



# The Marion Catholic Community



**JANUARY 9, 2022**

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Phone: 419-925-4775

Office Hours: 9:00am–5:00pm (M–F)

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAYS

St. Sebastian.....5:30pm—Monday  
St. Rose.....7:15am—Tuesday  
Precious Blood.....7:15am—Wednesday  
Nativity.....7:15am—Thursday  
St. John.....7:15am—Friday

#### SATURDAY MASS

St. John.....5:00pm  
St. Rose.....7:30pm

#### SUNDAY MASS

Nativity.....8:30am  
Precious Blood.....9:00am  
St. John.....10:30am  
St. Sebastian.....11:00am

**HOLY DAYS** Check bulletin for schedule

#### BAPTISM SCHEDULE:

**Nativity**—1st Sunday at 12:15pm  
**St. Sebastian**—1st Sunday at 12:15pm  
**St. Rose**—2nd Sunday at 12:15pm  
**Precious Blood**—3rd Sunday at 12:15pm  
**St. John**—last Sunday after the 10:30am  
Mass at 11:45am

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE BAPTISM. 419-925-4775**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** will be at St. Sebastian Mondays, beginning at 8am.

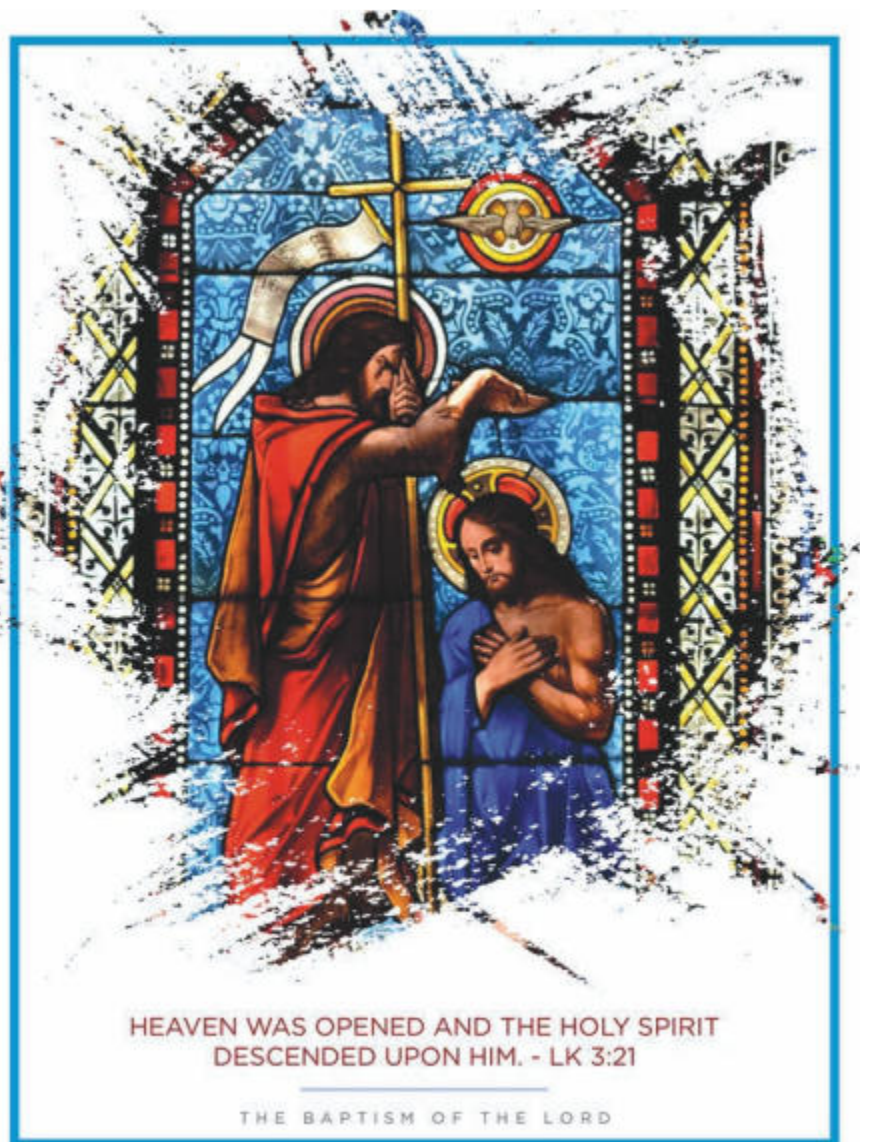
**RCIA:** For information or with questions, contact Carolyn Stucke at 419-268-8314.

**WEDDINGS:** Notify Pastor six months prior to the wedding.

**CONFESSIONS:** are Saturday afternoon from 3 to 4pm at Precious Blood, after the 5:30pm Monday Mass at St. Sebastian, (except the 3rd Monday) and after daily morning Mass, at each parish.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The members of the Marion Catholic Community, given life through the Holy Spirit in Baptism, are called together as a community of faith to praise and worship God our Creator and to proclaim in word and deed the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. As members of the Body of Christ we strive to serve all to provide an atmosphere of hospitality which enables all to respond fully to the life-long challenge “to do right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.”  
*Micah 6:8*



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

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## WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL LIFE

### LITURGY OF THE WEEK

#### Pastor

Rev. Matthew Jozefiak, C.P.P.S.  
email: [matthewjozefiak@hotmail.com](mailto:matthewjozefiak@hotmail.com)  
Pastor's Residence .... 419-925-2030

#### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Kenneth Alt, C.P.P.S.  
email: [altkg5178@gmail.com](mailto:altkg5178@gmail.com)

#### Deacons

Steve Broering  
email: [stevnan7@frontier.com](mailto:stevnan7@frontier.com)  
Clif Perryman  
email: [deaconclif@gmail.com](mailto:deaconclif@gmail.com)

#### Parish Life Coordinator

Sharon Kremer  
email: [marioncathcom@gmail.com](mailto:marioncathcom@gmail.com)

#### Administrative Assistants

Joan Heitkamp  
email: [jrheitkamp@gmail.com](mailto:jrheitkamp@gmail.com)  
Sue Roeckner  
email: [sroeckner@hotmail.com](mailto:sroeckner@hotmail.com)

#### Youth Minister

Chris Wibbenmeyer - [cwibbenmeyer@marioncatholiccommunity.org](mailto:cwibbenmeyer@marioncatholiccommunity.org)  
567-279-1430

#### RCIA

Carolyn Stucke 419-268-8314

#### Counseling

Robert Skipper, M.Div., LPCC,  
LICDC  
937-299-9005 / 800-521-6419

#### Call for Prayer Contacts

#### Nativity BVM

Phyllis Thobe 419-852-5544

#### Precious Blood

Carolyn Homan 419-852-1083

#### St. John

Mary Eyink 419-733-0743  
Shelly Bruns 419-305-8940

#### St. Rose

Irene Bruns 419-925-4712

#### St. Sebastian

Ruth Bruns 419-268-1948  
Bertie Bruns 419-925-4679

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 10

5:30pm—Mass at St. Sebastian ..... †Charles Jutte

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:15am—Mass at St. Rose ..... †Virgil Kuess—Birthday

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

7:15am—Mass at Precious Blood .. L&D—Hoying & Franck Families

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

7:15am—Mass at Nativity ..... †Betty Ann Barhorst

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

7:15am—Mass at St. John ..... †Dodie Hess

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

5:00pm—Mass at St. John ..... †Esther Rethman—Birthday;  
..... L&D—Thobe & Pohl Family;  
..... †Paul Brunswick—Death Anniversary  
7:30pm—Mass at St. Rose ..... L&D—Bruns & Schmitmeyer Family;  
..... †Ron Meier—Death Anniversary

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:30am—Mass at Nativity ..... †Velma Wolters  
9:00am—Mass at Precious Blood .. †Jeanette Meyer—Death Anniversary;  
..... †Velma Schmidt;  
..... †Alice Bruns—Death Remembrance;  
..... †Jim Thobe  
10:30am—Mass at St. John ..... †Vernon Bruns;  
..... †Connie Pohlmann  
11:00am—Mass at St. Sebastian ..... Our Parishioners



**NOTE:** The 5pm Mass on Saturday and 9am Mass on Sunday will be live-streamed.

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Announcements **must** be submitted **in writing** by 9am on Monday of the week's bulletin. Changes to this schedule, due to holidays, will be indicated in the bulletin in the form of an announcement.

#### Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

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  
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

# STEWARDSHIP

## CLUSTER PARISH POSITIONS

### NATIVITY BVM

Parish Council  
 President..... Randy Otte  
 Business Manager ..... Sue Fortkamp  
 CRE ..... Tess Mescher  
 ..... [dtkka@reagan.com](mailto:dtkka@reagan.com)  
 Music Director..... Katie Hartings  
 Maintenance ..... Ron Stucke  
 Maintenance ..... Ryan Schmackers  
 CFL Hall Rental ... Carol Hemmelgarn  
 ..... 419-925-4667

### PRECIOUS BLOOD

Parish Council  
 President..... Kyle Huelsman  
 Business Manager ..... Sue Roeckner  
 CRE ..... Missy Moeller  
 ..... [mis.moe@hotmail.com](mailto:mis.moe@hotmail.com)  
 Music Director..... Marian Heitbrink  
 Maintenance ..... Adam Kremer  
 Groundskeeper ..... Rick "Buck" Bruns  
 Basement Rental..... Joann Liette  
 ..... 567-644-2354

### ST. JOHN

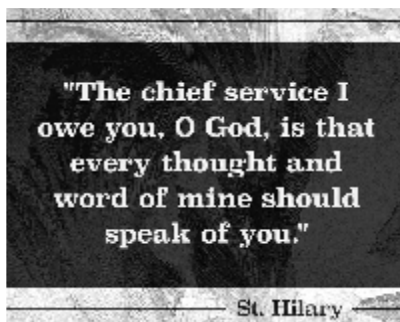
Parish Council  
 President..... Jake Heitkamp  
 Business Manager ..... Paul Gagel  
 CRE ..... Chris Wibbenmeyer  
 ..... [wibbenmeyerchris@gmail.com](mailto:wibbenmeyerchris@gmail.com)  
 Music Director..... Marian Heitbrink  
 Maintenance ..... Tom Feltz

### ST. ROSE

Parish Council  
 President..... Cory Ahrens  
 Business Manager ..... Sue Fortkamp  
 CRE ..... Carla Hartings  
 ..... [c\\_hartings@yahoo.com](mailto:c_hartings@yahoo.com)  
 Music Director..... Katie Hartings  
 Maintenance ..... Kevin Hartings  
 Maintenance ..... Jim Ungruhn  
 Basement Rental..... Kathy Buening  
 ..... 419-925-4710

### ST. SEBASTIAN

Parish Council  
 President..... Jesse Rose  
 Business Manager ..... Sue Roeckner  
 CRE ..... Judy Forsthoefel  
 ..... [jforsthoefel@hotmail.com](mailto:jforsthoefel@hotmail.com)  
 Music Director..... Doris Wilker  
 Maintenance ..... Kyle Koesters  
 Maintenance ..... Tom Wilker  
 Basement Rental..... Jenny Brunswick  
 ..... 419-733-3663



## DECEMBER 26TH AND JANUARY 2ND COLLECTION TOTALS

### NATIVITY BVM

85 Adult Envelopes ..... \$1,480.00  
 Loose Cash ..... \$250.00  
 Christmas ..... \$3,398.00  
 Solemnity of Mary ..... \$253.00  
 Immaculate Conception ..... \$100.00  
 First Offering ..... \$37.00  
 Retired Religious..... \$200.00  
 Campaign for Human Dev ..... \$100.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$20.00  
 Fuel ..... \$260.00  
 Candle Offerings ..... \$34.50  
 Total ..... \$6,132.50

### PRECIOUS BLOOD

158 Adult Envelopes ..... \$4,518.00  
 Loose Cash ..... \$638.00  
 First Offering ..... \$22.00  
 Christmas ..... \$10,121.00  
 Fuel ..... \$285.00  
 Immaculate Conception ..... \$25.00  
 Solemnity of Mary ..... \$352.10  
 Retirement for Religious ..... \$25.00  
 Flower Fund ..... \$70.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$20.00  
 Candle Offerings ..... \$33.50  
 Total ..... \$16,109.60

### ST. JOHN

281 Adult Envelopes ..... \$6,810.00  
 Loose Cash ..... \$756.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$900.00  
 Retired Religious..... \$45.00  
 Christmas ..... \$9,988.00  
 Fuel Offerings ..... \$230.00  
 Flower Fund ..... \$220.00  
 First Offering ..... \$388.00  
 Solemnity of Mary ..... \$558.00  
 Cemetery Dues ..... \$1,110.00  
 CALL Food Pantry ..... \$200.00  
 Candle Offering..... \$155.00  
 Total ..... \$21,360.00

### ST. ROSE

76 Adult Envelopes ..... \$1,450.00  
 Christmas ..... \$3,350.00  
 First Offering ..... \$12.00  
 Solemnity of Mary ..... \$140.00  
 Fuel ..... \$20.00  
 Retired Religious..... \$40.00  
 Candle Offerings ..... \$18.25  
 Total ..... \$5,030.25

### ST. SEBASTIAN

33 Adult Envelopes ..... \$1,100.00  
 Christmas ..... \$2,352.00  
 Retired Religious..... \$10.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$500.00  
 Solemnity of Mary ..... \$35.00  
 First offering ..... \$5.00  
 Total ..... \$4,002.00

## PRAY WITH US FROM HOME

Weekday Masses Livestreamed: Wednesday 7:15am—Precious Blood  
 Friday 7:15am—St. John the Baptist

Weekend Masses Livestreamed: Saturday 5:00pm—St. John the Baptist  
 Sunday 9:00am—Precious Blood

Website: [www.marioncatholiccommunity.org](http://www.marioncatholiccommunity.org)  
 Click on the Live Stream tab in the menu bar

MyParish App: Click on the Live Stream button

Facebook: Marion Catholic Community

YouTube: Marion Catholic Community

Roku: Marion Catholic Community

Channel is only live when we are streaming

**ST. SEBASTIAN MINISTRIES****SERVERS**

Sun. Jan. 16, 11:00am

Lauren McClurg, Ava Moeller

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Mon. Jan. 10, 5:30pm

Fr. Matt, Fr. Ken

Sun. Jan. 16, 11:00am

Brenda Schwieterman

**LECTOR AND COMMENTATOR**

Mon. Jan. 10, 5:30pm

Herb Wilker

Sun. Jan. 16, 11:00am

Ron Schwieterman

**USHERS**

Sun. Jan. 16, 11:00am

Tom Schmitmeyer, Jay Schmitmeyer

**OFFERTORY**

Sun. Jan. 16, 11:00am

Kendra Rose Family

**ROSARY**

Sun. Jan. 16, 11:00am

Judy Forsthoefel and Ruth Heyne

**ST. ROSE MINISTRIES****SERVERS**

Sat. Jan. 15, 7:30pm

Aaron Broering, Gus Bruns

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Tues. Jan. 11, 7:15am

Fr. Matt, Fr. Ken

Sat. Jan. 15, 7:30pm

Nick Meier

**LECTOR AND COMMENTATOR**

Tues. Jan. 11, 7:15am

Treva Fortkamp

Sat. Jan. 15, 7:30pm

Rebecca Fortman

**USHERS**

Sat. Jan. 15, 7:30pm

Kyle Bruns, Paul Bruns

**OFFERTORY**

Sat. Jan. 15, 7:30pm

Jeff and Rita Griesdorn

**PRECIOUS BLOOD MINISTRIES****SERVERS**

Sun. Jan. 16, 9:00am

Alayna Birt, Georgia Clune

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Wed. Jan. 12, 7:15am

Fr. Matt, Fr. Ken, Karen Hoying

Sun. Jan. 16, 9:00am

**Beth Arling**, Joann Liette, Randy Liette**COMMUNION TO THE SHUT IN'S**

Lori Kemper 567-644-9644

**LECTORS AND COMMENTATOR**

Wed. Jan. 12, 7:15am

Jim Hoying

Sun. Jan. 16, 9:00am

Sharon Siegrist

**USHERS**

Sun. Jan. 16, 9:00am

Don Arling-E, Shawn Birt-M, Dan R. Bruns-W, Bart Homan-M

**OFFERTORY**

Sun. Jan. 16, 9:00am

Virgil and Ruth Kremer

**ROSARY LEADERS**

Sun. Jan. 16, 9:00am

Parish Council

**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MINISTRIES****SERVERS**

Sun. Jan. 16, 8:30am ..... Elizabeth Mescher, Henry Mescher

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Thurs. Jan. 13, 7:15am ..... Fr. Matt, Fr. Ken

Sun. Jan. 16, 8:30am ..... Dave Moorman

**LECTORS AND COMMENTATOR**

Thurs. Jan. 13, 7:15am ..... Kathy Broering

Sun. Jan. 16, 8:30am ..... Lindsay Thobe

**USHERS**

Sun. Jan. 16, 8:30am ..... Randy Otte, Eric Prenger

**OFFERTORY**

Sun. Jan. 16, 8:30am ..... Brent and Sara Hess Family

**ST. JOHN MINISTRIES**

**SERVERS**

Sat. Jan. 15, 5:00pm ..... Benton Seitz, Charlie Mueller  
 Sun. Jan. 16, 10:30am ..... Adam Schwieterman, Luke Ashman

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Fri. Jan. 14, 7:15am ..... Fr. Matt, Fr. Ken  
 Sat. Jan. 15, 5:00pm ..... **Anne Thobe**, Karrie Will, Mary Kay Wuebker  
 Sun. Jan. 16, 10:30am ..... **Angie Schwieterman**, Olivia Schulze, Carol Stucke

**LECTORS AND COMMENTATOR**

Fri. Jan. 14, 7:15am ..... Cindy Moeder  
 Sat. Jan. 15, 5:00pm ..... Cindy Moeder—Commentator, Emily Nietfeld—Lector  
 Sun. Jan. 16, 10:30am ..... Pat Heitkamp—Commentator, Madeline Keller—Lector

**USHERS**

Sat. Jan. 15, 5:00pm ..... Leon Heitkamp, Craig Mescher, Ron Niekamp  
 Sun. Jan. 16, 10:30am ..... David Albers, Adam Kunk, Phil Moeller

**OFFERTORY**

Sat. Jan. 15, 5:00pm ..... Jeff and Nancy Luebke  
 Sun. Jan. 16, 10:30am ..... Ted and Sara Mescher

**ROSARY LEADERS**

Sat. Jan. 15, 5:00pm ..... Jerry and Ann Everman  
 Sun. Jan. 16, 10:30am ..... Fred and Brenda Buening

**CHILD CARE**

Sun. Jan. 16, 10:30am ..... Michelle Ashman and Children

**COMMUNION TO THE SHUT-IN'S**

Sun. Jan. 16 ..... Carol Heinfeld at 419-925-4270 or Wes Sanders at 419-925-7400

**CLUSTER NEWS**

**THANK YOU**—a BIG thank you to everyone who helped make our Marion Catholic Community Christmas Masses so beautiful!!

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**—If you want to be added or removed from the ministry schedule, please contact the parish office by January 10th at 419-925-4775 or email [marioncathcom@gmail.com](mailto:marioncathcom@gmail.com).

**2021 CONTRIBUTIONS**—If you are in need of a copy of your 2021 contributions, please contact the office at [marioncathcom@gmail.com](mailto:marioncathcom@gmail.com) or 419-925-4775. \*We are not sending statements unless requested. Also, if you contributed to Giving Tuesday, you should receive an email from GiveTuesday for that donation.

**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ROSARY MINISTRY**—Nativity parish is beginning a rosary ministry. This consists of leading the rosary before the weekend Mass. This can be done by an individual, couple or a family. If you are interested in helping with this very important ministry, please call or text Katie Dippold at 419-305-0212.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE TORNADO VICTIMS IN KENTUCKY**—There will be a second collection this weekend, January 8th and 9th. This collection is to help those in need and the Church that has been severely affected by the recent tornados that have devastated many especially in our neighboring dioceses in Kentucky. The funds will be used to support emergency needs such as water, food, shelter, medical care and other humanitarian needs.

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE**—we are looking for people interested in welcoming new people/families to our community. This would involve keeping the parish's and community information current. Mike Broering has volunteered to head up the committee. Please contact Mike at 419-925-4812 if you're willing to be of help.

**CCD**—CCD classes will resume on January 12th.

**ROSARY AT PRECIOUS BLOOD**—is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12th. The rosary will start at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

**BAPTISMAL CLASS**—There will be a baptismal class on Monday, February 7th at 7pm in the St. Rose basement. Please call the parish office to register for the class at 419-925-4775.

**WELCOME THE NEW MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST**

- Damian Lee Waterman, son of Garret and Stephanie, baptized January 2nd, with sponsors, Megan Lochtefeld and Christopher Lochtefeld.

**MEMORIAL POINSETTIA**—If you donated a memorial poinsettia, you may pick up after Mass this weekend at St. John, Nativity, St. Rose, Precious Blood and St. Sebastian.



## CLUSTER NEWS

## FR. MATT'S LETTER

**STILL AVAILABLE**  
**"TREASURES OF THE ARCH-**

**DIOCESE"**—at a cost of \$30, there are also some "Seeking the Lord" available for \$15. They can be picked up at the parish office.

**POWER HOUR OF PRAYER—**

Everyone is welcome to join in a Power Hour of Prayer and Adoration every Thursday night, from 7pm to 8pm at St. Rose Church. The night will include prayers, music and private adoration. You may come and go as you please for all or a portion of the hour. Let's join together to pray for the needs of our country as well as our own personal intention. Also, if school is canceled Power Hour will be canceled.

**C.A.L.L. FOOD PANTRY**—is accepting donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries. Also, baby food and diapers are needed. There are barrels for donations in the entrances of all of our churches.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—**

would like to thank the Marion Catholic Community for their generous donation.

**THANK YOU**—the Glenmary Home Missioners would like to thank the Marion Catholic Community for their generous donation.

Today we enter the "ordinary" Sundays with the Baptism of the Lord. Our second reading speaks about the "generous love of God." We see that generosity in Jesus acceptance of baptism. As Pope emeritus Benedict observed: "The act of descending into the waters of this Baptism implies a confession of guilt and a plea for forgiveness in order to make a new beginning."\*

Those baptized by John confess their sins and seek to rid themselves of their burden of guilt. But, asked Pope Benedict, "What did Jesus do in this same situation?" Jesus obviously had no need of repentance. He contains "all righteousness." In today's Gospel, the Father says to Jesus, "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased." By accepting baptism, Jesus shows the generous love of God. Again, let me quote the retired Pope,

"Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realized what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon his shoulders, he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He is, as it were, the true Jonah who said to the crew of the ship, 'Take me and throw me into the sea.'"

By our baptism into Christ, we receive the generous love of God. Our baptism, however, even if it took place when we were infants, is not meant to be only a passive reception. By taking our guilt and sins upon himself, Jesus is calling us to live the generous love of God.

What a profound gift we have received in Baptism. We have become Children of God by spiritual adoption.

**PRECIOUS BLOOD VALENTINE SOCIAL**—Chickasaw Ladies, please join us for a Valentine Social with the Lady Sodality on February 13th after 9am Mass in the church basement. Brunch will be served at 10:30. A great way to socialize and visit with our friends and neighbors in Chickasaw. Please look for an invite in your mailbox soon. Please RSVP with your \$7 by February 6th. Hope to see you there! Any questions contact, Kim Bruns at 419-925-4690.

**NATIVITY RAFFLE PRIZES**—are being requested for the Annual Nativity Mission Lenten Raffle benefitting sponsored children in Haiti; Brother Jason's Ministry; SON Ministries. Prizes vary from monetary, wood crafted, gift cards, jewelry, tools, decorations, crafting kits, Easter baskets, etc. Please contact Tess at 419-305-0106 by February 14th, if you are interested in donating a prize.

**THANK YOU**—Rita Kuess would like to say thank you for the Christmas cards and the prayers for my son-in-law. The cards and prayers made for a joyful Christmas.

**THANK YOU**—Denny and Barb Link would like to say thank you for all the cards received and a special thank you to the 11th grade CCD for their caroling.

**THANK YOU**—Precious Blood would like to thank Virgil, the late Velma, Victor, and Jerry Schmidt for the donation of the beautiful St. Teresa the Flower Girl statue that was placed in the flower bed by the east entrance of the church.

## CLUSTER NEWS

**NATIVITY LADIES SODALITY**—Please mark your calendars for the Nativity Ladies Sodality Winter Party on Sunday, January 23rd from 3-7pm at the CFL Hall. Come join us to create a personalized wooden sign and enjoy delicious food and fellowship! Please RSVP and pick out your sign on the Cassella Nativity Ladies Sodality Facebook Page!

**CEMETERY DUES FOR ALL PARISHIONERS IN THE MARION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**—Cemetery dues will be collected in the months of January and February. Dues are \$10.00 per single person who is 21 or older or \$20.00 for married couples and families. You are NOT reserving a cemetery plot, but simply maintaining the cemetery. The cost for a cemetery plot for anyone who **has not** paid his/her dues is \$1,000.00 per lot for single persons or \$2,000.00 for married couples and families. If you are a member of a parish, you are to pay cemetery dues. There is an envelope in your mailed packet or you can use a plain envelope marked cemetery dues with your name and parish on it and drop it in the collection at Mass. Also, if you have paid dues, there is still a fee for purchasing a cemetery lot. Please contact the parish office or the head of the cemetery of your parish, if you have any questions. St. John—Sharon Kremer—419-925-4775, Precious Blood—Lester Homan—419-925-4314, St. Sebastian—Nick McClurg—419-925-4191, St. Rose—Nancy Zizelman—419-852-4411, Nativity—Matt Gugenbiller—419-925-4025.

**REGISTRATION TO A PARISH**—Anyone that has been recently married, graduated from high school or families/persons that have moved to the area and are not registered, please contact the parish office to register. You may e-mail [marioncathcom@gmail.com](mailto:marioncathcom@gmail.com) or call 419-925-4775.

**POLICY ON WEEKDAY MASSES**—If there is an evening Mass scheduled during the week, (typically for a Holy Day) and we have a funeral Mass which will be that morning, the regular morning mass will be canceled. Please check Facebook or listen to WSCM radio. Please sign up for the myparish app, so you don't miss any news!

**WEEKDAY MORNING MASS**—Fr. Matt will most likely not be celebrating Mass for a couple of weeks. If there is a funeral, the morning Mass will be cancelled. Any questions, please call the parish office.

**WEEKEND MASS CANCELATION DUE TO WEATHER**—The members of the five parish council decided that if there is a level 2 or 3 snow emergency, we will cancel weekend Masses. This will be on Channel 7, WSCM radio and the Marion Catholic Community Facebook page.

## SPIRITUAL CENTER, AND AREA CHURCH NEWS

**YOUTH RETREAT**—The 22nd annual Life in the Spirit Seminar is March 19th-21st at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center. It is a great retreat for teens and young adults. This year's retreat theme is "Redeemed". Visit [www.LifeintheSpirit-Seminar.com](http://www.LifeintheSpirit-Seminar.com) for more information or to register. You can also register by mailing in a completed flyer which can be found on the website. Registration deadline is March 7th. Please contact Kelly Horstman for more information at 419-678-8649.

## SPIRITUAL CENTER, AND AREA CHURCH NEWS

**SYNODALITY**—Sounds strange, doesn't it? Yet this is what the Holy Father has called. In its simplest form, synodality represents a collaborative approach by all the people of God to address a particular issue for which the Holy Father seeks input. For this synod, he wants to hear from everyone on how the whole Church (not only the bishops and priests) can journey together in bringing the gospel message to the world. To address this "synodal" approach, he has called for all dioceses in the world to hold local consultative meetings to discuss this topic. The first meeting is scheduled for January 18th at the St. Charles Center (Gasper Room) from 7pm to 9pm for the St. Marys Deanery. Please prayerfully consider participating in your local deanery meeting.

**BACH BY CANDLELIGHT AT IC CHURCH**—The musical legacy of Bach cannot be overstated. Join the Lima Symphony Orchestra as they honor the works of the master himself, Johann Sebastian Bach, and those of his sons, Johann Christian and Carl Philipp Emanuel in an evening of Bach by Candlelight. Revel in the complexity and beauty of music of the Baroque as it was meant to be heard, in our region's beautiful historic churches. Hosted by IC Church, Celina on Sunday, January 23rd at 4pm is "Strength in Harmony – Bach by Candlelight,". Please feel free to contact Terri Stewart, IC Parish Secretary at the parish office 419-586-6648 or [tstewart@celina-ic.org](mailto:tstewart@celina-ic.org) for tickets and more information. Adult tickets are \$20 and student tickets are \$10.

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## CLUSTER NEWS

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## MYM CALENDAR

### High School D-Group

Encountering God  
Sunday, January 9th  
7:00-8:30  
St. Aloysius Youth Room

### Middle School Youth Night

Minute to Win It Night  
Sunday, January 16th  
6:30-8:30  
St. Aloysius Youth Room

### High School D-Group

Experiencing God  
Sunday, January 23rd  
7:00-8:30  
St. Aloysius Youth Room

## SMALL GROUP LEADERS NEEDED

A Small Group Leader leads and forms the spiritual lives of a small group of teens within youth ministry. You are responsible for being a light of Christ to them and a source of strength, encouragement and prayer.

Our new groups will meet on a weekly or bi-weekly basis to break open scripture, pray, fellowship, and work through the week's content.

If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please contact Chris Wibbenmeyer at [cwibbenmeyer@marioncatholiccommunity.org](mailto:cwibbenmeyer@marioncatholiccommunity.org) or 567-279-1430.

All small group leaders will be mentored so no experience in leading small groups is needed. You must have a love for the Catholic faith.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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For more information or to sign up, please visit:  
[www.marioncatholiccommunity.org/steubenville.html](http://www.marioncatholiccommunity.org/steubenville.html)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 14, 2022**



## HIGH SCHOOL MYM

### EXPERIENCING GOD IN PRAYER

**All are invited to join us starting January 9th as we learn to experience God in prayer**

**Sunday, January 9th**  
Encountering God: **The Heart of Prayer**

**Sunday, January 20th**  
Experiencing God: **Vocal Prayer**

**Sunday, February 6th**  
Letting God Speak: **Meditation & Contemplation**

**Sunday, February 20th**  
Experiencing God: **Meditating with Scripture**

**Sunday, March 13th**  
Needing God: **Petition & Intercession**

**Sunday, March 20th**  
The Struggle: **Overcoming Obstacles to Prayer**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**“IT’S BACK” ST. SEBASTIAN 2022 FISH FRY**—March 4th at Romer’s Overdrive. For tickets contact Jesse Rose at 419-305-6695.

**ST. SEBASTIAN FISH FRY DONATIONS—AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED.** We are looking for items and/or donations to be auctioned off. Please contact Jesse Rose at 419-305-6695.

**MERCER COUNTY ESC PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**—will be accepting applications for typical children through January 31st. After the January 31st application deadline, a lottery will be conducted to fill openings. Tuition is \$180 per month. (Children currently enrolled as a typical in the 2021-22 school year MUST submit an application to be automatically enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year.) Visit the Mercer County ESC webpage to find the application and additional information. Any further questions, call the ESC at 419-586-6628.

**KNIGHTS BREAKFAST BUFFET**—will be January 16th from 8:30-12:30. Part of the proceeds will go to the Marion Bowling Team. The price of the breakfast is Adults \$8, 7-12 \$4.50 and 6 and under eat free.



**MARION AG BOOSTERS PRESENT**—Jordan Hoewischer, Director Water Quality & Research, Ohio Farm Bureau. Looking to learn about carbon credits and how to use them in your agricultural business? This will be held on Monday, January 10th at 7pm at CFL Hall, Maria Stein. Questions, call Matt Elsass at 419-925-4597 extension 2306.

**MCDO 301 RECREATION CLUB**—will be hosting their Annual Member Appreciation Party on Friday, January 14th at the Maria Stein Legion, after the Ft. Recovery boys’ basketball game. Entertainment, food, and drinks are provided for all members and their families. Prizes will be awarded throughout the night.

**REDISCOVERING JOY—A Support Group for Widows and Widowers** will hold their next meeting on Monday, January 10th from 6:30–8pm. The group meets on the second Monday of every month at the R & R Fabrications, Inc., meeting room located at 601 E. Washington Street in St. Henry. The entrance is on the west side of the R & R Fabrications building, off of Linn St. The speaker for the January meeting will be Dr. Roseanne Scammahorn, discussing the topic “Cooking for One.” In addition to monthly meetings, the group also offers a variety of social outings for members. In January, the group will be dining at the La Carreta Mexican Restaurant in Celina. For more information, please call or text Judy at 419-733-5629 or Mary at 419-678-8830. Email is also available at [rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com](mailto:rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com). New members are always welcome.

**2022 MARION COMMUNITY BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SIGNUP**—Sign up for the Marion Community Baseball and Softball programs (for boys currently in grades K-8 and girls currently in grades 1-8 living in or attending the Marion Local school district), will be open through January 31st. Please visit [www.marioncommunitybaseball.com](http://www.marioncommunitybaseball.com) to sign up. There will be a \$25 additional charge for sign-ups after January 31st. On this website, students and adults will have the opportunity to sign up to play baseball or softball, umpire baseball or softball (\$30 per game for home plate and \$15 for bases, high school students or older preferred for Little League level games), become a committee member, be a coach and other volunteer opportunities involved with the program. **More committee members are needed.** Baseball players will be required to provide their own helmets starting this year. Please go to the website to get more details. Please contact [marioncommunitybaseball@gmail.com](mailto:marioncommunitybaseball@gmail.com), if you have questions.

**SEWERS AND GROWERS 4-H GROUP**—will be meeting Monday, February 7th at 7pm at the Knights of St. John hall basement in Maria Stein. New members welcome to join at this time. Youth must be 8 years old by January 1st and in the 3rd grade or older to join.

**MARION TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**—Snowman family night, Tuesday, January 11th at 6:30pm at the Marion Township Branch Library. No pre-registration, craft included.

**FREE THROW SHOOTING CONTEST**—The Knights of Columbus Council 2158 will be holding the Free throw shooting contest for boys and girls, ages 9 to 14, on Sunday, January 9th, at the Minster Elementary school. There will be 5 boys and 5 girls divisions. Doors open at 5:30pm for registration and shooting will begin at 6pm. All are welcome. The snow date is January 23rd if necessary.

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