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Our baptism was a call to ministry. At it, we were imprinted with an indelible sign, on our soul, which shows we are adopted by God, made a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit. This sign can never be removed or washed away or re-dipped.

If you've ever seen the Toy Story movies you might liken that indelible sign to Andy, writing his name in magic marker on his favorite toy's foot — God has etched his name on your heart. Live out your Baptism by continuing to celebrate our oneness with the Lord (and one another) through our outreach and service to ALL. As Peter says, in the reading from Acts this weekend, "God shows no partiality." Everyone is worthy of God's Love scribbled on their soul — LIVE IT!

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PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN
MESSIAH
BAPTIZING

WATER
POWERFUL
SANDALS

HOLY SPIRIT
FIRE
JESUS

A	J	T	U	A	R	B	Y	W	E	N
H	O	L	Y	S	P	I	R	I	T	O
E	H	A	I	T	O	S	U	F	A	M
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MISSION

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.

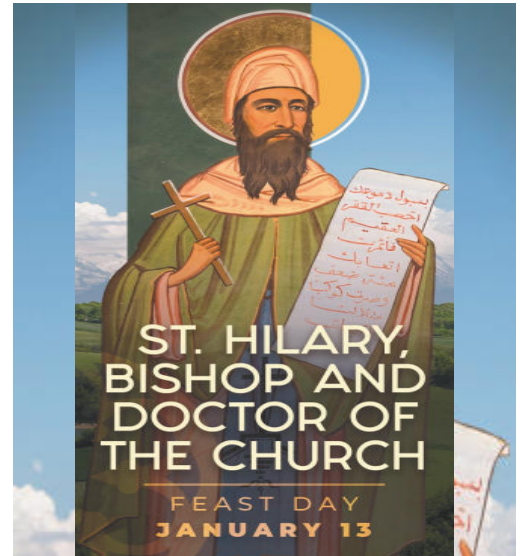




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all liturgies, January 29/30 and February 5/6. Statements can also be picked up at the Parish Office Carry-Out window during the week (beginning January 31). If you require your statement earlier than this date, please call the parish office to make arrangements.



Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ’s divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX. ©LPi

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

I Hope
I Am
Like Him

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications Inc



For December 19, 2021	
<i>Budgeted Amount</i>	\$9,500.00
Envelopes	\$3,299.00
Online Giving	\$1,850.00
Loose Monies	\$520.00
Total	\$5,669.00
Shortage for week	\$3,830.00
% of Budget	60%

Year to Date - \$32,148.25
Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 — June 30, 2022

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

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LITURGICAL LIFE

First Reading:

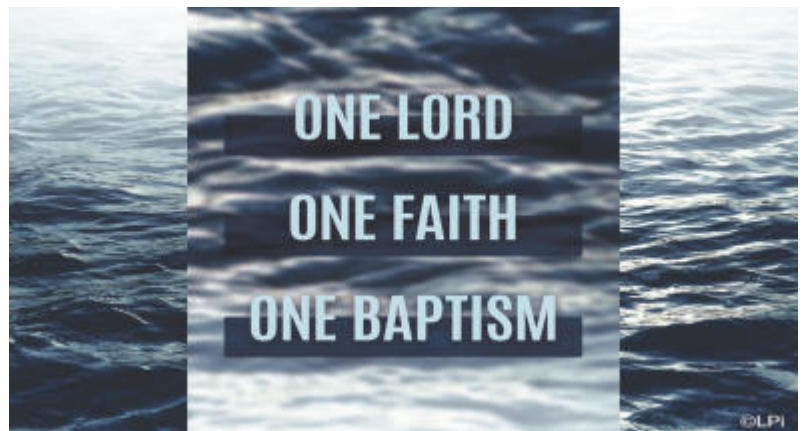
The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

Second Reading:

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

Gospel:

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?



Readings for the Week

Sunday 1/9:

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

Monday 1/10:

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

Tuesday 1/11:

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

Wednesday 1/12:

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

Thursday 1/13:

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

Friday 1/14:

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

Saturday 1/15:

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

Sunday 1/16:

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



To the Parishioners of St. Louis: I want to thank you for your thoughts and prayers during my two surgeries. They were truly felt all the way through my recovery. God Bless you all!

Cheryl Miller

To my Parish Family: Thanks for the Holiday Wishes and Prayers. I miss you all! Love and Prayers,

JoAnn Prusik

With grateful hearts, we wish to THANK all of our parish family members who remembered us with Christmas cards. It was so nice to hear from so many. We miss being at church. Wishing our entire St. Louis Family a blessed New Year!

Frank and Elsie Vandeputte

Livestream Liturgy

*Can't come to Liturgy in person?
Join the Parish Family on Facebook Live*



- **January 8—4:30 pm Liturgy**
- **January 16—10:30 am Liturgy**
- **January 22 — 4:30 pm Liturgy**

St Huberts Council 11658

New Year's
**Resolutions
2022**

1. Support your Parish
2. Give back to your community
3. Grow in your Faith
4. Have fun doing 1 -3

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Catholic Questions

Question:

How do you explain “Real Presence” to children?

Answer:

The first Eucharist class is filled with excitement to the point of bursting! They are just awestruck by every new thing they learn about Jesus. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they rattle off the names of the things in church. Of course, they know Christ can do anything because He’s God. He comes to us in Eucharist because He loves us so much that He wants to be with us. And He comes to us in the form of bread and wine. We really receive Him in the Eucharist .

Sometimes it is easier to explain this to children than to adults. Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the questions and doubts that often come with the question of how he does it. Rather, they focus on the question “why,” and the answer is something they can easily grasp: LOVE. Christ wants to be with us because he loves us. Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transubstantiation, or philosophical reasoning or symbolic references, come close.

Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away. His love for us is complete and total. We try to love him the same way in return. For a child, it is simple. For us adults, we keep trying.

“Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven” (Mt 18:3).

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Liturgy INTENTIONS

Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 8, 2022

4:30pm Liturgy

Leslie Pluhar, Bob Millar (5th Ann.)

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:30am Liturgy

George D. Walters

10:30am Liturgy

—Leshan Baptism after liturgy

Virginia Quell, Ronald Steinberg, Bing & Jan Veryser

Monday, January 10, 2022

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Thursday, January 13, 2022

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Friday, January 14, 2022

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 15, 2022

4:30pm Liturgy

Chuck Jax by Cele Millar & Family

Karen Dato by Fran O'Donnell

Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:30am Liturgy

Henry & Celeste Kusz

by Friends & Family

10:30am Liturgy

Joseph & Anna Pettke

and Frank & Mary Hamlin

by Dick & Eleanore Hamlin

Tom Mitten (20th Ann.) by Family

Robert, Lucille, and Pat Knop,

Herb Carrington, Jackie LaDuke,

Maryanne Walker, and Denise Steele

by Family

Special Intentions for John Stefan



Gloria Adelsbach

Mary &

Robert Agius

Rick Andrzejewski

Gary Atkins

Betty Attard

Val Augustine

Margo Baker

Gerald Bates

Jeff Benoit

Everett Bissonette

Judy Boston

Jim Botzen

Elaine Botzen

Pat Bradacs

Dawn Brass

Michael Brass

Liz Bryer

Dennis Burgio

Gary Buffa

Sonya Chadwick

Christopher

Christensen

Caylan Clark

Bob Clevio

Molly Connaire

Wendy Corrian

Irene Consigliio

Greg Curley

Matilda Curley

Gary Curzenski

Eleanor DaVia

Bram deRoos

Frank Demo

Fred Dodge

Ginny Dotterer

Jeff Eichelberger

Shirley Fay

Jennifer Flaker

Margaret Forton

Eric Gavin

Frances Graziani

Michael Graziani

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Jim Lyons

Stephanie MacCarroll

Frank Majkowski

Michael Maras

Mary Mariano

Barb Mercier

Connie Meyers

Beatrice McCaffery

Colleen McCarthy

Ronald Milas

Pat Militello

Cheryl Miller

Steve Mills

Tamsey Milton

Carolyn Misplon

Larry Mitchell

Jason Moore

Mark Morris

Marilyn Myrna

Hannah Neace

Virgil Nicaise

Madelyn O'Brien

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Elizabeth Pferstinger

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Stephen Prusik

Jack Rahn

Mark Rau

Jim Ray

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Bob Ruedisuelli

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Josh Sajor

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David Schaff

Denise Schebil

Pat Schlutow

Darlene Setters

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Joann Sharrow

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Derek Skrupski

Jeanne Spicuzza

Joe Szabelski

Lou Thumm

Joshua Todd

Dorothy VanBaalen

Jackson VanCamp

Diane Verras

Barb Veith

Denise Walters

Brandie Walters

Meghan White

Gary Whitehead

Bob Willaert

Denise Williams

Kathy Wilson

Wesley Wykowski

Margaret Wyon

Crystal Yaeger

Dominic Zeppa



In Sympathy



Vergean Giangrande

Returned to the Fullness of God December 20, 2021



Gary Krause

Resurrection Liturgy was January 3, 2021

Suzanne Wokuluk

Resurrection Liturgy was January 5, 2021



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

JANUARY 8

James Benjamin Benoit—age 11-1/2 mo (1980)

William Syria—age 50 (1984)

James Mocer—age 72 (1991)

Eileene Whitmore—age 82 (1996)

Margaret I. Vernier—age 79 (1997)

Pearl R. Piasecki—age 78 (1997)

Olive M. Leahy—age 79 (1998)

Mary Rzeppa—age 93 (2004)

Lois Zaborski—age 66 (2004)

Felicia Powell—age 56 (2004)

Godlieve VanReyBrouck—age 90 (2011)

Raymond Brock—age 91 (2014)

Madaline Lechner—age 87 (2014)

JANUARY 9

Horace Cook—age 81 (1981)

Leona Henderson—age 81 (1981)

Louis Nebel—age 76 (1987)

Harry Wald—age 83 (1992)

Raymond Vehoski—age 74 (2009)

Heinrich Pferstinger—age 87 (2014)

Ann Paolucci—age 92 (2020)

JANUARY 10

Virginia Romanowski—age 66 (1977)

Thomas Helms, Sr.—age 60 (1978)

Catherine Duffy—age 76 (1984)

James Wilson—age 59 (1991)

Victoria Wetling—age 84 (1992)

Truman Banks—age 58 (1992)

Joseph Bonifazio—age 82 (1995)

Fredrich Hellner—age 90 (1999)

Linda Marie Oddo—age 37 (2003)

JANUARY 11

Anthony Kilbertus—age 61 (1972)

Bernice Gasiorowski—age 97 (1976)

Howard Miller—age 82 (1981)

Walter Zabik—age 77 (1987)

Edna Kennedy—age 84 (1991)

Eleanor Benetti (1999)

Antonia Grillo—age 83 (2000)

Alvina Eckhardt—age 77 (2000)

Violet Marie Trombly—age 99 (2002)

Thomas Guibord—age 85 (2019)

JANUARY 12

Regina Mary Siemieliak—age 88 (2006)

Gertrude Benoit—age 89 (1977)

Walter Dunaj—age 77 (1987)

Anthony Wesley—age 72 (1991)

Sid Rettell—age 91 (2004)

Regina Mary Siemieliak—age 88 (2006)

Thomas Guertin—age 75 (2008)

Rose Homung—age 74 (2008)

Marianne Jarvis—age 95 (2015)

Murel Isabel Rivard—age 95 (2015)

JANUARY 13

Bertha Clos—age 91 (1972)

Vertilla Gillett (1982)

Wm. Thomas Costello—age 66 (1989)

Benjamin DeBoschre—age 76 (1986)

Beatrice Utash—age 83 (1996)

Cordilia Schonschack—age 81 (1997)

Peter Cancelosa—age 84 (2000)

Larry McInerney—age 82 (2003)

Suzanne Savel—age 92 (2007)

JANUARY 14

Gladys Peltier—age 76 (1971)

John T. Flood—age 86 (1979)

Felia (Garcia) Briley—age 51 (2000)

Mary Alfonsi—age 89 (2014)

Patricia Couto—age 88 (2019)

James Roach—age 86 (2019)



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