



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in one baptism and many ethnic traditions, All Saints Parish celebrates, cultivates, and grows knowledge and faith to love and serve both God and neighbor.

Pastoral Council 2013

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday—4:30 p.m. Sunday—8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday—8:15 a.m. **Confessions:** Saturday—3:30 p.m.

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Parish Secretary, ext.101 acaligiuri@allsaintsrossford.com Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today marks the last day of the Christmas Season as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have sent me Christmas cards and kind words. I am not able to send a return card to everyone, but rest assured that I appreciate your kindness and your prayers. We have had a wonderful Christmas season here at All Saints. Although we are still in the midst of the pandemic, God's grace has shone through fear and doubt. Our church was beautifully decorated by our volunteers and our music programs have made our liturgical observances truly remarkable. The faith is truly alive in our parish!

Last week we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, when the Magi visited Our Lord. Today, we celebrate another Epiphany of sorts, with the Baptism of the Lord. An epiphany is beautiful manifestation of God; Jesus' divinity is made manifest at His baptism, when the heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father speaks. It is a beautiful image of the Holy Trinity, and reveals that this Jesus is no ordinary man, but the divine

The word "baptism" is taken from Greek, and it means "to plunge". Early baptisms were full body immersions, where the catechumen would be plunged underwater. It symbolizes the death of the life of sin, and when the person arises from the water they are reborn to eternal life. Baptism is the first of the sacraments, when we accept the salvation won for us by Christ. In doing so, we are reconciled with God, original sin is washed away, and we live now in sanctifying grace, that is, in full relationship with God. This relationship can be broken through mortal sin, which ordinarily requires healing and reconciliation through sacramental confession.

This information begs the question, "why was Jesus baptized?" Certainly Jesus does not need to be reconciled with God, for He is God. The answer lies in today's reading: John baptizes with water, while Jesus baptizes with fire and the Holy Spirit. The baptism of John is different than sacramental baptism. John's baptism is with water alone. It is merely a symbolic washing, which was common during his time. It was a sign of repentance, of changing one's life, a mere ceremony that represented a resolution to change. But Jesus' baptism is not symbolic, it is sacramental. It changes us, restoring us to grace, the good relationship we were all meant to have in the beginning before sin entered the world. Thus it is the Holy Spirit acting like fire, a powerful force that changes what it touches. Jesus would not institute the sacrament of baptism until after His death and resurrection, for it is the fruit of His sacrifice, the offering of salvation to all.

Jesus is not being baptized sacramentally. His baptism is symbolic. Jesus doesn't need to be baptized. As the Son of God He is completely free of sin. In being baptized with the baptism of John, He is preparing for His public ministry. While He personally has no need to repent, He is taking on our sin, and we certainly need repentance. And for the last time this liturgical year, Christmas!" May you and your family experience the love of God given to us in the person of the Baby born for our salvation.

God bless you,

Fr. Recker

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a free throw contest for boys and girls ages 9—14 in the McAlear Center on Monday, January 17, 2022 from 1 p.m.—3 p.m. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.





SAT. 1/8	4:30p.m.	William Kubista
SUN. 1/9	8:30a.m.	Dr. Patrick Tallarico
	11:00a.m.	All Saints Parishioners
MON. 1/10	8:15a.m .	Edward and Joan Tucholski
TUE. 1/11	8:15a.m.	Pat and Bernie Conine
WED. 1/12	8:15a.m.	Anne Filipiak
THU. 1/13	8:15a.m.	John Holdinsky
FRI. 1/14	8:15a.m.	Catherine Robinette
SAT. 1/15	4:30p.m.	Mary Bishop
SUN. 1/16	8:30a.m.	Dorothy and Don Pindoley
,	11:00a.m.	All Saints Parishioners



LECTORS SCHEDULED FOR 1/15-1/16

4:30pmBill Romp 8:30amTracy Darr 11:00amDaniel Ello

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS SCHEDULED FOR 1/15-1/16

4:30pmJudith Hirsch, Angela Oakley, Kathy McVicker 8:30amTerry Krasniewski, Julie Murphy, Rosie Hollerbach 11:00am MaryLou Burkhart, Stephanie Lenkey, Liam Walsh

SERVERS SCHEDULED FOR 1/15-1/16

4:30pmKayleigh Oakley, Kyle Hoff, Eva Hoff 8:30amAdam Major, Carter Williams, Augusta Williams 11:00amAndrew Solomon, Caleb Solomon, Madeline Solomon

CANTORS SCHEDULED FOR 1/15-1/16

4:30pmAnn Heban 8:30amAnn Heban 11:00amCaitlin Davenport

CLW CATECHIST SCHEDULED FOR 1/16

8:30amAllison Switzer and Abi Kinemond

Readings Week

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 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk Monday:

1:14-20

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk Tuesday:

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

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12 Friday:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Saturday:

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - TO REFLECT AND HOW DO WE RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First 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?

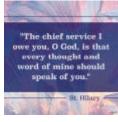
Second Reading:

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:

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God? ©LPi





Sunday, 12/26/2021

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 Weekly Giving Online/We Share	\$	4,479.00 7,484.50			
Weekly Mail-in Offertory Weekly Total Weekly Budgeted Variance Favorable/(Unfavorable) Charitable contributions	\$ \$ \$	2,040.00 14,003.50 11,220.00 2,783.50 220.00			
All Saints Maintenance Fund	\$	1,535.00			
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022					
Total contributions since July 1 Budgeted from July 1 Variance from July 1	\$	291,720.00			

Sunday, 1/2/2022

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 Weekly Giving Online/We Share	\$	5,125.00 610.00				
Weekly Mail-in Offertory Weekly Total Weekly Budgeted Variance Favorable/(Unfavorable)	\$\$\$\$	3,105.00 8,840.00 11,220.00 (2,380.00)				
Charitable contributions	\$	35.00				
All Saints Maintenance Fund	\$	250.00				
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022						
Total contributions since July 1 Budgeted from July 1 Variance from July 1	\$	302,940.00				

Christmas —Budgeted	 \$35,0	00.00
Collected (as of $1/3/22$)	 \$ 35,0	078.04
Amount (Över)	 \$	78.96

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Just a reminder, Publication 526 of the IRS on charitable contributions states that donations can only be deducted in the year they were made. All donations for your 2021 tax statement MUST be received by the end of the day, Friday, December 31, 2021. Any contribution received after December 31, 2021, even if the check is dated 2021, will not be on your 2021 contribution statement. All registered parishioners and any other contributors in 2021 will be mailed a contribution statement in January 2022.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is held on Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. in our Chapel. Everyone is welcome! Today we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord by John the Baptist. The bible comes alive for us as we walk with Jesus in this new year of 2022. Have your new years' resolutions included more ways to practice your faith and deepen your prayer life? Attending Eucharistic Adoration brings us face to face with Jesus, "The Way, The Truth, and The Life." Our Catholic Church has rules, not to control us, but to guide and help us keep our body and soul alive and strong in being that wonderful Child of God, His holy



Will intends us to be. Life is difficult! Jesus is with you

every minute.



Just a friendly reminder.

Please take a moment to support All Saints Catholic Church and School and our students.

Click on our school link. Even if you fill one prescription it will help us raise funds.

https://support.rxfundraising.com/

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE The Baptism of the Lord

"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. ©LPi

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC PARISH NEW YEAR FUNDRAISER CHALLENGE

We saw so many blessings during the challenges of 2021. So we are doubly blessed to begin the new year with a special fundraising challenge for 2022!

Our goal is to raise \$30,000. A donor has offered to match us dollar for dollar with this fundraiser. That will double the 30,000 dollars and make it 60,000 dollars!

Many projects for both the school and the church need completed. Projects are focused on how they impact our many ministries.

- ⇒ Focus is on lighting projects to enhance our parking and entry into the church.
- ⇒ A digital sign on the property so passersby can read messages about our school and our church.
- ⇒ Renovation of our restrooms.
- ⇒ Technology upgrades and expansion to enhance learning in the school.

We are excited to complete these projects to enhance the already in progress renovation of the narthex and Steinbauer Room. Donations will be accepted through the parish and school office, as well as online at We Share

https://allsaintsrossford.weshareonline.org/

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK

SUN: 1/9 8:30a.m. Confirmation Large Group—

Church and SCR

MON: 1/10 7:00p.m. RCIA-SCR

TUE: 1/11 9:00a.m. Taking Down Decorations—Church

6:00p.m. Pastoral Council-SCR

WED: 1/12 8:45a-8p. Adoration-Adoration Chapel

SAT: 1/15 3:30p.m. Confessions-Church

AN INVITATION COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF

This invitation is opened to all those interested, especially those who have never been baptized, those baptized in another Christian Church, and also those who were baptized Catholic but never completed their initiation, (Eucharist and Confirmation).

It's not too late to join us. We also invite parishioners who

would just like to refresh their faith through Adult Faith Formation. You are welcome to drop in any or all of the Monday evenings, 7:00 p.m. in the Steinbauer Community Room. Please join



us Monday evening, January 10, the topic will be "A Catholic Moral Vision: Virtue, Grace and the Path to Happiness."

For more information call Sue VanHersett at the Parish 419-666-1393 or email at svanhersett@allsaintsrossford.com.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

The following memorials came in after printing of the insert. In Memory of: From:

Family and Friends Mrs. Judith Davenport
Family and Friends Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zimmerman
Clem Szmania, Joseph Hendrzak Mrs. Roberta Szmania

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ©LPi

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is a special time during Sunday Mass when Fr. Recker invites all the children to gather in the atrium. Together, children listen to and reflect on the Gospel reading. We are in need of catechists to lead CLW during Mass. This is a great opportunity to get involved with Mass and help children grow their relationship with God. Please contact Allison Switzer for more information at allisonswitzerm@qmail.com.

SHOW THEM WE CARE—MILITARY PACKAGES

The Show Them We Care ministry would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support for our military men and women, and invite you to join us at one of our upcoming meetings. We usually meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Steinbauer Community Room, when we share stories, pack care packages and pray for the soldiers (and their families). Upcoming meeting dates are: January 24, February 28 and March 28.

Please contact Kathy or Jim McVicker if you have any questions: 419-704-9130 or kmcvicker@bex.net.

Join us for our Parish Mission:

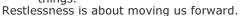
Our Restless Journey Sunday, Monday & Tuesday: February 6, 7, & 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the church

We are excited to welcome back Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.! He will share his insights on "Our Restless Journey"

We are on a constant "Restless Journey" towards God, united in mind and in heart.

Am I fighting or embracing the journey?

The Restless Journey is not about just getting by but doing unbelievable things.



St. Augustine said: "You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

If you attended one of our recent Missions with Fr. Tom, you will remember intriguing and spiritually uplifting presentations.

Father Tom is an experienced teacher, administrator, retreat director and parish mission preacher.

He is currently in his 12th year as Vocation Director for the Midwest Province and is the Director of St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel in Chicago, IL. Father Tom is also the Prior of the Pre-Novitiate Community of St. Clare of Montefalco Friary in Chicago.

TAKING DECORATIONS DOWN

Help is needed with taking down the trees, creche, and other decor inside the church as well as the nativity set outside. We will be doing this on **Tuesday**, **January 11**, at 9 a.m. Your help will be appreciated!

A huge thank you to all who helped with the decorating over the holidays.



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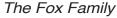
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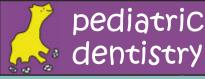
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