



Jesus came from Galilee
to John at the Jordan
to be baptized by him.

Matthew 3:13

January
12
2020

The Baptism of the Lord

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We can almost hear the amazement in John the Baptist's voice as he says to Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Throughout the time that John preached and baptized people in the desert, he had been preparing people for the coming of the Messiah. Now, Jesus approaches him for baptism! We might share in his wonder. Why would Jesus, who is sinless, come to John for a baptism of repentance? Jesus' response to John helps us understand. Jesus has come to fulfill all that is expected in the Messiah, and more. As he entered the waters of baptism, Jesus entered fully into our humanity, raising us toward God. Jesus sanctified the waters of baptism, making them holy, opening the heavens through his humble obedience to God's plan of love.

Spirit descended upon him and a voice from the heavens was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." In joining himself to humanity, Jesus opened the heavens for us, and in doing so, was confirmed in his mission of mercy and love. In baptism, we are joined with Christ. Immersed into his life and love, his mission is our mission. It is still early in this new year. Today, reflect on your baptismal call to live as a member of Christ's body. In what ways do you love God and others? In what ways might you grow as a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ? How are you living the mission of Christ, to make God's love and mercy known in the world? Is Christ's mission your mission?

Today's Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

CHRIST'S MISSION IS OUR MISSION

As Jesus came out of the baptismal waters, the Holy

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Confession: Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 pm

Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

Today we celebrate the Feast of the **Baptism of the Lord**. Today marks the liturgical shift from the season of Christmas to Ordinary time. its time to put the tree away! Feel free to take a poinsettia home after Mass.

Jesus was without sin, but with great humility, he enters into the waters and is baptized by John. Through his own baptism Jesus sanctified the waters and, in doing so, instituted the Sacrament of Baptism. The first thing we do when we enter a Catholic church is to recall the grace of our baptism by making the 'sign of the Cross' with holy water. Today we will do this with even more emphasis through the 'sprinkling rite' just before the Gloria.

Through baptism, we are not only set free from sin but also reborn into a new life in Christ. Today let us not only recall but also recommit ourselves to the great call and mission of living the Gospel of Jesus.

From the Early Church: "When we are baptized, we are enlightened. Being enlightened, we are adopted as sons. Adopted as sons, we are made perfect. Made perfect, we become immortal . . . 'and sons of the

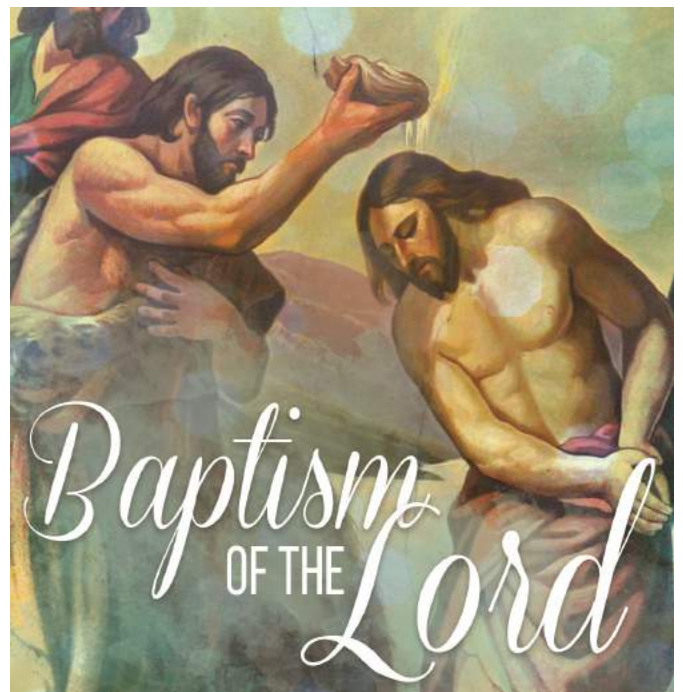
Most High' [Ps. 82:6]. This work is variously called grace, illumination, perfection, and washing. It is a washing by which we are cleansed of sins, a gift of grace by which the punishments due our sins are remitted, an illumination by which we behold that holy light of salvation". Clement of Alexandria. (*The Instruction of Children* 1:6:26:1 [A.D. 191]).

From the Creed: "I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins" (*Nicene Creed* [A.D. 381]).

New Members: I am very happy to have received word that five of our parishioners accepted the invitation to become e-members of the Knights of Columbus in the last month. We will be hosting an exemplification (initiation) ceremony in our parish this March. The new ceremony invites family members and anyone interested to witness the ceremony. More information to come.

Have a blessed and holy week!

Fr. Bob



PARISH WIDE

Jan. 12—Children's Liturgy of the Word—9:00 am
Jan. 13 — Mitten Making— 9 am to 2 pm Large Hall
Jan. 19—Pancake Breakfast

HELP NEEDED THIS SUNDAY

**JAN. 12— AFTER MASS
TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Jan. 12—REF Classes Resume
Jan. 19—REF Classes

Sign up for **REMINd** to receive all notifications for REF. Go to

<https://www.remind.com/join/stisidorer>

Sign up to receive notices via text or email.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Jan. 19—Pancake Breakfast
Jan. 22—Planning Meeting— **Cancelled**

Knight of the Month: Tom Mahoney
Family of the Month: Ernie & Jenny West

DIocese of Lansing Catholic Men's Conference
SATURDAY 9AM-6PM
FEB. 22, 2020
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@ University of Michigan

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Dynamic Catholic events are not about feeling. They are about doing. They don't just give you something to think about. They give you a plan. They help you make your life work better. On Saturday, April 25th, come to St. Martha Parish in Okemos for a life-changing event titled Find Your Greatness. The goal is not to just inspire you for a few hours. At Find Your Greatness, you'll walk away with more than just knowledge about four life-changing habits. You'll leave with a personalized plan on how to engage these habits in your normal, ordinary, everyday life. Tickets can currently be purchased by visiting DynamicCatholic.com or after Masses on January 11th and 12th.

If you purchase your tickets at St. Martha, St. Jude, St. Mary in Williamston, St. Therese or St. Isidore on January 11th or 12th you will get a discounted price of only \$19 per ticket. We can't wait to see you there!



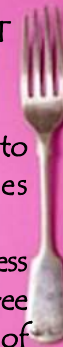
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

January 19

All proceeds from the pancake breakfast will go to Holy Cross Services "Homeless No More" program at their homeless shelter in Lansing. Free Will donations in lieu of the regular prices is encouraged.



K of C—Free Throw Contest

January 19 -1:30 pm

at Laingsburg High School

Ages—9—14



MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS

Monday, Jan. 13

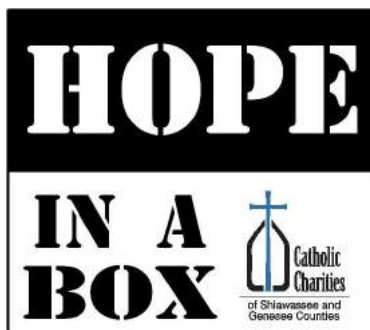
Large Hall—9 am to 2 pm

All ladies are welcome to join us. No sewing skills needed. We would welcome all the help we can get. Always in need of Yarn, Sweaters, or money to buy supplies.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — January 11	5:30 PM	† Michael Fons
SUNDAY — January 12	9:00 AM	† Frank Kral by the Family
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Clarence Weller by the Pamment Family
Thursday	8:30 AM	† The Broughan Family
Friday	8:30 AM	† Sheila Doyle by the Family
SATURDAY — January 18	5:30 PM	† Don Smith by Doug & Rose Morrill
SUNDAY — January 19	9:00 AM	† Harriet Delaney by Katie Grettenberger

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - KEVIN PLATTE, OLIVER WASHINGTON, - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - KYLE WALLER, - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - FRANK LUNDIE, - JOHN MARTINEZ, (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO) - JANET ARTHUR, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - THERESA HEEG, - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - SHIRLEY GREENE, - MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUSO, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - SHANNON HURST, - DENNY LEE, - DAVID OLENICZAK, - JEANNE OLENICZAK, - VERN WRIGHT, - DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - KEITH HURST, - MARY LOU DOYLE, - VIRGINIA BERNAL (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - DAWN WROBEL, - GARY ANDERSEN, - PEGGY ROUMPZ (FRIEND OF NANCY CLARK), - THERESA PICKLER (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - JULIE JUSTICE (GRANDDAUGHTER OF LARRY & DEBBIE EARL), - BERRY DECKER (JESSE ANGUIANO), - CHRISTIAN GARZA (DEPLOYED TO IRAQ, GRANDSON OF MARY STEIN)



Need for the month of
January

Toilet Paper

OFFERTORY	
Jan. 4 & 5, 2020	
75 Adult Envelopes	\$2,467
Loose Collection	\$453
Children's Offertory	\$25
Total Weekly Offertory	\$2,945

Christmas Envelopes	\$2,875
Christmas Flowers	\$476

An Opportunity to Serve

Many of us make New Year's resolutions. Have you ever considered volunteering at a hospice? Mother Teresa House of Lansing needs your help. A Few hours a week is very rewarding both to the volunteer and to the people at Mother Teresa House. Call the Hospice at 484-5494 or Deacon John at 651-6685.

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2020 Offertory Envelopes are in the entryway of church. If you do not see you envelopes please contact the office. Children's envelopes are available, please record the name and child's envelope number on the list. 2020 Calendars are also available

