

Baptism *of the Lord*

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold,
the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God
descending like a dove and coming upon him.

Matthew 3:16

FROM OUR PASTOR

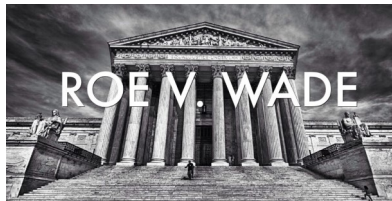
MY DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

WE GATHER IN CHURCH TO WORSHIP OUR NEW BORN KING. THE CHURCH IS STILL BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED. THE LIGHTS ARE LIT, MANGER IS SET, KINGS HAVE ARRIVED AND TODAY WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE THE TINY CHILD AS A MAN GATHERED AT THE JORDAN RIVER TO BE BAPTIZED BY JOHN. OUR CHRISTMAS SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE AS WE CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL DAY. WE KNOW JESUS DID NOT NEED BAPTISM. HE WAS BORN LIKE US IN ALL THINGS SIN, BUT HE WAS SINLESS. HE WAS BAPTIZED TO SET THE WAY FOR US TO COME TO THE WATERS OF BAPTISM TO BE SET FREE FROM ORIGINAL SIN. AS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS LET US REFLECT ON OUR BAPTISM AND OUR GIFT OF FAITH. HOW BLESSED ARE WE TO BE CALLED A CHILD OF GOD.

THE 48TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPREME COURT DECISION ON ROE V. WADE, TO OVERTURN ABORTION, IS COMING UP ON JANUARY 22, 2021. RIGHT TO LIFE MICHIANA IS SPONSORING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO EXPRESS OUR OPPOSITION TO LEGALIZED ABORTION. TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM INSERTED IN THE BULLETIN ON VISIT WWW.PROLIFEMICHIANA.ORG/AD. BY DOING SO YOU WILL GIVE PERMISSION TO PLACE YOUR NAME, ALONG WITH HUNDREDS OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO ALSO OPPOSE ABORTION, IN THE SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE AND ELKHART TRUTH NEWSPAPER AD'S ON JANUARY 24TH STATING, "WE, THE CITIZENS OF MICHIANA, OPPOSE ABORTION ON DEMAND AND DEFEND THE RIGHT TO LIFE FROM FERTILIZATION TO NATURAL DEATH".

WE MUST CONTINUE TO FIGHT AGAINST ABORTION AND STAND STRONG IN OUR FAITH TO DEFEAT THIS EVIL PRACTICE. PLEASE DO YOUR PART AND HELP TAKE A STAND AGAINST ABORTION AND CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL OF THE UNBORN SOULS.

PEACE,
FATHER BOB



ANNOUNCEMENTS



CCD NEWS & UPDATES

FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

Attention 7th Grade Parents:

There is an important Theology of the Body parent meeting this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the church. This is for PARENTS ONLY. Please plan on wearing a face mask and observing social distancing.

DATE CHANGE for 2nd Graders!!

First Reconciliation will now take place on Saturday, February 20, 2021.

EPIPHANY BLESSING

20 + C + M + B + 21

This year we invite you to participate in an old tradition known as "chalking the door" to celebrate the Epiphany and to call down God's blessing on your home and those who dwell and visit there. There are still bags available on the table by St. Anthony that contains a piece of chalk and the instructions for the blessing.

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

TO THE FAMILIES OF:

- Shirley Tulley
- Randy & Tracey DeShone and Scott & Kari DeShone, on the loss of their Father, Jack DeShone.
- Jim Kelley and Rachel & Erin (granddaughters), on the loss of his wife, Mary Lou Kelley
- Suzann Laughlin, on the loss of her husband, Jim Laughlin
- Shari Greenawalt, on the loss of her mother, Peggy VanDePutte



**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let Your perpetual light shine upon them.**

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 | 6:30 p.m. | St. Vincent's, Elkhart

The Daughters of Isabella will be meeting at St. Vincent in the MTC (school gym). We welcome all Catholic women above the age of 16 to join us for our Social Hour beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will also have a social time and spiritual activity prior to our business meeting which will begin around 7:15. Please come and meet us; ask us how to become a member; and join an international organization of Catholic women. We will wear masks and social distance.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all of the donors who supported this Blood Drive! Total we collected 33 units of blood!
— Knights of Columbus

BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE

If you have information for the Bulletin for a Parish Event or Meeting, please submit all pertinent information to Jessica Springer in the Parish Office no later than **Noon on Sunday** in order to ensure publication in the upcoming weekend bulletin. Submissions may be made in person at the Office or email to: stmarybristolmusic@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS


**ADORATION HAS RESUMED IN THE CHURCH
EVERY FRIDAY FROM 10AM—6PM.**

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Thursdays, February 4—March 25th | 8:00 p.m. | Zoom

Strengthen your marriage from the comfort of your own home with The Marriage Course Online! Based on a beautiful, brand-new film series featuring "regular" couples and relationship experts from around the world, this free 8-week program will take place online over Zoom from 8-10 p.m. on Thursday evenings beginning Feb. 4 through March 25. There is no group discussion, but rather, time built right into each session for you and your spouse to discuss topics in the privacy of your own home using prompts from The Marriage Course Journal.

If you are interested in this online Marriage Retreat, please call the Parish Office and let Calla know so she can order you the Marriage Course Journal, a gift to you from St. Mary's. This means there is no other commitment from you except your time. What a great opportunity to strengthen your Marriage!

For more information, or to register, visit:
diocesefwsb.org/marriage-course

DISCIPLE COURSE

Monday's beginning January 18 | 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m. | Zoom

Join Deacon Fred Everett for a 10-session course over Zoom to help committed Christians in putting Jesus more at the center of their lives and daily decisions. Each session will look at a different aspect of discipleship as well as practical guidance in building up a life of prayer. Daily homework assignments of 15 minutes will make use of selected scripture readings and time for personal prayer. Meetings will be held on Mondays beginning January 18 through March 22 from 7:30-9 p.m.

Visit: diocesefwsb.org/disciple
for more information and to register.

STAY CONNECTED TO ST. MARY'S!


You can stay in touch with your St. Mary's parish family by logging in to our Website:

www.stmarysbristol.com



Alternatively, visit our Facebook Pages by searching and "Liking":

St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

Find announcements, links to our 11:00a.m. Live-Stream of the Mass, or other parish events and information.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER IN OUR PARISH

SCHEDULE OF MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9
4:30 p.m.

VIGIL: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

+ Deceased members of the
Berkey & Kleckner Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10
8:30 a.m.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

+ John Weaver II, John Weaver III,
& Matthew Weaver
+ Peggy VanDePutte

11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11
9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY

Special Intention: Lillian Braun

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12
9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY

+ Roger Sr. & Mary Harmon

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13
9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY

+ Ralph & Patricia Cortas

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14
9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY

+ Mary Lou Kelley

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15
9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY

+ Jack Sargent

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16
9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY

+ Mary Kay Froschauer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16
4:30 p.m.

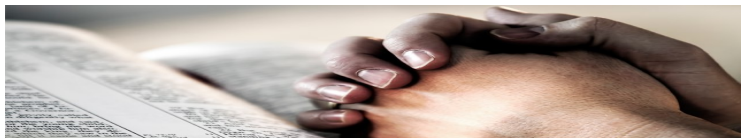
VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

+Marion & Elizabeth Jozwiak

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17
8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

+BrendonRody
For the People


PAPAL INTENTION FOR JANUARY
For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be
nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



Spark Corner



Around the dinner table one night this week, put your phones
away and spark a conversation with the following topic:

*If you could trade places with someone else for a
day, who would it be?*

Although it is fun to think about being someone else, remember
the saying, "The grass always looks greener on the other side of
the fence." What looks like a wonderful, glamorous lifestyle
might be one that is not so happy after all. Count the blessings in
your own life, not the troubles. Maybe you wouldn't want to
trade places with anyone in the end. Just be happy being YOU!