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JANUARY 09, 2022 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Today's feast marks the end of the Christmas season. With the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan by John the Baptist, Jesus appears as Messiah and the Holy Spirit comes down upon him. The Holy Spirit comes down upon us as well, sometimes coming quietly into our lives. Suddenly something happens and our lives change. May 2022 continue to bring that Spirit.

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

At St. Mary:

Sat., 12:00pm - 1:00pm

At St. Joseph Dexter:

Sat., 4:00pm-4:30pm

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday at 4:30pm Sunday
at 8:00am & 10:00am

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Thurs., 9:00am-Fri., 9:00 am

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of God of the Parish of St. Mary, Chelsea, are a faith community guided by the Holy Spirit, Christ made present in our time and place. As the visible Body of Christ we are called to make God's light shine through s in love, in service, in worship, in celebration, in education, in guidance, in prayer, and in healing.

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Mass at St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Hospital

Wednesday, 4:00 pm (when permitted)

Baptisms

Second Sunday of the month by appointment

Marriage

Arrangements to be made nine months in advance, please call the office before setting the date

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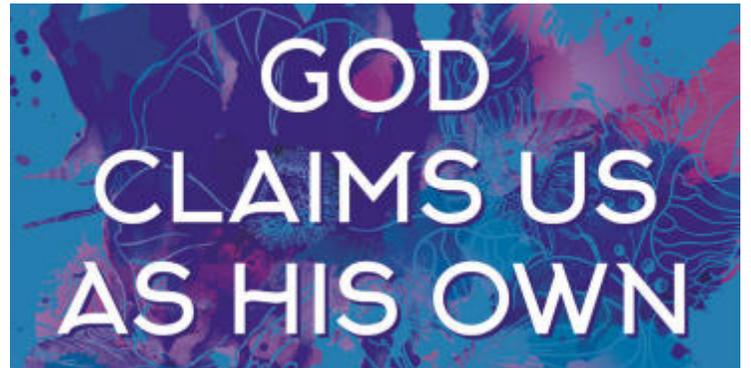
Each Monday until February 28, we are praying a **Novena for Life** in the church at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to participate.

We are so grateful to our generous donors in the parish throughout the Christmas season who made it possible to provide so many gifts in the Secret Santa offerings, as well as over \$5500.00 that we sent over to the Holy Land!

We are moving forward with repairs and renewal of our bathroom facilities, which is the last phase using funds provided by your generous donations to the Witness to Hope Campaign.

Upcoming Bingos in the Hall sponsored by the Knights of Columbus: this Friday, **January 14**, 6-10 PM, and Friday, **February 25**, 6-10 PM.

On July 1 of this year we will be officially joining with St. Joseph Dexter as a **“family,”** providing for the needs of our parishes and in better use of resources, preparing for the time in years ahead when there will be a more severe priest shortage. **While each parish will still have a pastor** for the time being, Fr. Brendan Walsh will act as Moderator of the process. **Financial resources and a Finance Council** will remain at each parish separately. Eventually there will be one Parish Council for both churches. **In the coming months** we will be preparing by discussing together ways to work together in our programs avoiding repetition and benefiting from our **common goals.**



IN OUR PRAYERS



Mike Adam
Judy Dehring
Sr. Ann Mahany
Mary Ellen Mynning
Dan O'Dale
Missy Redman

Kelli Reppart
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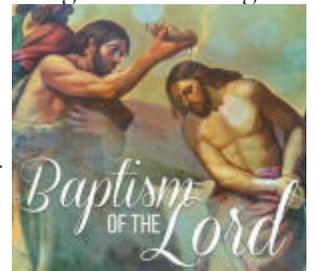
NEED TO ADD A NAME TO
THE PRAYER LIST?

You can add someone who would like their name added to the prayer list by calling the office: 734-475-7561 or by emailing Beth Wenzel at: bwenzel@stmarychelsea.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & Faith Formation



Reading Scripture is not simply information. It is formation – God is shaping our thoughts and feelings through these words. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be...And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” (Jn 1:1-18) The first 18 verses of John’s Gospel are referred to as the “Prologue.” They deal with truths that soar far above the limits of the human mind, and they are one of the reasons why John is symbolized as an eagle. John’s prologue explicitly states what we mean by the term Incarnation: “And the Word became flesh.” This is one of the most basic truths of our faith. We don’t teach that Jesus was a good and holy man who, at some point in his life (e.g. his baptism, his death) was adopted by God and raised to divine status. Nor do we teach that Jesus was God wearing a human costume. What we do teach is that Jesus is the eternally preexisting Son of God (the Second Person of the Trinity) who, at a certain point in time, became a human being, born of a woman. Jesus is truly divine and truly human, and neither detracts from the fullness of the other. He did not simply become “like us.” He became one of us, a permanent member of the human family. And (this is the most important part of all) he did this so that, as part of the human family and also Son of God, he could bring us into his own relationship to the Father. This is what I celebrate at Christmas. And it’s worth celebrating all through the year. (Little Blue Book December 31, 2021) How appropriate then that we end the Christmas season with the Baptism of Jesus. Why did Jesus, the all-holy Son of God, seek John’s baptism of repentance? It was not to receive – for he is himself the source of all grace – but to give. ‘Christ is baptized not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy, and by his cleansing to purify the waters which he touched’ (St. Maximus of Turin). Christ’s baptism reveals to us what our own baptism now accomplishes: the forgiveness of sin and a share in his divine sonship. The words heard from the heavens could be said about every person baptized since, ‘Baptism places upon our souls a mark that forever will identify it as one privileged of God.’ (Sr. Mary Jean Dorcy. O.P.) (Magnificat January 9, 2022)



LITURGY CORNER

When we enter the church building, we encounter the baptismal font. We can walk by or we can automatically dip our hands in the water and make the sign of the cross and keep on going, or we can take the opportunity to reaffirm our own baptisms as we dip our fingers into the baptismal water as we sign ourselves “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (A young bride observed during a wedding rehearsal that the font was placed such that she had to confront it as she began to walk down the aisle, and that she would have to pause so her “train” could be managed so she could gracefully make the turn. Point made...)

Some have thought that the sign of the cross was a way that early Christians identified themselves as they approached each other on the street. They would offer this sign as a “secret handshake.” Because there is no credible historical documentation, we are not certain about this practice.

In the year 312 AD, the pagan emperor Constantine, facing a formidable enemy, prayed with words like “True God, whomever you are, help me.” He was given a vision: A cross appeared to him in the sky in mid-day, with the Latin words “In Hoc Signo Vinces” – In this sign you will conquer.” (Perhaps you have seen the initials “IHS” worked into church architecture and religious art.) Constantine had all of his warriors mark their shields with the Sign of the Cross, and they won a battle that they should have lost.

At almost every gathering of Catholics, and especially in the celebration of Mass and our sacraments, we begin with this sacramental, this reaffirmation of our baptismal promises, this remembrance of our baptismal rights and our baptismal vocation.

Today, we bless ourselves with the sign of the cross, reminding us of the very core of our faith that God is a Trinity, we trace our price tag - we are worth His very life and death, and with the three points of touch, we remind ourselves that God made us to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this life and the next.

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Is. 40:1-5, 9-11 | Ps. 104:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 | Ti. 2:11-14; 3:4-7 | Lk. 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday:

1 Sam. 1:1-8 | Ps. 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 | Mk. 1:14-20

Tuesday:

1 Sam. 1:9-20 | 1 Sam. 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8 | Mk. 1:21-28

Wednesday:

1 Sam. 3:1-10, 19-20 | Ps. 40:2 & 5, 7-8, 9, 10 | Mk. 1:29-39

Thursday:

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

Friday:

1 Sam. 8:4-7, 10-22 | Ps. 89:16-17, 18-19 | Mk. 2:1-12

Saturday:

1 Sam. 9:1-4, 17-19, ; 10:1 | Ps. 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 | Mk. 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is. 62:1-5 | Ps. 96:1-2, 3, 7-8, 9-10 | 1 Cor. 12:4-11 | Jn. 2:1-11

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REBOOT
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Tickets will be on sale after Masses this weekend!

One of our favorite things about a new calendar year is the hope that comes with it. It feels like the opportunity for a fresh start ...or a reboot.

St Mary is excited to partner with St Joseph of Dexter to bring Reboot: A Life Changing Event with Chris Stefanick as an opportunity to give your faith life a fresh start.

This event is an opportunity to reflect on:

Why are we here?
Who is important in our life?
How do we spend our time?
How do we find joy?
How do we spread joy
in our community and relationships?

You will leave the event with joy in your heart and simple, practical tips of keeping Jesus present in your daily lives.

Order your tickets now - 734-475-7561

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 8

4:30pm—Cliff Tracy
By Brenda Foster

Sunday, January 9

8:00am—For Our Parish
10:00am—Larry Kranick
By Irene Kranick and Family

Monday, January 10

9:00am—Don Kaiser
By Fred and Carol Hoffman

Tuesday, January 11

9:00am—Don Cole
By William and Nancy Harris

Wednesday, January 12

9:00am—Lou Elyn Green
By William and Nancy Harris

Thursday, January 13

9:00am—Poor Souls in Purgatory
By Frank and Becky Bartel

Friday, January 14

9:00am—Keith Hoeflinger
By Mark and Kathie Day

Saturday, January 15

4:30pm—Amy Stewart
By Patti Stewart

Sunday, January 16

8:00am—Special Intentions of
Char Cieciek
By Patti Stewart
10:00am—For Our Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, January 10

9:45am Scripture Study
6:30pm Novena for Life
7:00pm Finance Council
7:00pm REBOOT team mtg.

Tuesday, January 11

10:00am Marian Prayer Group
6:00pm-7:30pm Elementary
Religious Ed.

Wednesday, January 12

7:00pm-9:00pm Choir Practice
Thursday, January 13
24 hour Adoration
6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm Holy Spirit Prayer
Group

Friday, January 14

6:00pm BINGO

Saturday, January 15

9:30am-11:00am Elementary
Religious Ed.
12:00pm-1:00pm Confessions

Sunday, January 16

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee and Donuts
9:00am Respect Life
11:00am Charity and Justice
6:00pm-8:00pm Youth Group
6:00pm-8:00pm Church History

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

Christmas Collection

Total: \$ 21,148.00

Weekly Offering

Giving Back to the Lord
December 26th

Offertory: \$7,851.00

Envelopes: 85

Online Giving: \$4,601.00

Givers: 93

Weekly Total: \$12,452.00

Weekly Offering

Giving Back to the Lord
January 1st & 2nd

Offertory: \$10,364.00

Envelopes: 94

Online Giving: \$2,592.00

Givers: 72

Weekly Total: \$12,956.00



Show the world that all lives matter...On Friday, January 21, 2022, St. Mary community will be joining many across the United States who will light a "Luminary for Life" at sunset. Placing this "light" outside your home, will acknowledge your prayerful support of life from womb to tomb. This is our effort as Catholics, to witness to life and the dignity of all persons. This action corresponds to the Supreme Court ruling of 1974 which made abortion legal. St. Mary Right to Life Ministry will have white luminary bags in the Gathering Space after all Masses the weekend of January 15 & 16, 2022. Please consider taking a bag and supporting life as a precious gift from God.



St. Mary Parish offers their sympathy and prayers to the family of John Lazarz, who passed away on December 23, 2021. John is survived by his wife, Marjorie, his children, Michelle, Michael, Melissa, and Mary Kay. A funeral Mass was held on December 28, 2021 at St. Mary Church, officiated by V. Rev. William J. Turner. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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