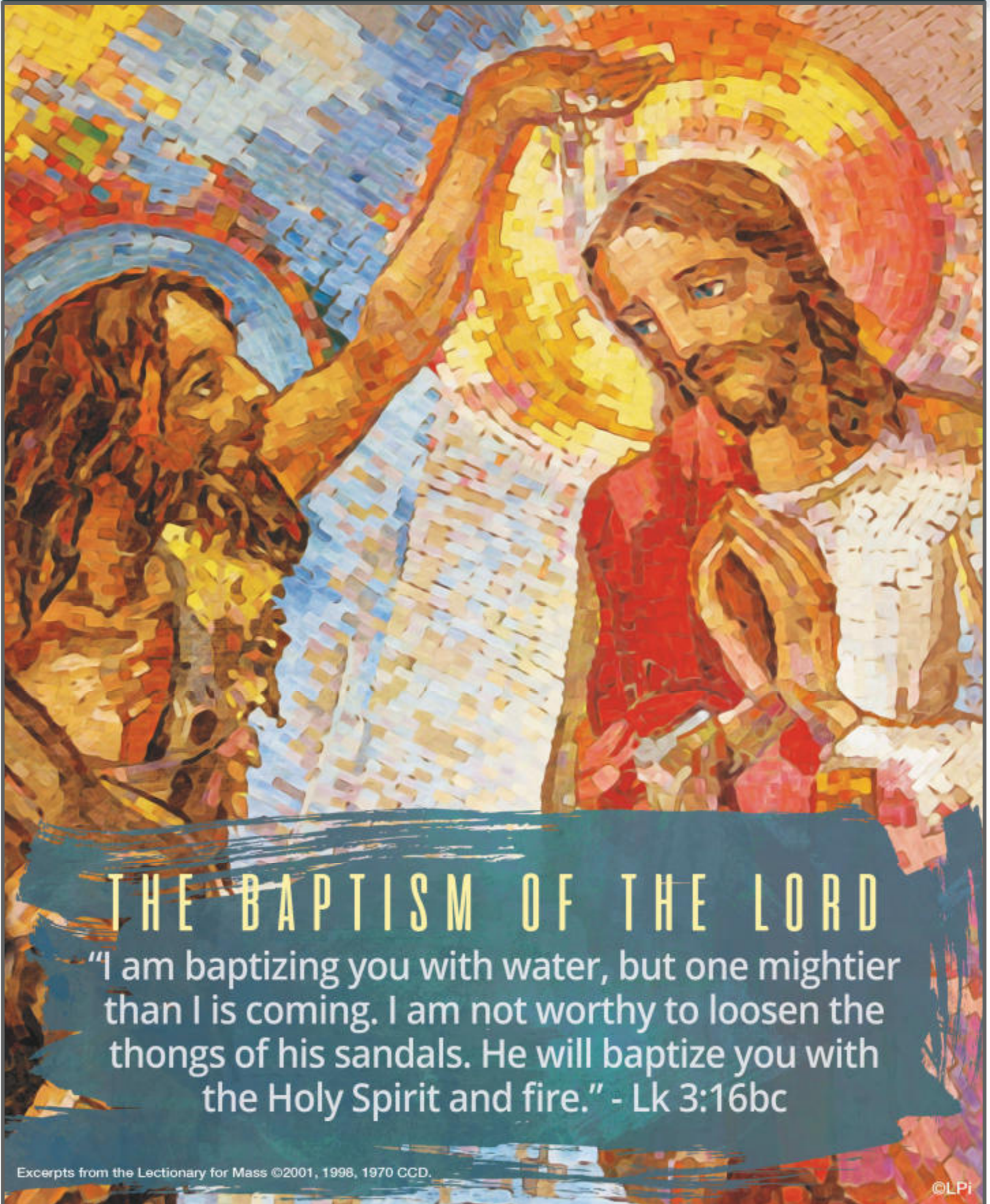


Saint Francis of Assisi Church

The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"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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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

After Easter to January 1 ... 4:00 pm
January 8 to April 9 ... 3:00 pm & 4:30 pm

SUNDAY

After Easter to January 2 - 8:00 am & 10:00 am
January 9 through Easter Sunday
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday.....8:15 am
Holy Days.....8:15 am & 6:30 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Winter– September 7 through June 3
Mon - Thurs 9:00 am-12:30 pm, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Summer - June 6 through September 2
Monday through Thursday 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday after Mass 9:00 am - 9:15 am
Saturday 3:00 pm-3:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Call Parish Office at least six months
in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office

**Mass Intentions and Scripture
Readings for the Week**

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

8:15 am †**SOULS IN PURGATORY**
Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Reading: 1 Samuel 1:1-8
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:15 am †**TARA REANY** by B. Nastai
Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Reading 1: 1 Samuel 1:9-20
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

8:15 am †**CHUCK KAHLER**
by Gil and Peggy Ulrich
Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20
Gospel: Luke 2:22-35

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

8:15 am †**SOULS IN PURGATORY**
Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Reading: 1 Samuel 4:1-11
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

8:15 am †**MARIA BITTNER**
by Mr. and Mrs. Bittner
Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15
SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)**

3:00 pm †**JOANNE KOWALCZYK**
by The Kulon Family
4:30 pm †**AL DESHAIES**
by Gil and Peg Ulrich

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30 am †**WALLACE HARPER**
by Mr. and Mrs. Werschky
9:00 am †**JOSEPHINE FERN**
by Vivian Power
10:30 am †**BOB GOODRICH**
by Wife, Nadine

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reading 1: Isaiah 62:1-5
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11



CATHOLIC DOCTRINE - BAPTISM

Baptism introduces us into the fellowship of God's people, which is the Church, by shaping our inner selves into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Just as the Spirit hovered over the waters at creation and brought forth life, so now the same Spirit hovers over the waters of baptism and brings forth the life of Christ in us, a new creation. The waters, the Spirit, the new life -- these are the images in that scene of creation in the Book of Genesis. These are the same images that shape our spiritual existence in the tradition of Christian baptism. We are not dealing with empty images here. We have

the power of the Spirit of God at work in and through the signs that God has chosen. The life of the Risen Christ is created in us by the power of the Holy Spirit in our baptism. The sacrament has a real effect. It is not just a sign of our personal faith. By baptism, we are made part of the Body of Christ which is the community of faith. The primary symbol at work in baptism is the community itself. The Church is gathered by the Holy Spirit and consecrated into being a holy instrument or sacrament, to immerse others into the dying and rising of Christ, to proclaim eternal life. The fundamental sign present at every baptism is the Church itself, sign of the eternal kingdom gathered by the Spirit into Christ. Baptism cannot be equated with magic: secret words said by a priest that will make a child holy! Baptism is much more than that. It is a sacred event through which we are initiated into a community which is the body of the Christ, the people of God, with a sacred destiny and a holy purpose. What is the mission of the Christian in the world? Just to avoid sin and remain pure and uncontaminated by the world? Surely not! The Church knows that it has been called to be a light to the world in which it lives, a leaven in the dough, a salt that gives flavor to all things. With Isaiah, we believe that we too must do what the Servant was sent to do: to bring forth justice. Justice in the Bible means a relationship of harmony and peace with God and with one another. It is the result of grace, God's gift that restores the harmony first intended at creation. God's Covenant is the model of justice. We surrender to God, accepting God's love and guidance. God becomes our God, directing all aspects of our lives. Our relationships with one another are molded by the same Covenant model: given and dedicated to one another for the sake of the Lord. Reaching beyond the boundaries of our usual contacts, we will bring covenant relationships to others with love and peace. The Church exists to go beyond itself.



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Sunday, January 9

8:30 am - 11:30 am

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Center



You can donate blood from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. *Appointments are encouraged, please visit www.oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code #9797.* All donors receive a OneBlood Long Sleeve T-Shirt, a \$20 eGift Card, and a FREE pancake breakfast (compliments of the Knights of Columbus)! Plus, a wellness check-up including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse, and cholesterol screening!

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH – WALK FOR LIFE

The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person. The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe versus Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest ... **TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE.** We celebrate each life, from moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected. We envision a world where these moments are celebrated, valued, and protected by everyone.



"Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."—U.S. Catholic Bishops

We want to encourage each of you in the Parish, grandparents, parents, children, etc. in solidarity with the walk in Washington, D.C. to witness to the dignity of the human person.



Together, we will pray to our Blessed Mother, Mary, the rosary prayers for every human life, especially the unborn. If you are unable to walk the course, we will also be praying in the Church at the same time.

Join the Parish Catechetical Ministry and the Knights of Columbus #7672 for the **SFOA Walk for Life on January 15th at 11:00 am** with pizza and refreshments served afterwards.



CONFIRMATION



On Sunday, January 23rd at the 10:30 am Mass, seven high school youth candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Frank J. Dewane. We are looking to connect each candidate with a prayer partner(s) in our parish, people who will commit to praying for a candidate (or two) through their reception of Confirmation and attend their Confirmation Mass to show your support. Regular prayer depends on you – weekly, daily, or however often you pray! Your prayers for the candidates preparing for Confirmation can make a significant difference in their life of faith and discipleship. As a parish family at holy Mass, we support one another as “prayer partners” in the celebration of the Lord’s Supper with His family.



*As You Celebrate
the Sacrament of
Confirmation*

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Thursday, January 27, 2022

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When we develop a lifestyle of making
the Lord our refuge, we begin to live in
the *peace* of God.

“He that dwells in the secret place of the
most High shall abide under the shadow
of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD,
He is my refuge and my fortress:
my God; in him will I trust” (Psalm 91:1).



Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

TWO OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Bible Study - Tuesday, 1:00 pm

Bible Study with Fr. Marcel - Wednesday, 1:30 pm





Christmas Dinner &
Concert



Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast



Lessons & Carols

What a December!

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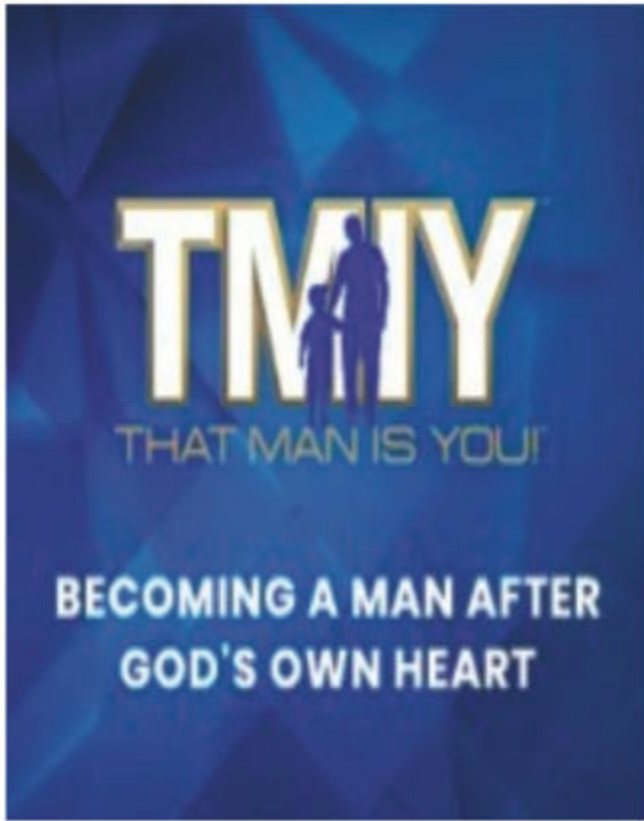
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Ministry Week for Saint Francis of Assisi Church

	Start	End	Event - Location
Mon Jan 10	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Anointing/Chaplet - Church
	9:00am	11:30am	Parish Stewardship Ministry - Parish Ministry Room
	9:15am	11:15am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	9:15am	11:15am	Rosary Making Ministry - Parish Classroom
	10:30am	11:00am	Priest Anoints at Englewood Hospice House
	11:45am	12:30pm	Lectio Divina - Gospel Prayer - Church
	5:30pm	7:00pm	Knights of Columbus/Ladies Auxiliary General Business Meeting - Parish Center
Tues Jan 11	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	8:45am	9:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration - Church
	9:50am	10:00am	Benediction - Church
	10:30am	12:00pm	Parish Women's Guild Director/Coordinator Meeting - Parish Conference Room
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Women's Bible Study - Parish Conference Room
	5:30pm	6:45pm	Religious Education (K-8) - Parish Center
Wed Jan 12	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:00am	11:00am	Parish Women's Guild Membership Meeting - Parish Center
	9:15am	11:15am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	11:00am	2:30pm	Parish Women's Guild - January Card Party
	1:30pm	3:00pm	Bible Study with Fr. Marcel
	7:00pm	8:00pm	AA - Parish Hall
Thurs Jan 13	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Chaplet - Church
	9:00am	9:15am	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Hooks & Needles for Angels - Parish Conference Room
	5:00pm	6:30pm	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) - Parish Conference Room
Fri Jan 14	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:15am	11:15am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	10:30am	11:00am	Priest Anoints at Englewood Hospice House
Sat Jan 15			Blessing of the MARRIAGE Anniversary
	11:00am	12:00pm	Walk for Life - Church Grounds
	2:00pm	2:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	3:00pm	4:00pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
Sun Jan 16	4:30pm	5:30pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	7:30am	8:30am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	9:00am	10:00am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	10:30am	11:30am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church



THAT MAN IS YOU!

Each Thursday at 7:00 AM starting February 3
That Man is You! meets each week at 7:00
am for a light breakfast, video presentation,
and small group discussion in the Parish
Center. At 8:15 am they move to the Church
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