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

THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD

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Weekend Liturgy:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 P.M.
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.

Holy Day Liturgy:

Vigil: 5:30 P.M.
6:45 A.M & 12:10 P.M.

Daily Liturgy:

Consult Bulletin for Mass Schedule.

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Monday, January 10
 6:45 A.M. Tom Adams % Louise Castiglione
 Tuesday, January 11
 6:45 A.M. Sandy Miller % Tom & Brenda Aravich
 Wednesday, January 12
 6:45 A.M. Adam & Maxine Nava % Estate
 Thursday, January 13
 6:45 A.M. Louis & Priscilla Zuccolotto & Family % Guido Zuccolotto
 Friday, January 14
 6:45 A.M. Enes Murgash Pinge % Doris Folmar

Sunday, January 9
 6:00 P.M. **FAITH FORMATION** for grades 6-10.
 7:00 P.M. **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Monday, January 10
 6:30 P.M. **ROSARY** for World Peace and Vocations.

Tuesday, January 11
 6:30 P.M. **BIBLE STUDY** in the basement of the Center.

Saturday, January 15
 9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION** grades K-1, 4-5.
 10:00 A.M. **FIRST RECONCILIATION PREP SESSION #4** in the upstairs classroom of the Center for 2nd grade students and their parents.



10:00 A.M. **FIRST EUCHARIST PREP SESSION #3** in the old Kindergarten classroom in the Center for 3rd grade students and their parents.



Sunday, January 16
 10:30 A.M. **10TH GRADE MASS** followed by their **RETREAT**.
 6:00 P.M. **FAITH FORMATION** for grades 6-9.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
 In your charity and prayers, please remember the souls of **Kathy Fremer** and **Christine Gilligan**, sister of Debbie Tami. May God grant them eternal rest and comfort all those who mourn them.



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.

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed at the next worship service, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10'.

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he soon broke out in laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.'

Genesis 3:10 reads: 'I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.'

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 15/16

	5:30 P.M.	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Altar Servers	Tim Fremer Ben Fremer	Nicholas Bennett Owen Crawford	Leah Moore Baylee Moore
Eucharistic Ministers	Linda Olivio	Mary Beth Swintek	Mark Tami
Greeters	Tom & Rita Miller Kensi Dunlap	Linda Lundberg Mary Reed	Pat Stormer Julie Inzana
Gift Bearers	*****	*****	*****
Lectors	Vanessa Lefler	Betty Brumberg	Amy Glasl
Ushers	Team 1	Team 6	Team 8



Dear Parishioner,

Once again, I begin with a very sincere word of **“THANKS”** for the sacrificial gifts you shared this Christmas. Our Christmas Collection amounted to just a little less than **\$18,000**. Given such variables as employment and illness, that is certainly clear testimony to your spirit of sacrifice for the good of the parish.

Faith Formation resumes this weekend. I ask for the continued cooperation of all parents by way of regular attendance, with special concern for the Sacramental preparation for **First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation**. The concerns with the COVID virus are very real. With your cooperation, we will make every effort to provide “in-person” instruction. Just prior to Christmas, Bishop Persico sent out the schedule for Confirmation. Our date is Saturday morning, **April 30**, at 10:00. We will be hosting all the parishes of our Deanery.



Back in October, I offered an **Evening Holy Hour**. The specific intention was focused on the hope of people returning to the active participation in Sunday Eucharist. I brought this to the attention of the **Parish Council** during the late November meeting. They encouraged me to continue to offer such a prayer experience with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. I ask that you mark your calendars: **Thursday, January 20, 6:30-7:30**. There are certainly a long list of intentions that each of us could bring: very simply a deepened appreciation for the Gift of the Holy Eucharist and the unconditional love of God in the Gift of His Beloved Son who laid down His life for us. In addition, your personal prayer intentions could include: restored health, safety of all healthcare workers and first responders, employment, return to the active practice of the Faith, the present discussion on abortion with the annual March for Life, increase of vocations, family harmony, enrichment of marriages, world peace with the present tensions in the Ukraine as well as the Middle East. Treat yourself to this unique prayer experience.....it could become a powerful New Year’s resolution.



For the past two years, we have subscribed as a parish to a computer-based program called **FORMED**. Kristin regularly includes alerts in the bulletin to the available programs of Faith enrichment for all ages. Our subscription is up for renewal in late February. I would appreciate your feedback: verbal or written as to your use of this program and how helpful you have found it to be. Thank you.

Readings for the week of January 09, 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

Coming Events

January 18

7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting in the Sacristy.

January 23

Catholic Communications Collection-

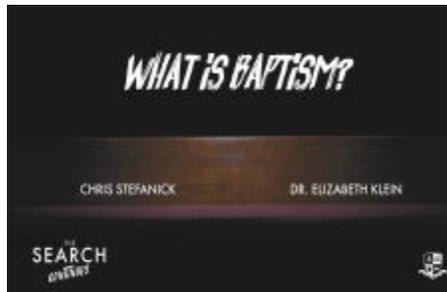


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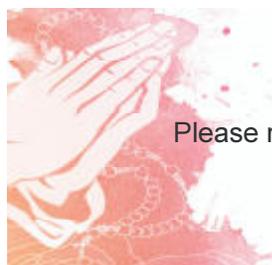
January 26

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting in the Center.



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Further explore this foundational sacrament with *What is Baptism?* from *The Search Continues*.



prayer requests

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