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**Monday – Thursday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm**

**1 pm to 4:30 pm      CLOSED FRIDAY**

### **CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST**

#### **DAILY MASS (chapel)**

**Monday 10:00 am at The Newark Terrace**

*Third Monday of the month*

**Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am,**

**Wednesday 6 pm Mass**

**Friday, Liturgy of the Word, with Communion**

*Suspended until further notice*

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

**Sunday: 8:15 & 10:30 am**

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Sunday 9:45 -10:15 am**

**Wednesday 6:45-7:15 pm**

or by appointment

#### **HOLY HOUR**

**Wednesday 6:30– 7:30 pm**

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Please check the bulletin for updates.**



### **Fr. Mike's Message...**

#### **The Baptism of Jesus**

Even though the secular world has already moved on, over the last couple of weeks, we as a Church have continued to celebrate Christmas. Today marks the end of the Christmas season, and it ends with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we heard the story of how Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. After he was baptized, the Gospel says that the heavens opened up and a voice spoke in the clouds saying “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Now, you might be asking, and with good reason, why the Baptism of the Lord is the feast day that ends the Christmas season? After all, the Christmas season deals with the story of Jesus’ birth. Over the last couple of Sundays, we have been hearing stories of the beginning of Jesus’ life, the events that occurred right before and right after he was born. But we know, of course, that Jesus was not baptized by John when he was a child. As we heard today, both John and Jesus, who were born within the same year of each other, are both adults when this scene takes place, which means that many years have passed from the time that Jesus was born.

The reason why the Church chose this event as the end of the Christmas season is actually a very simple one. It is because all of the Gospels agree that Jesus’ baptism is the event that began his public ministry. Up until this time, he had been a man living in relative obscurity: no miracles, no sermons, no healings, etc. In many ways, it is this event that separates the private Jesus from the public Jesus. Remember, with the exception of a brief story in Luke about the 12-year-old Jesus in Jerusalem, there is nothing in the Gospels about Jesus’ life from the time he is an infant until he is baptized and begins his public ministry as an adult. Thus, the Church uses this event as way to close the book on the Christmas season (“private” Jesus) and begin Ordinary Time (public ministry). From here on, the Gospel passages in Mass focus back on the ministry period of Jesus’ life.

The Baptism of Jesus is important for more reasons than just ending the Christmas season. We know that the Baptism Jesus received is not the Baptism that Jesus handed down to his Apostles. Remember, John himself said that his baptism was only of water, while Jesus’ baptism would be with the Holy Spirit. Not only that, but Jesus doesn’t even need to be baptized. He is the author of Baptism, not a receiver of baptism. Yet, he still received this baptism by John. This action does two things: it shows how, even though he isn’t a sinner, he still identifies with sinners (something he would do throughout his ministry); and his reception of Baptism would be the example that all of his disciples would follow until the end of time.

Baptism is the very first sacrament we receive as a member of the Church. It marks the beginning of our relationship with God, wipes away any sin that came before it, and is the only way for us to enter into heaven that we know of. In allowing himself to be Baptized by John, Jesus showed us the way toward salvation.

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE AND EVENTS



THE ASSUMPTION DAY	MASS INTENTION	EVENTS
<b>Sunday, January 9</b> Baptism of the Lord	8:15 am ~ Brian Bouwens—family 10:30 am ~ John McCullen—St. Michael Staff	5 pm ~ Faith Formation family gathering
<b>Monday, January 10</b> Weekday	<i>No Mass</i>	
<b>Tuesday, January 11</b> Weekday	8:00 am ~ Terry Dage Edmonds—Joanne Palmer	
<b>Wednesday, January 12</b> Weekday	6:00 pm ~ Bill Horch—Ruth Brown & family	6:30 pm ~ Holy Hour
<b>Thursday, January 13</b> Weekday	8:00 am ~ Rosemary Torre—Gayle & Steve Murphy	
<b>Friday, January 14</b> Weekday	<i>No Communion Service</i>	
<b>Saturday, January 15</b> Weekday	<i>No Mass</i>	
<b>Sunday, January 16</b> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:15 am ~ Monsignor George Gallo—The Poieszses, Dan, Lynne & Sarah 10:30 am ~ Frank Zappia—Midge & Stephanie DeMarco	



## for JANUARY 16

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SUNDAY JAN. 16, 8:15 AM	B. Sherman P. Petrus	D. Switzer	R. Dewa	G. Donnelly	B. Hegeman, G. Porter
SUNDAY JAN. 16, 10:30 AM	C. Acquista I. Andrade	S. Hartman	C. Hasseler	K. Joslyn	S. Eagley, I. Humphrey

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**Christmas \$6179.00 December 26 \$8890.00**

**FINANCIAL REPORT WILL BE POSTED QUARTERLY**

Many thanks for your support of St. Michael's	Budget YTD As of 9/30/21	Actual YTD	Variance
Total Collections	<b>\$75,434.00</b>	\$78,706.00	\$3,272.00
Total Revenue (less)	<b>\$91,314.00</b>	\$95,786.00	\$4,472.00)
Total Expenses	<b>\$88,987.00</b>	\$87,691.00	(\$1,296.00)
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~ Proverbs 22:9

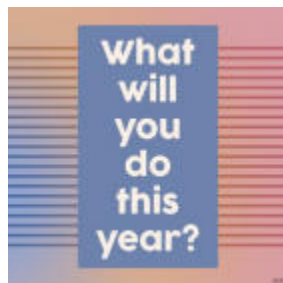
**2021/2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

As of	Donors	Pledged 65.16%	Paid	Goal
1/3/22	148	\$26,595.00	\$23,195.00	\$40,815.00



### 2022 New Year's Resolutions for you...

- 1) Trust God more.
- 2) Pray every day in some way.
- 3) Pray to Our Lady often.
- 4) Never miss Sunday Mass or a Holy Day of Obligation unless legitimately prevented from attending.
- 5) Go to Confession more often or come back to the Sacrament if it's been a long time.
- 6) Identify your biggest obstacle which keeps you from a deeper relationship with Jesus.
- 7) Spend less time cutting people down with words, and more time building them up, encouraging them.
- 8) Recognize the power of each Holy Communion you receive, it is Jesus Himself.
- 9) Actively do something to learn more about your Catholic Faith.
- 10) Be generous in a realistic way with helping the poor, the suffering, and the lonely.
- 11) Be grateful for what God is constantly giving you.
- 12) Desire heaven.



## BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**“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.” — Lk 3:16bc**

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 03201, 1990, 1970 CDC

### Muy Importante Es Nuestro Bautismo

Hoy celebramos el Bautismo de Jesús cuando Juan Bautista lo bautizó en el río Jordán. Ya recordamos que Jesús, por su bautismo, terminó la primera parte de su vida, y es bautizado antes de empezar la segunda parte de su vida. Después de ser bautizado él va al desierto donde oró y ayunó en preparación para su vida pública de misión. Iba a predicar, servir a otros que tenían necesidades, y vivir una vida con cualidades que hoy en día queremos tener y usar en nuestras propias vidas en amor de Dios y nuestros prójimos y el servicio a los demás—en seguimiento de Jesucristo.

¿Sabe la fecha de su nacimiento? ¿Sabe la fecha de su Bautismo? ¿Cuál de esos dos eventos celebra cada año? Aunque los dos eventos le han dado una bienvenida a una familia, muy pocas personas saben la fecha de su bautismo. Sí, la mayoría de las personas saben la fecha de su nacimiento y celebran cada año ese gran evento. Pero el bautismo ellos no recuerdan ni lo celebran. Ese día de nuestro bautismo es muy importante. Ese día empezamos a conocer a Dios y su familia.

Nacimos a una familia de padres y posiblemente otros hermanos, que está para nutrirnos, darnos amor, sostenernos físicamente y espiritualmente, educarnos y protegernos. Somos parte de una familia y mientras crecimos nosotros vamos sabiendo como la familia funciona. Por el bautismo recibimos una bienvenida a la familia de Dios.

Nuestros padres y padrinos tienen el deber de educarnos en la fe, de escucharnos y protegernos, pero un problema es que muchos padres y padrinos no cumplen con esas responsabilidades que aceptaron el día del bautismo. Padres y padrinos, despiértense. No solamente por palabras aceptan la responsabilidad, pero tienen que vivirla con acciones y oración durante toda la vida de la persona bautizada. El bautizado empieza su seguimiento de Cristo y necesita saber quién está siguiendo.

En este seguimiento de Jesucristo también la comunidad de fe es esencial. Por el Bautismo entramos la familia de Dios, la Iglesia o la comunidad enfocada en Cristo y empezamos a compartir los privilegios y la vida de esa comunidad. Durante los años de participación, llegamos a conocer a muchos miembros de los creyentes de la comunidad y espero que ellos también por su ejemplo nos ayudan. Cuando el ejemplo es negativo, obviamente el ejemplo no es una ayuda, y puede ser la causa de separación entre ciertos miembros y el mal ejemplo puede desanimar el bautizado hasta alejarlo de la iglesia.

Es cierto que bautizamos niños que no tienen preparación, pero los padres y padrinos aceptan la responsabilidad de educarlos en la fe. De a poco van preparándose según su edad, y son los padres que tienen la responsabilidad primaria de hacerlo con la ayuda de los padrinos y también catequistas en la parroquia. Pero los padrinos y catequistas no deben quitar de los padres su responsabilidad.

Demos gracias a Jesucristo por su ejemplo y enseñanza en

cuanto el Bautismo y la necesidad de enseñarlo después de Bautismo. Jesús instruyó a sus discípulos: “... hagan que todos los pueblos sean mis discípulos.

Bautícenlos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enseñenles a cumplir todo lo que yo les he encomendado a ustedes.” (Mt. 28, 19-20)

*Hermana Kay*





Our next family gathering will be TODAY, January 9, 2022 at 5 pm at St. Joseph the Worker's office in Clyde. We will share a meal and have a learning session. Any questions please call Jo Gromoske 315-902-4130 at SJTW parish office.



Preparation classes for Confirmation will be on the first Saturday of every month. All candidates will meet in Clyde at St. Joseph the Worker offices, 43 W. DeZeng St. from 9 to 11 am. Any questions please contact Corey by text at 585-451-3902.

### Family Connection

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 3:15-16,21-22  
Jesus is baptized by John.

Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviors, attitudes, and expectations that govern a family's daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behavior, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life.

As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviors that govern your family life by answering the question, "What are some of the things that make our family life unique?" Celebrate these things about your family life. Read today's Gospel, Luke 3:15-16,21-22. Observe that Jesus' identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed his behaviors, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life? Conclude in prayer together that we will remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.



### Cluster Mass Schedule

**St. Joseph the Worker** (St. Michael Lyons, St. Patrick Savannah & St. John the Evangelist, Clyde) & **Blessed Trinity** (St. Thomas Red Creek, Winter, St. Jude Fair Haven, Summer & St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott)

### Weekend Schedule

4:00 pm ~ Saturday St. Michael Lyons  
4:30 pm ~ Saturday St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott  
8:30 am ~ Sunday St. Thomas Red Creek (winter)  
8:30 am ~ Sunday St. Jude Fair Haven (summer)  
10:30 am ~ Sunday St. John the Evangelist Clyde  
12:30 pm ~ Sunday St. Patrick's, Savannah

### Daily Mass Schedule

8:30 am ~ Monday St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott  
8:30 am ~ Tuesday St. John the Evangelist Clyde  
6:00 pm ~ Wednesday St. John the Evangelist, Clyde  
8:30 am ~ Thursday St. John the Evangelist Clyde  
8:30 am ~ Friday St. Michael Lyons  
8:30 am ~ Friday St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott

### Confessions

3:30-4:15 pm ~ Saturday St. Mary Magdalene, Wolcott  
3:15-3:45 pm ~ Saturday St. Michael, Lyons  
7:00-7:50 am ~ Sunday St. Jude, Fair Haven  
5:20-5:50 pm ~ Wednesday, St. John the Evangelist, Clyde

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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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**To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven**

**"... a time to be born..."**

**"...a time to love..."**

**"... a time to be healed..."**

Please pray for the sick of our Parish.

*Steven Sapp, Leigh Ann Henry, Nate Barnes, Claire Childs, Kim Zielinski, Michael Kowaleski, Gretchen Switzer Bouwens, Mary Santoro, Cathy Wilhelm, David Murphy, Darlene Fletcher, ET Trunick, Donald Pieters, Marcia Palermo, Jerry Sielawa, Georgette Eagley, Fran DeVelder, Mary Talbo, Ann Straight, Ivana Ernst, Michael George, Phillip Juliano, Sr., Pat Havrilla & Rosemary Barker*

And please pray for our Parish friends. *Scott Weber, Richard Schweitz, Jr., Bonnie Crane, Tracy Diaz-Cruz, Barb Gallant, Ann Maliborski, Sherry Caughell, Tom DeYoung & Michael Bauer, Jr*

**"... a time to die..."**

*Sylvia Kelley, Gloria Viola and Gene Mason*

**"... and a time for peace."**

In our world and for all people, military and civilian, who are in the midst of war. **Ecclesiastes 3:11**



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