



The Christian Community of

SAINT Elizabeth



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

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Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 a.m.

Adoration and Holy Hour

Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment only. Call the office for information.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are the second Sunday of the month, baptism class is quarterly. Please call for details and to register.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish at least 6 months before the date. Pre-Cana or its equivalent is required.

Religious Formation

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)
serves children grades K-8.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for those who are curious about our Catholic Faith, and to complete the sacraments of initiation.



The Baptism OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

PARISH CALENDAR

Next Week's Ministries

Jan. 15/16 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	5:30pm	9:00am	11:00am
Altar Servers	Mechlin, J. Whitney, M.	Bowling, C. Sherwood, T.	Keller, T.
Lector	Reger, J. O'Reilly, P.	McSweeney, T. Reed, S.	Bumgarner, S. Bumgarner, M.
Greeters	Mechlin, D. Mechlin, C. Schrage, D. Ventresca, T.	Gonya, J. O'Brien, M. Smith, T. Bowling, E.	Kamazima, H. Krumm, M. Shultz, C. Walker, R.
EMOHC	Walker, M. Danalewich, F.	Brown, J. Pollock, M.	Storin, J. Storin, L.
Homebound		Marilyn O'Brien	Maiman Trinity
Altar Linens			Robin Racine

Sunday Content Guide

First Reading: Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Psalms: O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading: He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

Gospel: 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. (Lk 3:22)

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, January 8

9:00 am.....Altar Server Training
5:30 pm.....Mass

Sunday, January 9

9:00 am.....Mass
11:00 am.....Mass

Tuesday, January 11

5:00 pm.....Adoration
6:00 pm.....Daily Mass

Wednesday, January 12

8:30 am.....Daily Mass
7:00 pm.....Choir

Thursday, January 13

8:30 am.....Daily Mass
7:00 pm.....Choir

Friday, January 14

8:30 am.....Mass

Saturday, January 15

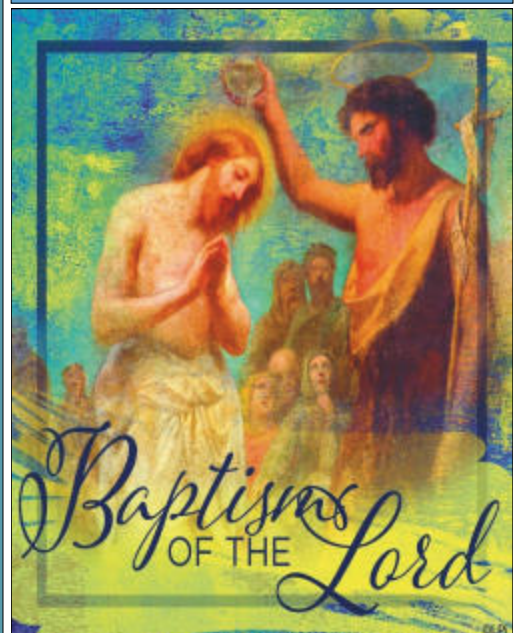
5:30 pm.....Mass

Sunday, January 16

9:00 am.....Mass
11:00 am.....Mass

Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord
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:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
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 2:1-1
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-1



TOGETHER WE PRAY



For the sick in our community: T. Clapp, M. Tiberi, A. Ivy, K. Wilt, E. Wilt, MA Melvin, N. O'Connor, F. Rague, J. Graff, G. Anglin, J. Tully, S. Lewis, R. Wickerham, M. Lesko, D. Shultz, V. Bush, Haggerty baby, P. Rhoades; V. Rentel; AND those on our homebound lists, in the hospital, in nursing care, and those struggling mentally and financially during this time.

Please call the parish office to add or delete a name.

Please observe the following while at Mass:

- ◆ In solidarity with all churches in the diocese, we are asking all parishioners and guests to please wear a mask while inside the church. This request is made of everyone regardless of vaccination status.
- ◆ West Window Sections - the section of chairs closest to the West Windows (back parking lot) will continue to observe 6' social distancing between groups and require masks. This creates a space for all to attend in a welcoming, comfortable and safe environment.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

5:30 pm † Patrick Vermaaten (req. Mary Cook)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 am † Dione Rhoades (req. Lou Thalhiemer)

11:00 am † Maria Ty Cao (req. Minh Do)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

6:00 pm † Bambina Lombardi (req. Linda Sborgia)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30 am † Kathe & Tom Lilley (req. Gloria & Bruce Richardson)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

8:30 am † Sally Ozarko (req. Deborah & Obediah Hamlyn)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

8:30 am † Sally Ozarko (req. Deborah & Obediah Hamlyn)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

5:30 pm † Larry Coughlin (req. Carmel & John Mechlin & Family)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00 am † John 'Jack' Melvin (req. Maryanne Melvin)

11:00 am † Johana Bouma (req. Dan Kuhl)

Please call or email the parish office to reserve a Mass Intention for your loved ones. The stipend is \$10 per Mass.

Available Dates: January 2022: 20, 21, 23 @ 9AM, 26, 27, 28, 30 @ 9AM

Altar Flowers

For:
William Hendey
By:
Pete & Carolyn Hendey



Chapel Flowers

For:
Brian Dowds
By:
Dowds Family

Altar and Chapel Flowers Dates Available

Altar: *Sign-ups are in the Narthex!*
Chapel: *Sign-ups are in the Narthex!*

Contact the parish office to reserve a date in honor of a loved one. Stipend for altar flowers is \$40 and chapel flowers are \$20.

REFLECTIONS

Gospel Meditation

“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.

JUST FOR KIDS

Sharing the Gospel

Your Dad says, "Wash your hands, please. It is almost time to eat." After you wash your hands really well, your Dad smiles. He says, "That's my boy. You did a good job!" In today's Gospel, it was time for Jesus to be baptized. After his baptism, Jesus talked to God his Father in prayer. Jesus did everything his Father asked. God was happy with his Son and said, "I'm pleased with you."

Prayer

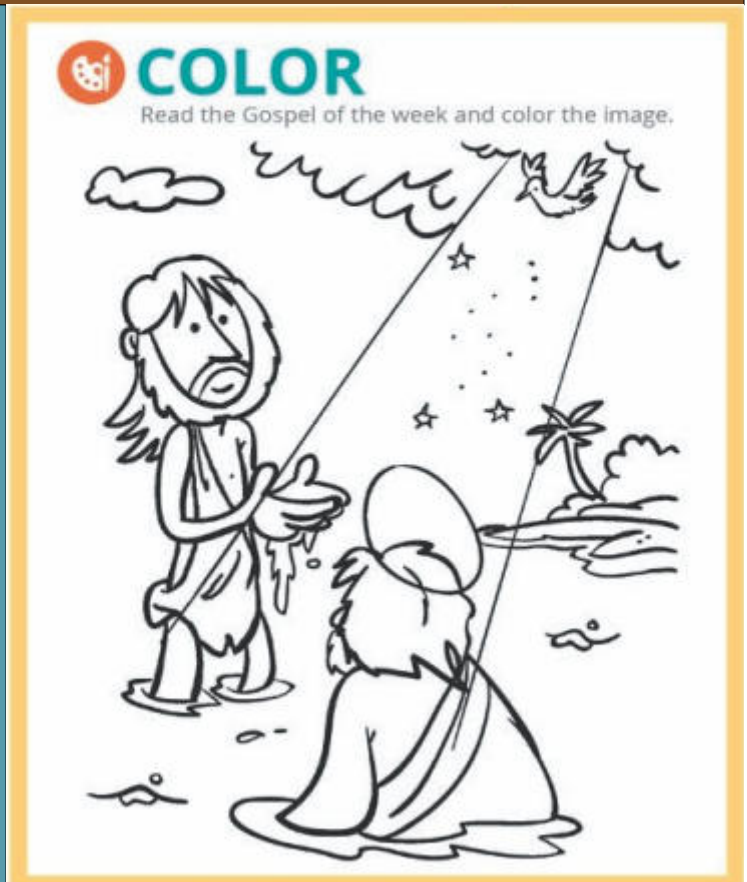
God, I want to make you and my parents happy.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of God telling you, "Good job!"

Mission for the Week

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.



COMMUNITY

Altar & Chapel Flowers



Sign-ups for 2022 dates are out in the Narthex by the bookcases.
Please note, that dates will be considered open until payment has been received.



Altar arrangements are \$40 & Chapel arrangements are \$20.
 You can book by email or calling the Parish Office as well!

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



I Hope I Am Like Him

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“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?

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?

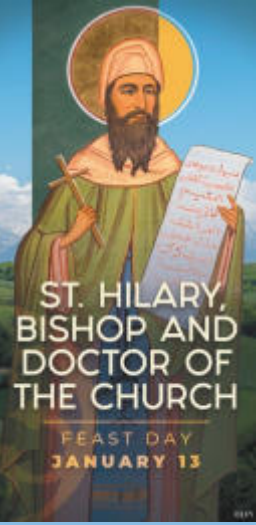
Answer:

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.



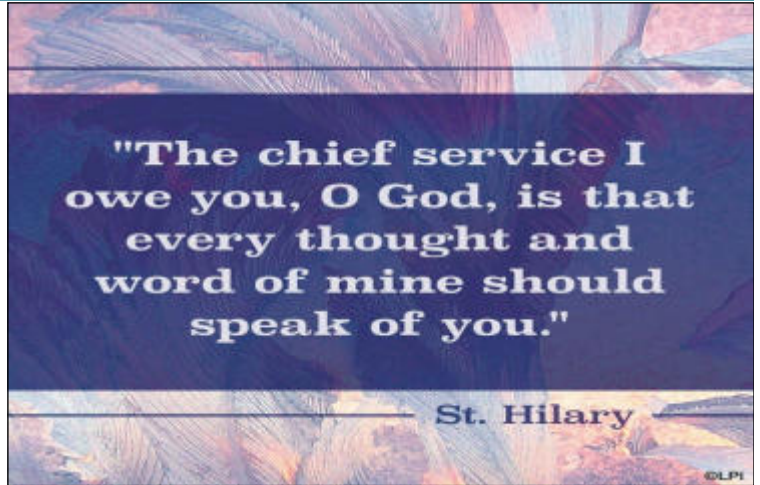
PARISH COMMUNITY



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.



ADULT FAITH Formation

Adult Faith Formation with Susan Belloti will be back on January 25th. This session will still be held on Tuesday evenings after the 6:00 pm mass. Classes are from January 25- March 15. March 22, March 29 and April 5 are dates for Parish Evenings of Prayer that will be advertised as we draw nearer to Lent. We hope to see you there!



PARISH COMMUNITY

St. Elizabeth Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment only.

Please call or email the parish office to make an appointment.



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Due to technical difficulties, Facebook Livestreaming is not working. However, we do still have livestreaming through Vimeo. The link is on our website, just click on the blue V icon at the top of our homepage, www.stelizabethchurch.org or go directly to Vimeo at www.vimeo.com/stelizabethcolumbus

HONORING ALL WHO SERVE

May God bless the men and women who serve and have served their communities and country!

Ryan Buck-LTJG, US Navy, USS Michigan (SSGN-727), Bangor, Washington

Ellen Marie Gensicki—First LT, US Army

Katey Gruber-EMT Columbus, Ohio

David Gunkelman-Captain, Air Force, Wright Patterson AFB

Patrick E. Harris-Fireman/Paramedic/Hazmat Columbus, Ohio, Station 14

Cody Hootman-Staff Sergeant—Air Force EOD Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque NM

Jeff Hootman-Firefighter, Worthington, OH

Colin O'Connor-Fireman—Westerville, Ohio

Sean O'Connor—Police, Cincinnati, Ohio

Tim O'Connor-Fireman and Medic-Maui, Hawaii

Mikala (Scholl) Cintron— Corporal, Marines San Diego, California

Collin Q. Siefer—SGT, US Army 3rd Calvary Regiment, Ft. Hood, Texas

Gaven Smith-Captain, Army, Clarksville, TN

Andrew Stogran-Major, Marine Corps US Central Command, Tampa, Florida.

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