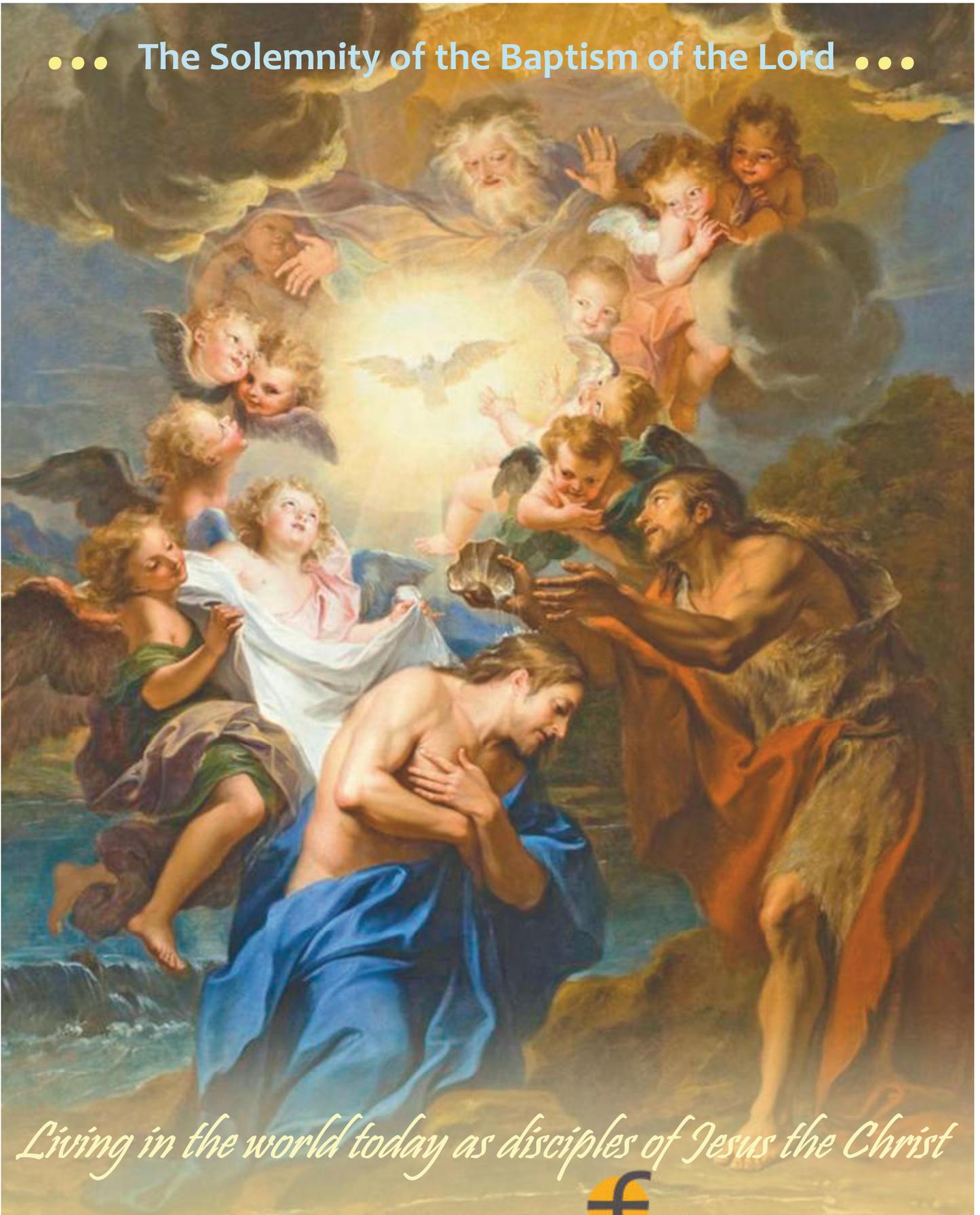


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January 10, 2021

Calendar

January 9 - January 17, 2021

Saturday, January 9

- 9:00am ● Mass
- 4:30pm ● Reconciliation
- 5:30pm ● Mass

Sunday, January 10

- 10:00am ● Mass - The Baptism of the Lord
- 6:00pm ● Mass - The Baptism of the Lord

Monday, January 11

- 12:15pm ● Mass

Tuesday, January 12

- 12:15pm ● Mass

Wednesday, January 13

- 12:15pm ● Mass
- 7:00pm ● Catholic Campus Ministry Meeting - Virtual

Thursday, January 14

- 5:00pm: ● KofC Spaghetti Dinners Drive-Thru
- 6:00pm ● Reconciliation
- 6:00pm ● Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:15pm ● Mass

Friday, January 15

- 12:15pm ● Mass

Saturday, January 16

- 9:00am ● Mass
- 4:30pm ● Reconciliation
- 5:30pm ● Mass

Sunday, January 17

- 10:00am ● Mass - Ordinary Time, Week 2
- 6:00pm ● Mass - Ordinary Time, Week 2

Readings for the week of January 10

Please access the following link from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website to view the readings for each day:
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings>

Offertory 1-3-2021 YTD Total: 151,790, short (86,162). Please find more detailed information in "Offertory Collections."



from the associate pastor...

The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, I felt inspired to capture a thought from our Holy Father Emeritus, Pope Benedict XVI,

“.. when he comes out of the water, a voice comes from Heaven and the Holy Spirit descends upon him (cf. Mk 1: 10); the heavenly Father proclaims him as his beloved Son and publicly attests to his universal saving mission, which will be fully accomplished with his death on the Cross and his Resurrection. Only then, with the Paschal Sacrifice, would the forgiveness of sins be rendered universal and total. With Baptism we do not simply emerge from the waters of the Jordan to proclaim our commitment to conversion, but the redeeming Blood of Christ that purifies and saves us is poured out upon us. It is the Father's beloved Son, in whom he was pleased, who regains for us the dignity and joy of calling ourselves truly “children” of God.”

The reality that it is “the Father's beloved Son... who regains for us the dignity and joy of calling ourselves truly ‘children of God’...” is wonderful news. Salvation and healing don't come from us trying to “fix” ourselves, but from outside of ourselves. Salvation, transformation, healing come from Him, the only-begotten Son of God, the divine physician, who is Himself the remedy for ALL that ails us! We ought allow this reality to give us all immense hope!

God bless, Fr. Drew



what's coming? events, programs, classes ...

Thursdays, January 14 and January 28

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner Drive-Thru

We have held 3 very successful dinners raising nearly \$1500 for area charities. In spite of the Pandemic we are serving the needs of every budgeted charity. The local agencies who rely on charitable giving need our help more than ever. Please help support these groups and also come away with a reasonably priced safe dinner.

When: Jan 14 and Jan 28

Where: St John Fisher Chapel
Parking Lot

Time: 5pm to 7pm

Cost: Adults \$10, Ages 6 - 12 are \$5 and children 5 and under eat free

Accepting credit card and cash Payment

CALL AHEAD at 248-296-2853

Thursdays, continuing January 14, 21 and 28

Start the New Year with A Mindful Pause

Begin the New Year with a healthy new practice: mindfulness. Participate in directed online mindfulness sessions that help you calm your mind and open your heart.

Sister Esther Kennedy, OP, began offering four half-hour virtual sessions of A Mindful Pause at 4pm EST on Thursday, January 7, and will continue offering these on Thursdays, January 14, 21, and 28. A Dominican Sister of Adrian, retreat leader, and spiritual director, Sister Esther has facilitated monthly Mindfulness Days at Weber Center for years.

Sessions can be accessed through live stream, <https://webercenter.org/mindful-pause/>. Recordings can be found at the same link on the day after each session.

A Mindful Pause is open to all people free of charge; donations are appreciated.

Saturday, January 16

Workshop Focuses on Incarnation as Christianity's New Horizon

Noted writer, speaker, and workshop leader Diarmuid O'Murchu offers a virtual presentation, "Incarnation: Christianity's New Horizon," from 9:30am to 3:30pm EST Saturday, January 16, 2021, through Weber Retreat and Conference Center.

Diarmuid, a member of the Sacred Heart Missionary Order

and a graduate of Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, presents incarnation as a celebration of God's embodied presence - not only in the person of Jesus but in all forms of embodied presence that adorn creation. This newly expanded horizon carries several implications for how we are called to live out our faith today.

The cost to attend is \$30 and registration is required to receive the live stream link. Limited scholarships are available.

Register at www.webercenter.org and click on "programs." Registrations may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing webercenter@adriandominicans.org

Saturday, January 23

Saturday Evening Mass to be Discontinued

Please note that starting January 23, there will no longer be a 5:30pm Mass. The 9am Saturday morning Mass and the two Sunday Masses (10am and 6pm) will remain. The last Saturday evening Mass will be on January 16.

did you know? [information, opportunities, notes ...](#)

Jail Ministry Stamp Drive Thank You

A big thank you to all who gave to the Stamp Drive this year. A total of 763 stamps were donated. In other words, this is 763 correspondences which the incarcerated will have with family, friends and loved ones outside of prison. During the pandemic this is even more essential for prisoners. Though it seems small, thank you for your care for the prisoner this Christmas Season.

Update on Giving Tree Donations

More of your generosity was demonstrated through Christmas - so just an update and shared gratitude for the Giving Tree response this year. In regards to bus tickets for HOPE WC, we were not able to do bus tickets this year due to the fact that buses are free during the pandemic. So an alternative was found. We had \$2400 come in for HOPE Warming Center alone so we were able to donate 80 thirty-dollar gift cards to Family Dollar.

In total this puts the gift cards at \$3,500 that the SJF community gave this Christmas season to

Catholic Community Response Team, Rochester Neighborhood House and HOPE Warming Center.

Thank you so much for your charity and love for our neighbors in our community.

Campus Ministry at Oakland University Update

As we make the transition out of Christmastide we have this beautiful story of Jesus encountering John at the River Jordan to be baptized. God sends his Holy Spirit to be upon Jesus, naming him the Beloved, in whom he is well pleased. We see Jesus missioned at this point in his human life, the prophecy and hope of salvation is fulfilled and therefore this begins Jesus's ministry. The Baptism of our Lord is a reminder of our mission as disciples and that the gifts of Christmas are to inspire us for the road ahead.

Oakland University being our mission territory, we find students going back to the semester this week. If you go to campus you wouldn't know it. Classes have begun virtually. Activity will begin virtually as well until we hear otherwise by the MLK Jr. Holiday. This is a strange

time to be a university student and as we begin this semester, Oakland is still in a lockdown of sorts. But this does not hinder our work.

We still plan to meet virtually on Zoom for our small groups, Wednesday Community Nights, Thursday Scripture Reflections and Rosary Fridays. We will go face to face and social distance when we can. Our Leadership Team is being creative in how we can do social events and service this coming semester. We will continue to be open for worship and sacraments at daily and weekly masses. We will find a way to connect. Know that the University community is always in our prayers.

If you are interested in getting involved please contact us at catholiccampusministry@sjfcup.com, follow Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) on social media or call 248-370-2189.

Our journey through this pandemic time continues, our mission is sustained, our hope is in the Beloved, Jesus Christ.

Knights of Columbus Update

We recently recognized 2 Knights and their families for their outstanding efforts and support

in 2020. This has been a very challenging year but our members have stayed committed. In December we recognized 2 of our members:

Knight of the Year - Ray Spiteri
Family of the Year - Tom and Nan St Peter

Both of these men and families have been very supportive during challenging times. Our council is made up of nearly 300 members and while many could have been recognized these gentlemen stood out.

Mask Etiquette - Masks Required in the Building

We would like to remind our parishioners that facial coverings are required at all times while we worship together, whether it be at weekend or weekday Masses. Facial coverings are also required when just dropping something off, making a donation or stopping in the office. This is for the safety and protection of the Parish and office staff. Please wear it up over both your nose and mouth for it to be most protective for yourself and others around you. If you are unable to wear a mask due to health reasons, please wear a face shield.

Hand sanitizers are located at the front of each entrance for your convenience. If you forget your own mask, please notify the

priest and he will get one for you. During this time, we trust and appreciate your responsibility for caring for your health and that of others.

Offertory Collections...

Our Offertory is the primary source of funds for our day-to-day operations. Donations through our Online Giving program are deposited daily. Please contact Lori Rafferty with any questions.

Week ending Dec. 27, 2020:

Envelopes: \$19,611

Electronics: \$2,918

Total: \$22,529

Week ending January 3, 2021:

Envelopes: \$2,175

Electronics: \$4,083

Total: \$6,258

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020

to June 30, 2021

YTD Offertory Collected: \$151,790

YTD Offertory Budgeted:

\$237,952

Over/(Short) from Budget:

\$(86,162)

Other Collections:

Peter's Pence: \$225

Priests' Pension: \$703

Mission Sunday: \$23

Catholic Charities of SEM: \$77

Retirement for Religious: \$439

Total: \$1,467

Please note:

Our current year to date offertory shortfall of \$(86,162) is measured against an offertory

budget target which is about 40% below our past giving level. This target was established to reflect giving levels during the pandemic, and following leadership changes at the parish. Current parish operations cannot be sustained with this growing deficit! We will be forced to make more operational changes if this level of giving continues. We will continue to keep you updated on our financial situation.

A Family Perspective

Baptism of our Lord

1st Sunday of Ordinary Time

(Mark 1:7-11)

The gospel today points to Jesus' humanity; like us He needed RECOGNITION ("You are my Son"), AFFECTION ("My Beloved Son") and AFFIRMATION ("With you I am well pleased."). In our families it is easy to focus on irritating behaviors and take for granted all the positives. This New Year take a lesson from God the Father, be an AFFIRMER and not a BLAMER.

- Bud Ozar



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