

## OUR LADY OF THE WOODS

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



*We, the Roman Catholic faith community of Our Lady of the Woods, in communion with ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, and APOSTOLIC Church and under the patronage of Mary, are joined together as a people of God. Our mission is to spread the Gospel and bring people into a relationship with God and one another through the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. We live out Christ's mission in the world through evangelization, worship, education, stewardship, and service to the needy.*



**Sunday, January 9**

- Ross Nicely.....died 1982
- Matthew Butt.....died 1991
- Patricia Trent.....died 1999
- Gerald Post.....died 2020
- Michael Downey.....died 2007

**Monday, January 10**

- Irene Maurer.....died 1989
- Pauline Kopas.....died 1998
- Vincent McCarthy.....died 2007
- Joseph Trela.....died 2019

**Tuesday, January 11**

- Virgil Gregoire.....died 1979
- Leon York.....died 2000
- Carl Frost.....died 2007
- Margaret MacDougall.....died 2010
- Frances Gdowski.....died 2012
- Halina Kowalewski.....died 2017
- Louis Bumbul.....died 2018

**Wednesday, January 12**

- Jane Grzywacz.....died 2006
- Judith Lechnar.....died 2006

**Thursday, January 13**

- Edward Grabowski.....died 1978

**Friday, January 14**

- Florence Davis.....died 1976
- Lorraine Kramer.....died 1991
- Joseph Kovach.....died 1991
- Joel Charron.....died 1997

**Saturday, January 15**

- Rose Sladdich.....died 1995
- Jennifer Sobocienski.....died 2001
- Mary Whall.....died 2004
- Edward Rozanski.....died 2005
- Lee Bourassa.....died 2009
- Marguerite Cannon.....died 2012



**Prayer to Save a Baby from Abortion**

*“Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen.”*

-Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

63,357,921

abortions in the United States since *Roe v. Wade* (1973).  
Source: [numberofabortions.com](http://numberofabortions.com)



**Prayer List for Service Men & Women**

- SSgt. Erika Antanovich (US Air Force)
- Cpt. Andrew Compean (US Army)
- Maj. Eric DuChene (US Marine)
- Jacob Godlewski (US Navy)
- 2nd Lt. Jeremy Gomez (US Air Force)
- 1st Lt. Brandon Marquette (US Marine)
- LT JG Nicholas Rigotti (Naval Reserves)
- MA2 Adam Strachan (US Navy)
- Spec. Nicole Kimberlin (US Army)



*Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.*

Yvonne Alexander	Judie Caygill	Jerry Preziębenda
Mary Allumi	Lisa Colson	Mark Rigotti
Bob Armiak	Dawn Marie Dick	Sylvia Rigotti
Patricia Bader	Suzel Dion	Nina Ringle
Mildred Bartkovich	Margaret Dowie	Bill Steed
Florence Brice	Joan Gomez	Luke Theobald
Dan Budz	Billy Kennedy	Lidia Visocchi
James M. Butcko	Sophia Kosciolko	Joann Weeda
Joyce Butcko	Sharon Koss	Sue & Kit
Joseph W. Butcko	Norbert Linenfelser	Whitehouse
Joseph M. Butcko	Kim McGinn	Laura Wright
Andrew Butcko	Andi Pigott	Sarah
Michele Butcko	Maynard Pittenger	
Patricia Butcko	Rita Ploskunak	
Calleigh Butler	Jack Potestato	



**Calling all Knights of Columbus!**

Wednesday, January 12, the Msgr. Eppenbrock Council (supporting Our Lady of the Woods, St. Timothy, and St. Joseph) will be having its monthly general membership meeting at St. Timothy at 7:00 PM.

The Council will also be attending Our Lady of the Woods for their Corporate Communion Mass at 9:00 AM on Sunday, January 30. We invite all Knights and their families to join us at this Mass.

Vivat Jesus!  
K of C Council #3615

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, January 10

**9:00am †John Camilleri**  
req.by the Camilleri family  
**†Natalie Iwankiw**  
req.by the Camilleri family

## Tuesday, January 11

**9:00am †Daniel Cabanaw**  
req.by Uncle Al

## Thursday, January 13

**9:00am For the parishioners of OLOW**

## Friday, January 14

**9:00am Homebound parishioners of OLOW**  
req.by the Homebound Ministries

## Saturday, January 15

**4:00pm †Christopher T. Cassette**  
*(4th anniversary of death)*  
req.by Mary Cassette  
**Debbie and Ray**  
req.by JoAnn Scanland

## Sunday, January 16

**9:00am †Steve Zach**  
req.by his sister Peggy  
**†Mary Mikola**  
req. by Debbie & Tony Donia

**11:00am †Robert Ruchle**  
*(1st anniversary of death)*  
req.by the Lewczynski family  
**†Joseph Hung Nguyen**  
req.by his wife and family

*2021 Contribution Statements will be available beginning Monday, January 24. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements to get your statement. Thank you!*



### December 25 & 26

Envelopes: .....	\$5,203.00
Loose: .....	\$1,692.00
<u>Electronic: .....</u>	<u>\$3,897.00</u>
Total: .....	\$10,792.00
Budget: .....	\$9,992.30
Over(+)/Short(-) .....	\$799.70

## What's Happening at Our Parish?

Sunday	Mass (with live stream), 9 AM Mass & Confirmation Rite of Enrollment (with live stream), 11 AM
Monday	Mass, 9:00 AM SVdP Food Pantry (drive-up only), 10 AM Rosary Makers, 1 PM RCIA, 3 PM Preschool & Kindergarten Rel. Ed, 4:30PM Youth Faith Formation, 5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation Mass, 6:15 PM
Tuesday	Mass, 9:00 AM The Reconsider Workshop, 10 AM Youth Faith Formation, 5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation Mass, 6:15 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, 7 PM
Wednesday	SVdP Food Pantry (drive-up only), 10 AM- Lectio: A Case for Jesus, 12:05 PM Shawl Ministry, 1 PM Rosary, 6:30 PM The Reconsider Workshop, 6:30 PM Lectio: A Case for Jesus, 6:30 PM
Thursday	Mass, 9:00 AM New Spirit Singers Rehearsal, 4:30 PM OLCW Meeting, 6:30 PM RCIA, 7 PM
Friday	Mass, 9:00 AM
Saturday	Individual Confession, 3 PM Mass, 4 PM

For more information, visit [www.olow.org/Calendar](http://www.olow.org/Calendar)

## Observances

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

## Daily Readings

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

## From Our Hood in the Woods

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. In some parts of our world it ends our liturgical Christmas Season (although other places wait until February 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple”).

It should remind us that 1) Jesus walked the path of our human journey with us in many ways, including in the moment of baptism, and 2) we should reflect on this very important moment within each of our own lives: its graces and power.

Certainly, most of us who were baptized as babies would not, more than likely, remember this specific occasion. But our Catechism points out a very important moment that each of us needs to take in, study, understand, and appreciate:

*“1213 Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianua),<sup>4</sup> and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: “Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word.”<sup>5</sup>*

What words need to **“jump out”** and **“shout” AT US?** **“BASIS OF THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN LIFE”... “GATEWAY TO LIFE IN THE SPIRIT”... “THE DOOR WHICH GIVES ACCESS TO THE OTHER SACRAMENTS”... “FREED FROM SIN”... “REBORN AS CHILDREN OF GOD”... “BECOME MEMBERS OF CHRIST”... “INCORPORATED INTO THE CHURCH... “MADE SHARERS IN HER MISSION”... “THE SACRAMENT OF REGENERATION THROUGH WATER IN THE WORD”...**

This understanding of our baptism should help open for us the gospel from Luke today and the other readings when we hear proclaimed:

*“After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”*

And so through each of our own baptisms, based on Jesus’ baptism in Luke, each one of us hears from God: **“You are my beloved...with you I am well pleased.”**

Isaiah 42 reinforces this, when we hear in this first reading: *“...my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit...I have grasped you by the hand: I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people...*

And in the second reading of Timothy: *“He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.”*

The other day, after the baptism of one of our babies in the parish, I was invited to the family’s home. Through celebrating this baptism and the baby being nurtured and held by so many present, the Vietnamese culture exploded forth with coming together...with the joy of family life...with reverent prayer...with the tangible respect of the priesthood, with phenomenal joy (and a sumptuous feast of delicious food to fully augment the celebration!).

As I pondered the surroundings and the importance of our sacrament of baptism and how it was being manifested, a certain epiphany of the importance of family life shone forth in fostering the sacraments. As I saw the baby being held, shared and carried amidst the celebration, I kept encountering the dynamics and the re-echoing of the sanctity of family life that is often being lost in so many homes and places today.

That is why I invite you to go to the WORLD OF FAMILIES website, where we read:

*“On March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Church celebrated five years of the publication of the apostolic exhortation, **Amoris Laetitia** on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On that same day, Pope Francis launched the Year **“Amoris Laetitia Family”** which will conclude on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 on the occasion of the X World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father.*

*As an initiative of Pope Francis, the Year **“Amoris Laetitia Family”** aims to reach EVERY FAMILY AROUND THE WORLD through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations.*

*The goal is to offer the Church an opportunity for reflection and an in-depth appreciation of the apostolic exhortation, **“Amoris Laetitia,”** in order to concretely experience its richness.*

*The pandemic experience around the world has highlighted for us the central role of the family AS THE DOMESTIC CHURCH and the importance of COMMUNITY TIES between families. Such ties make the Church an authentic “family of*

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families” (AL 87).

*The family deserves a year of celebrations, so that it can be placed at the center of commitment and care from every pastoral and ecclesial reality.”*

There are many dangers and struggles for families these days: family life today is extremely vulnerable and faces “compromising” values and confusion on the importance of roots and traditions... it impacts our faith lives, including the grace-filled moments of the sacraments. And the “domestic church” of our families impacts the spiritual life of our parish.

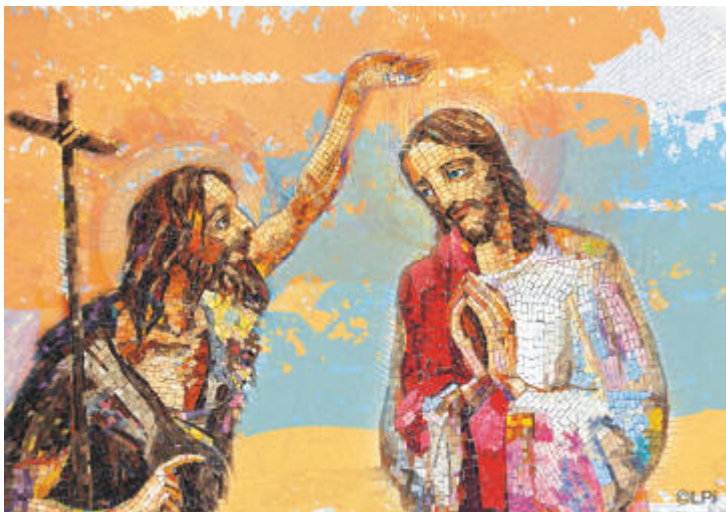
One of the more painful moments in my priesthood is when I find children and young people who do not “want” to serve as acolytes or in other ministries in our parish.

I remember well the times my brother and I served at several Masses; it was considered an honor... a privilege... and even after we were in high school, if there were no altar servers, or only one, we would go and serve. Did we always want to? **NO!** Were we upset at times that our Mass attendance was “rattled” because now it also entailed going up to serve? **YES!** Did we sometimes feel that WE HAD DONE “OUR TIME”... and it was now someone else’s “job”? **DEFINITELY!**

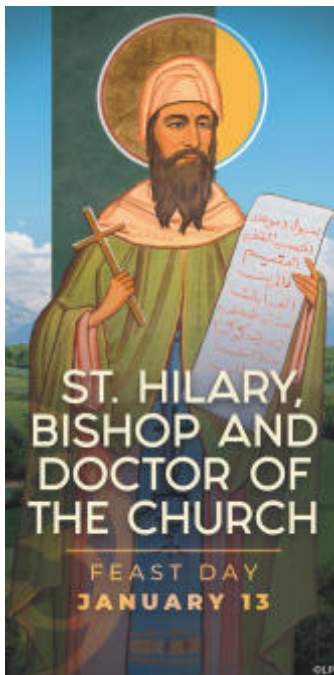
But, it is through our baptism, knowing and understanding the power and grace behind it as it opens the doors to the other sacraments we are called to experience, that we can find strength, and live in and nurture our own family life known as the “domestic church” and the family of our Catholic faith.

May each of our baptisms “IGNITE” in you and me THE SPARK of service and ministry, the WIND AND FIRE in proclaiming the Gospel, and THE LOVING EMBRACE of God through family life.

In the Word,  
Fr. Bob



## ST. HILARY OF POITIERS | JANUARY 13



Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ’s divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Question:

At my grandson’s Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

### Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby’s head. Others are simply placed on the baby’s chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: “See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.” In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.

**Downriver March for Life**

**SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY JANUARY 23, 2022**

Please join us at one or all of the following events. We will commemorate the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade that legalized abortion in the entire U.S. for all nine months of pregnancy. We pray that that decision will be overturned and that life will be respected and protected from conception to natural death.



- 12:15 pm - Rosary Procession from Our Lady of the Scapular to Mt. Carmel Cemetery (Northline and Ninth Street, Wyandotte) with Knights of Columbus Honor Guard
- 1:00 pm - Prayer Service at Memorial Monument for the Unborn, Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Wyandotte presided by Deacon Richard Bloomfield from Our Lady of the Scapular
- 2:00 - 3:30 pm OPEN HOUSE - Right to Life of Michigan Resource Center, 2010 Eureka, Wyandotte; 734-282-6100
- Light Luminary Candles outdoors on the evening of January 22 to remember the victims of abortion. Luminary Candles are available at the Right to Life of Michigan Resource Center.

Right to Life luminaries will be available after all masses the weekend of January 15th for a free will donation. The luminaries are to be lit on the Eve of January 22nd to burn through the night in memory of the Supreme Court’s decision in 1973 in the Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton cases that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy. Donations will go to Southern Downriver Right to Life to further their work educating Downriver communities about pro-life issues.



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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - 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

## Reflections On Scripture

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

### GOSPEL READING

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

## Amoris Laetitia Family

On March 19, 2021, the Church celebrated the fifth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On the same day, Pope Francis launched the year, "Amoris Laetitia Family," which will conclude on June 26, 2022, during the Tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome.

Family Love: Vocation and Path to Holiness is the official prayer for the Tenth World Meeting of Families and can be said in honor of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year. The prayer thanks God for the gift of family and asks God that families would be witnesses to the love of Christ.

I am asking Jason to place it in the bulletin (including the two paragraphs above), and on our social media so we can start praying next weekend and at daily Masses at the end of the Prayers of the Faithful.

### FAMILY LOVE: VOCATION AND PATH TO HOLINESS

*Heavenly Father,  
We come before You to praise You  
and to thank You for the great gift of the family.  
We pray to You for all families  
consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony.  
May they rediscover each day  
the grace they have received,  
and as small domestic Churches,  
may they know how to witness to Your presence  
and to the love with which Christ loves the Church.  
We pray to You for all families faced with difficulty and  
suffering caused by illness or circumstances of which only  
You know.  
Sustain them and make them aware  
of the path to holiness upon which You call them,  
so that they might experience Your infinite mercy  
and find new ways to grow in love.  
We pray to You for children and young people:  
may they encounter You and respond joyfully  
to the vocation You have in mind for them;  
We pray for parents and grandparents: may they be aware  
that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of  
God in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You  
entrust to them; and for the experience of fraternity  
that the family can give to the world.*

*Lord, grant that each family  
might live their specific vocation to holiness in the Church  
as a call to become missionary disciples,  
in the service of life and peace,  
in communion with our priests, religious,  
and all vocations in the Church.*

*Bless the World Meeting of Families.  
Amen.*



## 2021-2022 THEME: “AMAZEMENT-GLORY-AWE!”

### Adult Faith Formation—2021/2022

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION TEAM:

The OLOW Adult Faith Formation Team consists of Pat Butler, Fr. Bob Johnson, SVD, Cynthia Keleman, Thom Shanaver, and Claudette Wagner.

#### STRUCTURE:

Adult Faith Formation centers around THREE FAITH SURGE MOMENTS on our parish calendar within the academic year of 2021-2022. These Moments will be: October through November, 2021; January through Ash Wednesday; and Easter through the end of May.

#### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS YEAR’S ADULT FAITH FORMATION: LUKE 5: 26

“Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen strange things today.”

#### WHY DO WE NEED THEM IN OUR PARISH?

The Church and its adult faithful have a mission in and to the world: to share the message of Christ to renew and to transform the social and temporal order. This dual calling to evangelization and justice is integral to the identity of the lay faithful; all are called to it in baptism. Accordingly, faith formation seeks to help each adult believer become “more willing and able to be a Christian disciple in the world.” As salt of the earth and light for the world (cf. Mt 5:13-16), adult disciples give witness to God’s love and caring will so that, in the power of the Spirit, they renew the face of the earth.—excerpted from *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States*

#### WHY ME?

“Evangelizing is the Church’s mission. It is not the mission of only a few, but it is mine, yours and ours... We must all be evangelizers, especially with our life!” (Pope Francis, May 22, 2013) Thus, the role of adults in the evangelizing mission of the church is critical. As Catholics we are called to respond to this mission. However, to fulfill it, most of us need to renew and deepen our understanding or our faith. Through formation, we acquire the knowledge and the confidence to fulfill the Church’s mission. (Paulina Espinosa, Director of the Office of Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation, Diocese of San Bernardino, CA)

#### SECOND FAITH SURGE MOMENT OFFERINGS (JANUARY—MARCH, 2022)

- \*The RECONSIDER Workshop (led by Thom Shanaver and team) - Helping your non-practicing Catholic child, and/or loved one, reconsider their position on God, Faith and the Catholic Church. Tuesday mornings 10am to Noon and Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Social Hall.
- \*Lectio: The Case for Jesus – with Ms. Claudette Wagner: Lunch Session 12:05pm to 12:55 pm (Venue: TBA) / Evening Session 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm (7th/8th Grade Classroom) Wednesdays, January 5 - March 2. Can we trust the Gospels? Do we really know who wrote them? Do the Gospels communicate truth – or fabricated fables? Who is Jesus? Who did Jesus claim to be? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels, and as he gives an in-depth look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus’s Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of Christ’s divinity.
- \*“THE ANIMA SERIES: KENOSIS – FILM TWO” February 11th at 2 pm AND A REPRISE at 6 pm in the Social Hall. Led by Fr. Bob. Part Two Kenosis comes from a Greek word that means “emptying.” In this session, we are introduced to the Person of Jesus, who emptied himself to become human in the Incarnation. Bishop Hying explains how the Incarnation is God’s answer to our longing for a “God with skin on,” a God who is near and intimate with our human experience. Jesus invites us to imitate this gift by allowing our own suffering to open our hearts to greater compassion and mercy for others. Series Register by emailing Fr. Bob at [frbob@olow.org](mailto:frbob@olow.org)
- \*“UNPACK YOUR SACK” with Cynthia Keleman Lunch Session at 12 noon (Social Hall) / Evening Session at 6 pm (Social Hall) February 23rd, 2022 How much does your life weigh? We are all carrying backpacks that we continually load up, that we keep filling up until you can’t zip them up anymore and unresolved emotions that often show up in unexpressed feelings of hurt that overflow and reflect in our behaviors. Our relationships are the heaviest components in our lives, be it problems from childhood and /or with family, work and social life issues. You do not need to carry all that emotional weight! Let’s find a way to set that backpack down, thoughtfully and prayerfully review its contents to help dispose of what no longer works and lighten your load! Turn your wounds into wisdom!
- \*“DISCOVERING THE MASS PART ONE” (reprise) with Pat Butler: March 19 and 20 after the Masses in Church. A short History of the Mass will be presented and then a discussion of all the sacred items used at Mass such as the vestments and vessels. Length approximately 30 minutes.
- \*DISCOVERING THE MASS PART TWO (reprise) with Pat Butler: March 26 and 27 after the Masses in Church. Going through the Mass itself explaining why we do what we do and when we do it. Length approximately 30 minutes.



## What is "The Reconsider Workshop?"

The Reconsider Workshop is a gathering of people engaged in learning the best Tips, Tools and Strategies to use in helping a Loved One "Reconsider" their position on God, Faith and the Catholic Church.

Participants will engage in video teachings, small group discussions and other activities to develop a "Reconsider Game Plan" for their particular Love One. This game plan equips the participant to mentor their Loved One with objective Catholic Church teachings that rationalize the issues that have become the obstacles to practicing their Catholic Faith.

Join us at the Reconsider Workshop coming in January, 2022 if you have a Loved One you feel is worth your time and effort. Watch the bulletin, our website and our social media platforms for further information.

## The Reconsider Workshop Prayer Request

**CAN WE PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONE'S  
RETURN TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? - THE  
RECONSIDER WORKSHOP**

Loved One's First Name:

(Drop this prayer request in the "Praying for Their Return" box in the gathering area of the church)

### The Reconsider Workshop Registration Form



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Y N

(Mark your choice):  Tuesday Morning  Wednesday Evening  
 I will  I will not attend the welcome dinner on January 12, 2022

**Tell us about your Loved One:**

Child  Other Relative  Friend?  
 Teen,  Young Adult  Adult  Senior?

How long have they been not fully practicing? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are they practicing elsewhere?  Y  N  Not Sure

**Fold and drop this registration form in the "Praying for Their Return" box in the gathering area of the Church**

*The Reconsider Workshop will begin as scheduled on Wednesday January 12th at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. We had originally scheduled a welcome dinner as part of the presentation but have decided to cancel it at this time.*

*There after sessions will be held on:  
Tuesday mornings at 10 AM starting January 18th and  
Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM starting January 19th.*

*Participation has been limited due to Covid guidelines but there is still space available in both the morning and the evening sessions, but you must register this weekend, as registration for participation will close on Monday January 10th.*

*So, if you're interested in becoming equipped to draw a loved one back to the church please drop your registration form in the "Praying for their Return" container in the gathering area along the East wall.*

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Saturday ..... 4:00 PM  
 Sunday ..... 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

**Weekday Liturgies**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday ..... 9:00 AM

**Private Confession**

Saturday..... 3:00 - 4:00 PM or by appointment

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(Registered, Active Parishioner for at least 3 months)

Call Fr. Bob for details and to set up an appointment.

**Weddings**

(Registered, Active Parishioner for at least 6 months)

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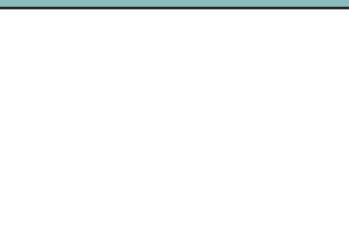
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