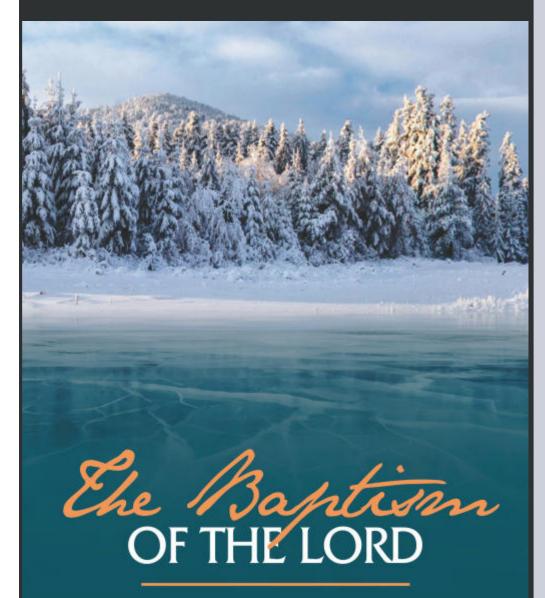
# SACRED HEART CHURCH

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"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 Office Hours Monday-Friday 7:30am-3:30pm

Mass Times Mon-Thursday 7:30am Friday 7:00am Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm(Saturday Vigil) Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Holy Days: See bulletin

Infant Baptisms Pre-Baptism workshop held the second Monday of every month in the undercroft of the Church at 8pm. No need to register

Anointing of the Sick After weekday Mass or by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony Call the pastor, 858-4210, as soon as possible. Marriage preparation required.

New Parishioners/Change of Address Welcome! Please register at the Church Office. If you are moving, please call the Church Office.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-Ins Please call Fr. Tharp, 858-4210.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession Saturdays: 8:35am-9:30am Other times by appointment

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For those interested in becoming Catholic, call Fr. Tharp, 858-4210

> Eucharistic Adoration Friday 12:00pm Benediction 2:45pm

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## The Baptism of the Lord

## January 9, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS		
<b>Monday, January 10</b> 7:30am	<b>Paul Reuter</b> (John & Mary Beth Reuter)	
<b>Tuesday, January 11</b> 7:30am	Robert Catanzaro (Jan and Ste- ve Creed)	
8:15am	For the children	
Wednesday, January 1 7:30am	<b>2</b> Jean Fehrenback (Rob & Betty Meiner)	
<b>Thursday, January 13</b> 7:30am	Deceased Members of the Belli- sario Family (Friends of Marc Bellisario)	
Friday, January 14 7:00am	David Eschenbrenner (Mark & Nancy Alfers)	
Saturday, January 15 8:00am	Arleen Lakeman (Carol Robbe)	
4:00pm	Marilyn Monnin (Helen Lorenz)	
Sunday, January 16 8:00am	Ralph Robbe (Carol Robbe)	
10:00am	For the people	
12:00pm	Steve Esposito (Mom and Dad)	
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Bryan Miller, Director of Religious Education	Phone: 858-4213 Ext. 3025 Email: bmiller@sacredheart-fairfield.org	
Marianne Fleckenstein, DRE Secretary & Safe Environment Coordinator	Phone: 858-4213 Ext. 3023 Email: mfleck@sacredheart-fairfield.org	
Heather Wagner,	Phone: 858-4215 Ext. 3100	

## WEEK OF JANUARY 10

#### Monday, January 10

- Mass (CH) 7:30am •
- REP (School) 7:00pm •
- Pre-Baptism Class (RH2&3) 8:00pm •

Tuesday, January 11

- Mass (CH) 7:30am •
- School Mass (CH) 8:15am .
- Knights of Columbus (RH2&3) 7:30pm •

#### Wednesday, January 12

- Mass (CH) 7:30am
- RCIA/RCIC (RH2&3) 7:00pm •

#### Thursday, January 13

- Mass (CH) 7:30am •
- Choir (CH) 7:00pm •

#### Friday, January 14

- Mass (CH) 7:00am •
- Eucharistic Adoration (CH) 12:00-3:00pm .

#### Saturday, January 15

- Mass (CH) 8:00am •
- Confession (CH) 8:30am
- Mass (CH) 4:00pm .

#### Sunday, January 16

Mass (CH) 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm



12/26/2021	
Offering Envelopes	\$9,087.00
Loose Cash	\$717.25
Online Giving	<u>\$3,833.50</u>
Sunday Offering	\$13,637.75
Christmas	\$24,550.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$2.00
Religious Retirement	\$5.00
	<b>\$0.00</b>
Human Development	<u>\$5.00</u>

Julie St. Clair, School Secretary

School Principal

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#### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER THARP

Next Sunday: The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Celebrant for January 16: Fr. Tharp

#### DO NOT FALL FOR SCAMS!!!!

Remember I NEVER solicit funds, donations, favors, or any request of any kind over the telephone, text, email, carrier pigeon, drone, etc. NEVER! Do not allow yourself to be taken in by scammers. Even if they have my recorded voice, it is computer generated! It is not me!!!

#### Thanks to all who bought Split the Pot at St. Ann

Many thanks for Tim Vaughn and all who assisted him with the Fr. Tharp's annual St. Ann Split the Pot. I drew the ticket at 7:00 p.m. in the office on New Year's Eve. (Our business manager has the video) The purchaser of the winning ticket (No. 04241) is located at a Cincinnati address, and purchased the ticket from their relatives who are St. Ann parishioners. The winner (net of IRS withholdings) and St. Ann each got half of the total pot of \$19,527.

#### Anniversary of Roe vs Wade

In 1973 (January 22 to be precise) the U.S. Supreme Court decided Roe versus Wade and effectively legitimized the practice of aborting unborn children in the United States. Forty nine years later, pro-life Christians gather to pray for a return to justice and the adherence to God's law that all human life is sacred and should be respected. The morning Mass on Saturday, January 22 will focus on prayer for the legal protection of unborn children.

#### Synod 2021-2023

## (The Archdiocesan coordinator for the Worldwide Synod on Synodality has asked that this be posted in all bulletins:

The Holy Father has called a synod inviting ALL the Baptized to come together to discuss and discern how we can walk together in accomplishing the Mission of the Church. He wants ALL those who make up the Church to participate: elderly, youth, religious orders, clergy, lay faithful, poor, disabled, divorced, migrants, those who no longer practice the faith, etc. It is my understanding that the gathering for our deanery is scheduled for Saturday, January 22 at Queen of Peace Church in Millville. Further details are available in this bulletin.

## Reminder for volunteers who work with or around children

If you are a volunteer classroom parent in the school, a coach, drama club volunteer, scout volunteer, etc. please note that you should have been moved to the Safe Parish program. Fulfillment of this requirement is mandatory for anyone working with children. Please contact your parish safe environment coordination if you are uncertain whether you are registered or approved.

Please be aware that failure to register with and complete the requirements of Safe Parish will result in your inability to continue to work with or around children in any parish and/or school setting. We have been informed by the Archdiocese that there can be NO EXCEPTIONS.

#### Live Streaming a precept Mass from St. Ann and Sacred Heart each week

Since I live stream both the 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart and the 5:15 p.m. at St. Ann; I usually manage to live stream both, but on rare occasions the internet is out at one or the other location. If this happens, be assured that I will make every effort to correct the malfunction before the next weekend.

Please remember to access the Sacred Heart / St. Ann Pastoral Region You Tube site by clicking on the following link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCVLLqbEY5hKWinwz069MVcg

#### **Reflection on Scripture:**

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is actually the First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Advent purple and the Christmas white and red are replaced by the green of Ordinary Time. This color persists until March 2, Ash Wednesday. The liturgical term "ordinary time" does not mean bland or boring. It comes from the Latin "Ordo" meaning "list" or "calendar (list of days – one following another)."

But why did the Lord Jesus; the Son of God; the Second Person of the Holy Trinity; need to be baptized by John in the Jordan river? The answer is that he did not need to be baptized. In today's gospel and at the end of Matthew's gospel, Jesus establishes the Sacrament of Baptism as our rebirth into him! Jesus does what he does not because he needs it; he does what he does because "we" need it. Everything Jesus does, he does for the salvation of humanity. If we share in his death through baptism, we share in his resurrection because of our baptism into him.

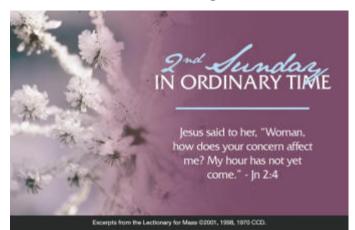
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### NEXT WEEK

ls 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

Theme: The wedding in Cana



### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART ...



#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Our next blood drive is Thursday, January 20, 2:30 to 6:30. Appointments can be made through Donortime.com or by calling 937-461-3220. Our sponsor code is #665. There will also be sign-ups in the lobby one of the Sundays before the drive.

#### CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANT

The Catholic Education Foundation grant application is now open for those attending Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Please visit https://catholicbestchoice.org/tuition-aid/k-8-tuition-information to find the link to the application. Application closes January 31, 2022.

#### FOOT CARE MINISTRY

Volunteers Providing Free Foot Care (VPFFC) is a group of men and women who give proper foot care help to those in need, as well as both used and new socks and shoes. We take our services to places within the southern Butler County area. We are active from October through April of each year. We are inviting others who might be interested to join our ministry. Please call Alberta Wirsch (513-829-8709) or Linda Walt (513-829-7107) for further information.

#### MEDITATION BRICK GARDEN

Honor or remember a loved one in our meditation brick garden at Sacred Heart Church. This is a special way to honor someone making Confirmation or First Communion, remember a loved one who has gone to be with the Lord, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. The bricks are \$30 each. Checks made payable to Sacred Heart Church. Pamphlets can be found on our website www.sacredheart-fairfield.org or call 858-4210 and we will either email or mail you one. We will place an order for all purchased bricks in the spring. **WOMEN TOGETHER** is a parish ministry for widowed, divorced and single women of all ages of Sacred Heart and St. Ann Churches. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, from September through May, in the Sacred Heart undercroft, Room 4 starting at 3:30 p.m. for a thirty-minute social gathering before our meeting at 4:00 p.m. An elevator inside the handicap door of the church is assessable to the undercroft.

# Our next regular meeting will be held on January $18^{th}$ at 3:30 p.m. Sacred Heart meeting room. There is no regular meeting during the holidays.

#### Upcoming events:

No other activities or events have been planned during the holidays until the January meeting.

For more information about Women Together, please contact Marilyn Schlabach at 829-3697.

#### WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith - Women following Mary's last words: "Do whatever he tells you." John 2.5

Our next two gatherings are scheduled in the undercroft at Sacred Heart (room RH1) on Tuesday, January 18th & Tuesday, February 15th from 7-9 pm. Our Women of Faith mission is to walk with ALL women in their faith journey. Do you feel the need for fellowship with other women? Whether your faith is shaky or strong right now, let's gather and navigate this path together!

#### SYNOD

The Holy Father, in seeking to hear from all the People of God on how to better bring the Mission of the Church to the world, is calling for a synod. To start, he is asking for all dioceses throughout the world to conduct local meetings to discuss this very topic. Who are the People of God? It is all the baptized. That means not only the lay faithful, those in religious orders, and the clergy. It also means those who are marginalized, poor, disabled, migrants and immigrants, all ages young and old, and those who no longer practice the faith to name a few. In other words, everyone. Did you know that when you were baptized you were called to a priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission to bring the good news of salvation and discipleship to all? This duty then does not lie strictly with the clergy. The Holy Father recognizes that the Holy Spirit dwells within His people. So, coming together to discuss how to better further the mission of the Church is where the Holy Spirit can work powerfully.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



We know that people continue to struggle with job losses and/or income reductions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. If you need food, utility, rent or other assistance, please call the help line (858-4210) for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the Sacred Heart and St. Ann Pastoral Region. All calls

are kept in strict confidence. Thanks to all parishioners for their support in prayers and donations for our "neighbors helping neighbors" ministry.

## The Baptism of the Lord

## January 9, 2022

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION Bryan Miller, Director of Religious Education Marianne Fleckenstein, Secretary of Faith Formation & Safe Environment Coordinator

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Word Incarnate stands in the waters of the earth which was created through Him, and begins the re-creation of everything. Into these waters, through which the people of Israel were once delivered, the entire human race is now invit-



ed to follow Jesus. What was once the means of God's judgment and purification at the time of Noah, now fills the Baptismal fount where men and women are delivered from sin and made new!

This column originally posted on <u>Catholic Online</u> by Deacon Keith Fournier

#### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January:



# Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

#### SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN

#### **CONFIRMATION**



#### **CONFIRMATION PARENTS**

The Sponsor/Candidate Workbook is due to be returned no later than January 10<sup>th</sup> along with the Confirmation name and feast date chosen by Confirmandi. If any other paperwork is still missing please provide it ASAP.

Child must have ALL PAPERWORK turned in BEFORE the **Spirit Day Retreat**, **Saturday**, **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, **5:30-9:30** p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

#### The Spirit Retreat is MANDATORY!

If candidate cannot attend they must attend at another parish BEFORE they receive the sacrament. Notify Office of Faith Formation of any adjustments you have to make ASAP.

## PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE! HOST FAMILIES NEEDED TO HOUSE NET MINISTRIES TEAM MEMBERS

#### Our 6th grade CONFIRMATION SPIRIT RETREAT is

on January 22nd. Net Ministries will be holding the

retreat here at Sacred Heart. We are in need of families that can be 'host homes' for the Net Ministries Team Members for 2 nights. If you are interested in this or would like more information, please call Marianne



Fleckenstein, in the Faith Formation Office (858-4213). Thank you!

#### FIRST EUCHARIST

**Parent Mtg.,** Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:15 p.m. in church Mandatory attendance unless you attended meeting for this sacrament in 2019 or 2020. Check with Marianne before you assume you are safe.

#### **REP CLASSES**

REP CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 10 & Parents sign for report cards

COMMEMORATING MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY NO REP CLASSES – JAN. 17



ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS: NEW CHILD PROTEC-TION PLATFORM – The Archdiocese has now switched over from Virtus to **SafeParish™** a program of the McCalmon Group, as our Child Protection Program.

<u>For new school or parish volunteers –</u> Please contact Marianne Fleckenstein, Safe Environment Coordinator, in the Faith Formation Office (858-4213 or mfleck@sacredheart-fairfield.org) for instructions on process to be a volunteer.

## **CONNECTING CORNER**

"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.' "Lk 3: 21-22. Jesus was praying, heaven opened, and the Holy Spirit descended. We want to pray, too, Jesus, with You. We thank You for our own Baptism. "Jesus did not descend into the waters of the Jordan for Himself, but for all of us. It was the entire people of God who went to the Jordan to pray, to ask for forgiveness, to receive that baptism of penance. "- Pope Francis 10/28/20

The "Connecting Corner" promotes Peace and Justice in both prayer and action. 2021 was a year of great generosity and humility of spirit in our Pastoral Region. The tally of all of the items donated to Dorothys' Cupboard in 2021 speaks of daily, weekly actions that reflect our commitment for justice by connecting to our hungry neighbors. You are certainly a light in our communities of Fairfield and Hamilton. Our grand total of 21,000+ items overall with approximately 7,000 per pantry was higher than any year recorded. We count the items not to boast, but to quantify what a difference your individual actions are making. We thank YOU PARISHIONERS, SHJS and the Helping Hands, the Dorothys' Cupboard Team, our SHJC staff, and our Partner Pantries. In spite of all the difficulties of this year, your ongoing commitment to Feeding the Hungry remains inspiring. We continue to ask the guidance in this outreach of our two Dorothys, Dorothy Day and Dorothy Stang, as we trust in the Lord to heal the injustice of hunger.

Remembering our own Baptism Day, our Parents, our Godparents, we hold our Baptismal call to mission in our hearts. From today's First Reading:

"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." Is 42:6-7

## From Peace and Justice Commission

Parish Council Members Joyce Thomas Arline Argentati Brian Boyce Jeff Cadle Billy Guinigundo Gayle Napier Dan Schindler Jim Stemann Frank Vitale

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## January 9, 2022

## **ST. ELSEWHERE**

#### 2022 CINCINNATI MEN'S CONFERENCE

Actor Jim Caviezel (Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ) and Raymond Arroyo (EWTN/ FOX News) are coming to Cincinnati April 2, 2022 to speak at the Cincinnati Men's Conference. LADIES, there is no better or more meaningful Christmas gift this year than to buy tickets to this conference for the men in your life. Don't know what to get Dad or your significant other for Christmas?! We just solved it. Go to:

www.CincinnatiMensConference.com to get tickets. Give the gift of spiritual uplift this Christmas season, your men will thank you!

#### JOE NUXHALL MEMORIAL SPORTS STAG

The Father Butler Council 968 is pleased to announce: Joe Nuxhall Memorial Sports Stag Tickets ARE ONSALE NOW! Order your tickets online at kofc968.org/give ; and select Sports Stag Tickets from the drop down menu or contact Tom Mitchell at (513) 484-5240.

Tickets are \$45 per person, and the stag is on Thursday, January 20, 2022 6:00 PM at the Courtyard by Marriott in Hamilton. Proceeds from the Stag go to the Father Butler Education Foundation AND the Joe Nuxhall family of charities including the Miracle League.

## SURVIVING DIVORCE: HOPE AND HEALING FOR THE CATHOLIC FAMILY

Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. To learn more about the program please visit www.catholicsdivorce.com

For more information please contact the parish office, 513-777-4322 or Email survivingdivorce@saint-max.org

Next session starts Thursday, January 13, 2022.





