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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 PM St. Basil's Church, Dushore

Sunday

7:30 AM St. Francis of Assisi Church,
Mildred

9:30 AM St. Basil's Church, Dushore

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays - 3:15 – 3:45 PM
St. Basil's Church, Dushore

Sundays - 7:00 – 7:15 AM
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mildred
Or by appointment



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 3:16c

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January 13, 2019

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

You enter this Church ... not as stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise. Ask His blessing on those who love His house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both in your going out and your coming in.

Parish Registration:

You must be a registered member of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish to receive Baptism, Confirmation, First Penance, First Holy Communion, Marriage and to receive sponsor letters from the pastor.

New Members: Please stop by or call the parish office and register. (If you are relocating to a new parish, please notify the office before you move.) Thank you.

Change of Address: Please notify the parish office as soon as possible if you have had a change of address.

Inactive Catholics: As a welcoming parish, we ask every parishioner to ask God to put in your heart people whose hearts we need to reach out and touch with God's love. "Before you talk to men about God, you talk to God about men." Please, call, write, leave in an envelope in the collection the name, address and phone number of the person. Father would be delighted to meet with them.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process to bring non-Catholics into the faith. Anyone seeking information or interested in becoming a part of this community of faith can call the parish office.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month following the 9:30 AM Mass. In order to understand and better appreciate this special sacrament, parents are required to attend the Pre-Baptismal Program, which is held on the last Saturday of each month at 7:00 PM in St. Basil's Rectory. Please contact the rectory to schedule your child's baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage should notify the rectory at least six months prior to the date to allow necessary time for proper preparation.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night.

Visitation of the Sick: Please call the parish for visitation of the sick at home, in the hospital, or health care facility.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

We, the Catholic faithful of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, in union with our Holy Father, the Pope, and our Bishop, are called through Baptism to share in the ministry which Jesus Christ has entrusted to the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. As priest and lay faithful in a rural area, we utilize our energy to serve the spiritual needs of the Kingdom of God to promote a culture of life, justice, and peace to this generation and the generations that follow us.

PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of the Father, you are the most valued Heavenly treasure.

New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body, created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, you are the spiritual Mother of mankind.

Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, to be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God.

O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, you who continually intercede on our behalf, please present my need before your loving Son, Jesus.
(Mention your request)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, for you have never turned away those in dire need.

Mother dearest, I await your favorable answer, submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord, for all glories are His for ever and ever. Amen.



The Baptism of the Lord

The **First Reading** is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (40:1-5, 9-11). These verses are taken from the beginning of the second book of Isaiah (chapters 40-55), often called Deutero-Isaiah. In these chapters, the author is addressing the Israelite exiles towards the end of their time in Babylon. The reading begins with words of comfort and tenderness for a people who spent 70 years in exile from their homeland. The exiles are directed to act out their deliverance even *before* they see evidence of it. They are to image a great highway on which they will travel home and to remove any obstacles that might block God's coming.

In verses 9-11, a second directive is given to the people living in Jerusalem. Their city is broken and depleted, and they are told to announce to the other vanquished cities of Judah that a new time is coming when God, like a good shepherd, is going to show a new concern for his flock.

The **Responsorial Psalm** (40:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30)

This psalm is a hymn of praise to God the Creator whose power and wisdom are manifested in the visible universe

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus (2:11-14; 3:4-7). This reading has two parts: 2:11-14 and 3:4-7. In 2:11-14, Paul speaks about the grace of God that has come to us through the coming of Christ, a grace that enables us to reject pagan or ungodly ways and the grace to follow the ways of Jesus.

In 3:4-7, Paul reminds Titus and all Christians that their current status as a new people is totally the result of God's mercy and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The **Gospel Reading** is from the Gospel of Luke (3:15-16, 21-22). Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course. But for the Israelites, they had heard the stories from generation to generation. They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the

Christ." They had been waiting for a Messiah, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things; someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled?

That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered. Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man.

But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above. "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? What are you waiting for?

Readings

Monday

Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2a, 5-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday ~ St. Anthony, Abbot

Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45; see 5/3:

Eph 6:10-13, 18; Mt 19:16-26

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-

Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday, January 12

3:15 - 3:45 PM **Dushore** Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM **Dushore** *Mass for the People*

Sunday, January 13

7:00 - 7:15 AM **Mildred** Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30 AM **Mildred** *Bruno Najaka by John Evangelisti*
9:30 AM **Dushore** *Esperia Stortini by Patrick, Kate, & Anja Sick*

Monday, January 14

9:00 AM **Mildred** *The Deceased Members of the Saxer family by the estate*

Tuesday, January 15

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Deceased members of the Sick, Gainer, and McMahon families by Florence, Pete, and Harry Smith*

Wednesday, January 16

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Edward & Frances Burke Kelly by Edward M. Kelly*

Thursday, January 17

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Catherine Lambert by Pat Petachick*
10:30 AM **Darway** *Margaret Taffe by Esperia Stortini*

Friday, January 18

9:00 AM **Mildred** *Francis Pastusic by Alberta's brothers, sisters, & families*

Saturday, January 19

3:15 - 3:45 PM **Dushore** Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM **Dushore** *Anna McDonald by the McDonald Family*

Sunday, January 20

7:00 - 7:15 AM **Mildred** Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30 AM **Mildred** *Mass for the People*
9:30 AM **Dushore** *Sebastian Trapani by the Olafs*

Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

December 22 & 23, 2018

\$4,866.28

Heat & Eat Fund

\$299.90

December 24 & 25, 2018

\$7,843.00

December 29 & 30, 2018

\$4,774.15

Fuel Fund

\$513.36

December 31, 2018 & January 1, 2019

\$1,767.00

January 5 & 6, 2019

\$4,665.00

Care & Education of Priests

\$625.49

January Second Collections

January 13 ~ Fuel Fund

January 20 ~ Heat & Eat Fund

January 27 ~ Fuel Fund

Thank you for your generosity!



Liturgical Ministers for January 19-20

Special Ministers of Communion

- 4:00 PM Dushore R. Finan, J. Lambert, R. Tourscher
7:30 AM Mildred K. Bohensky, J. Walsh, J. Doyle
9:30 AM Dushore J. Tourscher, J. & D. McDonough

Lectors

- 4:00 PM Dushore J.A. Shoemaker, K. Homer
7:30 AM Mildred R. Gumble, S. Moyer
9:30 AM Dushore S. Wilcox, P. Ferrulli

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM Dushore
7:30 AM Mildred H. Clark
9:30 AM Dushore S. & Z. Pedro

A Prayer for our Military

God our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries; and please watch over and heal my family. Heavenly Father, 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 this, our time of need. These things I humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Please pray for:

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Question & Answer

How are the feast of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestations in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the Magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign Jesus performs, thus manifesting his identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord, which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is only proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is and continue to cultivate "epiphany" moments.

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NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Diocese Adds Names to List of Credibly Accused Individuals

Following the release of the Grand Jury report last year, Bishop Bambera made a promise that he would be more open and transparent in the way that the Diocese handles occurrences of child sexual abuse. That commitment remains true.

In August, the Diocese published on its website a list of all clergy, staff and volunteers who had been credibly accused of child sexual abuse. Since then, additional victims have come forward. Eleven new names have been added to the online list. Those new names are listed below. We will continue to alert you periodically in the case that additional individuals are added to this list.

If you are aware of additional allegations of wrongdoing or any information that should be included on this list, please contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551 or Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, Vicar General, at (570) 207-2269. If you have suffered abuse by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the Diocese, you are encouraged to contact Mary Beth Pacuska.

These names have been added to the original list of credibly accused individuals:

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Pulicare, Michael J.

MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS

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Garrity, Stephen M., (S.J.)

Long, Arthur J. (S.J.)

Pisaneschi, Sister Clare (M.P.F.)

Rebovich, John (OSJ)

LAITY

Maroni, Mark

Smith, Richard

Yarros, David

January 13, 2019: Knights of Columbus Breakfast ~ 8:00–11:30 AM

January 25, 2019: Knights of Columbus Beef Dinner ~ 4:00–7:00 PM

February 10: Knights of Columbus Breakfast ~ 8:00–11:30 AM

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We ask this in the unity of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.



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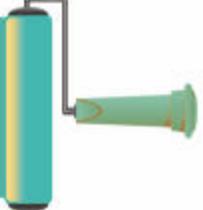
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