



Chancellor St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church

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*"We **WELCOME** all,
WORSHIP together at the
Eucharistic table, and give
WITNESS to Jesus Christ."*



January 9, 2022

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM;

*Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM &
12:00 PM*

WEEK DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. - 9:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

*Saturdays at 3 PM
Or By Appointment*

Thank you!

The **Advent Tree Project** began before Thanksgiving. This project was again a great success because of the parishioners' generosity.

The committee was super organized. You, the parishioners, helped 16 organizations fulfill their Christmas wish lists! This year St. Vincent de Paul helped over 40 families with the donated gift cards, food, and the donated toys. Gift cards were distributed to the organizations and your monetary donations were used to buy more gift cards. All the people receiving these gift cards were blessed with a wonderful Christmas.

This can only happen with your support for this project. We also thank the volunteers who helped organize, sort, and deliver the gifts. They gave of their time without hesitation.

Peace and blessings,
Lisa Bittner



Thanks to some recent upgrades in our technology, we're now streaming our weekly live-stream masses directly to both **Facebook** and **YouTube**. Parishioners who do not have Facebook can now watch our liturgies directly on their computer, Roku, ChromeCast, Smart TV, etc., by accessing our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/abecketcanton>

If you click "Subscribe," you will be notified each weekend of our upcoming liturgies.

From the Pastor's Desk:

As we begin the **New Year**, we pause to reflect on the one just completed. As I reflect, I find myself feeling a profound gratitude to our **volunteers and staff**, who work so diligently to create an atmosphere where ministry thrives and is encouraged. I feel very blessed to be part of such a phenomenal faith community. I hope God blesses each one of you with much joy, happiness and peace in 2022!

This is a great time to especially thank all the people responsible for making the liturgies of this Christmas Season such beautiful celebrations of faith. All the musicians, cantors and the choir, under the direction of **Kevin Ryan**, did a fantastic job with the music! Our liturgical environment group, with its artists and decorators, under Nina Smithpeters, did a great job creating a peaceful and sacred environment for the celebration of the Lord's birth! And I truly appreciate the extra effort on the part of Eucharistic ministers, ushers, greeters, lectors, money counters and our sacristans.

A big thank you also goes to **Rick St. Peter and Mike Mezgec**, our maintenance men, who assisted all of us with set-up, cleaning, building issues and who do such a great job keeping the walks and parking lot free of snow and ice all throughout the winter months. If I have forgotten to thank anyone, please forgive my oversight. **THANKS AGAIN, ONE AND ALL !!**

Christmas Peace!

Fr. Chris





As 2021 comes to a close and the adventures of 2022 is upon us, I would like to spend some time reflecting on the past year, both personally and professionally. I would also like to share some expectations of the upcoming year.

Last year brought many changes to my career in the fact that I began to work as a substitute teacher full-time in a school other than my desired age group (middle school and high school) when Garden City asked me to finish the last school year in a 5th-6th grade building, followed by an Autism Transition School for adults. Each of these schools pushed my comfort level and patience when working with these students.

This past year challenged my faith by letting God guide me to change churches after 19 years, which seemed to be an excellent leap of faith because He led me to St. Thomas a'Becket. This is where the opportunity to resume my love for serving the Catholic youth presented as Director of Youth Ministry for both High School and Middle School programs. My absence from youth ministry provided a little apprehension, but this parish has been so welcoming, by both the staff and parish community.

Since St. Thomas a'Becket has had such a strong tradition of youth presence in many parish activities, it was a challenge for me to resume those events after Covid has shut down much of the past two years. We began meeting at the end of September, and in three short months, we have had over 50 kids attend at least one night each.

Some of our favorite nights include our Halloween party, scavenger hunts, and board games. We really had a great time getting to know each other, playing games (darts, pool, ping pong, foosball), snacking, talking, and laughing.

We have participated in three Service Projects which has brought the kids closer to understanding

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Jesus' mission of helping others. We began with sorting 125 boxes worth of food during the parish's canned food drive in October. We then spend 2½ meetings making Advent Calendars for 20 parish shut-ins at Waltonwood, which the seniors were extremely appreciative. Our final challenge was hosting the "Breakfast with Santa" with the Knights of Columbus. I want to thank the 40+ volunteers who selflessly worked to put smiles on many family's faces.

Looking ahead to 2022, we are planning a very exciting Winter Schedule for the kids, consisting of a movie night, scavenger hunt, billiard (pool) and foosball tournaments, discussions on topics requested by students (Sacraments, the Vatican, Revelation, Mary, Jacob's Ladder, and prayer), as well as Service Projects, including a Valentine's activity. We are talking about trips in the summertime, including camping, Cedar Point, and a Detroit Tigers baseball game. Look for our full schedule in next week's Chancellor or on the Youth Group bulletin board.

Overall, I am overjoyed at the progress these programs have taken and am excited to serve this parish this upcoming year.

If anyone would like to help plan some of these events, or have any questions, contact me at (734) 933-1333, x117 or:

tony.attard@abecket.org.

God Bless your families,
Tony Attard

'TEXT-TO-GIVE'

St. Thomas a'Becket has an upgraded Online Giving platform. One of the new features is our option for "Text-To-Give."

Now you can easily donate using your phone – either via a QR code or a secure phone line. Parishioners and visitors can donate either to our Christmas Fund or our Sunday Offertory Fund just by scrolling down to 'Christmas,' from your home, the Gathering Area, or inside the Church! All donations will be imported into our database and recorded in your contribution records for your annual tax statement; **OR** text "Giving" to 734-361-1333.



Children's Faith Formation



Happy Baptism of the Lord! I always quiz the kids about the seasons, colors, and the Gospel writers that we are listening to each week. You can have a step up on them with the following information. Ordinary Time (color green) begins tomorrow, January 10th, and continues through March 1st, the day before Ash Wednesday. Ordinary Time will again resume on Monday, June 6th, the day following Pentecost. We are now in Cycle C and will be hearing from Luke until Advent. (With John thrown in there every once in a while!)

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Key Passage: And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Family Questions

Adults: Do you think that God was "well pleased" by your actions in recent weeks? Why?

Children: What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

I pray you all remain healthy and safe. Have a blessed week!
Betsy

For the Kids: Just for fun!

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

ANSWER: Ice Krispies!

For the Adults:

Thought of the Day!

"The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

~Pope Benedict XVI





SVDP NEWSLETTER

Many of the neighbors in need we serve reside in mobile home parks. The homes are advertised as "own your own home or live rent free for X-number of months. Even if the trailer can be purchased outright, there is still rental fees and water bills and to heat these homes costs quite a bit due to poor insulation.

A number of our neighbors in need have had to call us because they unexpectedly received a water bill for an exorbitant amount. They were told they must have a leak somewhere.

Many of these home are in poor condition. Some are sold as is. Our hearts go out to these neighbors we help. They get behind financially for various reasons, then late fees and court fees are added to their total amount due, and eviction notices soon follow. In no time their dream of home ownership and carefree living are gone. Unfortunately where else can they turn to for less expensive housing? Over the years we have been able to help many of these families. We often don't know what the future holds for them, but it is our hope that the help we gave them was just what they needed to get back on track. Jesus had no place to lay his head. He considers the help our parish gives to these neighbors as though it was done for Him. What better thanks could there be?

Peace and Justice Committee Living Catholic Social Teaching

As we begin a new year, we continue our ministry to our neighbors in need.

Sandwich Ministry for the Pope Francis Center Every Weekend. Make sandwiches in the comfort of your own home and drop them off at Church by 11 AM on Sunday. For details or to sign up, please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084fa4af29abf85-feeding>

Meal for Day House – Tuesday, January 18th, our Parish will be providing a winter meal for the guests of the Day House. We are in need of people who can provide soup, stew, chili, fruit, snacks, salad and desert. They have also requested personal care items. For more information or if you are interested in helping, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48a5a82ba2fa7-living> Donations need to be dropped off at church by 4 PM for delivery to the Day House.

Pope Francis Center – Saturday, February 5, 2022 Members from our Parish Community will go to the Pope Francis Center in Detroit and serve the guests, help with laundry and distribute personal care items. We will be leaving from the Parish at 6 AM and will return by 12 noon. If interested in serving, please register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48a5a82ba2fa7-living>

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Peace and Justice Committee Living Catholic Social Teaching

Care for God's Creation

In today's bulletin, there is an insert about the **a'Becket 21-Day Challenge**. In his 2015 *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis tells us we are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

St. Thomas a'Becket's **21-Day Challenge** encourages our parish families to really take a look at how we can make positive change and care for God's creation starting now, right here in our homes. We know we can make a difference in a short time. We are challenging our parish community to some simple changes from January 9th - January 29th - **use reusable grocery bags, reduce your shower by two minutes, one meatless meal a week, lower your thermostat by two degrees, turn the water off when brushing your teeth, and unplug electronic devices when not in use.**

We've created a form for each family to track the changes and at the end of the **21-Day Challenge** the Peace and Justice Committee will determine the cumulative total for the parish. During the challenge, there will also be bins in the Gathering Area to collect plastic grocery bags, gently used shoes and blue jeans. All items will be re-purposed.

For complete details check out the bulletin or the website at <https://abecket.org/peace-and-justice>

Funeral Luncheons Back Soon!

The Funeral Luncheon Ministry needs you! We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up duty. We are also in need of volunteers to donate food from time to time (usually once a year, if that).

If you are interested in volunteering to help with preparation or cleanup, or donating food for a luncheon, please contact Donna Whittaker soon at (734) 981-0723.



K of C - Msgr. Clement Kern Council Sponsoring another Pancake Breakfast January 9, 2022 from 9 AM to Noon

Back by Popular Demand

"All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast"

**Where Good Food and Friends Come Together -
So Come for the food, Stay for the fellowship!
Food Tastes Better When Served by A Knight!
Going to Noon Mass? - Come early for Breakfast**

Serving three types of pancakes:

Plain, Chocolate Chip, & Blueberry.

Featuring: French Toast, Scrambled Eggs,
Breakfast Sausage, Hash Browns.

\$6 Per Person - \$17 Per Family

**Also, you can have your blood pressure checked
by our Parish Nurses**



For information about our K of C Council, email us at: Knights@abecket.org
Or see our web page - www.kofc8284.org



Congratulations to our
Keeping Christ
in Christmas Poster
Contest winners!

Mallory Broadwater

Mia Brandl

Finn Buckhalt

Emma deBruin

Scarlett Powers

Josslan Pusilo

Sophia Silva

Lyla Wiacek

Lanalee Yalo



Weekly Becket E-blasts - Are YOU Getting Them?

We send out a weekly email on Thursdays, including very short bullet points about events or activities, holy day mass times, announcements (funerals, baptisms, weddings), and any other news that would be relevant for that week. If we have your email address on file, we send it to you.

Didn't get an email? First, check your junk or spam mail folder. It may have been misrouted there. If you don't see it there, we may not have a correct email address for you. If you would like to start receiving the weekly email, visit www.abecket.org and click on "Sign up for our weekly emails" under "Get Connected, Stay Connected." If you need help, email: pam.michels@abecket.org.



All Boys and Girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in this local level of competition for the 2022 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Our local competition will be held **January 16, 2022, at 1:00 PM, in the St. Thomas a'Becket Gym**. Contestants will compete in their respective age divisions.

Entry Forms are available in the parish office and on the day of the event and they must be signed by a parent or guardian. All contestants at the local level will be recognized for their participation in the event. You can only participate in one local Council event per year. Winners will be eligible to move on the District Competition that will be held in early February.

Mission of the Month at the Canton B2 Outlet Stores

Exciting news!!! The St. Thomas a'Becket Be a Buddy Coat Drive has been selected as 'Mission of the Month' at the Canton **B2 Outlet Store!** We encourage you to shop there and round up your purchase. All the donated funds will go directly to buy more coats, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for the **"2022 Be a Buddy Coat Drive"** which will take place in October of 2022. Never too early to start!



Shop at B2 Outlet Stores
and help us raise funds through
their round-up program.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM;
Sunday - 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. - 9:00 AM
Reconciliation Saturday @ 3:00 PM

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BAPTISMS

Celebrated Monthly - Must be registered
in the parish at least 3 months
prior to Baptism date -
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MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office

All Saints Catholic School
(734) 459-2490
www.allsaintscs.com

New Year, New You

As a particularly zealous fitness aficionado, you can often find me over at Life Time Fitness when I'm not here at the church. Indoor cycling, yoga, weight lifting, incline walking - you name it, I love it. Every January I'm astounded by the huge increase in people working out as they dive head first into their fitness resolutions for the New Year. I've grown accustomed to the yearly grumbles in the locker room from the "regulars" who feel inconvenienced by the influx of people using the machines and equipment that used to be so readily accessible. Personally, I think it's wonderful that so many people make the effort to improve their wellbeing by taking up exercise. Saint Paul reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19), and thus caring for this temple is an important virtue of the Christian life (Gal 5:16-24).

By the time February rolls around, however, the throngs of people in the gym noticeably start to wane, leaving behind only abandoned goals and disillusioned dreams to fill the once crowded space. Resolutions, it turns out, are often too strict and too demanding to become a permanent reality.

But what if we made a different kind of commitment in the New Year - a commitment that's both realistic and life-giving. I would like to suggest, dear friends, that you consider starting off this New Year of 2022 by joining one of the many beautiful liturgical ministries our parish has to offer. Making a commitment to your faith community can be just as rewarding and beneficial to your well-being as any other resolutions you might think of. Might you consider joining the Greeters and help us welcome all the wonderful faces that pass through our parish doors during the weekend? Perhaps you might be interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister - a particularly beautiful ministry where you are able to facilitate an encounter between the People of God and the Body of Christ. Our Usher Ministry, too, plays a vital role in the success of our liturgies and is comprised of the unsung, behind-the-scenes heroes who assist in a variety of ways.

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Or perhaps you're technologically inclined and would like to help us run our weekly livestreams on Facebook and YouTube. Whatever your interests may be, there's a ministry for you!

Registration and training for these ministries is easily accessible and freely available. Just head over to our website (abecket.org) and click the "Ministry Opportunities" picture. This year in particular, our parish community is in need of Ushers; I hope you will give special consideration to joining this important and engaging ministry.

I do pray that you will consider starting off this New Year with a realistic, attainable commitment to your faith. I think this is one resolution you'll be glad you made.

Kevin Ryan
 Director of Music & Liturgy
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How to Register at St. Thomas a'Becket

Are you new to St. Thomas a'Becket and the Canton area? Have you been coming here for a while, but have never officially registered? Or maybe you're a guest and you like what you see and want to be a part of it?

If any of these describes you, and you would like to become a member of the Parish, stop by or call the Main Parish office at (734) 981-1333 and we would be glad to welcome you!



BLOOD DRIVE

At St. John Neumann
 Warren Rd., Canton

Sunday, January 9, 2022

7:30 AM - 1:30 PM

The need for blood donations is greater than ever for families dealing with a cancer diagnosis or other major illness. Covid 19 has cancelled many drives that would have normally taken place in the last three months. Please consider giving the gift of life at the January blood drive.

To schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code 'ccu') or call Diane at (313) 549-7052

Please Consider Online Giving

Online Giving is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from your checking, savings, or credit card account into St. Thomas a'Becket's bank account. It makes it easy to fulfill stewardship commitments, even when you can't attend church. Please seriously consider using Online Giving or the Text to give QR on page 2 for your regular or one-time donations.

You indicate the funds you wish to support, the amount you wish to give, and the frequency of your donation - weekly, monthly, annually, or one time only. If you are hesitant or cannot set up your account, you can contact grace.pellerito@abecket.org with questions, or to have Grace set your account up for you.

Online giving is safe, secure, and confidential; electronic contributions cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed and have an extremely high rate of accuracy. Online gift records are imported directly into parishioner donation accounts. Your participation saves our parish the cost of the envelopes, postage, and staffing hours.



Homebound Ministry

If you know someone in need of prayers and the Holy Eucharist brought to their home, please contact Lisa Bittner at 734-981-1333, ext. 116, or email:

lisa.bittner@abecket.org

We have several people willing to visit them, pray, and give them communion.



Eucharistic Adoration takes place every **Tuesday from noon until 4:30 PM** in the church. You are welcome to come at any time for adoration, reflection, and personal prayer time.

Also, please remember this is time for silent reflection.



January 9, 2022 - The Baptism of the Lord

Entrance Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Felix Mendelssohn)

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| <p>1. Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"</p> | <p>3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"</p> |
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Greeting & Introduction

Penitential Act

Response: **Lord/Christ, have mercy.**

Glory to God:

Glory, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Glory, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm: O Bless the Lord, My Soul (Warner/Arr. Ryan)

Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O bless the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 104)

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, Lord God, how great you are,
wrapped in a garment of glory and might, clothed in light as in a robe.
2. Lord, my God, great are your works! In wisdom you made them all.
Rich is the earth and filled with your life. Bless the Lord, O bless, my soul!
3. All of your creatures look to you, to give them their food in time.
You give with a abundance, they gather it up, by your hands they have their fill.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)

Gospel Verse:

John said: One mightier than I is coming; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

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Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Homily

Nicene Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Church: that we may recognize our calling to be daughters and sons of God, *we pray to the Lord:*
 For all who have responded to God's call to ministry: that God will strengthen them, make fruitful their service, and empower them with the Holy Spirit, *we pray to the Lord:*
 For all young adults: that they may respond to God's invitations to build up the Christian community and participate in the mission of the church, *we pray to the Lord:*
 For all who need a shepherd's care: that God will provide for those lacking food or heat, guide refugees and those fleeing violence, and bring freedom to those unjustly detained, *we pray to the Lord:*
 For all who have been baptized at St. Thomas a'Becket, particularly those during the past year: that they may be faithful disciples of Jesus and continue to grow in their knowledge and love of God, *we pray to the Lord:*
 For the sick in our community: that God will sustain caregivers and bring healing to those who are ill, especially....., *we pray to the Lord:*
 For all who have died in faith: that they may be justified by God's grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life, especially.....,

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, *and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Preparation of the Gifts: **Come to the River (Bob Hurd)**

Refrain

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| <p>Come, O come, come to the river
 flowing from the body of Christ.
 We'll go down, deep in the water,
 but in the Lord we shall arise.</p> | <p>2. Priestly people are we,
 sealed and sent by the Spirit.</p> <p>3. Blest are those who thirst
 for the reign of God's justice.</p> |
| <p>1. Washed in the waters of rebirth,
 we have put on Christ Jesus.</p> | <p>4. Let us walk in the light
 of God's holy promise.</p> |

Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection
 until you come again, until you come again.

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Doxology/Amen**Lord's Prayer**All: **Our Father...****Lamb of God:**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon: John 1:32, 34 (Angrisano/Hart/Stephan)

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Communion Hymn: Behold the Lamb (Martin Willet)

1. Those who were in the dark
are thankful for the sunlight;
we who live, we who die
are grateful for his gift,
thankful for his love.

Refrain

Behold, behold the Lamb of God.
All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God
shall come to know his glory.

2. Peaceful now, those whose hearts
are blessed with understanding
of the wheat, of the wine
united with his word and the love we share.

3. Gentle one, Child of God,
join with us at this table.
Bless our lives; nourish all
who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace.

4. Lord of all, give us light.
Deliver us from evil.
Make us one; be our shield.
Make still the winds that blow; cradle us with love.

Communion Prayer**Final Blessing****Dismissal****Song of Sending: Joy to the World (Isaac Watts; G.F. Handel)**

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us, our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.



Pray for the Sick

Please remember these people who are sick and have asked for our prayers:

*Kim Adams	*Joseph Hawrylak	Paul Reiner
Christopher Andrews	Kevin Howard	Molly Reynolds
*Tina Annin	Patsy Jean	Gail Robertson
Tony Aratari	Niki Jenks	*John Rowe
*Janice Bailey	Max Jenner	Jill Russell
*Lyle Begley	Millie & John Jordan	*Stella Sacha
Holly Bendeur	*Anne Kelly-Smirthwaite	*Mary Schmitt
Marty Bogart	Lisa Klimczak	*Brian Schumacher
Michael Brindley	Dan Kodric, Jr.	Denzel & Merna Short
*Kathy Brunton	*Chris Kowalczyk	Georgia Silliman
Alan Brunton	Evelyn Krause	*Peter Slazinski
Orville Bushman	*Judy Krueger	*Nancy Sleyter
Robert Catalano	*Sal Lauto	Ron & Betty Socia
Jim Clagg	*Peggy Lipski	Bob Sommeriva
Cliff Cook	Ellie Lewandowski	Patricia Stella
Edwina Cook	*Baby Paisley Long	Beverly Stella
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Baptisms

For Available Baptism Dates

January 9th and 23rd at 1:30 PM

Contact Deacon Jim at

Deacon.jim@abecket.org for

Baptism class information or

Lisa Bittner at Lisa.bittner@abecket.org

for available future dates

A Parent of child to be baptized must contact Lisa Bittner at 981-1333 four to six weeks before desired baptismal date. Family must be registered in the parish at least three months prior to Baptism date.

Financial Statement Of January 1-2, 2022

Weekly Budget	\$22,703.00
Enveloped Collection	\$11,373.60
Loose Offerings	\$669.00
Online Giving	\$13,523.33
Total Collection	\$25,565.93
YTD Budget - Wk 26	\$590,278.00
YTD Collections	\$606,030.34
No. Registered Fam.	2832
No. of Env. Issued	2476
No. of Env. Used	326
No. of Online Givers	278



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With Sympathy....



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of **Kathy Wlosinski**, wife of Robert Wlosinski; parishioner **Stella Sacha**; and **Ray Begley, Sr.**, father of Ray Begley Jr.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Readings for the Week of January 9, 2022

Sunday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]
Acts 10:34-38
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
or, 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:

1 Sm 1:1-8
Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20
1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

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

Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a
Ps 89:16-17, 18-19
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a
Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
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

Lectors for January 15-16, 2022

4:30 PM	Claudia Gering
8:00 AM	Susan Schmitz
10:00 AM	Bill Vaughan
12:00 PM	Bruno Genrich

Mass Intentions for the Week of January 9, 2022 (as of Jan. 5)

Monday – January 10, 2022

9:00 AM Louis F. Ross
(10 yr. anniv.)

Tuesday – January 11, 2022

9:00 AM Betty Sue Wolf
Agnes Lamie

Wednesday – January 12, 2022

NO MASS

Thursday – January 13, 2022

9:00 AM Dennis Urbaniak
Gail Radtke

Friday – January 14, 2022

9:00 AM Bob and Ruth Flynn

Saturday – January 15, 2022

4:30 PM Patricia Cubr
Chester & Julia Klimczak
Al & Sophie Zboch

Sunday – January 16, 2022

8:00 AM Antonia Isenberg
Bill McGarty
Erlinda Maliwanag

10:00 AM Ruben Queen
Larry Ronewicz

12:00 PM Intentions of Theresa Day

Celebrants for January 15-16, 2022

4:30 PM	Fr. Manny Chircop
8:00 AM	Fr. Chris Maus
10:00 AM	Fr. Chris Maus
12:00 PM	Fr. Manny Chircop

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