



# St. Anne

Catholic Community News  
Warren, Michigan

Prayer to Saint Anne  
Great St. Anne,  
whose name our parish bears,  
protect us and pray for us,  
that like you, we may serve God  
faithfully here on earth and  
be with Him in Heaven  
for all eternity. Amen



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

January 10, 2021

### Fr. John's Message



### The Baptism of the Lord!

The "Catholic Answers" website ([catholic.com](http://catholic.com)) is a phenomenal source for...you guessed it...catholic answers! 1 Peter 3: 15-16 tells us, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame." The Catholic Answers website is a great tool for us to accomplish this mission of sharing our faith with others for the sake of their salvation. The below article is a "Catholic Answers" article written by Cale Clark entitled "Why Jesus Was Baptized". It speaks about Baptism of the Lord and it's powerful significance!

### *Why Jesus Was Baptized (Cale Clark; Jan. 9, 2018; catholic.com)*

(The) Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marked the official end of the Christmas season. It's also an annual occasion for many to ask, "Why was Jesus baptized?"

After all, he is the sinless, divine Son of God, and the baptism that John the Baptist administered was "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Mark 1:4).

Christian baptism is of course greater than John's baptism, even as Jesus himself is far greater than John (Matt. 3:14, John 3:30).

Christian baptism not only forgives sins, but infuses the life of God into the soul, making us God's children. And the origin of this sacrament is Jesus' own baptism. Jesus had no need to be cleansed by the waters of baptism, for he had no sins to be washed away. Rather, he sanctified the waters by his descent into them.

Pope Benedict XVI (writing as Joseph Ratzinger), in his *Jesus of Nazareth*, offers some illuminating insights on all this. There's a whole chapter in the book on Jesus' baptism, but here are a few of his key thoughts.

**First, in antiquity water conjured up two distinct images: death and life.** Benedict notes: On the one hand, immersion into the waters is a symbol of death, which recalls the death symbolism of the annihilating, destructive power of the ocean flood. The ancient mind perceived the ocean as a permanent threat to the cosmos, to the earth; it was the primeval flood that might submerge all life . . .

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But the flowing waters of the river are above all a symbol of life (15-16). Even the physical act of baptism, especially baptism by immersion, represents death and new life: the descent into the waters is a form of death and burial; the rising to a new life is an icon of resurrection.

Looking at the events (of Christ's baptism) in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realized what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon his shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners. His inaugural gesture is an anticipation of the Cross. He is, as it were, the true Jonah who said to the crew of the ship, "Take me and throw me into the sea" (Jon. 1:12) . . . The baptism is an acceptance of death for the sins of humanity, and the voice that calls out "This is my beloved Son" over the baptismal waters is an anticipatory reference to the Resurrection. This also explains why, in his own discourses, Jesus uses the word "baptism" to refer to his death (18).

The Eastern traditions of iconography pick up on many of these themes, as the current pope emeritus elucidates:

The icon of Jesus' baptism depicts the water as a liquid tomb having the form of a dark cavern, which is in turn the iconographic sign of Hades, the underworld, or hell. Jesus' descent into this watery tomb, into this inferno that envelops him from every side, is thus an anticipation of his act of descending into the underworld . . . John Chrysostom writes: "Going down into the water and emerging again are the image of the descent into hell and the Resurrection" (19).

**Jesus' baptism not only is deeply intertwined** with the salvific events of the Passion and of Easter, but it also reveals him to be a new and greater Moses. In the Easter Vigil liturgy of the Roman Rite, the paschal candle is plunged into the waters of the baptismal font, much as Moses stretched his staff over the waters of the Red Sea, which God parted (Ex. 14:21-31).

This created a means of escape for God's people from the stampeding armies of Egypt and its Pharaoh, which are types of sin and Satan. Saint Paul, looking back at this event, refers to it as a prefigurement of Christian baptism (1 Cor. 10:2), which frees us from the rule of sin and death.

**The baptism of the Lord also reminds us**, of course, of our own baptism. The Church teaches that baptism not only lets us participate in Jesus' victory over sin and death, but calls us to our own personal holiness and apostolate (sharing our faith). When you boil it all down, this is the essence of how we fulfill our baptismal mandate to become saints.

Who are the saints? The word "saint" derives from the Greek term *hagios*, which means "the holy ones." Being a holy person just means being, with God's considerable help, the person you were created to be.

The Bible says, "without holiness no one will see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14, NIV). This is also why we need to share our faith! If we want everyone we know and love to get to heaven, if we want them to see Jesus, they must become saints as well—no exceptions.

The world tends to value the letters at the end of people's names—M.D., M.B.A., Ph.D. But Catholics care most of all about the letters we hope one day will come before our names: "St."

This was the ultimate reason the Lord was baptized, establishing the sacrament, and it's why we are baptized too.



## St. Mark Parish

December 14, 2020

To the People of St. Anne Parish,

On behalf of St Mark Parish, I want to thank you for your most generous donation to our food pantry. With your help we will be able to feed many of our brothers and sisters in need. We know that hunger is so prevalent in our community and the world, and what joy it brings to each of us to be able to share the harvest.

We are honored that St. Anne Parish chose to partner with St Mark Parish for this worthy cause, as we remember "For I was hungry and you gave me food (Mt 25:35)."

In Christ's abundant Life,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Stanley Obloj".

Fr Stanley Obloj  
Pastor

St. Mary's Children thank all the St. Anne Parishioners that contributed gift cards to help the children. Also St. Margaret of Scotland is very grateful to the St. Anne Parishioners for all the help.

God bless



### Living Rosary Prayer Team

The month of January marks the beginning of a New Year for us. It can be a fresh start in our prayer life, too. Our intention is: That the Holy Spirit will reveal to us the many opportunities for prayer and acts of kindness.

### Christian Mothers & Women News

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Happy Holidays to all our parish staff and St. Anne parishioners. Best of health and good wishes in the New Year. Remember to keep all our loved ones in your thoughts and prayers. Keep in mind the coronavirus guidelines in 2021.

If you have not paid your dues for 2021, please write a check to Audrey or Rose Helinski. \$5.00 for active members and \$7.00 for inactive members, please include \$3.30 for postage if you would like the agenda mailed to you. January birthday greetings to Clara Fischer. Get well wishes to all our sick and homebound members. Please remember that you are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Our first meeting will be on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 1:00pm, the exact location is not determined yet.

**-Stay warm-**

To the Parishioners of St. Anne Parish,

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to your Pastor Fr. John Kopson, Council President Chris Pasternak, and Dave Busse, my go between the Girl and Boy Scouts, as well as all the people of St. Anne Parish for allowing me to place the Nativity where it can be shared by all.

For 74 years the Nativity has stood at the intersection of Chicago and Mound Roads. Because of a Federal lawsuit, we were only permitted to display the Nativity for two weeks. By placing it at St. Anne, it can be displayed for six weeks for the people to share, as well as the tradition shall continue...

A special thank you should go out to the St. Anne Girl and Boy Scouts of Troop 1478 who assisted in setting up the Nativity as well as taking it down. If you know one of these Scouts, please give them a thank you.

May God bless and watch over St. Anne Parish,  
John F. Satawa

## When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.”

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Check Out Our New Website!

[parish.st-anne.net](http://parish.st-anne.net)

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with the Holy Spirit.”

MARK 1:8

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***Thank you!***

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY .....8am & 5pm  
 SUNDAY .....8:45am & 11am  
 HOLYDAY Consult Bulletin  
 WEEKDAY MASSES ...8am  
 Monday Mass...9:15am  
 (No Mass on Wednesdays)  
 MON., TUES., THURS., FRI. . .  
 \*Monday morning Mass is  
 celebrated at 9:15 a.m., Inclement weather  
 that closes school also cancels Mass.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday @ 4:00pm

**BAPTISMS:** Second and Fourth  
 Sunday of the month.

Please make arrangements at the  
 Parish Office.

**REGISTRATION:** To join the  
 parish, please register at the Parish Office.  
 If you move from the parish, kindly  
 notify us.

**COMMUNION CALLS:** For the ill  
 and homebound who wish to have  
 Communion brought to them, call the  
 Parish Office.

**RECTORY HOURS** - 9:00am till 4:00pm -  
 Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
 Friday

**Please PRAY for St. Anne Military**

Justin Redfern, US Army – Kevin Mott Jr., US Army – James R. Boslooper,  
 Tech Sgt., US Air Force – Jessica Loy Boslooper, Master Sgt., US Air Force,  
 Paul Hullinger, US Air Force & Peter Gilbert, US Air Force.  
 Rachel Grobbel, US Air Force

**Thank you for your service to our country!**

**Please pray for the sick of our Parish....** James Rivard, Jim McCarthy,  
 Marge Foster, Florence McCarthy and Virginia Zadroga, Bob Ostrowski, Tom  
 Kendro, & Ron Fantin, Joann Dodson, Lou Kawa and Dorothy Sobota, Phyllis  
 Marek and Sue Idcikowski., Ed Morowski, Theresa Cendrowski, Mitch Painter,  
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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 9, - 8:00am** - The Souls of Purgatory

**5pm Mass) -St. Anne Parishioners**

**Sunday, January 10, - 8:45am Mass** - Richard Saurine (Birthday  
 remembrance), Barbara Doyle

**11am Mass** - (11am Mass also streamed live on line) - St. Anne  
 Parishioners

**Monday, January 11,- 9:15am** . Nick Spanos

**Tuesday, January 12, - 8:00am** - Mary Lou Centers

**Wednesday, January 13, - 8:00am** - NO MASS

**Thursday, January 14, - 8:00am** - Frank and Matilda Iannaci

**Friday, January 15, - 8:00am** - Buehner and Demeniuk Families

**Saturday, January 16, - 8:00am** -  
**5pm Mass) - Thomas Potonic**

Counters—January 10th—Team Grobbel

Counters—January 17th—Team Humecki

St. Anne Church is livestreaming Mass every Sunday at  
 11:00am Mass at [www. parish.st-anne.net](http://www.parish.st-anne.net)

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