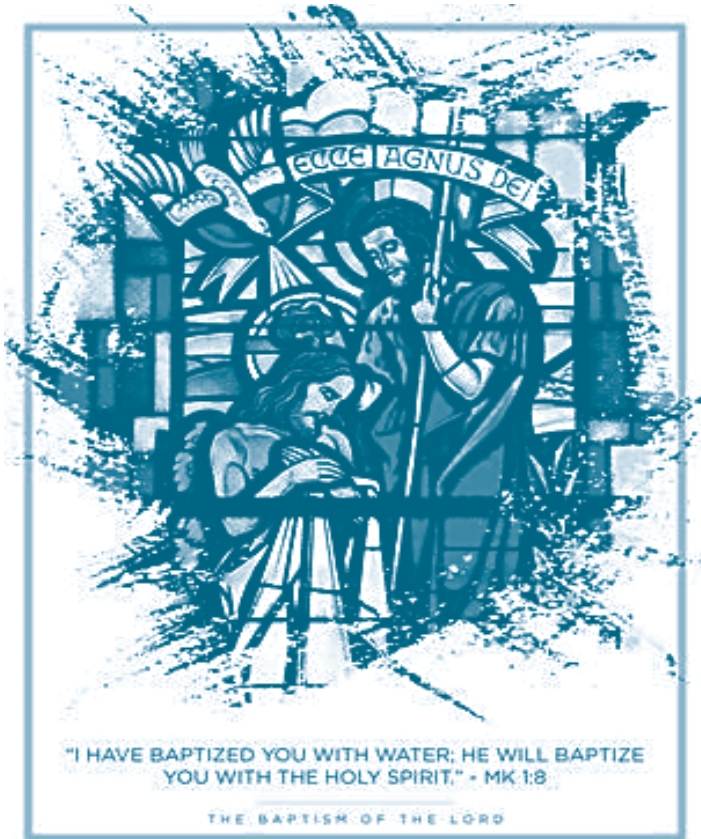
RECONCILIATION - Confessions will be held on First Fridays from 8:00am—8:45am at Our Lady of the Lake before First Friday Mass & Benediction; at St. Patrick Church, Aurora on the first Saturday of each month from 4:00pm —4:45pm and at: St. Patrick’s, Moravia, before the 8:30am Sunday Mass beginning at 8:00am.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND/ SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - If a loved one is seriously ill or would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the Parish Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - Non-Catholics interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith are invited to speak to any staff member or call the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS - Welcome! Please introduce yourselves to the Parish Staff. We want to get to know you.

REGISTRATION - Every family within the Parish should be registered. Please contact the office for a registration form. If you move to another parish, change your address or have additions or deletions to your family household, please notify the Parish Office. Forms are available at each worship site.



? How can I bear witness to others of the new life I have in Christ and the Holy Spirit?



- Please support your parish in the CMA
- ..Go to www.dor.org
- ..View the video
- ..See how the funds are distributed
- ..Make your gift

Catholic Ministry Appeal Update
As of January 4, 2021

GSCC # of Donors	\$ Pledged	% of goal	Parish Goal
90	\$29,480	78.23%	\$37,686

If you have not yet given this year to the CMA, please consider doing so today in support of our Diocesan Ministries.

GSCC VISION STATEMENT - TO LIVE BY FAITH, TO BE KNOWN BY LOVE, TO BE A VOICE OF HOPE

ST. PATRICK'S
Aurora

ST. MICHAEL'S
Union Springs

ST. PATRICK'S
Moravia



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
King Ferry



Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-1

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 & 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39 **Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45 **Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12 **Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/ Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

Mass Schedule for Jan. 9— Jan. 17, 2021

Saturday 1/9 Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass: 5:00 pm at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For Living & Deceased Members of GSCC

Sunday 1/10 The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass: 8:30 am at St. Patrick Moravia

+ For Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick, Moravia

Altar & Rosary Society by Moravia A. & R. Society

Mass: 10:30 am at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry

+ For Edwin Fessenden by John & Mariann Fessenden

Monday 1/11 Mass 9:00 AM at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For Virginia Meehan

Tuesday 1/12 Mass 9:00 am at St. Patrick, Moravia

+ For Suzanne King by Anderson, Horner, Mack & Tibbits families

Wednesday 1/13 Mass + For Helen Kerr

Thurs. 1/14 Mass 4:00 pm at St. Michael Church, Union Springs

+ For Josephine Kerr

Friday 1/15 Mass 9:00 am at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For George Price

Saturday 1/16 Vigil of the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:00 pm at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ Ausborn & McNamara Families by Ed & Maureen Ausborn

Sunday 1/17 The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 8:30 am at St. Patrick Moravia

+ For Francis Hertel by Janet Anderson & family

Mass: 10:30 am at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry

+ For the Living & Deceased Members of GSCC

VITAL STATISTICS

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021
Dec. 24/25 & 26/27, Jan. 2/3 (Weeks 26 & 27))**

Thank you for your generosity each week !

	Dec 24/25	Dec. 26/27	Jan. 2/3
Attendance	209	115	128
Weekly Budgeted Offering . .	\$ 4,966.13	\$ 4,966.13	
Weekly Envelope Offering. . .	\$ 1,893.00	\$ 4,071.00	
Loose offering		\$ 117.00	\$ 277 .00
Electronic giving		\$ 5,705.00	\$ 3,022.00
Christmas.....	\$4,287.00		\$ 85.00
Holy Day.....		\$ 6.00	\$ 466.00
Fuel.....		\$ 30.00	\$ 305.00
Initial Envelope.....		\$ 3.00	\$ 85.00
Total weekly offering.....		\$ 7,754.00	\$ 8,311.00
YTD Actual Offering . .	\$ 135,131.00	\$ 143,442.00	
YTD Budgeted Offering.	\$ 129,120.00	\$ 134,086.00	

I thank you for your generous support of you parish. You can give your financial support either by mailing your contribution envelope to the parish office or by giving electronically through **WeShare**, that can be accessed on our parish website. www.thegoodshepherd.cc

In service to others, a faithful steward gratefully accepts God's gifts, and willingly shares them in love and justice with those in need.

Growing In Faith Together Although we might not be able to meet in person for faith formation right now, all of us are still able to grow in our faith. If the children in your house haven't had a chance to work on their December lesson about Incarnation, now would be a great time to pull it out. And kids in grades pre-k through 5 can now start working on their lesson about Revelation. Videos to accompany the lessons can be found on our website: www.GrowingInFaithTogether.org. Faith formation resources for adults can be found there also.

In addition, it is time to start working on the third part of our at-home ritual which will help us focus on how God reveals God's-self in nature, in others, in us, and in Scripture. This time of year it's hard to find much of interest in nature, so we will bring some of nature into our home and allow ourselves to marvel in the miracle of life contained in a small seed by planting and caring for some beans. As we care for our plants we will also be invited to be attentive to the ongoing work of creation of God in us and others. Just like the beans, growth in us happens slowly and almost imperceptibly, yet God is always at work transforming us into God's likeness. So pull out the soil and beans we provided and plant them in the glass containers that were formerly used for the Advent Wreath. If you haven't had a chance to pick up the at home ritual at church, contact Dawn and we'll get one to you (dawn.burdick@dor.org or 607-288-2476)

This week remember the following in your Masses and prayers on the Anniversary of their Deaths of those who died on the dates January 10—January 16: William Purcell 1971, Irene Ryan 1992, Mary Ann Fitzgerald 2001, Eleanor Colgan 1992, Bernard O'Connell 1978, Mary Ward 21996, Matthew P. Bratek 2007, Fred Tuttle, Jr. 1983, Florence Farley 1987, Paul Bresnan 1980, Maureen Monyihan 2007, James Riley 1978, T. Leo McKellop 1978, Albert Beaudin 1978, Doris E. Rejman 1994, Emma Marcotte 1999, Joseph Floyd Steger 2000, Margaret J. Fuller 2000, Joseph Staehr, Sr. 2005, Lynn O'Connell 2010, Frederick Barnes 1990, Lorraine Ann Shambo 1991, Harold Rafferty 1977, David Dugan 1978, Dr. Edwin Mackey 2008, Joseph O'Hearn 2003, James Schooley 2008

The Baptism of the Lord

When does Christmas come to an end?

When does Christmas come to an end? The answer is different depending on the mindset, customs and traditions of Christians. I always spent Christmas at my sister Sharon's house. This year with her death and the family dealing with the coronavirus we did gather for Christmas as we have for years. But I always get a chuckle when I think of my brother-in-law, Gus, and my mother having the annual argument regarding the question as to when Christmas comes to an end! My brother-in-law each year, after the Christmas presents are opened and after the Christmas dinner has been served makes the pronouncement that, "Christmas is over for another year." My mother would then always pipe up, "no it's only beginning, we continue to celebrate Christmas until the Baptism of the Lord." This became an annual dialogue between them. I think after a while my brother-in-law only pronounced that Christmas was over to get my mother's goat!

One way of telling when people think that Christmas is over is to look at the curbside in front of houses. When is the Christmas Tree discarded? I have noticed that some people must follow my brother-in-law's reasoning because they discard their Christmas Tree the day after Christmas! Others seem to tie it into the New Year celebration as more trees are seen at the curbside on January 2. Still others seem to look at Epiphany, or "Little Christmas" as the end of the season. When I was a boy after the Feast of Epiphany, which fell on January 6th, we would take our tree and stick it in a snow bank in the backyard and throw any stale bread we had on it for the birds to eat in the cold winter days. When Pope Paul the VI revised the Liturgical Calendar he set the date for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord as the first Sunday after January 6th. Some countries though, like the United States moved the celebration of Epiphany from January 6th to a Sunday. The Sunday celebrations of Epiphany can vary between January 2 and January 8th. When Epiphany is celebrated on Sunday, January 7th or 8th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated the next day, a Monday. The date of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord also varies each year depending on when we celebrate Epiphany, but it is never celebrated after January 13th. Whether it is celebrated on a Sunday or a Monday it marks the end of the liturgical season of Christmastide. On the following day the season of ordinary time begins and we are back into the green vestments. I usually begin to take down my Christmas trees and decorations then but this year I am planning on leaving them up longer, probably through January! It has been a dreary year in many ways I figure I might as well enjoy them a little longer.

As we celebrate this weekend the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** we are reminded of how the Holy Spirit came down upon Jesus as he was baptized in the Jordan. Following the lead of the Holy Spirit Jesus began His ministry on earth, a ministry that would lead to the ultimate giving of His life on the cross for us. The mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection opened for us the greatest gift of God's love, the gift of the Holy Spirit. We have received this gift of God's love through the waters of our own baptism, a baptism that calls us to be priests, prophets and kings for the Lord.

Like Jesus who responded to the call of the Holy Spirit to begin His life of service, we too are called to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in giving of the gift of ourselves in loving service. We are called by the Holy Spirit to look at the blessings and talents that we have received from God and to follow the Spirit's lead in offering them back to the Lord. As we enter Ordinary Time on Monday may we remember that the ordinary way that we are called to follow Jesus is to offer ourselves in service to one another and to our brothers and sisters throughout the world. And remember the season of Christmas might come to an end but the Spirit of Christmas will continue when we remember that Jesus is with us always! He is Emmanuel!

God's blessings and peace, *Father Bill*

CMA Update: We are in the midst of the annual appeal to support the diocesan ministries. Each parishioner has been asked to support the diocesan ministries through the **Catholic Ministry Appeal**. As of 1/4/21, 90 of our parishioner families have given or pledged \$29,480, or 78.23% of our parish goal. On the last weekend of this month, January 30/31 we will have an in-pew solicitation for the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** in hopes of reaching our goal. Pledge cards will be available in the pews to allow you to make a pledge to the **CMA**. I extend a special thanks to all those who have given or made pledges to our annual appeal. Your gift helps make possible the many ministries of outreach and parish support that are funded by the **CMA**. If you have not made a pledge or gift yet to this year's appeal I ask you to do so. You can also give on-line, at www.dor.org. To make it easier to give your support to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** you can make your pledge today and give your gift in installment payments through May 31, 2021.

For those who are unable to attend Public Masses we continue to post the Sunday Mass on-line at our parish website, www.thegoodshepherd.cc and on the parish Facebook page. The prayer to the right can be said at Communion time as you watch Mass. The **weekly bulletin** can also be found on our website.

Spiritual Communion Prayer for those watching Mass online or on TV. My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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