

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

THIS CATHOLIC LIFE

With the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord we bring to a conclusion the liturgical season of Christmas. Once again I want to thank everybody who helped make our liturgies as special as they could given the COVID conditions. The celebration of Christmas reminds us that God is with us and Jesus Christ wants to heal our every ill.

We now move into Ordinary Time in which we remember and celebrate the extraordinary ways Christ continues to walk with us in our ordinary every day lives.

The Baptism of the Lord also reminds us of our own baptism, in which we were incorporated into the Body of Christ, with all the privileges and rights that come with this sacrament. It is in Ordinary Time, Lent, and Easter that we live out our calling as disciples of Christ. As you have been blessed by God, may you be a blessing to the world.

PASTORATE NEWS

CLEARANCE, CLEARANCE, CLEARANCE

The Littlest Angel Gifts Cabinet at St. John's is making room for 2021! CLEARANCE table of items. Most items are 2/\$1. Larger items are \$1 each.

Liver and Onion Dinner

at St. John's - CARRY OUT ONLY

Next Sunday, January 17th @ 5:00 p.m.

Beef Liver, BBQ Tongue, Chicken Gizzards, Chicken Liver
Free Will Offering

SECRETARY POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Mary's in Alexandria is looking to fill a position for clerical support to the church and school of St. Mary's. The hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 7:30AM to 3:30PM. The duties included are those related to church and school operations. If interested please contact Rachel Duckworth at rduckworth@stmaryalex.net or call St. Mary School in Alexandria at 765-724-4459.



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This Week...

January 9-January 17

- Sat.** 4:00PM Reconciliation
5:00PM **MASS-Deceased Members of the Holliday & Good Families**
- Sun.** 8:30AM **MASS-Parishioners of St. John's**
- Mon.** 7:40AM Morning Prayer
8:00AM **MASS-Steve Powell**
- Wed.** 7:40AM Morning Prayer
8:00AM **MASS-Robert Yearly**
- Fri.** 7:40AM Morning Prayer
8:00AM **MASS-David Ziegler**
- Sat.** 4:00PM Reconciliation
5:00PM **MASS-Mary Ellen Walsh**
- Sun.** 8:30AM **MASS-Parishioners of St. John's**

For those of you that do not do Facebook, enjoy the following that was added to St. John's Facebook page shortly after Christmas.

Miracle on Mill Street

"I believe. . . I believe. . . it's silly but I believe." Says Susan Walker in the classic 1947 film "Miracle on 34th Street". Susan's steadfast belief in something intangible, something she held so dear, indeed came to fruition for her by movie's end.

The parishioners of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 335 Mill Street, also believe in miracles. After their 1889 Gothic styled church was deemed unsafe for further use, they witnessed the beginning of its demolition on November 28, 2017. Those parishioners whose lives were forever entwined with the structure through generations of baptisms, weddings and funeral Masses, knew that God was not lost with their building.

Though their population was aging, and their membership included only 283 families, the faithful believers immediately rallied to find a way to rebuild. Thus, begins the miracle.

Committees were formed, experts consulted, and fundraising began in earnest. Within six years, millions of dollars were raised through the generosity and sacrifice of St. John's parishioners, as well as the support of the Tipton Community and former alumni. Priceless stained-glass windows, 1895 wooden pews and 1906 pipe organ are just a few of the items that were preserved for use in the new church. Every effort was made to keep costs down, while maintaining the beauty and integrity of the 1889 structure. The miracle continues in the fact that the new church plans were completed Christmas week 2020. While the original anticipated cost of the building has been achieved, this number has increased significantly due to Covid related supply restrictions. The St. John's family, however, is not concerned. God will provide.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 16, 5:00PM, January 17, 8:30AM

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Steve, Lydia, Marita

Sun. Hubert, Paul, Chelsey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER(S)

Sat. Lou Tragesser

Sun. Charlene Tragesser

READERS

Sat. Monica Moore, Joe Rice

Sun. Toby Ripberger, Dave Wilson

USHERS

Sat. Phil, Kenny Z., Kenny A.

Sun. Mike P., John, Bob

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Christmas Collection: 2,842.00

Regular Collection (27th – year end) \$ 5,135.00

NEEDED WEEKLY: \$ 5,000.00

NEEDED YTD: \$ 260,000.00

ACTUAL YTD: \$ 269,459.42

DIFFERENCE YTD: \$ 9,459.42

New Church Building Fund: \$ 280.00

YTD Building Fund: \$ 47,734.95

Regular Collection (1/3/21): \$5,546.00

NEEDED WEEKLY: \$5,000.00

DIFFERENCE YTD: \$ 546.00

New Church Building Fund: \$20.00

May God reward you!

A Quick Peek at the Week:

Mustard Seed, Monday @ 6:00 p.m.

Liturgy Committee, Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

K of C, Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.

Contribution Statements

If you want a 2020 contribution statement, sign up at the Scrip table or call the office. As in the past, we will hand them out at the next weekend Mass.

Prayer Request Cards Received

Bob Barga, Jean Brackins, Katie Burris, James Click, Donna Conrad, Marty Coppock, Cindy Crist, Michael Dinneen, Laura Doran, Bill Elliott, Bill Gall, Pat Gensic, Hank Glover, Dorinda (Dane) Harvey, Mike Hawkins, Sharon Hinkle, Melody Horn, Diane Hughes, Sue Jacobs, Stacey Jenkins, Jersie Meyncke, Mike Kelley, Maureen McAvoy-Kelly, Mike King, Patti Letsinger, Alexis Libey, Helen Matthews, Harry & Annie McKinley, Patty Ferguson Moore, Ada Pedigo, Bonnie Peters, Abby Phillips, Carol Preston, Brenda Raver, Danny Ripberger, Rosemary Robinson, Wayne Runyan, Dr. Mike Smith, Steve Smith, Vic Sowders, Judy Tansy, Patricia Tebbe, Ryker York, Betty Ziegler

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This Week...

January 10-January 17

- Sun.** 9:15AM Religious Ed
 10:45AM MASS-Rick Vida
 2:30PM Rosary Prayer Service
Tue. 8:00AM MASS-Patricia Helpling
Thurs. 6:00PM MASS-Rick Vida
Sun. 9:15AM Religious Ed
 10:45AM MASS-Jim & Margaret Jackson

Prayer List

Christa & Jason, Cathy Huntsinger, Barbara & Jack Green, Ron Klein, Chuck Thornberry, Ann Schoendwald, Joseph Foley, Dana Harper, Special Intention, Bill Elliott

In order to keep our prayer list current, names will remain for four weeks. Resubmit names by contacting the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

12/27/2020

Regular Collection	\$ 3,443.00
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,467.55
Overage (Shortfall)	\$ (24.55)
Year-to-Date Overage (Shortfall)	\$ (11,742.18)
Building Fund	\$ 1,425.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 75.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 4,380.00
David Haas Memorial	\$ 50.00
Morrisett Center	\$ 400.00

1/3/2021

Regular Collection	\$ 7,468.00
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,467.55
Overage (Shortfall)	\$ 4,000.45
Year-to-Date Overage (Shortfall)	\$ 4,000.45
Building Fund	\$ 1,042.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 375.00
Morrisett Center	\$ 20.00

Equal Sacrifices Not Equal Gifts

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 17, 10:45AM

SACRISTAN(S)

Sun. Dennis & Connie Green

READER(S)

Sun. Lisa Bunting

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)

Sun. Lisa Durham

SERVER(S)

Sun. Ann Curtis, Katelyn Dunlap

USHERS

Sun. Phil Hanvey, Dennis Green

Community Dinner Collection

Next weekend there will be baskets out for donations to the Community Dinner.

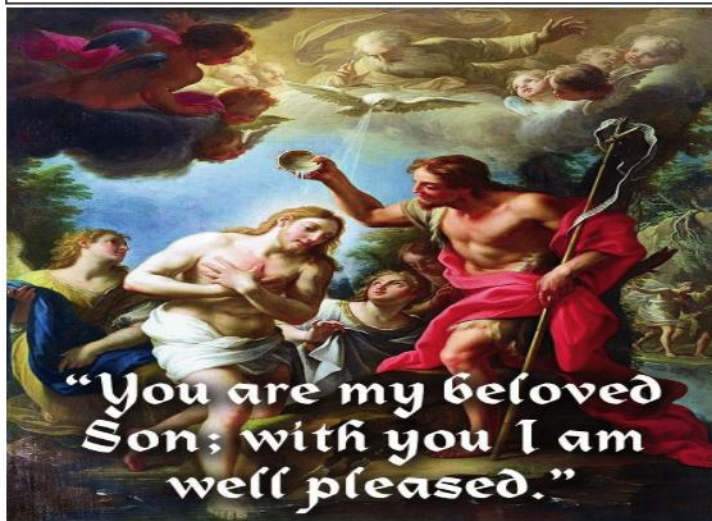
Mass Intentions

St. Joseph's currently has plenty of available dates for Mass intentions for 2021. Intentions are a great way to say thank you or to pray for a friend or family member, living or deceased. The offering is \$10.

Please put your offering with the dates requested, if a specific date, the name of the person for which the Mass is intended, and your name and phone number in an envelope with Mass Intention on it and put it in the collection basket or you may drop it in the mail slot at the parish house. If you have any questions, call Debbie at the office, 552-6753.

Lucy's One Liner

Psalms 141:3 Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.





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ST. JOSEPH'S

Rick & Lisa Bunting, M/M Keith Harrison, Joe & Teresa Kelich, M/M John Borst, Tisha Cole, M/M Robert Barr, John Robert Connors, Rita Kelich, M/M Terry Idlewine, M/M Steve Lowes, Todd & Dana Meyer, Robert & Gayle Prather, Sue Vida
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Readings for the Week of January 10, 2021

Sunday Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
Monday Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



Stewardship Note

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The US bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them "to offer up the world and all that is in it - especially themselves - to the Lord of all."

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