

**Universal Prayer**  
**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**  
**January 11 & 12**

**We pray for the Church:** that we may recognize our calling to be daughters and sons of God who have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit and sent to share the Good News with others.

**We pray for catechumens, candidates, and inquirers of the Catholic faith.** May their search for Christ and a Christian Community lead them to an ever-deepening experience of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

**We pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life:** that families and mentors will encourage young people to consider these vocations, and that parishioners Nick Fleming and Joel Seipp, currently in formation for the priesthood, will be strengthened by the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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**We pray for unity among all Christians.** May the mercy of God - which is at work through our common baptism - help us forget past sins and division, and become one truly unified Body of Christ.

**We pray for the poor, neglected, and oppressed people of the world.** May all baptized persons serve as heralds of God's justice, even amid the social and political criticisms they may receive.

(10:30) **We pray in thanksgiving for Sr. Mary Louise Degenhart as she celebrates 65 years as a Sister of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ.**

May her promises made in Baptism and Religious Profession be strengthened by the Holy Spirit as she continues her ministry.

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**We pray for the faithful departed:** that in Jesus they may be brought out of darkness into the full light of heaven's joy and glory...

**5:00** ...and for **Tom Herbert** who is remembered in this Mass.

**8:30** ...and for **Ted Gundlach** who is remembered in this Mass.

**10:30** ...and for **Vernon Kombrink** who is remembered in this Mass.