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You are invited, welcomed, accepted and respected at St. Joseph Catholic Church

January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord



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.

- Lk 3:21-22a

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Liturgical Calendar**SATURDAY, January 12****Confessions 3:00 PM****Vigil, The Baptism of the Lord**

5:00 PM † William Brauer, req. by

Deacon Stan

SUNDAY, January 13**The Baptism of the Lord**

9:00 AM † Norman Zureich, req. by

Daneen Zureich

11:00 AM For our Parish Family

MONDAY, January 14

First Week in Ordinary Time

TUESDAY, January 15

Weekday

WEDNESDAY, January 16

Weekday

THURSDAY, January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

FRIDAY, January 18

Weekday

SATURDAY, January 19**Confessions 3:00 PM****Vigil, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**5:00 PM † Raymond Blandowski,
req. by George and Rose Magda**SUNDAY, January 20****Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM For our Parish Family

11:00 AM † Bill Brauer, req. by

Religious Education Department

Confirmation 2019

Please keep our Confirmation students in your daily prayers as they continue on their journey to full initiation in the Catholic Church.

Joseph Bonk

James Farr

Alexis Figueras

Casey Klima

Emily Moore

Mary Nguyen

Ryan Odekirk

May God Bless each one of you!**Reminder**

Whenever local schools are closed due to inclement weather, we will follow suit as far as any evening meetings and events in the Parish are concerned.

**THIS WEEK****SATURDAY, January 12**

Hospitality after Mass by the Parish Council

SUNDAY, January 13

Hospitality after each Mass by the Parish Council

Confirmation Class 9:30 am

MONDAY, January 14

Choir Practice 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, January 16

Religious Ed. 6:00-7:15 pm

SATURDAY, January 19

Holy Family Hour 11:00 -1:00 pm

Hospitality after Mass by K of C

SUNDAY, January 20

Hospitality after each Mass by the K of C

Youth Group 6:00 pm

Our Weekly OfferingFor Sunday, **January 6, 2019**Sunday Collection: **\$5,419.25**# of envelopes used: **123****GOD BLESS YOU!**

Baptism
OF THE *Lord.*

Altar Servers' Schedule**Saturday, January 19, 5:00 PM**

Jordan Kulback

Riley Kulback

Linda V.

Sunday, January 20, 9:00 AM

Jeff Roseman

Cooper Blaszak

Sue Webster

Sunday, 11:00 AM

Aspen Lintner

Katie Lintner

Not Filled

Family Holy Hour

Please join us on Saturday, January 19th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a Family Holy Hour and free lunch here at St. Joseph Church. Spend time with our Lord and teach your children about this beautiful tradition. Families with young children are especially invited as we spend time with Jesus in a kid-friendly environment, but all people are welcome. There will be music, praying, and a short sermon by Fr. Pieter during the holy hour. After adoration there will be pizza, hot dogs, and drinks and kids activities as well as an opportunity to share in fellowship with your fellow parishioners. Volunteers and financial support for this event are provided by the Knights of Columbus Council at St. Joseph Church.



"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

Readings for the week of January 13, 2019

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

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Happy New Year. With Deacon Stan's encouragement, I will try to write something for the bulletin from time to time—at least once a month.

What's new at St. Joseph? Christmas is over and we are beginning our journey toward Lent and Easter. Last week we un-decorated the Church—indeed, it went a lot faster than the decoration. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped decorate the church—the trees, wreaths, banners, poinsettias, and manger were beautiful and helped us pray and adore Christ, our new-born Lord.

As we move from Christmas towards Easter we will journey with Jesus from the baptism in the Jordan until His arrest and crucifixion in Jerusalem. During this "ordinary time" we will learn *who* Jesus really is—the King who has come to save us; and *what* He really wants from us—faith with repentance so that we can become sons and daughters of the Father.

We begin to see this at Jesus' baptism in the Jordan. While Jesus prayed in the waters of the Jordan river the Holy Spirit descended on Him in the form of a dove and the voice of the Father called out from heaven: *You are my beloved Son, with you, I am well pleased.* Just like God's Spirit hovered over the waters at the creation of the world (Genesis 1:2), so now God's Spirit hovers over the waters of the Jordan at the beginning of the *new creation*—the redemption and renewal of the world through the saving work of Jesus.

Here we find out who is the God that created us and saves us—He is a Trinity of persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Why does this matter, who cares? The doctrine of the Trinity can be confusing, but this doctrine is *Good News*. Indeed, Pope Leo XIII called the doctrine of the Trinity *the substance of the New Testament*, the *origin and fountain all the mysteries of our faith*. Since the doctrine of the Trinity reveals to us *who* God is, the doctrine of Trinity shows us the very meaning of the universe and the meaning of our lives.

In the doctrine of the Trinity, we see that from all eternity the one God exists as the tri-unity of three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is not "tri-theism"—these aren't three gods who just hang out together. Nor is this "uni-personalism" (called "modalism" or "Sabellianism" in theology books)—this is not one god who just sometimes takes different shapes or appearances. Rather, the Trinity is one God in three persons who eternally know one another and love one another.

We see this in the baptism: As Jesus stands in the water praying, the Father embraces him with words of love: *You are my beloved Son, with you, I am well pleased.* Then the Holy Spirit pours over Jesus with the power of God. Our Catholic faith shows us that when we see this we are looking at the very heart of reality and the meaning of our lives because this is who God is. From eternity God is a "dance" of self-giving love between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And God's offer of salvation means that we are invited into that "dance." United to Jesus by faith and baptism, God invites us to share in the love between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As Jesus said: *Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him... As the Father loves me, so I also love you.* Let us pray for the grace to know and love more deeply the Most Holy Trinity.

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