



Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

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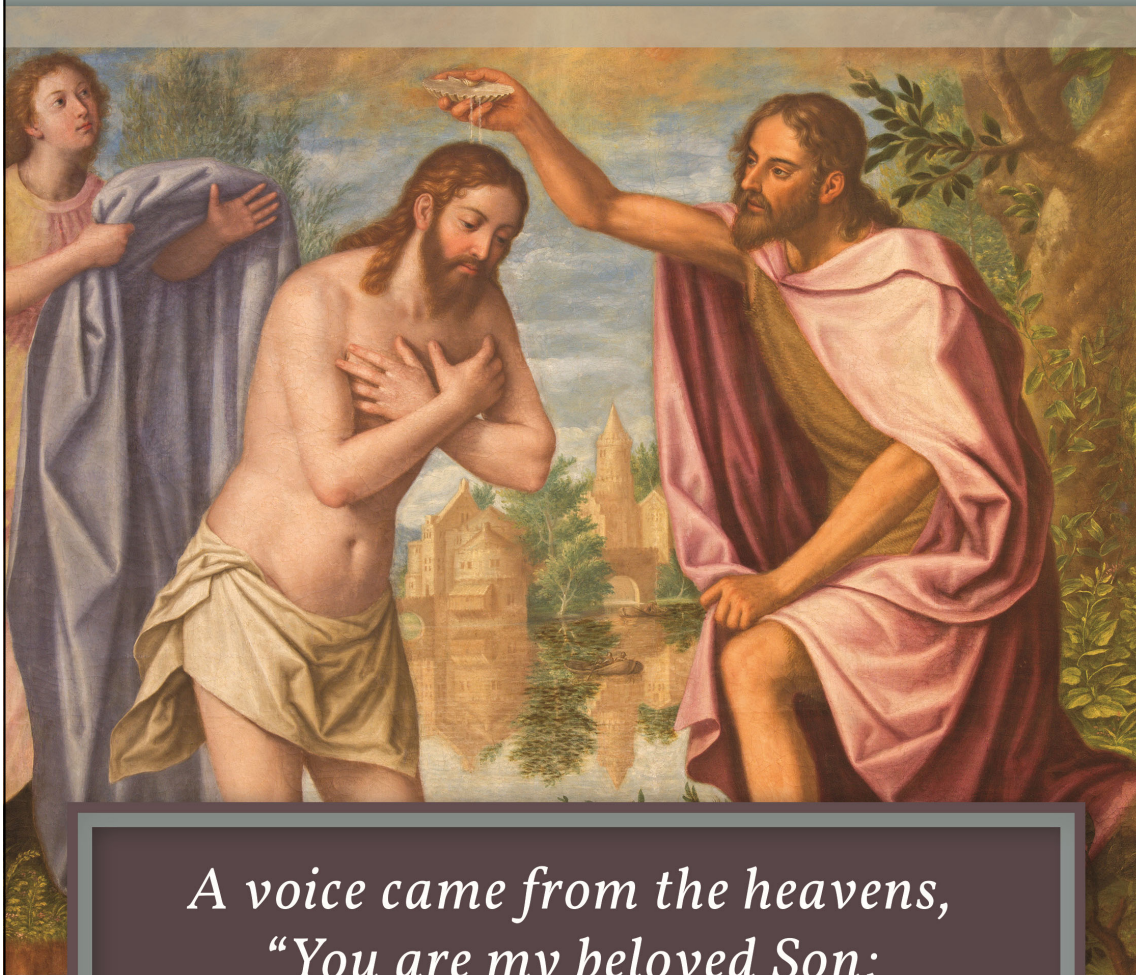
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021



*A voice came from the heavens,
"You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased."*

Mark 1:11

PARISH OFFICE

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Mon.-Thurs.,
8:30—4:30
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Baptism of the Lord

Mass Intentions

Sat., Jan. 9 4:30 pm	Christmas Weekday Aloys Fuhler
Sun., Jan. 10 8:30 am 10:30 am	Baptism of the Lord Matthew Zini For the Parishioners
Mon., Jan. 11 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Virginia Forehand
Tues., Jan. 12 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Mary Cremeen, Darlene, Gladys & Victor Huebener
Wed., Jan. 13 6:30 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time Lee Bernt
Thur., Jan. 14 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Virginia Forehand
Fri., Jan. 15 9:00 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Ed Pilgrim
Sat., Jan. 16 4:30 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time David Green
Sun., Jan. 17 8:30 am 10:30 am	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parishioners Jeff French

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Tim Friedel, Vi Perkhiser, Derek Trent, Jane Rood, Bev Randolph, John Richter, Tim Zacha, Bob Maronie, Jennifer Price, Bob Graham, Kenneth Korsmeyer. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to be added to the email prayer chain, send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bethalto Council #4688, 4th Degree #203, Grand

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Parish Annual Report

Copies of the Parish Financial Annual Report ending 6/30/2020 can be picked up in the church vestibules. Questions, call Father Tom in the parish office, 377-6519.

Attention Parents of Confirmandi

Confirmation will take place next spring for students in grades 3, 6, 7 & 8, who have been attending preparation classes (in our parish school and at home). The students will be spread out over six different dates, in order to keep in accord with any guidelines at that time for social distancing. These dates are listed below. Watch the bulletin for more information to come!

April 12, 13, 15, 19, 20, 22



Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. The demarcation celebration of the two is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is the perfect transition, in that; our Lord's Baptism reflects His coming into the world to begin our salvation, and His living out His ordinary days of life. Naturally, we reflect upon our own baptism on this day. Normally we remind ourselves of our baptism by dipping our fingers in the Holy Water font as we enter into church. However, we have not been able to do that since the pandemic has necessitated the removal of the Holy Water. I would encourage all of us to take a little time whenever we enter into church to remind ourselves of that seminal moment in our lives when we were claimed to be part of God's family through our own baptism. As God's blessing came upon us at the moment of our baptism, may everyday be a blessing for each of us.

Father Tom

Rest In Peace



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Dorothy Harnetiaux**, mother of **Sharon Dulle**, **Troy Liticker**, husband of **Mary Liticker** and **Gloria Hall**, wife of **Howard Hall**, mother of **Tonya Hall**. May God grant them eternal rest.

Attention Wal Mart Shoppers

We currently have a \$500 Wal Mart scrip card for sale in the parish office. If this is something you would like to purchase, just give us a call! Thanks.

Many Thanks too all who continue to support our parish and school! We could not keep going without you!

Recent Offerings

Week 26-27	Dec. 24, 2020-Jan. 3, 2021	Total to Date
Loose	\$407.00	\$5,752.29
Envelopes	\$21,946.00	\$236,187.16
On Line Giving	\$4,831.00	\$71,051.00
Young People	\$3.00	\$48.00
Total	\$27,187.00	\$313,038.45
Operating Budget	\$27,426.92	\$370,263.42
ACSA Budget	\$2,842.24	\$38,370.24
Difference	(\$3,082.16)	(\$95,595.21)
Envelopes received: 335 of 801 Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$110.00 Other Charitable Donations: \$2,822.00		

January 10, 2021

Altar Poinsettias Memorials

Marian & Bob Klein
Hilda Magac Family
By Mary Ann & Gene Magac



2021 Calendars

Please pick up a parish calendar for 2021, if you have not already done so. Many thanks to **Elias, Kallal & Schaaf** for providing these to our parish each year!

Life Begins At Conception

It is an error to claim, "It's not a human, it's a fetus."

That would be like saying, "It's not a human, it's an infant," or, "It's not a human, it's an adolescent." These are category fallacies.



The proper answer to these assertions would be, "Sure it's a fetus, sure it's an infant, and sure it's an adolescent. It's a *human* fetus, a *human* infant, and a *human* adolescent." These are simply stages of development in the human life cycle.

A human starts as an embryo, becomes a fetus, is born an infant, develops into a child, grows into an adolescent, matures into adulthood, and eventually dies.

Scientifically and philosophically, there is no good reason to believe a human being is created at birth, because nothing is created at birth. At birth, a fetus simply changes location and changes its mode of acquiring food and dispensing waste, but at no point does the child become something entirely new or different.

Life begins at conception and proceeds through its stages until death. From the moment of conception, the unborn are human beings.

www.Pro-lifeArticles.org

Attention Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

We are beginning to schedule for these 2 ministries for the weekend Masses again. If you would like to be added to the schedule, please contact Carrie Albarado, 618-223-3787 to Lector and Brenda Tebbe, 618-407-0233 to serve as a Eucharistic Minister.

Parishioner Information

(New Members & Changes)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

____ New Parishioner ____ Send Envelopes

____ New Phone—Email ____ New Baby

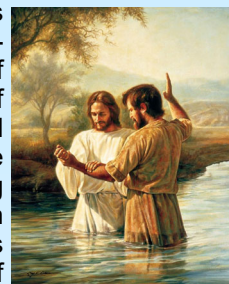
____ Change of Address ____ Leaving Parish

____ Wish Father to call ____ Illness in Family

A Meditation on the Baptism of the Lord

The following reflection is courtesy of Don Schwager © 2021. Don's website is located at Dailyscripture.net

Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism? John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3) - of which Jesus had no need. However, in this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant (Isaiah 53). He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Do you know the joy of trust and submission to God? The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan River.



Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all who come to believe in him. At his baptism the heavens were opened and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation. How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus (329-390 AD), an early church father tells us: "Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him."

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Do you want to see your life transformed by the love and power of Jesus Christ? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel of peace, mercy, and righteousness? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew us in his Holy Spirit and to anoint us for mission. We are called to be "light" and "salt" to those around us. The Lord wants his love and truth to shine through us that others may see the goodness and truth of God's message of salvation. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you.

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with the joy of the Gospel. May I find joy in seeking to please you just as you found joy in seeking to please your Father."



