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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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**THERE WILL BE 9:00 AM MASS ON THURSDAYS AT ST. PIUS (WEATHER PERMITTING)
FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.**

Fr. Tony will be away from the parish in January and February. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Deacon Brent at 989-728-0055 or leave a message on the answering machine at 989-728-2278.

From the earliest times in the Church, baptism was generally administered by immersion. The word *baptizain* means to immerse. The question of the mode of using water was addressed in the early Church.

Cyprian (Carthage, 200-258): *Letters*, No. 69:12

You have asked ... whether they are to [be] accounted [as] legitimate Christians, for that they are not to be washed, but sprinkled, with the saving water. ... I think that the divine benefits can in no respect be mutilated and weakened; nor can anything less occur in that case where, with full and entire faith both of the giver and receiver, is accepted what is drawn from the divine gifts ... it ought not to trouble any one that sick people seem to be sprinkled or effused, when they obtain the Lord's grace.

There are examples in the history of the Church of baptism being administered by sprinkling. It was probably the mode of baptizing that the Apostles used on Pentecost in order to baptize three thousand men.

From the Apostolic period to the 4th century: Baptism was administered through total immersion except in cases of necessity.

From the 4th century to the 8th century: Baptism by partial immersion in a "baptistery" began, used with a pouring of water.

From the 6th century to the 11th century: Baptism of children was effected by totally immersing them in a basin or sink; for adults, custom and use varied.

From the 11th to the 13th century: Baptism of children horizontally was the custom in the manner of bath-taking.

From the 13th century to the 14th century: Baptism was effected both by total immersion and partial immersion, and pouring became the custom in some places.

From the 15th and 16th centuries: Baptism was effected more frequently by pouring and immersion became rare.

From the 17th century on: Baptism by immersion was hardly used except in some Uniate (Eastern Catholic) churches.

By the 19th century: Pouring almost universally prevailed, even among the Uniate churches.

Today: As always, the Roman Catholic Church insists on water for baptism, but the manner of using the water is not a problem, given circumstances and availability, Catholics can choose the manner of water baptism.

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DAILY READINGS

Mon 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Weds: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

ST. PIUS MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**THURSDAY, JANUARY 13**

9:00 am Mass Marilyn Cote Requested by Rhonda Brindley

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15:

4:00 pm Mass St. Parish & Visitors

Lector: Mary H

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16:

9:30 am Mass Marie Denstedt Requested by Lucille Brindley

Lector: Forrest

AROUND ST. PIUS



At first glance, the scene makes little sense. John's strident call to repentance provokes an overwhelming response. People of all shapes and sizes flock to him in the wilderness. They are baptized in the Jordan as a sign of repentance and cleansing.

Suddenly, out of the crowd steps John's cousin, Jesus. Wait a minute. What's Jesus, the sinless one, doing in a crowd of repenting sinners? What's he doing coming forward to be baptized by John, who is by his own admission, is inferior to

his cousin?

Jesus does not enter the water to be sanctified. No, the Holy One enters the water to sanctify. He empowers the water to become no longer just an outward sign, but a vehicle of the Holy Spirit bringing inner cleansing, rebirth, and transformation. Here Jesus institutes the sacrament of Christian baptism, something essentially different and greater than the baptism of John, which foreshadowed it.

Immediately after coming out of the water, the Spirit descends upon him in the form of a dove. Now another sacrament is instituted by Christ, the sacrament of confirmation or, as the Eastern churches call it, chrismation.

Notice that as the Spirit descends upon Jesus, the Father announces from heaven that this is His beloved Son. Here we have a majestic revelation of the Most Holy Trinity, one God in three persons. Then notice that Peter, speaking of this event in Acts 10:37, calls it Jesus' "anointing."

In the Old Testament, people were anointed with a special type of perfumed olive oil called "chrism" which was stored in a bull's horn, a symbol of strength. The first people to be so anointed in the Old Testament were priests, authorized to offer sacrifice on behalf of the people. Then came prophets, anointed to proclaim God's challenging and energizing word. Finally kings were anointed by God to save their people from their enemies. Actually, the reigning king of Judah was called the anointed one, "messiah" in Hebrew or, in Greek, "Christ."

So this feast is Jesus' "name day." Of course he is the Word made flesh, full of the Spirit, and savior of Israel from the moment of his conception. But on this day, the Spirit anoints his human nature in a new way, empowering and equipping him for battle, for his mission to smash the oppressive powers of sin, Satan, and death, and to lead his people into freedom. He is anointed or "christened" not just as savior-king, but as perfect prophet who speaks God's final word, and perfect priest who offers the perfect sacrifice taking away all sin.

Some wonder why we need the sacrament of confirmation. To some it appears to be an afterthought, as anticlimactic. After all, we receive the Spirit in baptism and receive Christ bodily in the Eucharist. So what else do we get when we are confirmed?

Simple. We receive our mission and the power to carry it out. For being a "Christian" is not about just "getting saved." It's about sharing in Christ's anointing to transform the world. The mission is an essential part of the package, not an option. That's why we are called "Christians" or anointed ones. It is not just priests and religious who are supposed to make it happen. Every single one of us is called and anointed. And that's why confirmation is one of the essential sacraments of initiation. Without it, one is not fully incorporated into the Church, which is a missionary community.

The question for those of us who have received this power-packed sacrament is this—what are we doing with it?

Article Written by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D., Catholic Mom Website, January 10, 2015



Knights of Columbus

The Knights meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Council of Catholic Women

There will be no Council of Catholic Women meeting January 11.



Ralph Dady, Dan Moeller, Rose Curtis, Joel Nadon, Fran Bostek, Neil Hamilton, Pat Querciagrossa, Louis Kendall, Greg & Madonna Gahl, Al Emery, Lucille Brindley, Evelyn McNicholl, Marion Ratelle, Mary Cmach, Doris Dear, Andy Higgins, Stella Myers, Dolores Ruth, and Edna Schumacher.

Please call the parish office to add or delete names on the prayer list.



SPECIAL PERSON

Ralph Dady
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Food Pantry

Donor's Choice for the month of January. We served five families the week of Christmas. Thank you for the generous donations. Wishing you a Blessed New Year!



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JANUARY 16, 2022

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9:00 a.m.

Bernie & Roger

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January 2, 2022

Collection \$898.00
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Thank you for your generosity.

50/50 Drawing every Sunday during coffee and donut hour. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. All proceeds go to the church's general fund. Dec. 26 winner was Jim Cronin. January 2 winner was Jean Pavlik.

Stewardship by the Book

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

Vocation View

Come on, continue your Baptism by baptizing others in the Holy Spirit and fire. "You are my beloved child," says the Lord!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 AM Gerry Jordan Requested by Joan Jordan



Please pray for the sick and suffering members of our parish community and their families:

Frank West, Ron & Eric Dober, Leona Morrison, Stella Koehn, Lillian Smith, Mike Rouech, Dianne Walter, Alvera Hinkley, Mary Giori, Joan Jordan, Richard Densmore, Mary Lu Goodman, Nettie Sylvester, Dorothy Alejski, Lynn Daniels and Alyssa MacDonald.

May they feel the healing touch of Jesus.

Pray for Priests Every Day

Rev. Donald Libby, Rev. Michael Linguar, Deceased Priests, Rev. William Lipscomb, Rev. T. Patrick Maher, Rev. Benjamin Martin and Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley.

Family Perspective By Bud Ozar

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.

Contribution Statements for 2021 are available by contacting the office.

Smile!

A cowboy rode into town and stopped at a saloon for a drink. Unfortunately, the locals always had a habit of picking on strangers, which he was. When he finished his drink, he found his horse had been stolen. He went back into the bar, handily flipped his gun into the air caught it above his head without even looking and fired a shot into the ceiling. "Which one of you sidewinders stole my horse?" He yelled with surprising forcefulness. No one answered. "Alright, I'm gonna have another beer, and if my horse ain't back outside by the time I finish, I'm gonna do what I dun in Texas! And I don't like to have to do what I dun in Texas!" Some of the locals shifted restlessly. The man, true to his word, had another beer, walked outside, and his horse had been returned to the post. He saddled up and started to ride out of town. The bartender wandered out of the bar and asked "Say partner, before you go..what happened in Texas?" The cowboy turned back and said, "I had to walk home."





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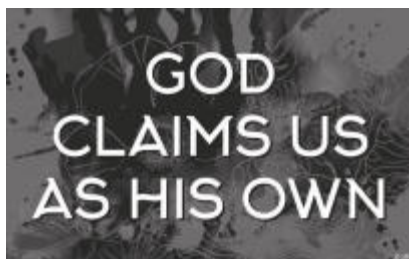
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

THURSDAY, NO MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

10:15 am Rosary in the Church. Confessions 10-10:45 A.M. in the Chapel.
11:00 am Happy birthday Allie and Jorden! Love, Grandma.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2022

10:30 am Rosary in the Chapel.
11:15 am The Jenkins Family

Pray for **ST. STEPHEN PARISHIONERS**

Sick: Steve and Nancy Baranyai, Gail Stephenson, Tammy and Craig Buchoz,
Barb Dolata, Gerri Turner, Darlene Cox and Barb Delorey.

Names will be dropped after 30 days unless terminally ill or a new request for illness
or injury has been made.

Home Bound: Kate Stohon, Richard Preston and Elizabeth Harden.

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE ORDINARY TIME?

The season of ordinary time **celebrates every aspect of the life of Christ**. The purpose is to celebrate Christ in every way: his life, teachings, his parables, his miracles. The Sunday celebration of **The Eucharist** is the key element of ordinary time.

We celebrate the saving LOVE OF GOD expressed in our everyday lives.

C.C.W. NEWS

Once again we are offering a \$250 scholarship to a deserving student. Applications are on the round table if you know of someone.

We plan on doing a Super Bowl “snack” sale Sunday Feb 13th. We’re asking you to bring snacks to sell for the big game. Such as dips, snack trays, your favorite chicken wings, Chex mix etc. be creative!! You can also bring cookies, pies, cakes whatever you choose.

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