

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 10, 2021

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“I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER; HE WILL BAPTIZE
YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.” - MK 1:8

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Videographers Needed

St. Louis is looking for 4-6 volunteers to assist in live streaming Masses on a rotation basis. No technical skills are required - only a basic knowledge of the Mass, basic computer skills, attention to detail, and dependability. This is an excellent opportunity for high school and college students that enjoy working with technology, or anyone looking to safely serve the church during the pandemic crisis. Training is provided. If interested, please contact the parish office.

St. Louis School News

Our Marian virtue for January focuses on being devout as Mary was. The SLS Evangelization Team has a prayer for each week of January to use during our morning announcements, and we want to share these with our school families and parishioners so that our SLS community may pray and grow in holiness together. As we journey through January, we may be asking families and parishioners to volunteer to share with us how they are growing in holiness. The goal is to compile these short family testimonies into a video to share during Catholic Schools Week.

Week of January 10th: Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dear Mother, we love you. We thank you for your promise to help us in our need. We trust in your love that dries our tears and comforts us. Teach us to find our peace in your Son, Jesus, and bless us every day of our lives. Help us to build a shrine in our hearts. Make it as beautiful as the one built for you on the Mount of Tepeyac. A shrine full of trust, hope, and love of Jesus growing stronger each day. Mary, you have chosen to remain with us by giving us your most wonderful and holy self-image on Juan Diego's cloak. May we feel your loving presence as we look upon your face. Like Juan, give us the courage to bring your message of hope to everyone. You are our Mother and our inspiration. Hear our prayers and answer us. Amen.

Marriage Preparation

Pre-Cana Retreats will be online for Spring 2021. This is a self-paced, online version of our Pre-Cana Retreat, using the same materials and covering the same topics for a comprehensive marriage preparation retreat. Couples must complete the combined "God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage" and "Life Skills for Couples" course in order to receive their certificate and fulfill the marriage preparation requirement. The cost is \$50. For questions about marriage preparation please contact Gabriela Ross at (317) 592-4007, or go to <http://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage.html>

Annual Solemn Observance of Roe vs. Wade Mass

Mass with Archbishop Thompson will be **January 22, 2021 at 10:30am at St. John the Evangelist, Indianapolis**. Registration for Mass is REQUIRED! Space is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. As of now, the capacity is 250. Please check frequently for updates on website www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity AND/OR contact Keri Carroll kcarroll@archindy.org with questions or to confirm details.

March for Life

The March For Life will take place at **12:00pm on January 22nd**, from Georgia Street to Capital Building followed by the Rally. Registration will NOT be required to attend March For Life. Contact Marc Tuttle marc@rtlindy.org or Eric Slaughter ericslaughter@sbcglobal.net for details.

"Divorce and Beyond" Support Group

"Divorce and Beyond" support group for Catholics who are going through divorce or are already divorced is being offered by the Marriage and Family Life office of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Groups will meet at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave. Beech Grove IN 46107, on **Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm for six sessions, from January 20 to February 24, 2021**. Cost is \$20 and scholarships are available. To register or for more information, go to www.archindy.org/divorce or call 317-592-4007.

Festival Meeting

All are welcome to attend the festival planning meeting on **Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30pm** in the school cafeteria.

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone who prayed for me during my bout with COVID. I am sure that God answered your prayers by bringing me to a rapid recovery. I would also like to thank all of you who sent cards or prepared meals for me. I greatly appreciate all of the kindness you have shown me. May God bless you. Fr. Stan

St. Louis Adoration Chapel

The Our Lady of the Eucharist Perpetual Adoration Chapel here at St. Louis Church is open! Here are the hours that need a scheduled adorer: **Sunday - 10:00am, 1:00pm; Thursday - 8:00am; Saturday - 12:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 7:00pm**. Call Christy Moenter at 812-239-9164 to become a scheduled adorer.

Natural Family Planning

A Natural Family Planning Class will be held on **Sunday, February 2nd from 9:00am to 12:15pm** at St. Louis. There is a \$40.00 fee for books and materials. For reservations call or text Aly at 812-212-4951 or Mike at 812-212-2719.

Baptism Preparation Class

The Baptism preparation class is for parents who are having their first child Baptized. The next class will be offered on **Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00pm** in the Parish Office. Please call the parish office to register 812-934-3204.

St. Louis Cash Raffle

Congratulations to the following:

- Jan. 4 - \$250 - Jane Tekulve

Eucharistic Healing Service

Jesus is our HOPE! All are welcome to the Eucharistic Healing Prayer Service on **Tuesday, January 19** at St. Nicholas Church, Fr. Shaun Whittington presiding. Confessions at 6:30pm; praise & worship music 6:45pm; and service at 7:00pm. Soaking Prayer will be offered. Mask required to receive prayer.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 9

5:30 pm Bernard Schneider

Sunday, January 10, Baptism of the Lord

6:30 am For the Parish Community

9:30 am Dorothy Redelman

11:30 am Thomas C. Werner

Monday, January 11

8:10 am Rosalie Geis

Tuesday, January 12

6:00 pm Alma Miller

Wednesday, January 13, St. Hilary

8:10 am Judy Edwards

Thursday, January 14

8:10 am Intentions of Katie Mollaun-Hegwood

Friday, January 15

8:10 am Fran Telles

Saturday, January 16

5:30 pm Grace Kallianiotis

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For the Parish Community

9:30 am Katy Hortemiller

11:30 am Jason Wintz



Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Lectors

Saturday, January 16

5:30 pm Deb Weigel

Sunday, January 17

6:30 am Jerry Dickman

9:30 am Charlie Raab

11:30 am Susan Glaser

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, January 16

5:30 pm Jerre Hampson, Bob Luesse, Darlene Hirt, Susan Vergamini, Dave Meyer

Sunday, January 17

6:30 am Natasha Kellerman, Ellie Amberger, Connie Meyer, Rheadawn Young, Keith Moenter

9:30 am Don & Marilyn Freyer, Bertie Schmidt, Tom Sullivan, Brooke Maple, Michael Brelage

11:30 am James & Sandy Dickey, Phil & Pam Ryan, Teri Glaser, Mark Masavage

Ushers

Saturday, January 16

5:30 pm Gary Kuntz, Scot Harmeyer, Jerry Eckstein, Bob Prickel

Sunday, January 17

6:30 am Todd Tekulve

9:30 am Matt Weberding, Neal & Deb Wessling

11:30 am Bob Mattucci, Ted Telles, Jake Wilson, Tom Brunsman

January Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Intention for Evangelization - Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

St. Louis Parish Information



For parish communications, please check our website: www.stlouis-batesville.org and sign up for **Flocknote** to receive text or email notifications:

- Go to flocknote.com
- Click "sign-up"
- Click "my church is already using flocknote"
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An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Saturday Morning Prayer Service

**January 16th at 8:05am
Meet in the Church**

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked man his thoughts;
Let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving (Is 55:6-7)

PSALM:

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of
salvation. (Is 12:3)

SECOND READING:

This is the one who came through water and blood,
Jesus Christ,
not by water alone, but by water and blood. (1 Jn 5:6)

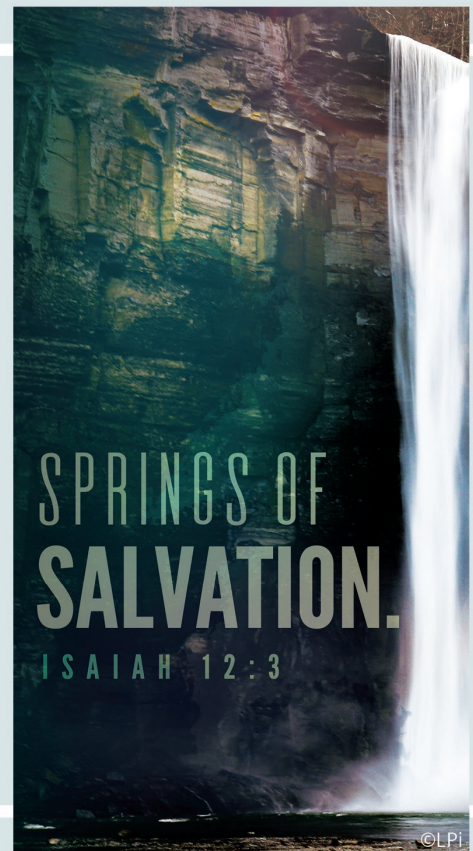
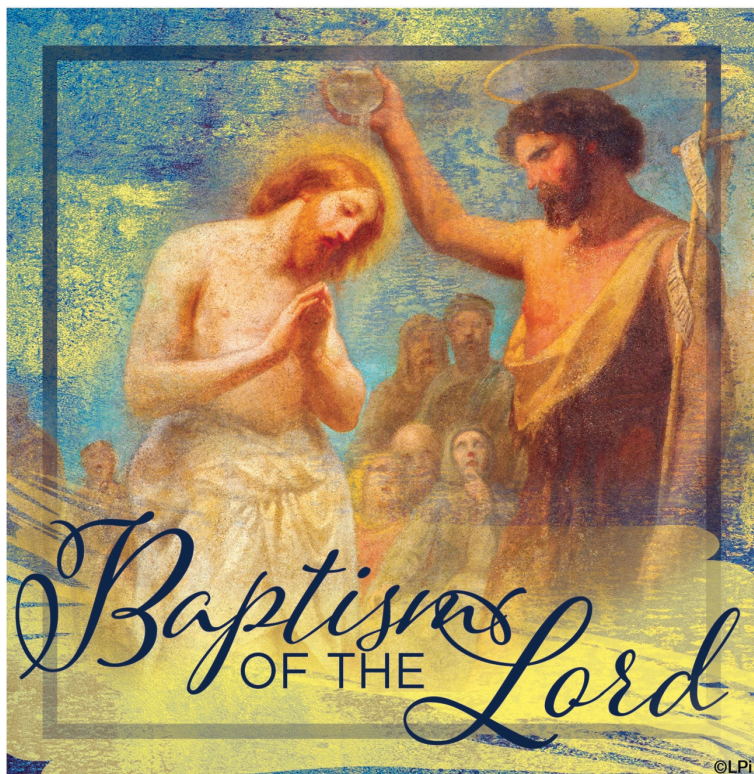
GOSPEL:

And a voice came from the heavens,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
(Mk 1:11)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Wednesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a "light for the nations." How do you see yourself serving others in need in your life?

SECOND READING

John teaches his community that God Himself has "testified on behalf of His Son." In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

GOSPEL READING

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus' baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence?

WHEN GOD WHISPERS

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

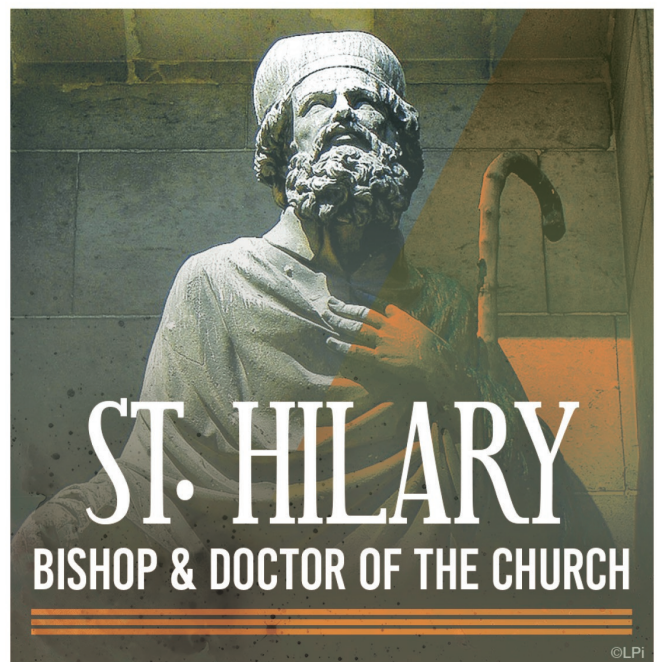
WHY DO WE HOLD HANDS DURING THE OUR FATHER?

The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within

ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.



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