

# SS. FRANCIS & JOHN CATHOLIC PARISH

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 9, 2022

*You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased*

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## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY:**  
4:00pm @ St. John Church

**SUNDAY:**  
8:30am @ St. John Church  
10:00am Online Broadcast on SSFJ Facebook Page  
10:30am Outdoors @ Cardome  
12:30pm (Spanish) @ St. John Church  
4:00pm @ St. Francis Church

**MONDAY:**  
5:30pm @ St. John Church

**TUESDAY:**  
8:30am Livestreamed on SSFJ Facebook Page

**WEDNESDAY:**  
12:00pm @ St. John Church

**THURSDAY:**  
7:00am @ St. John Church

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
Every Thursday @ St. John Church  
Beginning after 7:00am Mass & ending at 8:00pm

**RECONCILIATION:**  
Thursday @ St. John Church from 6:00pm-7:00pm

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*The Baptism of the Lord*  
*January 9, 2022*

HYMN

COME TO THE RIVER  
SPRINKLING RITE

Mass of Glory  
Bob Hurd

Refrain

Come, O come, come to the riv - er  
flow - ing from the bod - y of Christ.  
We'll go down, deep in the wa - ter,  
\* but in the Lord we shall a - rise.

Verses

1. Washed in wa - ters of re-birth,  
2. Priest - ly peo - ple are we,  
3. Blest are those who thirst  
4. Let us walk in the light  
5. Those who sow in tears

to Refrain

1. we have put on Christ Je - sus.  
2. sealed and sent by the Spir - it.  
3. for the reign of God's jus - tice.  
4. of God's ho - ly prom - ise.  
5. reap the har - vest re - joic - ing.

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GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.**

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Lectionary: 21

**Reading I** Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
 my chosen one with whom I am pleased,  
 upon whom I have put my spirit;  
 he shall bring forth justice to the nations,  
 not crying out, not shouting,  
 not making his voice heard in the street.  
 a bruised reed he shall not break,  
 and a smoldering wick he shall not quench,  
 until he establishes justice on the earth;  
 the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,  
 I have grasped you by the hand;

I formed you, and set you  
 as a covenant of the people,  
 a light for the nations,  
 to open the eyes of the blind,  
 to bring out prisoners from confinement,  
 and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. (11b) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Give to the LORD, you sons of God,  
 give to the LORD glory and praise,  
 Give to the LORD the glory due his name;  
 adore the LORD in holy attire.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters,  
 the LORD, over vast waters.

The voice of the LORD is mighty;  
 the voice of the LORD is majestic.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders,  
 and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD is enthroned above the flood;  
 the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Reading II** Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered  
 in the house of Cornelius, saying:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly  
 is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent to the Israelites  
 as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,  
 what has happened all over Judea,

beginning in Galilee after the baptism  
 that John preached,  
 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
 with the Holy Spirit and power.  
 He went about doing good  
 and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
 for God was with him."

**Alleluia** Cf. Mk 9:7

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:  
 This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel** Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation,  
 and all were asking in their hearts  
 whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying,  
 "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."

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.

And a voice came from heaven,  
 "You are my beloved Son;  
 with you I am well pleased."

## CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

## DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Creator God, life is your gift to us. Through Baptism, you invite us to share in the gifts of our lives in service to others. Be with us each day as we choose to show Your presence in the world. Give us the courage and generosity to respond to Your love, to Your call. We pray especially for those who serve you as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers. We pray for holy matrimonies. Keep them close to You. Open the minds and hearts of other men and women that they may accept Your challenge to build the Kingdom. *Amen.*

## OFFERTORY

### DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY

American folk song

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 2/4. The melody is simple and folk-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

As I went down to the riv-er to pray, stud-y-ing a-bout that  
good old way and who shall wear the star - ry crown— Good Lord,  
show me the way! O \*sis-ters, let's go down. Let's go down, come on  
down. O \*sis-ters, let's go down, down to the riv-er to pray.

\*brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners

Text and music: American folk song: "The Good Old Way," attr. to George H. Allan,  
fr. *Slave Songs of the United States*, 1867.

COMMUNION

HYMN(S)

BEHOLD THE LAMB

Martin Willett

Verses

1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the  
 2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -  
 3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this  
 4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from

1. sun - light; we who live, we who die are grate - ful for his  
 2. stand - ing of the wheat, of the wine u - nit - ed with his  
 3. ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who hun - ger for this  
 4. e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that

Refrain

1. gift, thank - ful for his love. Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of  
 2. word and the love we share.  
 3. feast; shel - ter them with peace.  
 4. blow; cra - dle us with love.

God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,  
 all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo - ry.

Text: Refrain based on John 1:29. Text and music © 1984, OCP. All rights reserved.

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

John Foley, S.J.

Refrain

One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all,  
 one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And we, though  
 man - y, through - out the earth, we are one bod - y in this

Verses

one Lord. 1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or  
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the  
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

to Refrain

1. free, wom - an or man, no more.  
 2. works, one in the Lord of all.  
 3. grown, gath - ered to one, for all.

Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 12:4, 12-13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4-6; The Didache 9.  
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PRAYER TO  
ST. JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head from me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. *Amen.*

CLOSING  
HYMN

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

IN BABILONE



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide-ness  
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures  
3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat - ter Like a crowd of



1. of the sea; There's a kind-ness in his jus - tice  
2. of our mind, And the heart of the E - ter - nal  
3. fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der



1. Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is plen - ti - ful re -  
2. Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more  
3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel - come for the



1. demp-tion In the blood that has been shed; There is  
2. sim - ple We should take him at his word, And our  
3. sin - ner And more grac - es for the good; There is



1. joy for all the mem-bers In the sor - rows of the Head.  
2. lives would be thanks - giv - ing For the good-ness of our Lord.  
3. mer - cy with the Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in his blood.

Text: 87 87 D; Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.  
Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Boerenliedjes*, c. 1710.

# Keep in your Thoughts & Prayers

Jeff Bernsen, Nephew of Claudia Calandrella; Patricia Stanek; Steve McFadden, Brother of Barbara Stripplehoff; Pauline Bartley; Sal Meli, Brother of Nancy Sebring; Ronnie Roby, Brother of Karen Cash; Johnness Wood; Jane Scott, Niece of Anne Dadds; Carol Poad Gilstrap, Cardome Alumni; Elaine Schweitzer, Sister of Dick Schweitzer; Juanita Cleveland; Ken True; Katie Taylor; Boyd Marx, Friend of Diane Ishmael; David Stachnik; Donna Atkins; Evie Woll, Sister of Carol Kaulig; Mandi Hendrickson, Daughter of Gary & Lynn Steele; Rosemary Carter; Karys Durham, Granddaughter of Larry Oser; David Seay; Lisa Chambers; David Walls, son of Mary Alice Walls; Pat Manion; Patrick Willett; Joy Walker; Brody Jones; Donnie Putty; Lisa Sturgill; Ethan Munson; Mike Rush, Cousin of Anne Dadds; Jennifer Burns; Andrew Kenneth Wilson; Jane Brock, Sister of Carol Kaulig; Jean Sparks; John Kenneth Wilson; Dorothia Wilson; Dcn. John & Claudia

Pray for Those in the Military:

Matthew Silver; Elizabeth Schilder; Brad Nelson; William K. North; Mary Katherine Mulholland; Marckia Wilson; Matthew Brown; Stephen Carter; James Parker; Chelsea Carter; Alexandra & Anthony Walters; Matt Woods

## This Week's Mass Intentions:

MONDAY, JANUARY 10:  
5:30p (SJC) (MI) *Mark Eads*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11:  
8:30a (ONLINE ONLY) (MI) *Juanita Cleveland*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12:  
12:00p (SJC) (MI) *Elizabeth Deford and Family*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13:  
7:00a (SJC) (MI) *Mary and Wayne Feasterville*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15:  
4:00p (SJC) (MI) *Theresa Duncliff*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16:  
8:30a (SJC) (MI) *Zita Bronovicz*  
10:30a (Cardome) (MI) *Christiana Sapp*  
12:30p (SJC) (MI) (Spanish) *Elba Sandoval*  
4:00p (SFC) (MI) *Damien Langfels*

# Giving

**Did you know you can tithe online?  
It's safe, easy & only takes a minute.  
Go to the homepage of the SSFJ website  
([ssfrancisjohn.org](http://ssfrancisjohn.org)) and give!**

### OTHER METHODS OF TITHING:

You can drop off your offertory through the slot in the Parish Office door if needed.  
Someone will be collecting them daily.

You may also mail contributions to the Parish Office: Ss. Francis & John Parish, 604 E. Main St., Georgetown, KY 40324

*If you need help or have questions, please contact the Parish Office by email: [parishoffice@ssfrcisjohn.org](mailto:parishoffice@ssfrcisjohn.org)*

# Mass Schedule at SSFJ

SATURDAYS:  
4:00pm Vigil Mass @ St. John Church

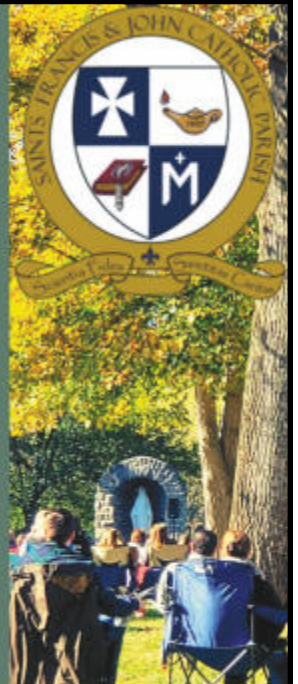
SUNDAYS:  
8:30am Mass @ St. John Church  
10:00am Mass Streamed on SSFJ Facebook  
10:30am Outdoor Mass @ Cardome Grotto  
12:30pm Spanish Mass @ St. John Church  
4:00pm Mass @ St. Francis Church

MONDAYS:  
5:30pm Mass @ St. John Church

TUESDAYS:  
8:30am Livestreamed on SSFJ Facebook Page

WEDNESDAYS:  
12:00pm Mass @ St. John Church

THURSDAYS:  
7:00am Mass @ St. John Church  
7:30am to 8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Church  
8:00pm-7:00pm Confession @ St. John Church



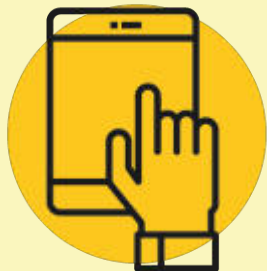
### BE SURE TO STAY INFORMED!

**SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS & EMAIL UPDATES ON THE SSFJ**

**WEBSITE HOMEPAGE: [www.ssfrcisjohn.org](http://www.ssfrcisjohn.org)**

**BE SURE TO SAVE SSFRANCISJOHN.ORG AS A CONTACT SO THE EMAILS WILL NOT END UP IN SPAM!**

*If you need to update your email address or are having trouble receiving Parish Emails, please contact us at [gstewart@ssfrcisjohn.org](mailto:gstewart@ssfrcisjohn.org)*



**IF YOU HAVE PARISH NEWS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUBLISH IN UPCOMING BULLETINS OR NEWSLETTERS, PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRIES TO GINA BY EMAILING: [gstewart@ssfrcisjohn.org](mailto:gstewart@ssfrcisjohn.org)**

**2022**  
*Double Nickel*  
*Gathering*

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Double Nickel WELCOMING TO 2022!  
 Monday, January 10, 2022 6:00pm in the Parish Hall, Building 2 at Cardome

We are having our first 2022 Pot Luck Meal. Bring your favorite New Years dish to share. Our Meeting Hosts are Jim and Carol Kaulig. Jim will conduct a tour of Cardome with the assistance of Katie Prather, (a Cardome Alum) for historical background. Carol will be on hand for those who do not wish to take the tour. Of course, there will be fun and games for these folks. Anyone 55 & older (and their spouses) are welcome!

**Calvary Cemetery Upcoming Events:**

Happy 148th Anniversary to your Diocesan Catholic Cemetery - On January 14, 2022, Calvary Cemetery will mark its 148th Anniversary. Canon Law acknowledges only two sacred places: a blessed Altar and a blessed Cemetery. Those buried here have made their final and public Profession of Faith for all to see. "May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Please keep Calvary and all of its families, those buried and living, in your prayers.

*thank you*

Happy New Year from the SSFJ Arts and Environment Committee!

We would like to thank all who helped with the Christmas decorations at St. John and Cardome especially Asa and Linela our youngest volunteers. Thank you Steve Fister for what look like the prettiest poinsettias ever.

Those who donated for flowers may pick them up from St. John after Sunday 1/9/22  
 GOD IS GOOD!

*Renew Your Relationship with Jesus in the New Year by Making a Weekly Holy Hour!*

**Sign up for a holy hour. Don't just promise yourself that you'll make a holy hour each week, put it on your calendar!**

Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday at St. John Church beginning after the 7a Mass and ending at 8p? We would love to have at least two adorers each hour to ensure that all hours are covered. We send out weekly sign ups via the Parish email on Tuesday mornings, so check your inbox and sign up! You can also find the sign up

link on the homepage of our website: [ssfrcisjohn.org](http://ssfrcisjohn.org)

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED AT 12:00pm

& THE DIVINE CHAPLET

WILL BE PRAYED AT 3:00pm.







If you have missed the updates on our future move to the Cardome Campus, all the information is housed on our Parish Website: [ssfrancisjohn.org](http://ssfrancisjohn.org)  
 If you have questions or feedback, please email us at [feedback@ssfrancisjohn.org](mailto:feedback@ssfrancisjohn.org)

## Catholic Singles of the Bluegrass (CSB)

Catholic Singles of the Bluegrass (CSB) — fosters the development of friendships between Catholic singles in the Diocese of Lexington. The group's mission is to provide opportunities to participate in social activities, service projects and faith-based education programs.

For more information, please contact Fred & Karen Payne at [CatholicSinglesoftheBluegrass@gmail.com](mailto:CatholicSinglesoftheBluegrass@gmail.com).



## INVITE SOMEONE HOME!

*"I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ ... Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize he is already there, waiting for us with open arms."*

— POPE FRANCIS (*Evangelii Gaudium*)

## CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

*Are you or someone you know waiting for an invitation to come home to the Church this Christmas? Here it is!*

If you or someone you know is a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you! Our Faith Community misses you and is incomplete without you. No matter how long you have been away and for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for informal listening sessions & an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by former nonpracticing Catholics and other members of Christ the King. Everyone is welcome, no matter where you are from!

### SIX-WEEK SERIES

January 13–February 17, 2022 • Thursdays, 7–9 p.m.  
 Cathedral of Christ the King • Parish Life Center, rooms D & E

Information/Registration: [crhatck.wordpress.com/](http://crhatck.wordpress.com/)  
 For more details, contact Whitney: [whit760@gmail.com](mailto:whit760@gmail.com)

## SUPPORTING REFUGEES IN LEXINGTON

Have you found yourself moved by the recent plight of the Afghan refugees (and others) who have fled their country to find safety for their families?

Reflecting on the many blessings you've received, are you being called to serve others in need out of a sense of gratitude?

Are you searching for a way to serve others that does not require a long-term commitment?

If so, please consider joining us as members of the Christ the King family in assisting the Kentucky Refugee Ministry in resettling an Afghan family as they arrive in Lexington in early 2022.

Your support is needed. You may choose your level of involvement.

Volunteering may include welcoming a family upon arrival, collecting or donating needed household items (furniture, and other household necessities) transportation, assistance, monetary donations, clothing donation, etc.

**CONTACT: Fred Payne (859-619-0174); [Fred.payne@uky.edu](mailto:Fred.payne@uky.edu) or Karen Payne at (614-579-3434).**



There is a real critical need for blood donors at the Kentucky Blood Center in Lexington. Blood supplies are running low at this time. Due to the pandemic, many blood drives have been cancelled.

If you are eligible to donate this month, please consider doing so. Donations are being accepted at their Lexington locations.

For an appointment, please call 800-775-2522 or kybloodcenter.org



**INVITE A FRIEND TO MASS NEXT WEEK!**

**A Great Place to Grow!**

Come See the Great things happening at St. John School

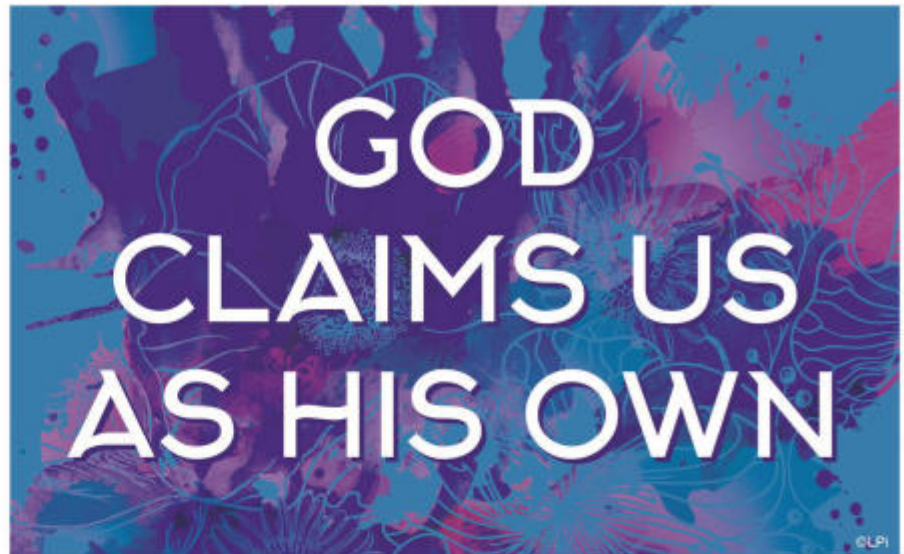
**\*\*CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT\*\***  
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## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

*"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.



Life is truly a journey...and sometimes the way is rough. Whether it's a loss of employment, kids worrying the heck out of you, a spouse who is sick, or any other challenge or loss, sometimes it's helpful to have a companion. We naturally turn to trusted friends, but sometimes we worry about burdening a friend or feel that we might have to put life together in their way or time. Wouldn't it be nice to have an "ear" that doesn't judge – that has no agenda or timetable, someone who can keep a confidence – just to not be so lonely while working things out? Someone who trusts God – but also trusts you-- to work your situation out in your own time? That's what Stephen Ministers do – they respectfully join you in your journey, listening and offering confidential support and encouragement. Need a companion for your journey?

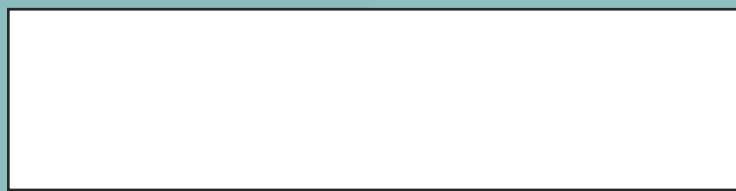
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 or call Marion Cook (502-542-0127) (cook.marion@yahoo.com)  
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**CHRIST IN MY HOME**  
*Nurturing the Domestic Church*

**LOOKING FOR A WAY TO BUILD YOUR FAMILY'S FAITH AT HOME? CHRIST IN MY HOME COMES RIGHT TO YOUR INBOX EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON.**

Each week, a short video will be sent via parish email and posted on our SSFJ website. The videos will help you prepare for the following week's Gospel along with practical ideas for building your "domestic church".

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