

ST. ADALBERT

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

BEREA, OHIO • ESTABLISHED 1873

CONTACT US

St. Adalbert Church 66 Adalbert St. | Berea, OH 44017 (440) 234-6830 | www.saintadalbertparish.org wwww.facebook.com/StAdalbertBerea

MASS TIMES

Mon, Wed, Fri | 8:30am Tues, Thurs | 6:30pm Saturday Vigil | 4:30pm Sunday | 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am & 7:00pm Newman Mass– all are welcome

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday & Thursday| 5:30 - 6:15pm Saturday | 3:00 - 4:00pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays | 9:00am - 6:30pm Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are currently celebrated individually to allow social distancing. Parents need to attend a baptism preparation class (or have attended within the last five years.) To schedule a class, please contact Deacon Ed.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

We ask that you allow at least six months for preparation to the desired date. Please contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Chuck prior to setting a date.

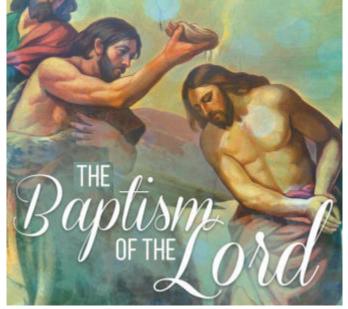
ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the office to schedule.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please contact the office or find registration form on our website.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021



PARISH STAFF

Rev. Charles Butkowski, Pastor, ext 224

Rev. Michael Brunovsky, OSB, *Weekend Associate* michael@cbhs.edu

Rev. Gerald Keller, Pastor Emeritus

Deacon Edmund Gardias, *Permanent Deacon, ext 227* deacongardias@saintadalbertparish.org

Megan Lowes-Bolin, *Director of Faith Formation, ext* 247 mlowes-bolin@saintadalbertparish.org

Jennifer Broeren, *Director of Music* jbroeren@saintadalbertparish.org

Rick Breudigam, *Business Manager, ext 222* rbreudigam@saintadalbertparish.org

Darlene Heigl, *Office Manager, ext 223* dheigl@saintadalbertparish.org

Jeff Heigl, Facilities Manager

Chasitie Nocifera, Facilities Assistant

Regina Cepelnik, *Secretary ext 221* office@saintadalbertparish.org

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near.

Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts;

- Let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
 - to our God, who is generous in forgiving (Is 55:6-7)

PSALM:

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation. (Is 12:3)

SECOND READING:

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ,

not by water alone, but by water and blood. (1 Jn 5:6) GOSPEL:

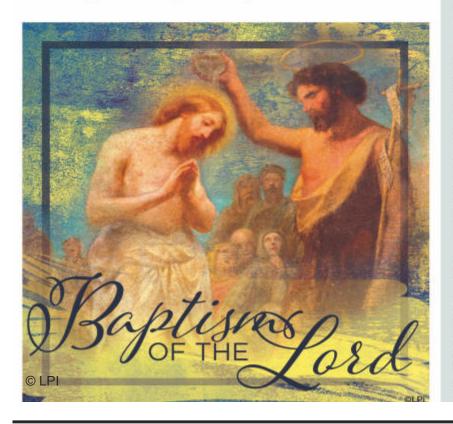
And a voice came from the heavens,

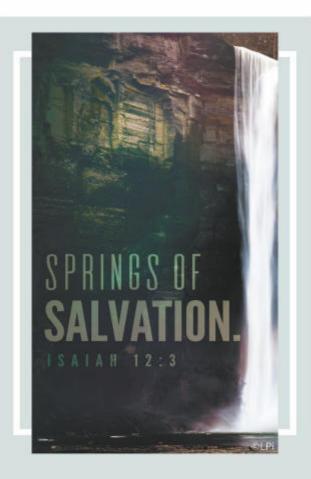
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mk 1:11)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1961, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord
Wednesday:	St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time





REFLECT

FIRST READING

Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a "light for the nations." How do see yourself serving others in need in your life?

SECOND READING

John teaches his community that God Himself has "testified on behalf of His Son." In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

GOSPEL READING

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus' baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence?

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds



and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they

are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." - Mk 1:9-11

© LPI

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Local businesses and sponsors that advertise on bulletins need you now more than ever before. Please encourage and remind others to show their support during this time.



Why Do Catholics Baptize Babies?

Answer: For adults who want to be baptized, the celebration only takes place after a long, guided, and thoughtful process through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is also true for many Protestant Christians, who are baptized later in life, often after a personal, transforming religious experience. So, it seems fair to ask why our Catholic tradition includes infant baptism. After all, if we make adults who want to become Catholic wait months and even years as they grow in their understanding of Christ and his teachings, why should babies — who "do nothing" — be baptized?

Our custom of infant baptism dates back to the earliest days of the Church, when St. Paul baptized entire households, including, we presume, children (see Acts 16:15, 33; 18:8). That had become common practice by the second century. When Christianity was legalized 200 years later, infant baptism became the normal practice throughout the Church.

We recognize that in Baptism, we are given the grace to overcome original sin — the human tendency to choose ourselves and our own wills over God — and to become members of the Church. This is the gift we give to infants in Baptism.

In its essence, the baptism of infants also reminds us adult Christians that the gift of salvation and membership in the Church (i.e., the Body of Christ) is God's initiative. It is freely offered to us, regardless of where we might be in life's journey. Salvation isn't something we earn. Instead, we see that Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong process of growing into the kind of disciples that Jesus wants us to be.

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1250-1252 and 1262-1270). $\hfill OLPi$



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY,	JANUARY 10, 2021 THE BAPTISM OF JESUS
8:30 AM	Dorothy Menge (Deacon Ed)
10:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Adalbert Church
11:30 AM	Chester Nowak (Friends)
7:00 PM	Newman Mass
<i>Monday</i>	<i>January 11, 2021</i>
8:30 AM	Rudy Spanulo (Family)
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>JANUARY 12, 2021</i>
6:30 PM	Karen Prestien (Foley Family)
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>January 13, 2021</i>
8:30 AM	Michael Kerrigan (Pat Mitchell)
<i>Thursday</i>	JANUARY 14, 2021
6:30 PM	Pauline Borowski (Martie Borowski)
<i>Friday,</i>	JANUARY 15, 2021
8:30 AM	David Myers (The DeCapite's)
Saturday,	<i>January 16, 2021</i>
4:30 PM	Jean Muza (Kathy Michel)
SUNDAY,	JANUARY 17, 2021
8:30 AM	Dave Amrozowicz (Diana Mayer)
10:00 AM	Derek Labeaud (Deacon Ed)
11:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Adalbert Church
7:00 PM	Newman Mass

FAITH IN FIVE – ANSWERING YOUR CATHOLIC QUESTIONS!

We are pleased to share with you that our parish recently started a new video series to answer your Catholic questions! Our "Faith in Five" series answers common questions about the Catholic faith. Each week Deacon Ed and Megan Lowes-Bolin share answers to common questions about the Catholic faith in five minutes or less. A new video is realized each week and is available for viewing on the homepage of the parish website or on the St. Adalbert Parish Facebook page. We want to hear from YOU and answer your questions about the Catholic faith! Send your questions to <u>office@saintadalbertparish.org</u>



OUR PARISH

St. Adalbert Columbarium

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS CONTINUED

Phyllis Arrigo

Gary Carpenter

The Hannan Family

Ken & Mary Kolo

Louella Martin

Max Martin

Gay Moldovan Oscar Moldovan Our Parents Gary Pedersen

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Reale

Mr. & Mrs. Elias Sokol

The Wardega Family

John J. Zajaczkowski Iggy & Donna Zupancic Tom Zupancic



FREE T-SHIRTS

If anyone is interested, some St. Adalbert Church and School 2016 5K red long-sleeve t-shirts are available. Sizes are small, medium or large, while supplies last. Please contact Darlene dheigl@saintadalbertparish.org or call 440-234-6830 ext 223.

FROM 1260 AM THE ROCK

JANUARY 22, 2021 "MASS FOR LIFE" WILL BE LIVE STREAMED FROM THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND AIRED ON AM 1260 THE ROCK

Happy New Year from the Rock! Please join AM 1260 The Rock as we

broadcast the live-streamed annual "Mass for Life" from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Friday, January 22nd at 10:00 AM. Please join us via the radio, our website (am1260therock.com) or our mobile app as we celebrate and respect



life from the moment of conception until natural death. Please pray for The Culture of Life to permeate our country and world as we begin this new year! God Bless You!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR TAXES

We are only sending out statements to those who request them. You can request a statement by either emailing Darlene at

<u>dheigl@saintadalbertparish.org</u>, by completing the form below and mailing it back to the office with a self-addressed stamped envelope, or by completing the form below and dropping it in the collection basket. Please be sure to include your name, envelope number, phone number, email address, and preference of either mailing the statement or emailing the statement. All requests will be completed by 1/31/21. Thank you

Name:			
Envelope Number:			
Phone Number:			
Email Ad- dress:			
Email Statement:	Mail Statement:		

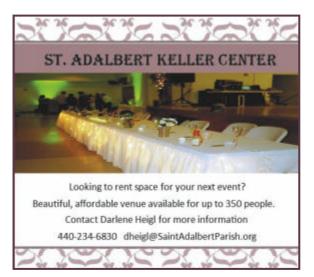


Niches available for those who prefer

an above ground burial

Contact Darlene Heigl for information

440-234-6830 dheigl@SaintAdalbertParish.org



FAITH FORMATION

DEACON ED GARDIAS RCIA Coordinator, Adult Education Leader, Sacramental Preparation 440-234-6830 ext. 227 deacongardias@saintadalbertparish.org MEGAN LOWES-BOLIN Director of Faith Formation 440-234-6830 ext. 247 mlowes-bolin@ saintadalbertparish.org

RCIA

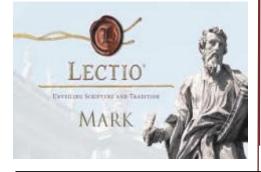
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults provides a process through which adults can learn about the Catholic faith before entering into full communion with the church. This year, St. Adalbert Parish has three adults



attending the weekly gatherings; please keep **Amanda Varn**, **Brad Pollard** and **Loren Reash-Henz** in your prayers, as they continue their spiritual journey.

BIBLE STUDY

Continuing on Wednesdays until February, a new Bible Study series will be offered on the **GOSPEL OF MARK**. Each Wednesday, a morning session will be presented at 9:00AM and repeated at 6:30PM in the John Paul II Room with Deacon Ed. We are limiting occupancy to 10 people per session, so please contact Deacon Ed to reserve your spot. <u>deacongardias</u> @saintadalbertparish.org



Confirmation Session – Monday, January 11th

Our next Confirmation session will be tomorrow, Monday, January 11th from 6:30-8:00pm in the Keller Center. All teens in our Confirmation program should be in attendance. Parents and sponsors are not required to attend but are welcomed to join us. Parents – please check your email for additional details about the session

JUNIOR HIGH DAY OF SERVICE (GRADES 6TH, 7TH & 8TH) Sunday, January 24th | 12:30-2:00pm in the Keller Center.

We are very excited to have our first Junior High Day of Service later this month! All 6th, 7th & 8th graders are invited to join us as we do some socially distant service activities to help those in our surrounding community. Lunch will be provided!

To help us plan our gathering, please RSVP to Megan at <u>mlowes-</u> <u>bolin@saintadalbertparish.org</u>

Adults – we are looking for assistance to help the day run smoothly. If you are interested and able to help, please contact Megan!

Family Faith Formation Zoom Gathering – Tuesday, January 19th

AT 6:30PM Many of our families have expressed interest in having remote prayer services and faith lessons, in addition to our in-person faith formation gatherings for the remainder of the school year. All families are invited to join us on Tuesday, January 19th at 6:30pm for a prayer service and lesson on the faith. If you are interested in joining us and are not receiving our Family Faith Formation emails, please contact Megan at <u>mlowes-</u> <u>bolin@saintadalbertparish.org</u>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: JANUARY GATHERINGS!

All high school students are invited to join us for one of our upcoming gatherings:

Today, Sunday, January 10th 12:30-2:00pm (Keller Center) – "What Does God Want for us in the New Year?"

Join us for our winter kickoff as we gather in community to reflect on God's plans for us in 2021. Lunch will be served!

Thursday, January 21st 6:30-8:00pm (Keller Center) – Movie Night

Join us as we gather together for movie night! Snacks will be provided!

To help us plan, please be sure to RSVP to Megan at <u>mlowes-</u> <u>bolin@saintadalbertparish.org</u>

Help us select the 2021 Vacation Bible School theme!

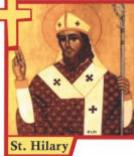
As we are working on plans for the 2021 Vacation Bible School theme, we want to hear from YOU! To help us select a theme, we ask that you take a survey which is available on the parish Facebook page or website.

Vacation Bible School will take place Monday, June 21st through Friday, June 25th. There will be TWO sessions to select from this year: One session will take place from 9:30am-12:00pm and the second will take place 6:00-8:30pm. Additional details and registration will be available at a later date.

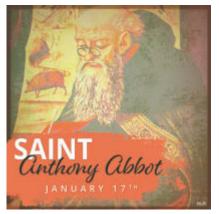
Looking forward to a great week of growing in our faith!

"Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit." – John 3:5





JANUARY 13, ST. HILARY, PATRON SAINT OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, MOTHERS & SICK PEOPLE



JANUARY 17, ST. ANTHONY ABBOTT, PATRON SAINT OF PETS, LIVESTOCK & FARMERS

JANUARY 17 / 22

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN



FROM THE DESK OF REGINA CEPELNIK, PARISH SECRETARY

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 36:26).

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. While we may not remember our own Baptism, it is important for us to remember that on our Baptism Day we were welcomed into the Catholic Church as sons and daughters of God through a most joyful celebration! As a member of God's family, God is constantly watching over us and guiding us as we navigate both the joys and challenges through our journey of life.

Members of any family are there to support each other during good times and bad. We go to them during times when we need help. We turn to them when we are looking for advice and guidance. When we are experiencing challenges in our lives, it is important for us to turn toward God for guidance.

There has been a lot that has happened in each of our lives during the last year. No matter what we may have experienced especially during the last few months, each of us has been impacted in some way by the events of the world. Through this, we have most likely experienced a wide range of emotions. While it can sometimes be easy to give into negative emotions we may experience, it is important for us to remember to trust in God.

Watching the events occurring throughout the world and reading articles on social media can easily stir our emotions. It can be easy to lose sight of how God is working. However, it is important for us to remember this passage:

"Trust in the Lord and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways." (Proverbs 3:5)

We are a member of God's family and God will NEVER abandon us. We do not know God's ways for His ways are not always our own ways. Yet, God is indeed working during challenging moments of our lives.

In spite of the sufferings, there are many blessings. God watches over all of us and continues to remain constant. While our world may change and surprise us, God does not change. He is still the same God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Mary and Joseph, of yesterday, today and tomorrow. When we face challenges, it is important to stop and remind ourselves that our Father in heaven is always guiding us and we should not be afraid. **"If God is for me, who can be against me? What do I have to fear?"** (Romans 8:31). We are a part of God's family and need to remember that God will never leave us!

As I close, I would like to leave with you this passage:

"Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same loving God who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day. God will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings." *St. Francis De Sales* © *LPI*

You are all in my prayers.

God bless,

Gina

