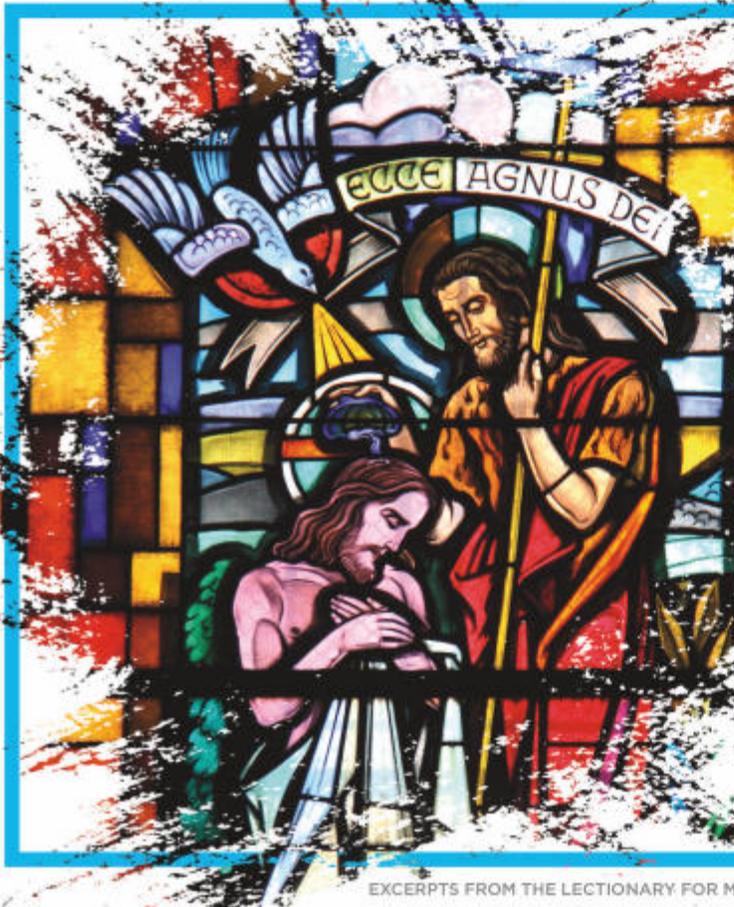




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JANUARY 10, 2021



"I HAVE BAPTIZED
YOU WITH WATER; HE
WILL BAPTIZE YOU
WITH THE HOLY
SPIRIT." - MK 1:8

THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD

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OUR MISSION:

We, the people of St. Priscilla Parish, grounded in the Word of God and Sacred Tradition, find strength and joy in the transforming power of Christ's sacrificial love as manifested in the Eucharist. We commit ourselves to lifelong spiritual formation, compassionate service, evangelization and the generous sharing of God's gifts with our parish family and the community at large.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM
Sunday - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
& 1:00 PM Extraordinary Form
Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 8:00 AM
Thursday - 7:00 PM
Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
3rd Sunday of Month 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Immediately following
8:00 AM Holy Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoration - All day
Benediction & Repose - 7:00 PM

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office a
minimum of six months prior to the
wedding date.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:30 PM

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday
of the month. Please call the office to
register for a Baptism Preparation Class.

SICK CALLS

Arrangements made by notifying the
Parish Office.

PRAYER INTENTIONS & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 9:00 AM

People of St. Priscilla

† Henry & Virginia Zeniewicz by Joe Zeniewicz

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 11:00 AM

† Richard Schmidt by Ushers

† Kalioppe Risto by Friends

† Bob Lark by St. Priscilla Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1:00 PM

† Sam Amore by Graziano Canini

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 8:00 AM

† Diane Gammon by Irene Zabowski

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 8:00 AM

† Antonio Carta by Silvana Carta

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 7:00 PM

† Richard Schmidt by Parish Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 8:00 AM

† Charlie Dickey by mom, Flo

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 4:30pm

Mary Allgeyer & Family by Pat Donnelly

† Sam Amore by Graziano Canini

† Peter Vu by Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 9:00 AM

† Sam Amore by Graziano Canini

† Deceased Bingo Workers by St. Priscilla Parish

† Infants Lost to Abortion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 11:00 AM

People of St. Priscilla

† Charlie Camilleri by wife, Cathy

† Infants Lost to Abortion by St. Priscilla Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1:00 PM

† Infants Lost to Abortion by St. Priscilla Parish

PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Week 1 Diane Novotny

Week 2 Karen Kelley O'Brien, Sally Hutsko

Week 3 Connie Lark

Week 4 Brian Humphries, Pete Arciero, Paula Atherton-Bishop, Antonio Gabbana



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Rev. Fr. Louis Madey, Rev. Fr. Canon Stanislaw Flis, George J. Bugarin father of Monsignor G. Michael Bugarin, Sr. Mary Finn, HVM,

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

Natalie Yurgil- Coast Guard, Benjamin Schmidt- Air Force
Brent Vann- Army, Brian Golonka-Army, Jacob Stanton-Marines

Intentions Section Has Been Changed

To have someone enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office at 248-476-4700. Names of the sick will be listed for one month unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.

SERVICE MEMBER FAMILIES

Call us to add your ACTIVE DUTY spouse, child or grandchild.

Mary's Helpers

JANUARY 2021

12th, Rose Marie Schmidt & Amy Golonka

19th, Cathy Karasinski

26th, Vi Hanis & Dorothy Iannarelli



Art & Environment CHRISTMAS DÉCOR EXTENDED!!

REVISED REMOVAL DATE:

Saturday, January 30th - 10:00am

We heard that you enjoyed the Christmas decorations and we certainly appreciate all the wonderful compliments. So, Fr. Joe has encouraged us to leave the decoration up a few more weeks! Bring your Christmas spirit with you on January 30th and help us put away the lovely decorations for use next year. An hour or two of your time will be of great help. Soft drinks and a light snacks provided.

USHER SCHEDULE

January 2021

SATURDAY Team A

SUNDAY Team C

DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Jan 16 4:30pm	Larry Miller	Susan Stencel RoseMarie Roney
Jan 17 9:00am	Eva Lee Bille Fedelem	Marge Kelley Lorna Mattson
Jan 17 11:00am	Pat Kidd Lou Barrett	Lou Barrett Pat Bastien
Jan 17 1:00pm	Extraordinary Form	(Latin Traditional)

"Concepts create idols; only wonder comprehends anything.

People kill one another over idols.

Wonder makes us fall to our knees."

-St. Gregory of Nyssa

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A SMALL GOD & IDOLATRY

One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is "Fear of the Lord." After much confusion as to the meaning of "fear," the name of this gift is sometimes called "Awe of the Lord." While awe *can* work, it simply does not hold the same significance as fear. Fear encompasses awe but it does not hold the same value in reverse.

We aren't to fear God in the sense that we should constantly feel like we are stepping on eggshells to avoid sin or with the fear that God could strike us down at any moment. I mean, He can. But that's not the fear the Holy Spirit gives us. No, this fear is one in which we should tremble at the greatness and power God holds. He has a name for every star while humans run out of names and start giving them serial numbers. Fear that God not only has more knowledge than any of us can even comprehend. He knows the number of hairs on your head and on every person to ever walk the face of this earth.

God's goodness is so great that although Moses could talk to God, he was forbidden from seeing God's face because it was more good than a mere human could handle. God becoming human flesh—Jesus—was still so good that kings fell to their knees. At the transfiguration, Peter, James, and John fell on their faces presence and the sound of God. All this greatness can be held in the arms of Mary and Joseph as an infant. And yet, the same infant would later defeat evil and death for all generations.

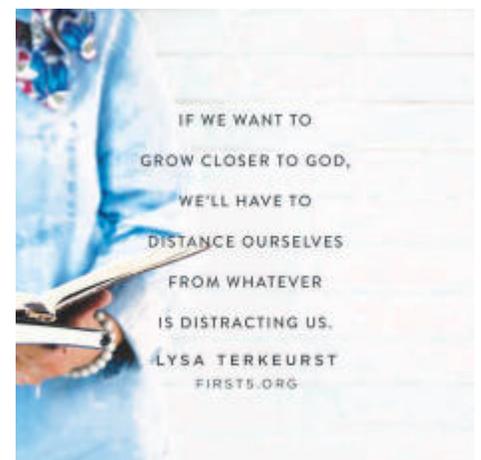
The smallness of an infant is not a pass for us to shrink God down. When we try to force God into the tiny crevices of our lives, it can be increasingly easy to simply ignore His presence. And just when you think that you will be okay with your small God, you discover that you are searching

for something to fill a hole in your heart and in your life. You see, the hole that is placed in your heart was placed there by God and for God. It is a unique hole for it can only be properly filled by God the Father—not the pocket-size you forced God into. Thus, a pocket-sized God makes it easier to begin idolizing to fill the hole.

In the dire need to fill the hole, anything and everything *seems* like a good fit. If you are thinking that you don't idolize because you don't put a pagan god or money before God, think again. "Idolatry not only refers to false pagan worship. It remains a constant temptation to faith...Man commits idolatry whenever he honors and reveres a creature in place of God, whether this be gods or demons, power, pleasure, race, ancestors, the state, money, etc (CCC 2113)."

The biggest idol lately is science. I'm not saying that we don't need science. Nor am I saying that science is always wrong. What I am saying is simply this: people are putting science before God. If you were to get ill, of course you would need the help of science to get better! But what else do you need? Prayer. Prayer should happen first. Our prayers and the intercessory prayers of others help God know we trust Him and His works through a doctor's hands. It is through God that certain medications will help and others won't. For everything is through God's Will.

The media pushes God to the side and presents science in glorious majesty. Just like the Israelites around the base of their golden calf statue of Ba'al, the celebration is glamorous and the gold twinkles in our eyes. We feel an overabundance of false hope that this god will be the answer to all our problems. All the while, we are blindly missing the works of God right before us. For just as the Israelites lost patience waiting for Moses to receive the 10 commandments from God Himself on Mt. Sinai, we too, are impatiently waiting for this pandemic to end. For many, the ones with a small God, the end can only be achieved through science. But for those that Fear the Lord in all His greatness and glory, the end is in His time—not theirs.



READING 1

[Is 42:1-4, 6-7](#)

Thus says the LORD:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street.

A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

PRESPONSORIAL PSALM

[Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6](#)

R. (3) You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

READING 2

[1 Jn 5:1-9](#)

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the

children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

ALLELUIA

[Cf. Jn 1:29](#)

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

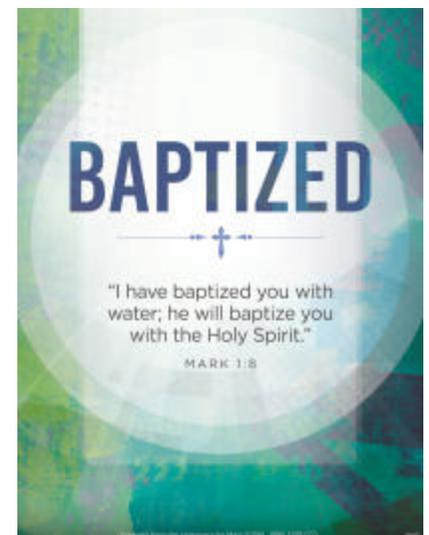
[Mk 1:7-11](#)

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:

"One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.

On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE

By: **Mary Rice**

How would you feel if someone came to your house and said “I really shouldn’t be here”. It is unlawful for me to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation (Acts 10:28).

And yet this is exactly what happened when Peter accepted the invitation of Cornelius (delivered by three men) to come to his home in Caesarea. The men told Peter that Cornelius had been told by a holy angel to send for Peter to come to his house and to hear what he had to say.

All of Peter’s life he had avoided Gentiles and been a loyal Israelite. He was torn by this invitation but saw God’s hand in this situation and agree to visit Cornelius. He probably did not know that this Roman military leader, a centurion, was a devout man who feared God, gave alms...and prayed constantly to God (Acts 10:2).

When he arrived at the home of Cornelius, it must have been a shock to find a large group of people—kinsmen and close friends of Cornelius—waiting to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord (Acts 10:3). He spoke eloquently of the life and mission of Jesus, beginning with his baptism by John. The Holy Spirit fell upon the listeners and Peter ...commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. He stayed for a few days after the baptism, probably giving them more instruction about the life and teachings of Jesus.

The baptism of Jesus gave the example to converts during those early days of the church and the work of the Holy Spirit brought about intense conversions. When Peter speaks of Jesus by saying ... God was with him (Acts 10:38) we are reminded of Matthew’s use of the same expression: ... his name shall be called Emmanuel, which means God with us (Matt. 2:23).

These were exciting days, as Peter and the other apostles began to carry out the words of Jesus when he said “Going therefore, teach ye all nations...” (Matt. 28:20a) Those days are not over. I’ve met people who are on fire with their joy at coming to know and love God, to be conscious of His presence—in His Word and in the Eucharist. The last words in Matthew’s gospel are:

I am with you always, to the close of the age (Matt. 28:20b).

~ His words ring true!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of His public ministry. John, the forerunner, was preparing the way for Jesus by preaching repentance and baptizing people in the Jordan as they acknowledged their sins. John also proclaimed that one greater than he would come and “baptize you with the Holy Spirit” (Mark 1:8). With these things in mind, it is not surprising that John resisted when Jesus asked to be baptized by him.

Why did Jesus need to be baptized? Why would he submit to John in this way? There are a number of reasons worthy of exploration. First, Jesus certainly was not baptized for forgiveness of sins, since He was sinless. There was no need for Him to repent. Still, in this act, He showed His solidarity with sinful humanity and gave indication of His role as Savior. Second, as indicated in the second reading, this event expresses Christ’s anointing as the Messiah. It also reveals His identity as the Son of God through the voice coming from Heaven and brings to light the Trinity through the action of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit seen at the baptism. Finally, Jesus’ baptism prefigures the Sacrament of Baptism that He would institute, in which we receive the Holy Spirit and are adopted as children of God, while also being cleansed of our sins.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY 01/11	Heb 1:1-6•Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]•Mk 1:14-20
TUESDAY 01/12	Heb 2:5-12•Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]•Mk 1:21-28
WEDNESDAY 01/13	Heb 2:14-18•Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]•Mk 1:29-39
THURSDAY 01/14	Heb 3:7-14•/s 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]•Mk 1:40-45
FRIDAY 01/15	Heb 4:1-5, 11•Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]•k 2:1-12
SATURDAY 01/16	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]•Mk 2:13-17
SUNDAY 01/17	1Sm 3:3b-10, 19•Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]• 1Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20• Jn 1:35-42





As of 1/05/21

Target	\$43,505
Pledged as of 12/09/20	\$38,570
Amount Still Needed	\$ 4,935

Total Donor Families: 165

Happy New Year! Since Dec 9th, we received 2 new donor pledges plus... 1 donor made a significant increase to their pledge. Thank You...!

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AND GIVING

It is necessary for us to post all 2020 donations before we can create the Contribution Statements. We all are experiencing an unusual delay in mail delivery. There are likely 2020 Contributions still in the mail. We will process 2020 statements by the end of January.

Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is an Archdiocesan campaign. If the check was made payable to CSA or Archdiocese CSA, the contributions of \$250 or more will be acknowledged by a mailed statement from the AOD at the end of January. For contributions less than \$250, statements can be received by emailing csa@aod.org. Some CSA donations were made payable to the parish and the parish will include the contribution on the parish statement.

A few tips to assist our volunteer money counters. Use a black or dark blue pen to fill out checks, **never red**. Do not fold, staple or tape anything. Write a separate check for each fund. Writing one check to donate to a combination of funds slows down the processing and often creates errors.

Consider monthly contributions instead of weekly. The best thing you can do is enroll in Automatic Electronic Giving. This keeps the entire process in the bank and the report makes it easy for our recording secretary to enter your donations. Visit the website to enroll.

Thank you for your continued generosity,
Paul Pyrkosz, Bookkeeper

Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 17th

Is an observance declared by several U.S. Presidents who opposed abortion. President Ronald Reagan designated January 22, 1984 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. The date was chosen to coincide with the 11th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court case that first recognized the constitutionally-protected status of abortion in the United States.

Reagan issued the proclamation annually thereafter, designating Sanctity of Human Life Day to be the third Sunday in January, which represents the closest Sunday to the original January 22 date. His successor, George H. W. Bush, continued the annual proclamation during his presidency. Bush's successor, Bill Clinton, discontinued the practice. Bush's son and Clinton's successor, George W. Bush, resumed the proclamation, and did so every year of his presidency. During his years in office Barak Obama did not honor the Sanctity of Life dates. President Donald Trump however, had resumed the practice during his presidency.

excerpts from: Wikipedia & www.cute-calendar.com

St. VINCENT de PAUL

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Mayonnaise.

Bar/Hand Soap, Dish Soap, Shampoo.



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Do you find yourself cut off from the parish and feeling a little lonely? Could you use a call from a friendly voice? Are you without computer access and miss reading the bulletins?

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AOD Dept of Communications

In the wake of Governor Whitmer's

[announcement of new measures](#) to curtail the spread of the coronavirus, we share the following updates with our clergy & parishes:

For all liturgies (Mass, all other Sacraments, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, etc.), the emergency order does not change our policies or practices, as we have demonstrated that our policies and guidelines can provide a safe environment. Pastors are encouraged to remain vigilant in following AOD health and safety requirements for Mass, other liturgies, and all other gatherings. Reprint



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By: Mary Pugliese, RN

NOT TOO LATE FOR A FLU SHOT

Protect yourself and the people around you, and help reduce the strain on your community's healthcare systems by getting your flu shot.

When should I get a flu shot?

The CDC recommends that you get a flu shot by the end of October, but **it's not too late** to benefit from some level of protection even as late as January. Getting a flu vaccine is an essential part of protecting your health and your family's health.

Flu shots may be even more important this year, since many communities are still experiencing community spread of COVID-19.

The symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, and clinics may experience higher demand for flu symptom evaluation if we have a bad flu season during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Flu shots not only prevent many cases of influenza, but also decrease the severity of illness for someone who is vaccinated but still develops the flu.

Who should get a flu shot?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends annual influenza vaccination for everyone 6 months and older. Flu vaccination is especially important for adults 65 years and older, who account for most hospitalizations and deaths from flu. High dose flu shots are recommended for adults age 65 and over.

Where can I get a flu shot?

•Visit your health department or a retail pharmacy in your community.

•Use [VaccineFinder.org](https://www.vaccinefinder.org) to find flu vaccine locations near you.

•Get a flu shot at your next scheduled appointment.

If you already have an appointment at a primary care clinic, ask to receive a flu shot while you're there. Many specialists also offer flu shots through their clinics. Contact your doctor office about whether you can get your flu vaccine at your next scheduled appointment.



While we strongly encourage the wearing of a face mask we also acknowledge that there are persons who are unable to tolerate the wearing of one. Please do comply with State of Michigan orders on the wearing of face masks if you are able. We also ask that you be considerate of any person not wearing a face mask in this building as they may have an acceptable reason within the guidelines to not be wearing one.