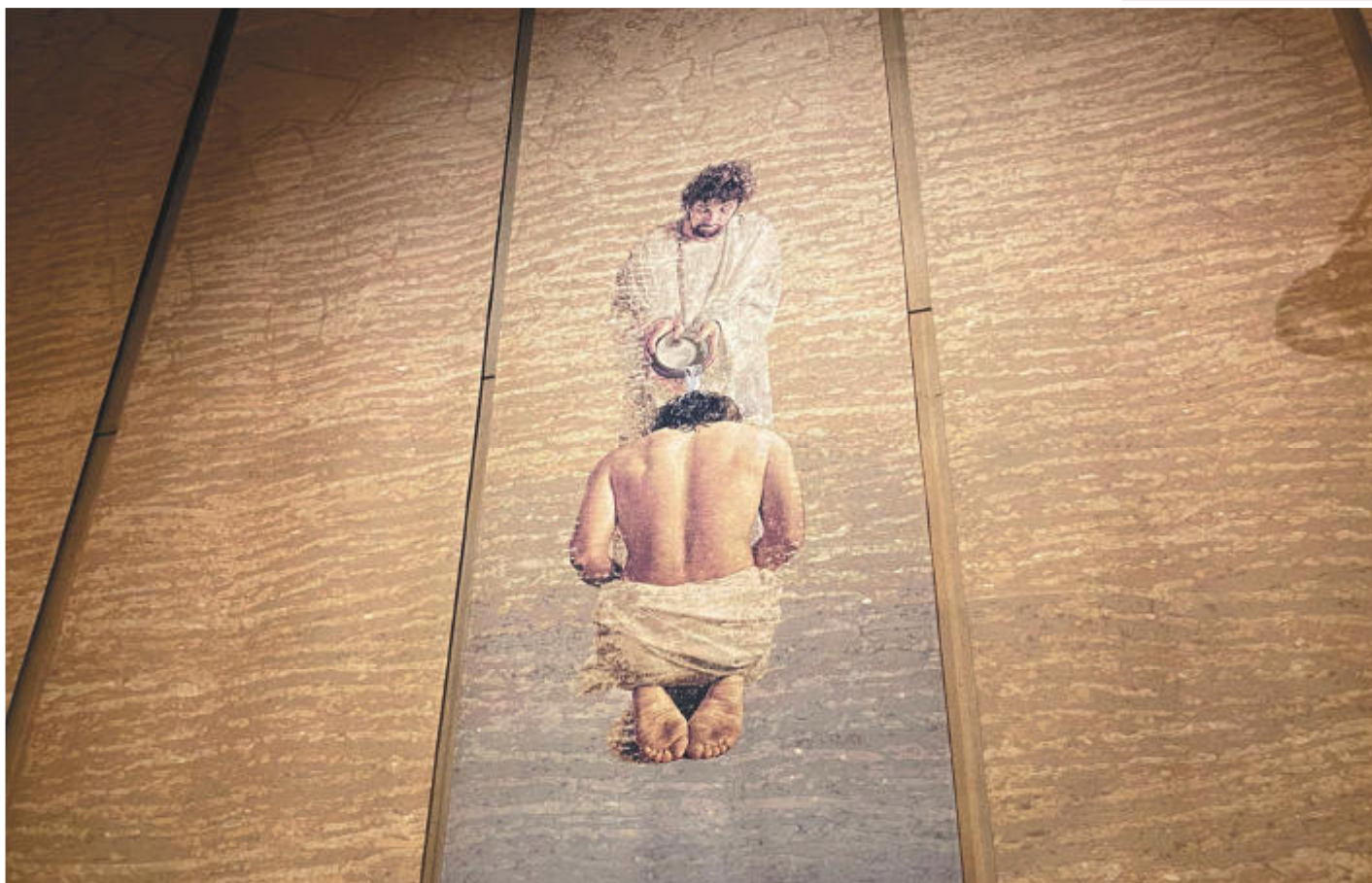


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Saint Noel is a Catholic Community committed to inspiring worship, gracious welcoming, and earnest service, all for building God's Kingdom.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday [Vigil] 5:00 PM • Sunday 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday • 8:30 AM

[No Mass on Thursday]

RECONCILIATION

Saturday • 3:30 PM—4:30 PM

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 8

5:00 PM Marjan Kosem†

Sunday, January 9

9:00 AM John and Joyce Garbo†

11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Noel

Monday, January 10

8:30 AM David Beynon†

Tuesday, January 11

8:30 AM No Mass Intention Scheduled

Wednesday, January 12

8:30 AM Henry Eicher†

Friday, January 14

8:30 AM No Mass Intention Scheduled

Saturday, January 15

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Noel

Sunday, January 16

9:00 AM Jacob Rust†

11:00 AM Carmine Fatica†

†denotes deceased

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember to pray for all our sick and recovering parishioners, families, and friends. Hospitals do not notify the parish of admissions. Please call the office if you would like someone added or removed. Names will be left on for three months, unless otherwise notified:

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD • JOHN NAVA

THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS, LOS ANGELES

With this weekend's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, the liturgical season of Christmas comes to an end. On this feast, it is a great opportunity to reflect upon the gift of our own baptism: the door to life and to the Kingdom. It is the first Sacrament of the New Law, which Christ offered to all that they might have eternal life (Jn 3:5) and which, together with the Gospel, he later entrusted to his Church, when he commanded his Apostles: "Go, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). Baptism is the Sacrament by which human beings are incorporated into the Church and are built up together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit, and into a royal priesthood and a holy nation; it is also a sacramental bond of unity linking all who are signed by it. Baptism offers an unchangeable effect, and the rite is held in highest honor by all Christians. This washing with water cleanses human beings of every stain of sin, both original and personal, and makes them sharers in the divine nature and in filial adoption (*Order of Baptism of Children, I. Dignity of Baptism, 5*).

Preparation for Baptism and Christian instruction are of the highest concern for the People of God, that is, for the Church, which hands on and nourishes the faith received from the Apostles (*II. Duties and Ministries in the Celebration of Baptism, 7*).

For this reason, parents who intend to present their first child for baptism require some catechesis and instruction. All sacraments involve some form of preparation and formation. This offers, as well, an opportunity to reconnect (or better connect) with one's parish family before the celebration. Although the pandemic has affected all things, provided mother and baby are healthy and well, baptism ought to occur sooner than later. Within two weeks of the



John Nava, Study for a Baptism: Kneeling Christ with the Hands of John the Baptist, 2002. Oil on canvas (4 ft x 4 ft). Collection of the Artist.

WEEKLY READINGS

(S) Solemnity • (F) Feast
(M) Obligatory Memorial • (m) Optional Memorial

child's birth was a common practice within recent decades. Others will remember the child never left the house until they were baptized. Parents today should have the intention of presenting their child for baptism at least within two months or sooner.

In accordance with a most ancient custom of the Church, an adult is not admitted to Baptism without a godparent: a member of the Christian community who will already have assisted the candidate at least in the final preparation for receiving the Sacrament and who will help the candidate after Baptism to persevere in the faith and in the Christian life. Likewise, at the Baptism of a child a godparent should be present in order to represent both the wider spiritual family of the one to be baptized and the role of the Church as Mother and, as circumstances suggest, to help the parents so that the infant will come to profess the faith and to express it in life (8).

WHO CAN SERVE AS A GODPARENT?

Here's a little refresher on who qualifies when choosing godparents: **1)** be sixteen years of age; **2)** be initiated with the three Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and be living a life consistent with faith and the responsibility of a godparent; **3)** be neither the father or mother of the one to be baptized; **4)** be one godparent, male or female; but there may be two, one of each sex; and **5)** be a member of the Catholic Church (a registered parishioner of a parish).

A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community (i.e., Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, etc.) may serve as a Christian witness, together with a Catholic godparent who meets the above criteria. An individual who was baptized and raised Catholic, but does not practice their faith (or does so in another Christian denomination) does not qualify to serve as a Christian witness. Additionally, a Catholic godparent who is married, should be in a valid marriage. All this being said, "slamming a door in someone's face," or restricting all things to black-and-white realities, never helps anyone grow in their faith or help set things in right relationship. If a couple were in need of validating their marriage in the Church, and time simply doesn't allow for this to take place before the baptism, in good faith, if they prayerfully discern doing so, accommodations can be made. In the end, a pastor has to attest that an individual meets the requirements and signs his name to a sponsor certificate. Meeting someone half-way is an opportunity for the person to reconsider renewing their life of faith, and the example they may now wish to model well for their godchild.

9 Sunday: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (F)

Is 42: 1-4, 6-7
Ps 29: 1-4, 9-10
Acts 10: 34-38
Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

10 Monday: Weekday {Week 1 in Ordinary Time}

1 Sm 1: 1-8
Ps 116: 12-19
Mk 1: 14-20

11 Tuesday: Weekday [1]

1 Sm 1: 9-20
(Ps) 1 Sm 2: 1, 4-8
Mk 1: 21-28

12 Wednesday: Weekday [1]

1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20
Ps 40: 2, 5, 7-10
Mk 1: 29-39

13 Thursday: Weekday [1]; St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church (m)

1 Sm 4: 1-11
Ps 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25
Mk 1: 40-45

14 Friday: Weekday [1]

1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a
Ps 89: 16-19
Mk 2: 1-12

15 Saturday: Weekday [1]

1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19, 10: 1a
Ps 21: 2-7
Mk 2: 13-17

16 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 62: 1-5
Ps 96: 1-3, 7-10
1 Cor 12: 4-11
Jn 2: 1-11

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today's Missal (TM)
Music Issue (MI)

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ENTRANCE CHANT • TM #51

EVERY VALLEY

SPRINKLING RITE • MI #650

RIVER OF GLORY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 104

O bless the LORD, my soul; bless the LORD,
my soul.

OFFERTORY CHANT • TM #59

SILENT NIGHT

COMMUNION CHANT • TM #53

BREAD OF LIFE

SENDING FORTH • MI #657

ONE LORD

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our prayers and condolences go out to **Gilda** and **Robert Bostick** upon the death of Gilda's mother, **Dina Catanio**, and to the family and friends of **Donald J. McCune**, whose funeral Mass was celebrated on January 5. Please keep these individuals and their loved ones in your prayers.

GRACIOUS WELCOMING

We continue in the months of January and February to recommit to the second mark of our Parish Mission Statement: **Gracious Welcoming**. Here are some ideas for how you can help to create an atmosphere of welcoming, belonging, and community in our parish over the coming weeks:

- Take time when you come to Mass this weekend to read the "gracious greetings and welcoming wishes" left by parishioners on our Kiosk Christmas Card. Leave your own message before the Kiosk Christmas Card turns back into a pumpkin!
- Pray for our young people who are beginning their preparation for First Communion and Confirmation this month.
- Pray for the Synod listening process happening in the Church around the world. Keep up-to-date with the Synod, and watch for more ways to join in the process here at Saint Noel.
- Update your parish **Breeze** account: be sure that we have your current home address, phone number, and email address. You can email Brian (bmyers@stnoel.org) for instructions, or call the office for assistance. A current email will assure that you receive Fr. Terry's weekly email (which includes the parish bulletin).
- Consider offering the gift of your hospitality at our weekend liturgies. Become part of the team of people who greet and usher at Mass. All it takes is a warm heart and a smiling face (well, smiling eyes since most of your face is still behind a mask!). Individuals, couples, and whole families can do this. Want to find out more? See **Deacon Dave** or **Michele** or any parish staff member when you come to Mass!

What ideas do you have?

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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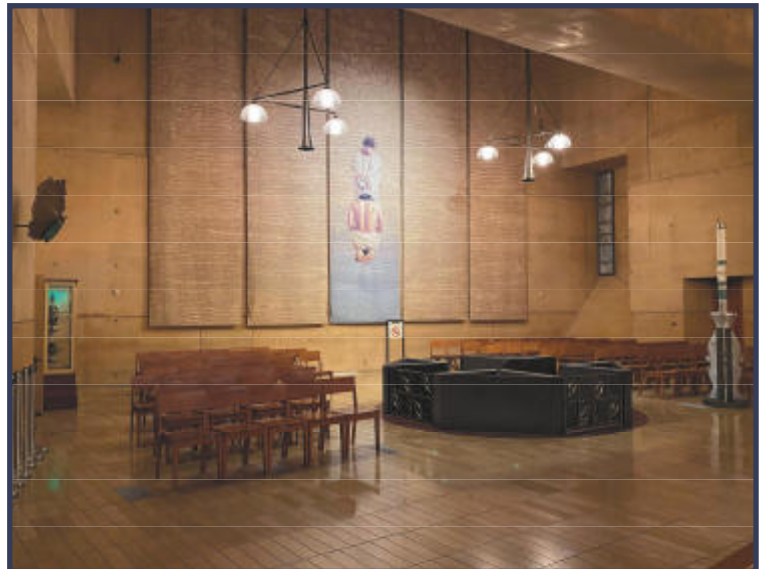


As a general statement, there are any number of reasons why a Catholic married outside the Church at the time of their wedding. Maybe an annulment was needed and time didn't allow for that healing process to take place. Maybe at the time of one's wedding, he or she hadn't been practicing their Catholic faith, or it simply meant less to them at that point in their lives. Maybe a past hurt or experience in the Church kept them from even considering it. More and more, young Catholics are increasingly less aware of their obligation to be married in the Church, by virtue of their baptism as a Catholic. Please, if you or someone you know is in need of an annulment and/or having a marriage validated in the Church, we're always ready to help assist with that process. In recent years, Pope Francis has asked Decrees of Invalidity (annulments) to be responsibly simplified and not cost a cent. Here, in the Diocese of Cleveland, annulments are now subsidized and cost the applicant nothing.

WHO CAN BAPTIZE?

The ordinary ministers of Baptism are bishops, priests, and deacons. However, in imminent danger of death and especially at the moment of death, if no priest or deacon is present, any member of the faithful, indeed any person who has the requisite intention, can and sometimes must administer Baptism. If possible, one or two witnesses should be present (16). All laypersons, since they are members of the priestly people—but especially parents and by reason of their work, catechists, midwives, women dedicated to works of social or family assistance or to the care of the sick, as well as physicians and surgeons—should take care to be thoroughly familiar, according to their capacities, with the correct method of baptizing in case of necessity (17). Baptism is validly conferred by washing in water (which may be done by immersion or by pouring) and by the invocation of the Most Holy Trinity, saying, “**I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**”

Pray for the person who baptized you today. Was it a bishop, priest, or deacon? Did a nurse, perhaps, baptize you? Who are your godparents, your godchildren? Do they still practice their faith? Do you pray with and for them? Do you speak with them about matters of importance, particularly your faith? Do you still have the candle that was presented to you on that day? Light it again today, or on the anniversary of your baptism: the day you were claimed for Christ and anointed Priest, Prophet, and King!



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We served **245** people in December. **Currently, we need pasta sauce in jars, ketchup and jelly.** Bring your donations directly to the parish and place them on a bench in the hallway off the narthex. You can support the pantry online at: <https://stnoel.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/SocialJusticeCollection>. Thanks to all who have donated.

DISASTER RELIEF

Catholic Charities, USA serves those throughout our country impacted by natural disasters. To donate financial assistance, visit [CCUSA Disaster Relief - Campaign \(catholiccharities.us\)](https://catholiccharities.us).

PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer shawls are available for anyone in need of comfort and the loving embrace of God. Come to the parish office to obtain a shawl for you or someone you love.

LEAF

LEAF is a non-denominational ministry where relatives and friends of those incarcerated can join with others in conversation and fellowship. Our next, in-person LEAF meeting is Tue., Jan. 18 at 7 PM in the **Nativity Room**. If you have a loved one who is incarcerated, consider attending LEAF (Listening, Empowering, Assisting Families). Meetings are anonymous and registration is not required. Visit www.leafministry.org or call **Anthony at 440-946-1128 #2** for more information.

PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Our next distribution is scheduled for **Mon., Jan. 24** beginning at **1 PM** (we move to the fourth Monday in **Jan** and **Feb**). Anyone in need is welcome to come; registration is not required, but bring I.D. Contact **Anthony** with questions.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for the **2022** calendar year are available for scheduling. Please stop by the parish office, **Mon – Fri, 8 AM to 4 PM** to schedule a Mass for your loved ones, both living and deceased.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of altar servers for all of our weekend liturgies. Altar serving is open to anyone age 10 (or in 4th grade) and older: kids, teens, and adults. All are welcome. Serving is a wonderful way to fully participate in liturgy. Parents, why not consider serving with your child? Parent/child server teams would be a wonderful way to grow in faith with your child and a beautiful symbol to the parish. If interested, please call the parish office, **440-946-0887**.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT GRATITUDE

Your generosity to the 2021 Christmas Project is overwhelming. You gave **\$12,743** in gift cards and monetary donations that made the Christmas Season brighter for **46** families (**198** people). On Fri., Dec. 10, families referred by our food pantry, produce distribution, and community members picked up envelopes of gift cards to Giant Eagle and Walmart, enjoyed a coffee bar that included doughnuts donated by **Patterson Fruit Farm**, and took home bags of fresh apples, bananas, and oranges donated by **Mario Fazio's Restaurant**. Thank you to these businesses and to our entire parish family for being a source of light and love at this holiday time and all year round!

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The FEST (www.theFEST.us) is looking for summer interns to make this year's event the best FEST yet! We are looking for students with interests in theology, business marketing, and communications, event planning, or logistics management to join the team that puts together our annual Diocesan Family Festival. Interns will be a part of a fast-paced team and will play a critical role in the marketing, planning and coordination of annual event for thousands of people. Interns will provide support and have responsibilities including public speaking, marketing, mailings, digital and social media, press releases, logistics, event planning, and more. Interns must have strong people skills, work ethic, critical thinking, organizational skills, and reliable transportation. For more information or to apply, please send your resume to Caitlin@theFEST.us by **Jan. 9**.



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