



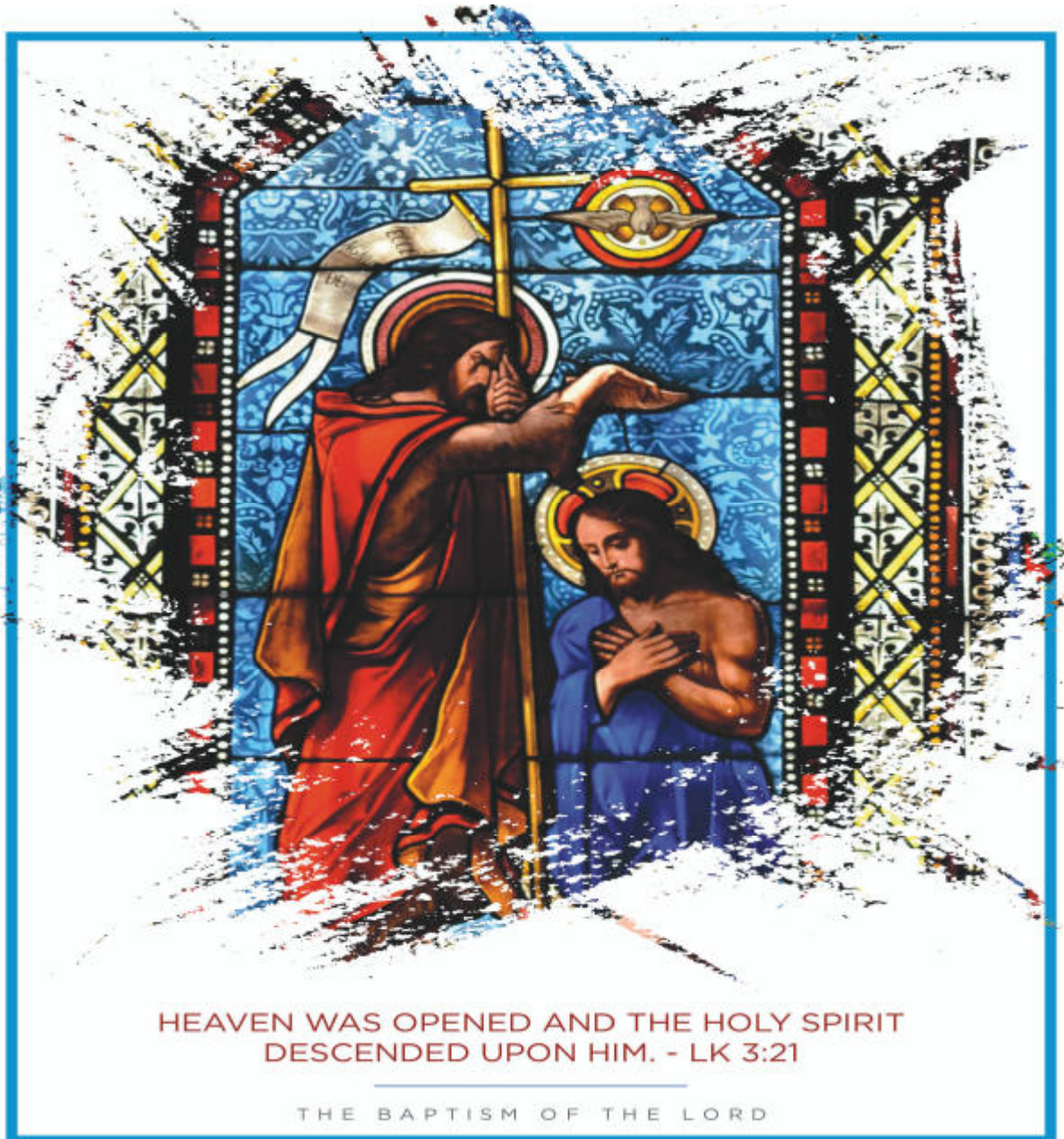
St. Valentine Church Heartline

Mission Statement: Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to live and share the Good News of Jesus Christ so that all may come to know God. As a Catholic Church and School Community we welcome, serve, teach, learn, reconcile and provide comfort and hope in the spirit of St Valentine.



January 9,
2022

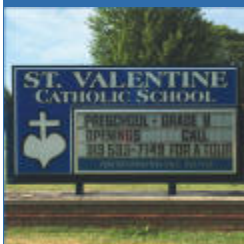
The Baptism of the Lord



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Happy 100th Birthday to
STEVE GIERAK!!!



Liturgy Schedule Mass Intentions

Monday—January 10, Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)

8:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Loretto

Tuesday— January 11, Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Loretto

Wednesday—January 12, Weekday

No Mass at St. Valentine or Our Lady of Loretto

Thursday— January 13, Weekday, St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church—Fr. Pat Brennan, Celebrant

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church
Ded Gjinaj req. by The Family

Friday—January 14, Weekday—Fr. Pat Brennan, Celebrant

8:30 a.m.
The Children of St. Valentine Parish

Saturday—January 15, Weekday – Fr. Alex Steinmiller, Celebrant

5:30 p.m. Mass in Church
Landon Lubaway req. by The Family

Sunday—January 16, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church—Fr. John Wheeler, Celebrant

Prena Nikolaj for health and strength req. by The Family
Blessings on Steve Gierak on his 100th birthday

12 noon Mass in Church—Fr. John Wheeler, Celebrant

Ruby Lobo req. by The Family
Jason McComb req. by Friends
Deceased members of the Storch, Little and Zimmerman families req. by The Family

Intentions of the Holy Father for January 2022 For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Let us pray for those who are ill and have asked for our prayer:

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| Judi Marshall | Grace Oku |
| Josiah Wardrop | Mark Curtin |
| John Dillon | Norbert Romej |
| Colleen Devine | Rick Paquette |
| Clara Macek | Stephanie Shelton |
| Autumn | Debbie Pepp |
| Pattenaude | Frank Drewno |
| Carol Sneary | Claire Keegan |
| Joan Reilly | Robert Donnelly |
| Andrew Ricotta | Geri McDonald |
| Jeanette | Kathleen Jenkins |
| Shamma | Vickie Wozny |
| Dan Jenkins | Peggy Morgan |
| Tony Janisse | Addisyn Cassi |
| Patricia Longo | Anna Salamy |
| Dick Nelson | Jerry North |
| Bette Dishman | Tara Berro |
| Rita Barthlow | Joseph Tomlinson |
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| Suzy Cervi | Kathie Myers |
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| Christine Stanievich | |

Confessions

Please be advised during Father's absence we will not be having confessions at St. Valentine or Our Lady of Loretto churches.



Readings for the week of January 09, 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]
Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

We offer our deepest sympathy to Robert Tworek upon the death of his mother, Joy, to Ann Brighton upon the death of her husband, Ralph and to Rosemarie Pattenaude upon the death of her sister-in-law, Dorothy Nowicki. May all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

December 25, 2021 Christmas Collection \$160,318

January 2, 2022

Budgeted Amount	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Collected	\$ 4,528.00
	\$(1,972.00)
Second Collection	
For School	\$ 455.00
Heating	\$ 20.00
New Year's	\$ 348.00

Please Note Prayer List Announcement

As in the past, at the end of January we will begin a new prayer list. All of the names will be taken off. If you would like your name or that of a loved one to remain on, please call the parish office.



From Faith Formation

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
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**First Reconciliation and
First Eucharist
Parent Meeting
January 10
7 p.m. in the Gym**



All parents whose children are preparing for these 2 Sacraments must attend this meeting.

If you have not submitted your child’s baptismal certificate please bring it to the meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 313-532-4394 x201.

Bonnie Danic



**Liturgical Ministers
January 15—5:30 p.m.**

Sacristan:

Lector:

EMHC:

Usher:

January 16—8:30 p.m.

Sacristan: J. Zatrika

Lector: J. Doody

EMHC:

Usher:

January 16—12 noon

Sacristan:

Lector: P. Poster & F. Foster

EMHC:

Usher:

Welcome to Our Parish Family
Mr. & Mrs. John Gatteri



**Confirmation Candidates and
their Sponsors
Evening of Reflection
Monday, January 24th
6:45 p.m. in the Gym**

All Confirmation candidates and their sponsors are invited to this mandatory Evening of Reflection on January 24th. Please be prompt. Remind your sponsors to enter the door on Dow Street.

If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 313-532-4394 x201.

Confirmed in Christ



Golden Years



Come join the Golden Years Club for cards, coffee and conversation on **Tuesday’s at 12:45 p.m.** in the School Meeting Room. Please join us!

**Final Call!
Join Us For Our Annual
Men’s Retreat
January 14-16, 2022**

During this weekend you can experience God’s love, healing, peace and forgiveness. The retreat theme this year is **Bouncing Back: Living in Hope**. Join the men of the parish on the weekend of January 14-16, 2022. Register by calling John Danic at 313-613-8331 or the Retreat Center at 313-286-2801. You can also register online at stpaulretreat.org.

**Mass for Justice and Peace
Join us for a livestreamed
Mass on**

Monday, January 17th at 11 a.m.

Join us on - Monday, January 17th at 11:00 a.m. for Mass at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament or via livestream at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament to pray for Peace and Justice in our country and our world. As champion of civil rights, Martin Luther King, Jr.’s dreams were much aligned with many of our Catholic teachings: care for the poor and vulnerable; solidarity in our one human family, regardless of race, ethnicity, religious, or economic differences; the life and dignity of all people; fair wages and treatment in civic matters; peace, equality, and social justice among all; and discipleship of Christ.

Please join us to pray for continued progress on race relations and the work begun by Dr. King.

Celebrant and Homilist: Fr. Phil Cooke, S.J.

Happy Anniversary!

St. Valentine Parish would like to invite all couples celebrating a significant anniversary this year (5, 10, etc.) to the 8:30 am on Sunday, February 13th. Father will give a special blessing to the couples. Please contact the parish office at 313-532-4394 and let us know you will attend.



52 Sundays**Take Time to Chat**

- John was a powerful preacher filled with the Spirit of God. Share a time when you've met someone that has inspired your faith.
- God sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for his coming. If Jesus were coming to your house today, what would you do to get ready to receive him?
- What does it mean to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire? What makes baptism so special?

Liturgy Link

In the Gospel, we hear of the Holy Spirit descending from heaven. Did you know that the sanctuary - where the priest stands during Mass-symbolized heaven? It is the part of the church that is usually elevated. How close are you sitting to the sanctuary today?

Fun Facts!

St. Francis Xavier is often depicted with a crab. It is said that while traveling at sea, he encountered a very strong storm. He threw his cross into the sea, asking God to stop the storm. God indeed came to his aid, the storm halted, and the sea became calm.



Upon reaching the shore, St. Francis found a crab crawling towards him holding his crucifix in its claws. The crab had the shape of a cross on its back. It is now called a crucifix crab!

Family Fun—Crab Sports

In honor of St. Francis Xavier, clear some space in your house and play some crab games today.

Crab Soccer-Mark a goal at either end of the space you are playing. Divide into teams. Drop a ball or a balloon in the center. Moving around in "crab position" and kicking the ball, try to score in the opposite team's goal.

Obstacle Course-Set up an obstacle course and walk through it in "crab position."

Family Challenge

Find your baptismal candles and display them in a prominent place of your home. Each day this week, use them for your family prayer.

Meet Our Extended Family**St. Francis Xavier****Feast Day—December 3****April 7, 1506-December 3, 1552**

Francis was the youngest child born to a noble family in Northern Spain. He met St. Ignatius of Loyola while studying at university and they became good friends. Francis was one of the

first people to be ordained as a priest in St. Ignatius' religious order, the Society of Jesus. His ministry took him to India, present-day Indonesia, and Japan, where he worked to help the poor and preach the Gospel.

Like John the Baptist, Francis was passionate about sharing God's love with others. He evangelized in different ways for different people, always looking for new methods that spoke to the culture of the people he wanted to help. Wherever Francis traveled, he tried to learn the native language of the people who lived there.

While he wasn't much of a linguist, his priestly vocation was very fruitful; he baptized 30,000 people in his lifetime!

Family Prayer-Meditation

God the Father spoke from the heavens at Jesus' baptism. Listen now to how he wants to speak into your heart.

Invite one person to lead this guided mediation. Play some soft instrumental music in the background. Invite everyone to take a few deep breaths, close their eyes, clear their minds, and listen to what the Father wants to say to them. Read an adapted version of the Scripture passage below, one for each person in the family, inserting his/her name in the blank.

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son (Daughter); (Insert name here), with you I am well pleased.

Invite your family to take a moment of silence to be with the Father as he speaks these words to you. Share your experience with each other.

January 23 – 11 a.m.

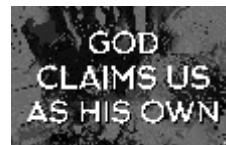
**Mass for the
Protection of the Unborn
Cathedral of the
Most Blessed Sacrament**

The Archdiocesan Mass for the Protection of the Unborn is an annual liturgy to pray for an end to the practice of abortion and to celebrate Christ's victory over death. The liturgy coincides with the anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision and is said in solidarity with the thousands of pro-life witnesses who gather in Washington DC for the annual March for Life. Join us for Mass at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament or watch the livestream at www.aod.org/livemasses.

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

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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. ©LPi

Coming Up This Week

Monday, January 10th

Worship Commission, Parish Office Meeting Room – 6:30 pm
First Eucharist & First Reconciliation Meeting, Gym– 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 11th Golden Years,

School Meeting Room – 12:45 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting, Parish Office Meeting Room 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 12th

Christian Service, Parish Office Meeting Room – 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 13th

Choir Practice, Church – 7:30 pm

Friday, January 14th

Saturday, January 15th

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 16th

8:30 am Mass and 12:00 noon Mass
Prayer Group, Parish Office Meeting Room – 10:30 am

Support of U.S. Armed Forces



As a parish community we would like to support the men and women serving in our Armed Forces with our prayer.

Lord, Hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their selfless acts. We pray for peace in our world.

Michael Arsenault, David DeAngelis, Christopher LePain, Patricia Molloy, Scott Shoemaker, Christopher Tabei, Joshua Coe, Anthony Potter, Andrew Kliman, Luke Leveillee, Michael Cain, Kristen Lauber, Frank Bordo, Bonda Bordo, Larry Silk, Bradley Swanson, Gary Semon, Brian Jones, Seth DeTavernier, Timothy Mc Carthy, Rob Nitz, Jesse Moore, Michael J. Ryan, Daniel T. Ryan, Justin Ryan, Micheal Nalepa, Steven Tomlinson and Alex Blackwell.

We also pray for all first responders and law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to keep us safe at home.

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Choir Practice

Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday evening:..... 5:30 p.m.
Sunday8:30 and 12:00 noon

Daily Mass in Church

Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

Holyday Schedule

Holyday: 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Confession—Thursday 6:00 p.m.— 6:30 p.m. or by appointment

Saturday afternoon at Our Lady of Loretto 2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism

Prior arrangements must be made by calling the Parish Office. Parents must attend an informational meeting.

Matrimony

Arrangements for Matrimony must be made at least six months in advance.

Catechumenate-RCIA

Please call the Parish Office for more information.

St. Valentine Parish Office Hours

Summer Hours

Monday—Thursday.....8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Friday..... 8:30—12 noon

Fall/Winter/Spring Hours

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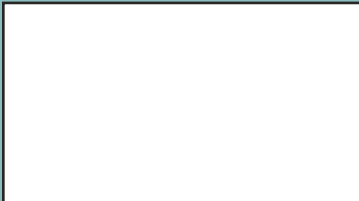
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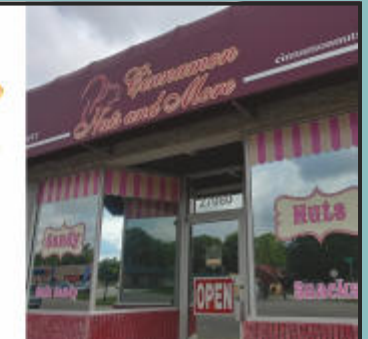
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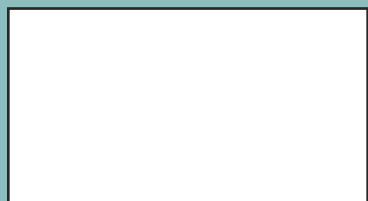
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