



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022



December 19 Synodal Listening Session



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St. Aloysius—St Agatha School

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Pastoral Staff

- Rev. J. Mark Hobson, DMin Pastor
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- Sr Mary Jean Raymond OSU..... Pastoral Associate
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- Sr Lois Buck OSU.....Pre-School Director
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Parish Leadership

- Sandra Morgan.....Pastoral Council
- Kevin Ford..... Finance Council
- Belinda Sims Liturgy-Spiritual Life Committee
- Margarette HolmesSt. Vincent dePaul Society
- Marguerite Strickland.....Choir Representative
- Chris Sledge Mens Club President
- Beverly Berry.....Evangelization Committee

Community Services

- Project HopeAndrea Wasdovoich-Duffner
- Connecting Seniors to Services.....Carol Bunn

Eucharistic Celebration

Sunday Masses:..... 10 am
Weekday Masses ((Wednesday)):.....11:30 am

Reconciliation: Before Sunday Mass or by appt.

Marriages: Arrangements made at the Parish House at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: Contact the Parish House.

First Communion, First Reconciliation: Contact the Parish House.

Anointing of the sick and Hospital Visits: Contact the Parish House.

Funerals: All arrangements must be made at the Parish House before publication in Newspapers.

Registration: Everyone should be properly registered in the Parish. New parishioners should contact the Parish House. Those moving in or out of the Parish are asked to notify the Parish House.

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Markings *...Questions, Quotations and Exclamations from the Pastor*

Happy New Year.

As I am sure most of you are aware, the new variant of the CORONA Virus has become a very serious health risk throughout our country, and especially here in Cuyahoga County. Our Diocese requested that Paul M. Shaniuk, MD, FACP, who is Director of Inpatient Medical Services at the Louis Stokes Cleveland Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Assistant Professor of Medicine & Pediatrics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine prepare a summary of the current pandemic conditions with recommendations for our bishop's use in offering guidance to our parishes. Dr. Shaniuk states in his summary:

“Northeast Ohio is currently experiencing one of the worst outbreaks of COVID-19 in the entire country. This is due mostly to the Omicron variant, which is likely to hit hard and fast. Health care workers are also getting sick in high numbers. Even if their illnesses are mild, they are unable to work while sick with COVID-19 to avoid the risk of spreading the virus to their vulnerable patients. Prior to this surge, there had already been a growing shortage in health care workers as approximately 20% have left the field since 2020 for a variety of reasons. The health care workers who are still providing front line care are exhausted and demoralized.”

Dr. Shaniuk made several recommendations to the bishop for our parishes, all of which we are currently observing at St. Aloysius. Our diocesan officials in charge of clergy placement have been overwhelmed by requests for “supply priests” to fill in for priests in our parishes who are unable to celebrate mass because they have contracted the virus. The bishop's recommendation to the pastors of the diocese are as follows:

We encourage you to reschedule large group gatherings/meetings/events for the next few weeks as we evaluate the continued spread of the virus and its impact on the diocese.

We strongly encourage you to ask your people to wear masks when they are in church.

We strongly ask that you encourage them to be vaccinated if they are medically able to do so for the common good.

I would like to thank all of you for being diligent when you are on the parish campus, and especially when you are attending services in the church building. I would like to encourage all of us to re-commit to a rigorous observance of mask-wearing, social distancing, and hand sanitizing. It is easy to get lax in our observation of these precautions when the period of time during which they are necessary goes on for so long. However, for the sake of our well-being and in charity for others who may be more vulnerable than we, it is important that we all remain diligent in observing these protocols. Please know that there is no obligation to attend mass on Sundays for anyone who is ill, tests positive for COVID, suspects that they may be sick, or is concerned about getting infected from exposure to others. Make your own decisions about what is healthy and appropriate for you. No one should come to church and be in fear for their own health.

As bleak as this situation may seem, we live in hope of better days coming. The God who has sustained us throughout history will sustain us now. Let us work together even if we cannot be together as we would like, so that we can emerge in time as a healthy people.

MASS INTENTIONS JAN 9—16, 2022

Sunday	10 am	Rosa Andriano
Wednesday	11:30 am	Margaret Ponikvar
Sunday	10 am	Barbara Raskoph

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Ronald Redmon	Sterling Uitenham
Toni E Payne	Marlene Jones
Henrietta Broadus	Michelle Triska
Barbara Williams	Miles Frierson
Paulette Jones	John Berry
Keli Harland	Dorene Gantt
Jermaine Harland	James Harland

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES

Mary Ann Melton	Ruby Gibson
August & Jackie Reese	Margaret Atwell
Donna Beard	Kevin Strickland
Evelyn Davis	Leanna Wysinger
Rosemary McKeon	Letcher Epps
Colleen Holt	Vyrdye Hopes

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	Jan 9	10 AM Mass
Monday	Jan 10	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday	Jan 11	NO COMMUNITY MEAL
Wednesday	Jan 12	11:30 AM MASS
Thursday	Jan 13	6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting Using Zoom
Friday	Jan 14	
Saturday	Jan 15	
Sunday	Jan 16	10 AM Mass Synod Listening Session

Catholic Cemeteries Grief Support

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings in-person in six of our offices and virtually: For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

Jobs Available

The Cleveland Municipal Court is looking for people to hire for full-time jobs with excellent benefits. Specifically, they are looking to fill openings for the position of Chief Deputy Clerk for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd shifts (mornings, afternoons, and overnight). Hard working people with a high school diploma or GED, basic computer skills, and who have been vaccinated and can pass a drug screening, physical exam, and a background check can apply by sending a resume to riveram@cmcoh.org or by faxing a resume to 216-664-2526.

Listening Session Today

Our first Listening session was a success. If you were not able to participate, there are two more listening sessions scheduled for January. One will take place today after the 10:00 Mass. Join us if you can. Another session will be held via Zoom on Saturday morning, January 22. To participate in the Zoom session, be sure to sign up on the list near the doors of church today.

Food Pantry News

The Tuesday Community Meal is suspended for several weeks to allow for cleaning and reorganizing. The Community meal will resume on Tuesday, January 25. Our monthly grocery distribution will take place on Saturday, January 22, from 9 to 11 AM.

COLLECTION FOR

1/2/22

Offertory	\$2421.50
Renovations	\$166.00
Christmas	\$1010.00
Special Collection	\$275.00
Target Year to Date	\$54,000.00
Collection Year to Date	\$59,537.15

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Isaiah describes the messiah's call to bring forth justice

2nd Reading Acts 10:34-38 Peter talks about the work Jesus and how God was with him.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-16,21-22 John baptized Jesus in the water of the Jordan

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Mon Jan 10 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20
 Tues Jan 11 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28
 Wed Jan 12 1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20; Mark 1:29-39
 Thurs Jan 13 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45
 Fri Jan 14 1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22; Mark 2:1-12
 Sat Jan 15 1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19,; Mark 2:13-17
 Sun Jan 9 Isaiah 62:1-5;
 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

SCHOOL NEWS

We are looking for Career Day speakers who are willing to visit all K-8 classrooms and talk about their careers in 10-15 minute increments. We hope to cover all kinds of professional careers and would like to involve our parishioners in this process. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the office at 216-451-2050. Career Day is February 17 from 8:15—11:15 AM.

Diocesan Mass for MLK Jr. Day

A Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist at 10:00 AM on Monday, January 17. All are welcome to participate.


Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday of this week at 6:30 PM via the Zoom platform. Members should watch their e-mail for the agenda and Zoom link. All members of the parish are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings as observers. To join the meeting use the following Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82065290922?pwd=UVFoNGR0OEJrZVFHaFpHajFIWm9QZz09>

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