



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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From the Desk of Fr. Leo

End of the Christmas Season & A Few *Thank You* Notes: With the Baptism of the Lord we end the Christmas Season and begin two months of Ordinary Time before the Lenten Season begins on March 2. ***Thank you*** to all those who helped

with our Christmas decorations, for the new creations and new designs, for the set-ups and the take-downs as well. ***Thank you*** to all who sent me Christmas cards and gifts – you have been very kind and generous to me! ***Thank you*** for your prayers and concerns during my illness – your soup and prayers were a great comfort!

What has Baptism done for you?

The following are some of Baptism’s benefits:

Baptism is the beginning and the foundation of the Christian life of faith, and provides access to the other sacraments.

The grace of baptism is a rebirth in Christ, opens a channel of blessing from God to the believer, grants a share of God’s divine life, delivers spiritual energy and power, provides nourishment and enables growth in virtue and holiness.

The Holy Spirit comes to a person through baptism, which makes the person a temple of the Holy Spirit and assures the constant companionship of God, Who offers inspiration, enlightenment, guidance, courage, strength and motivation to live according to God’s ways.

Baptism makes a person an adopted son or daughter of God. God owns the baptized person, and the person belongs to God.

Baptism grants admission into the body of Christ, the Church, a spiritual family. It establishes a bond of fellowship with the community of believers and full partnership with the communion of saints of the living. The pilgrimage to God is not to be walked alone, but with the companionship of other disciples.

The baptized person is elevated as priest, prophet and king.

Baptism is a spiritual cleansing. All sins, both original sin and personal sin, are washed away. The person is in the state of grace. Liberation from sin gives the freedom and fosters the desire to conform one’s life to Jesus and his gospel.

Baptism makes a person a laborer in Christ’s vineyard and a minister of the Church, one who proclaims the gospel to others in deed and word; gives strong and bold witness; assists in liturgical roles; teaches and shares the faith; serves one’s neighbors, esp. the poor; is a good steward of time, talent and treasure; seeks, speaks and defends the truth; works for justice and peace; and upholds the common good.

Baptism clothes a person with immortality, gives a person a share in the redemption that Christ won on the Cross, and makes salvation, eternal life and everlasting glory with God in heaven possible.



A Word on Prayer: Our passages from Pope St. John Paul II and Our Lady of Fatima nicely compliment each other in this week’s bulletin. Please be sure to give them a good reading and then follow their good advice in the development and improvement of your own prayer-life.



ECCLESIA IN AMERICA

Pope Saint John Paul II

CH 3 - THE PATH OF CONVERSION

***Guided by the Holy Spirit
to a new way of living***

29. The proposal of a new style of life applies not only to the Pastors, but to all Christians living in America. They are asked to know more deeply and to make their own a genuine Christian spirituality. “In effect, the term spirituality means a mode or form of life in keeping with Christian demands. Spirituality is ‘life in Christ’ and ‘in the Spirit’, which is accepted in faith, expressed in love and inspired by hope, and so becomes the daily life of the Church community”. In this sense, by spirituality, which is the goal of conversion, we mean “not a part of life, but the whole of life guided by the Holy Spirit”. Among the many elements of spirituality which all Christians must make their own, prayer holds a pre-eminent place. Prayer leads Christians “little by little to acquire a contemplative view of reality, enabling them to recognize God in every moment and in every thing; to contemplate God in every person; to seek his will in all that happens”.

Prayer, both personal and liturgical, is the duty of every Christian. “Jesus Christ, the Good News of the Father, warns us that without him we can do nothing (*Jn 15:5*). He himself, in the decisive moments of his life, before doing something, used to withdraw to an isolated place to give himself to prayer and contemplation, and he asked the Apostles to do the same”. He tells his disciples without exception: “Go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret” (*Mt 6:6*). This intense life of prayer must be adapted to the capacity and condition of each Christian, so that in all the different situations of life each one may be able “to drink of the one Spirit (*1 Cor 12:13*) from the wellspring of their encounter with Christ”. In this sense, contemplation is not a privilege reserved to the few; on the contrary, in parishes, in communities and movements there is a need to foster a spirituality clearly oriented to contemplation of the fundamental truths of faith: the mysteries of the Trinity, the Incarnation of the Word, the Redemption of humanity, and the other great saving works of God. [...]

Christian spirituality is nourished above all by a constant sacramental life, since the Sacraments are the root and endless source of God’s grace which believers need to sustain them on their earthly pilgrimage. The sacramental life needs to be complemented by the values of popular piety, values which will be enriched in turn by sacramental practice and saved from falling into the danger of routine. It should also be noted that this spirituality is not opposed to the social responsibilities of the Christian life. On the contrary, in following the path of prayer, believers become more conscious of the Gospel’s demands and of their duties towards others. Through prayer, they are strengthened with the grace they need to persevere in doing good. In order to mature spiritually, Christians do well to seek the counsel of the Church’s ministers or of other persons expert in the field of spiritual direction, which is a traditional practice in the Church. The Synod Fathers felt that it was necessary to recommend to priests this important ministry.

ST ALOYSIUS PARISH

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| Catholic | Parish Target | \$ 21,644.00 | |
| Ministries | Total Pledges | \$ 24,872.00 | (115%) |
| Drive | No of Gifts | 139/340 | (41%) |
| 2021 | Actual Rec'd | \$ 24,872.00 | (115%) |
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| M/M D Strunk | M/M D Trexler | | |

Collection 12/25/2021: Adults \$482; children \$5; Holy days \$50; candles \$12; **Christmas:** Adults: \$5559; children \$51; loose \$420 **Total deposit: \$6579**

Collection 12/26/2021: Adults \$2787; children \$35; loose \$61; holy days \$20; Christmas \$1150; initial \$9; **Total deposit: \$4062.** Christmas Club \$2; Development \$19; flowers \$40

Collection 1/1/2022: Adults \$155; children \$8; loose \$64; holy days \$274; initial offering \$11 **Total deposit: \$512.**

Collection 1/2/2022: Adults \$4595; children \$29; loose \$283; holy days (adults) \$354 (children) \$10; candles \$97; Christmas \$555; initial \$63; rent \$200; utilities \$25; angel fund \$67; retirement – religious \$25; Mandeville \$10 **Total Deposit \$6313** Christmas Club \$5; Development \$58; St. Vincent \$30

Christmas Decoration Removal: The Christmas decorations in St. Aloysius Church will be taken down on Monday, January 10, beginning at 9:00 am. All are welcome to help.

2021 Financial Contributions: If you would like to receive a copy of your 2021 financial contributions to St. Aloysius Church, call Ann at 814 886-2235 or e-mail stalloysiuscresson@dioceseaj.org.

SA Office: The St. Aloysius Parish Office will be closed on Friday afternoon, January 14 and Monday, January 17 (Martin Luther King Day).

March on the Mountain: As an alternative to the March for Life in Washington, DC, St. Francis University will host a "March on the Mountain" on Friday, January 21, 2022. There will be a rosary at 10:30 am in front of the chapel. The March begins at 11:00 am, with Mass at noon. Parking will be at the JFK Center Parking Lot, with the March taking place around the Mall. Feel free to contact Campus Ministry at 814 472-3172 with any additional questions.



Catholic Daughters Court Joan of Arc :

Thank you to Knights of Columbus Cresson, Gallitzin, and Lilly Councils for the generous monetary contributions to purchase Christmas Gift Bags and individual Christmas cards for over 60 residents of local Personal Care Homes. Court Joan of Arc members packed and delivered gift bags to residents of Just Like Home. Martha's Manor, and St. John Paul Manor. Both Catholic organizations continue efforts to "Build up the Kingdom of God" here on earth. "The harvest is great but laborers are few."

*** (Consider joining your local CDA or K of C)

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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|----------------|---------------|-------------|--------|
| Catholic | Parish Target | \$19,184.00 | |
| Ministries | Total Pledges | \$40,583.00 | (212%) |
| Drive | No of Gifts | 124/351 | (35%) |
| 2021 | Actual Rec'd | \$39,136.00 | (204%) |
| M/M Tracy Kost | | | |

Collection 12/19/2021: Adults \$3227; Loose \$46; Youth \$38.10; Holy Days \$20; Immac. Concep \$75.18; Christmas \$440; Christmas Flowers \$54; Christmas Candles \$41; Christmas Mass \$165; Energy \$129; Development \$27; Angel Fund \$30; Candles \$6; March for life \$5; World Mission \$10; Religious fund \$85; Catholic Charities \$5; **Total Deposit \$4403.28.** Cemetery \$1; Church Improvement \$78:

Collection 12/25/2021: Adults \$51; Loose \$341.50; Youth \$49; Christmas \$3511; Mother of God \$30; Energy \$7; Angel Fund \$5; Christmas Flowers \$20; Christmas Candles \$12; Christmas Mass \$206 Religious Fund \$20 **Total Deposit \$4232.50.**

Collection 12/26/2021: Adults \$2001; Loose \$103; Youth \$26; Immac. Concep.\$10; Mother of God \$20; Angel Fund \$10; Christmas Mass \$60; Christmas \$730; **Total Deposit \$2960.00.**

Collection 01/01/2022: \$278; Loose \$51: **Total Deposit \$329:**

Collection 01/02/2022: Adults \$2976; Loose \$86; Youth \$28; Holy Day \$15; Mother of God \$198; Christmas \$460; Initial Env. \$24; Energy \$30; Angel Fund \$13; Candles \$6; Sanctuary Lamp \$20; Perquisite Baptism \$50; **Total Deposit \$3,906;** Cemetery \$13; Church Improvement \$15:

FX Office : The Parish office will be closed on Monday, January 17th for Martin Luther King Day.

2021 Financial Contributions: If you would like to receive a copy of your 2021 Statement from St. Francis Xavier Church, call Sr. Nancy at 814-886-7234 or email: fxparish@dioceseaj.org.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUNDAY MORNING 9:15-10:45 am

Jan. 9,23,30 CCD
Jan 16 No Class, Martin Luther King Jr.

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

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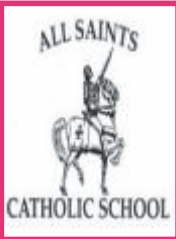
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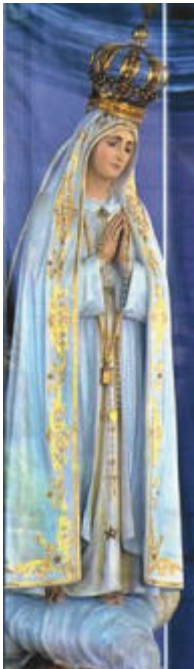
All Saints Catholic School

Here is hoping you are a winner in our Knightly Cash giveaway going on this month. Thank you to all who bought tickets in support of ASCS.

As we prepare for Catholic Schools Week at the end of January 2022, we will also be celebrating the centennial of our school building. It is 100 years old. All Saints Catholic School has existed in this building since 1989. Prior to that, St. Francis Xavier School was housed in this building, and St. Aloysius School was on the hill. Combined in 1989 to form ASCS, this building has held generations of Cresson area students learning and growing in faith, love, and service.

If you have any old photos of the school building that you are willing to share with us, please bring them to the school or rectory office. We can make copies, so you can keep the originals. We'd also like to collect some memories on video if anyone would like to share any stories about attending school here. Our students would be happy to do a video interview with you that we could share with others. Contact the school at 814-886-7942 if interested.

Save the date of Sunday, January 30, 2022, because we hope to have an Open House so you can visit the school between 12-1:30 to reminisce and share memories.



The Message of Fatima on Prayer:

Besides a call to penance Fatima is in a special way a call for the Rosary. So central is the Rosary to the Fatima message that Our Lady chose to identify herself as *"The Lady of the Rosary."* In each of the six apparitions she asked for the daily Rosary, and especially as an instrument of world peace. As she revealed in the third apparition: *"You must recite the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war for only she can obtain this."* In this Our Lady renewed her request for the prayer she gave to the Church centuries before, a prayer that has proven a powerful weapon against the enemies of Christianity as history testifies.

Sr. Lucia said: *"My impression is that the Rosary is of greatest value not only according to the words of Our Lady at Fatima, but according to the effects of the Rosary one sees throughout history. My impression is that Our Lady wanted to give ordinary people, who might not know how to pray, this simple method of getting closer to God."*

The Rosary is a gospel prayer, and for those who pray it properly, it is *"a simple method of getting closer to God."* But to pray it properly requires that each decade be a reflection on some aspect of the joyful, sorrowful, [luminous] or glorious mysteries of our redemption. Without that meditation, the Rosary would become monotonous repetition. Pope Paul VI wrote *"Without this (contemplation) the Rosary is a body without a soul, and its recitation is in danger of becoming a mechanical repetition of formulas."*

FX Sanctuary Lamp—SHANA NEWTON (M/M C Horten)
SA Sanctuary Lamp – DEC'D OF WETZEL & SUNSERI
FAMILIES

MASS SCHEDULE FOR JAN 10 TO JAN 16

Servers - Jan 15-Jan. 16
4:00pm A & L Mullen
8:00am Dillon Family
11:00am Volunteers
Reader -
4:00pm P. Dillon
8:00am Volunteer
11:00am J. Rabish
Extraordinary Minister
4:00pm S Mullen
8:00am D Scanlan
11:00am Volunteer

MON - JANUARY 10
8:00am **FX** NO MASS

TUE - JANUARY 11
8:00am **SA** JENNY CALANDRA
(Legion of Mary)

WED - JANUARY 12
8:00am **FX** JOE PUPO (Nancy & Jeff Vaughn)
8:00pm **SA** 24HR. ADORATION

THUR - JANUARY 13
8:00am **SA** CHARLOTTE RISBAN
(J & D Stohon)
8:30am ADORATION
7:00pm Holy Hour
8:00pm Confessions

FRI - JANUARY 14
9:00am **FX** MICHAEL DIBOSKY (C. Ebner)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT JANUARY 15
11:00am Conf. & Adoration @ FX
3:30pm **FX** ROSARY
4:00pm **FX** PEOPLE of FX & SA PARISHES

SUN - JANUARY 16
7:30am **SA** ROSARY
8:00am **SA** DAVID LIDWELL (B Schlosser)
10:30am **FX** ROSARY
11:00am **FX** TYLER HARRINGTON (family)

Dustbusters: SA: M Vargo, C/E Hanlon, P Lilly
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