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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD • JANUARY 9, 2022

From the Parish Office:



Most of the MCREST tag items are due Monday, January 10. Cash and check donations will also be accepted to help offset the cost of hosting for the week. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity.

MCREST

It is once again time for our MCREST week. Our parish will begin our week on January 16 and will finish up on January 23. Due to the COVID virus and the variants we are once again hosting our guests off site to ensure the safety of our guests and volunteers. We will meet all the needs of our guests but just offsite. We will be providing them with hot meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), a warm place to stay, personal care items, needed clothing, gas cards when needed and of course, warm hearts! There are plenty of volunteer opportunities. Please contact Denise at 586-372-3576 to sign up! We are in need of: kitchen prep, meal packaging, kitchen clean up, transportation of meals to the MCREST office in Roseville and to the “new” women’s shelter in Mt. Clemens.



Thank you to all who helped and participated in the beautiful Christmas play at the Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. Mass.



We of St. Clement of Rome Parish, with the Power of the Spirit, welcome, embrace and unite all the many faces of Christ who worship with us. As a family, we deepen our faith and seek God in the community, through prayer and good works.



January 10, 11 - Classes Held
January 16 - 23 - No Class



Book Club

Tuesday, January 25 at
10:00 a.m.

Discussing "Busy Lives and
Restless Souls"

Communion for the Homebound

If you have a family member or a neighbor who is homebound and would like to receive communion, please contact the Parish Office at 752-9611. Arrangements will be made for a visit.

A Family Perspective.....



In today's gospel Jesus was publicly **AFFIRMED** by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed **AFFIRMATION** and so do our children. ~ *Bud Ozar*

St. Lawrence Open House

St. Lawrence Catholic School (grades K - 8) will hold an open house on Sunday, January 30 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. This is a perfect opportunity to tour the school, meet the staff and ask any question one may have about St. Lawrence Catholic School.

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Religious Education Office Hours Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday - closed

*The office is closed daily from 12:00
noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch*

Weekly Soup for the Homebound

Do you know anyone who is elderly and home bound, anyone who has undergone a recent surgery, or anyone who is struggling with health issues and would appreciate a weekly visit to drop off some soup? If so, contact Christian Services 586-651-0734 and we will add them to our SOS ministry. We are currently deliver soup weekly to 27 households. The SOS (serving others soup) ministry delivers soup that is donated from the Romeo Family Restaurant.



Forgotten Harvest

The Forgotten Harvest pop-up pantry will be in our parish's parking lot! Volunteers from Forgotten Harvest will be distributing food on **Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**



Confession

En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."



Spiritual Health for the New Year

As we anticipate the New Year ahead we frequently make resolutions for improving our physical health, such as losing some weight or getting more exercise. The state of our spirit is even more important to our health and well-being, but we too often fail to take the time to attend to it. Join us for a retreat day focused on the cornerstones of our spiritual health—Sacraments, Scripture, Prayer, and Community. Learn how these support our spiritual framework and gain new tools for prayer to enrich your spiritual journey throughout the coming year. Join us to participate in a variety of prayer experiences designed to refresh your spirit. Adoration and Reconciliation will be available. Meets the Archdiocese of Detroit retreat requirements for catechist certification.

Held at St. Lucy's Parish in St. Clair Shores, Thursday, January 27, 2022. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Knoblock at (586)752-6592 or email dknoblock@stclementromeo.com

Walking In The Gym... The gym is available for walkers Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **Please remember to wear your gym shoes.**

PB&J Ministry Donations Needed

The PB&J Ministry is in need of donations of smooth peanut butter and jelly. Jars can be placed on the carts at the entrance of church. Thank you for your generosity.

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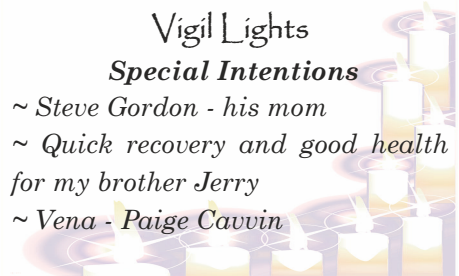
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And those who care for them...



*~ Steve Gordon - his mom
~ Quick recovery and good health for my brother Jerry
~ Vena - Paige Cavvin*

Baptismal Bib

Question: At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer: When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.



Please Pray for the Members Serving Our Country

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- Pfc. Evan Vanouver*
- Sgt. Bradley Wing*
- L/Cpl. Robert Wing*

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen

Help us keep our sick list current. Please notify the parish office at 752-9611 when changes occur. We enjoy hearing the good news of recovery and extend our deepest sympathy for those who have departed.

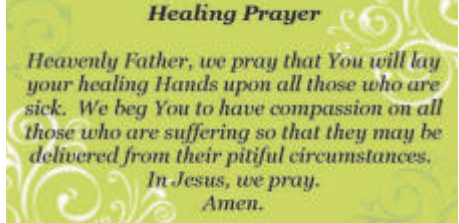
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For Those Who Have Died....

*Robert Jordan
Life has changed,
not ended.....*



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



December Christian Service Update & Special Thank Yous!

And whatever you do, in word, or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the father through him. James 4:17



- HIS table was held on December 14. We were happy to feed 81 people this month.
 - Forgotten Harvest continues to feed roughly 160 families weekly in our parking lot.
 - Christmas gifts were given to 285 different people. These gifts came from our Sharing Tree and from parishioners who contacted Christian Service to adopt a family for Christmas. This is a big accomplishment. By working with the Romeo Schools we were able to really help families in need that normally wouldn't accept assistance.
 - Each family that was assisted was given a personal care box that was made up of shampoos, conditioners, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, soap, laundry detergent, dish soap and health care items. Thanks again to the Bodiya family for their donation of items. We also, signed up several of these families for the Agape Food Pantry that they can utilize once a month.
 - The C.S. Boutique was utilized by 38 adults and 41 children this month. This number is very high because we worked with the Romeo Middle School with the Counseling Center and their families in need.
 - With gently used donated winter jackets, we were able to assist the homeless in Detroit with warmth.
 - Our SOS clients were all given personal care bags along with a gift card to Kroger for their Christmas dinner.
 - A HUGE Thank You to the Czapski family for their donations of hams that were given out to our families who were assisted with Christmas assistance. What a wonderful blessing to so many!
 - Thank you to the Starkweather Art Center in Romeo for their generous donation from the Fundraiser that they organized during the summer months. And, Thank you to everyone who participated. This donation will be used for this years MCREST program.
 - A special request was made for a set of bunk beds for a family in need. We were sincerely blessed with a donation that was made. Thank you to Louise Cooke for organizing this endeavor. Thanks to her effort two children now have a comfortable place to sleep. Another Thank You to the Arini Family (Macomb, MI) for their donation of beds. After hearing that the bunkbeds were being donated to this family in need the seller decided to give them to her to pass on to this family. Good Deeds are contagious! Let spread this... not COVID! lol
 - As previously listed in our bulletin, Thank You to Barbara Marshall and her sorority for purchasing two tires for a homeless man that our parish has assisted through our friends at JEMS.
 - Thank you to Carl and Val Kaspari for their donation of tires and a car repair expense for a client. This client needed tires to safely transport her daughter with Cerebral Palsy to U of M for a surgery.
 - Assistance was given to a lady within our community for tire repair. Her paycheck had to be used for burial expenses for her fathers passing which led her not being able to fix her car repair. Her vehicle is used for her employment and had to be fixed. This client was very grateful for our parish's assistance.
 - Thank You to Mark Di Paola and the St. Clement K of C for their donation of winter jackets for the children within our community.
 - Another Thank You to St. Isidore K of C for their donation of winter jackets as well! Both churches donations are just about gone. Each family had the opportunity to pick out winter jackets for their children.
 - Christmas Cards were delivered to Wellbridge along with some Christmas decorations to brighten their day.
- We as Christians, help one another when help is needed. As this month's update shows, we have truly come together as our faith requests us to. What a beautiful accomplishment we have made together. Let's continue this going forward into the New Year! If you would like to assist with Christian Service, please contact Denise at 586-372-3576. We will find the perfect ministry for you to volunteer your service to.

Are you a snow bird? Are you moving?

Please let the parish office know if you are moving, changing addresses or will not be at your current address for 3 weeks or more. St. Clement sends out mailings/envelopes multiple times a year. Making these changes will save money on return postage. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

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Weekend Masses

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Spanish - 1:00 p.m.

Holyday and Weekday Masses

As announced

Reconciliation (Confession)

By appointment

Baptism: Prior arrangements must be made.

Call the parish office.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the marriage date.

Care of the Sick: Call the parish office at any time to make arrangements for Anointing, Communion calls or Visitations.

Funeral Luncheon Ministry: Please call the parish office.

Registrations: New parishioners should register at the parish office. Those moving should notify the parish office.

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WEEKLY EVENTS FOR January 10 - 16

Monday, January 10

9:00 a.m. - Forgotten Harvest

Tuesday, January 11

Wednesday, January 12

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int. Helen
Gutowski req by Virginia
Gutowski

Thursday, January 13

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int. St.
Clement Parishioners

Friday, January 14

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int. St.
Clement Parishioners

Saturday, January 15

5:00 p.m. - MASS - Int. Holy Souls
in Purgatory req by Gail
Nemshick
Int. In Thanksgiving - Anne &
Walt Mutter

Sunday, January 16

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. - MASS - Int. St.
Clement Parishioners
10:30 a.m. - MASS - Int. Frank &
Teresa Michal req from the
Michal Children
Int. John Michaline & John R.
Zoybel req by family
1:00 p.m. - MASS (Spanish) -
Int. St. Clement Parishioners



Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass said in honor or memory of someone you can request at the parish office, 752-9611. Mass intention cards can also be picked up from the parish office. Names will be printed in the bulletin the Sunday prior to the Mass.

I Hope I Am Like Him

*"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."

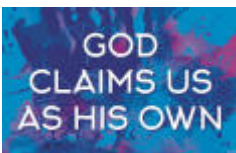
Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

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





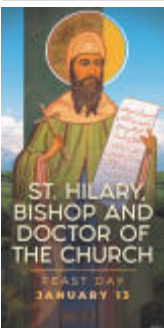
The Baptism of the Lord

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." - Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.



St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - January 13

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.

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2022



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

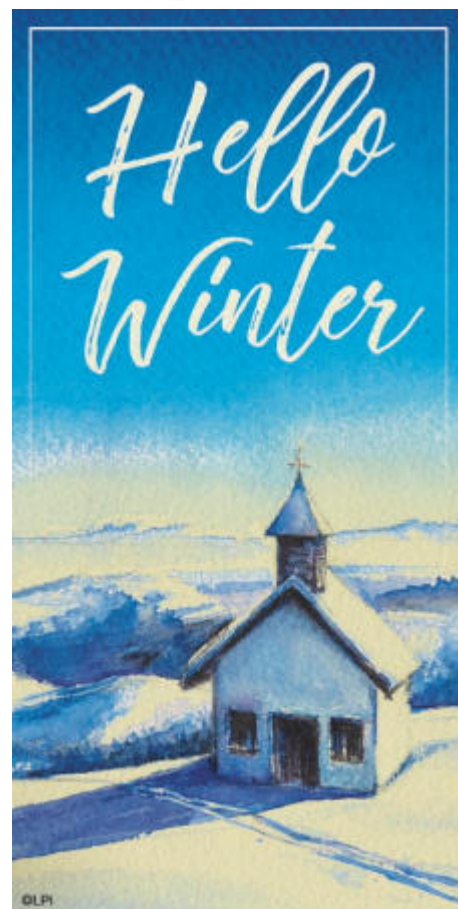
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

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

Sunday, January 16: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

"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

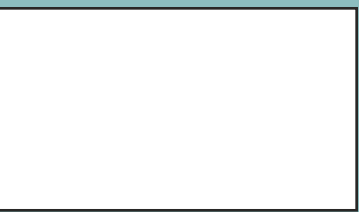


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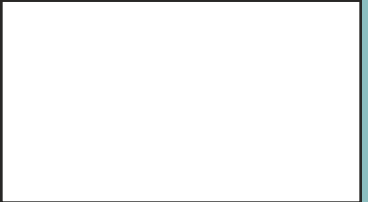
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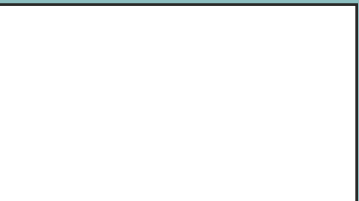
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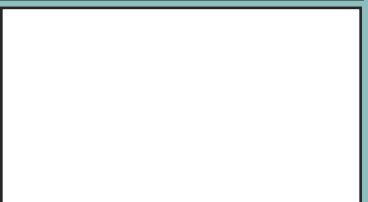
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