



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

When we go to a pop music concert, there is often an opening act. Usually they are a young group on their way up, or older musicians who are past their prime and still hanging on in the business. This is indeed a hard job. In the comedy world it is the same thing. You have to warm up the crowd. You are not who they are coming to see, and audiences may be unresponsive, come in late, or not pay a lot of attention. Yet John had no problem being the opening act, the messenger, the harbinger of faith for Jesus. He was very devout in his faith and knew what his role was. Many Jews were actively seeking a messiah, and he was quick to let them know that he was not the one for whom they were waiting. "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Yet he conducted his ministry with faith and hope.

BEING THE MESSAGE

As John humbly carried out his mission and Jesus accepted this simple baptism by John, the Holy Spirit indeed came down upon Jesus, and God proclaimed for the first time, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Thus Jesus

began his formal ministry. There must have been much that he already knew, but also much that he uncovered each day in his encounters with the disciples and the crowds. As he responded "yes" to the Father over and over, his thirst was quenched and his spirit strengthened.

How many times do we witness baptisms in the parish? The priest ministers with simple elements of water and oil, but the Spirit is called down each time. Every time we participate, we are experiencing the message, experiencing the call again. How many times have we blessed ourselves with holy water, or participated in a sprinkling rite? Yet in these days, when church fonts are empty due to safety precautions, we need to remember those other times, trust in God, and sing the prayer of Isaiah in our hearts about drawing the water joyfully. We must trust in the message. We must become the message of God's saving action through our baptism and our lives.

Today's Readings: Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

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NOTES FROM FR. BOB



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Lord's Baptism and mark the liturgical shift from the season of Christmas to Ordinary time. It is time to put the tree away! Feel free to take a poinsettia home after Mass.

Jesus was without sin, but he entered into the waters to be baptized by John with great humility. Through his baptism, Jesus sanctified the waters and, in doing so, instituted the Sacrament of Baptism. Through baptism, we are set free from sin and reborn into a new life in Christ. Today, let us recall and recommit ourselves to the great call and mission of living the Gospel of Jesus.

From the Early Church: "Happy is our sacrament of water, in that, by washing away the sins of our early blindness, we are set free and admitted into eternal life."
- Tertullian (*Baptism* 1 [A.D. 203])

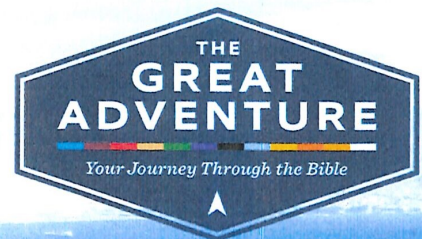
NEW BIBLE STUDY: I am excited to announce a unique bible study opportunity that will take place **virtually**. Parishioner Jack Phillips will facilitate a 24-part bible study featuring biblical scholar Jeff Cavins on Thursday evenings beginning January 21. Those interested can find more information at the church entrance. As always, non-parishioners are welcome to participate.

Fr. Bob
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UNDERSTAND THE ENTIRE BIBLE!

The Bible Timeline™



A 24-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING
JEFF CAVINS

Dates – Times – Location

January 21 2021 thru July 15, 2021
6:00pm-8:00pm (Thursday evenings)
via Zoom

3 weeks off between June 20th thru
July 4th for Summer break.

A printed study schedule will be
provided upon registration.

Cost – Registration

\$25.00

Payable by check/cash to St. Isidore
Mail or drop off @ Parish Office
310 N Crum St

For More Information

Facilitator:
Jack Phillips
Register via email to:
Jackjphillips@gmail.com



Reminder:

All Huntington ACH offertory donations need to be switched to the online platform posted on our website. Contact Sharon in the office as soon as you have switched so the old donation can be stopped.

SPECIAL MEN'S CLUB MEETING HOLY FAMILY

January 10— After 11:00 AM Mass
Only Discussing Finances and Cleaning out
Rectory



MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS St Isidore

Always in need of **dark** sweaters and **dark** colors of yarn.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Questions, contact Mary Stevens for further information.

marystevens@stisidorechurch.org.

10:00—10:30 am—St. Isidore

10:15—10:50 am—Holy Family

Jan. 10—NO CLASS

Jan. 17—F2F or Virtual—Family Choice

Jan. 24—F2F or Virtual—Family Choice



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

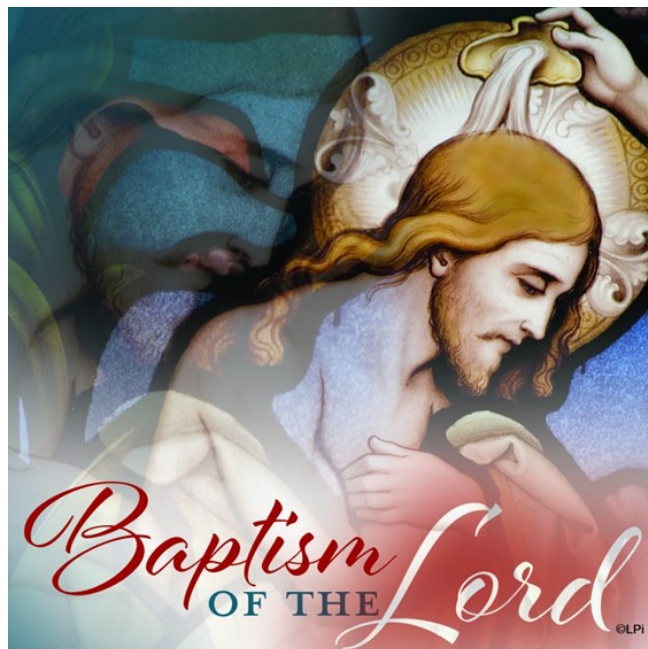


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Jan. 13— Business Meeting— 7pm— Large Hall

Knight of the Month: Clare Greene

Family of the Month: Jack & Julie Risch



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

Saturday—Jan. 9 —(5:30 PM) † Julie Bacik by Ann Barnum
 Sunday — Jan. 10—(9:00 AM) † Michael Balcarcel 17th Anniversary by Gary & Barb Koonter
 Wednesday— Jan. 13 — (6:30 PM) People of the Parish
 Thursday—Jan. 14—(8:30 AM) † Cynthia Latchaw by Rich & Jane Poirier
 Friday— Jan. 15—(8:30 AM) † Harriet Delaney by Dean & Linda Kiesling
 Saturday—Jan. 16 —(5:30 PM) † Theresa A. Broughan by Steve & Mary Izdebski
 Sunday — Jan. 17—(9:00 AM) † Frank Kral by Deacon Oliver & Charlan Washington

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday—Jan. 9—(4:00 PM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by John & Konnie VanGeertruy
 Sunday—Jan. 10- (11:00 AM) † Barbara Rewerts by Harold & Vivian Durling
 Tuesday—Jan. 12 -(12:10 PM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Lillian Bigelow
 Saturday—Jan. 16—(4:00 PM) † Mike Elliott by Holy Family Altar Society
 Sunday—Jan. 17- (11:00 AM) † Charles & Marian Shipley by Nancy Shipley

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - 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, - JANET ARTHUR, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - DENNY LEE, - DAVID OLENICZAK, - JEANNE OLENICZAK, - DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - MARY LOU DOYLE, - DAWN WROBEL, - 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), DON NEGUS (SON OF MARY STEIN), - MEREDITH MIERSEN (GRANDDAUGHTER OF RON & LANA MIERSEN), - JENN HILL MCCAUSEY, - HELEN STELZER, - JOSEPH NEUMANN— ARLENE GUTIERRES, (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), VIRGINIA BERNAL (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), MATTHEW BALCARCEL, (GRANDSON OF GARY & BARB KOONTER), CHARLES BERNAL (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - MARY CHADWICK, - RUDY RIOS (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO). AUTUMN MICHELS, JACKIE TREIB (NIECE OF CAROL JUHL), NICK & JESSICA HARRIS, ARTHUR ANGUIANO, JACK LENNIMANN, PEG FELTMAN, - JULIE WALSH (SISTER OF MARY SHAW), - SAMATHA ROIS (NIECE OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - BILL LULHAM (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - ANITA RIOS (SISTER OF JESSE ANGUIANO), JOHN BACHELDER, (BROTHER OF MIKE BACHELDER), - TRICIA BRADFELD BROWN.- MOSES ANGUIANO (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO)

PAMELA MORGAN, SYLVIA MCKAY, CRAIG & CAREN HENNING (NEPHEW & NIECE OF LEONARD MITCHELL), SHARON DARLING, (SISTER-IN-LAW ART & KAREN KELLEY), JUSTIN COLE, (NEPHEW OF COURTNEY & ANDY BATES); VAL THELEN, CONNIE WELLER, ROBERTA STANTON, SHELBY PORUBSKY, MIKE HEEG, CHARLES WADDELL FAMILY, JOHN OLINGER, BEVERLY DELANEY, THERESA HEEG, RANDY BOWLES (SON OF ELLIE BOWLES), SUE NETHAWAY (SISTER OF ADRIANNE BOCEK), NICK DUNAY, JEFF WASON, EILEEN STRICKLAND (FRIEND OF ROSEMARIE THERING), MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), JANE MCCALLISTER, VINCE MINARIK (SON-IN-LAW OF LEONARD MITCHELL), ROBERT GARCIAS, MARIA JONES, BOB MCCUE, TOM HULBURT (SON OF NITA HUGHES), BETTE ALEXANDER (FRIEND OF ROSEMARIE THERING), CHRIS CHANDLER, MILDRED TEJKA, CARY LEN, LARRY HUGHES. CHERYL CHANDLER, LARRY MILLER, NANCY BEHRENS, ROBERT GALECKA., JURLINE LEN, CAROL BOZUNG (FRIEND OF THE SMITH FAMILY) MARY SMITH, TERRI SUE (DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF LEONARD MITCHELL). CAROL DARLING, PAT LATZ, MICKY CHAPKO (MOTHER OF ELAINE BARTHOLOIC), KATIE KELLEY, DIANNE MEAD (FRIEND OF JOANN EVANS), ELIZABETH CHANDLER, MARJRI BOLLOUGH (FRIEND OF SYLVIA MCKAY), DAN MORGAN, CINDY BROOME, STACY WOODBURY (DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF BLANCHE WOODBURY), BRAD WALKER BOBBIE JO HARTSUFF (DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF DOUG & CHAR ANGELL), MARY LOU WILLOUGHBY (SISTER-IN-LAW OF ROSEMARIE THERING), LEONARD MITCHELL, BEV BARZ (FRIENDS OF ROSEMARIE THERING), NITA HUGHES, PAM JESSEE (SISTER OF TERRY BROOME), LYNN KROGER (FRIEND OF ROSEMARIE THERING)

2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new envelopes are out along with 2021 calendars in the parish hall at both churches. **St. Isidore children's envelopes are here.** Please write the child's name and envelope number on the sheet provided. Even if you use the online offertory you can still pick up your envelopes which contain the annual extra diocesan collections.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY Jan. 2 & 3, 2021

St Isidore

Offertory—\$2,667
 Online Giving—\$2,745
 Total: \$5,412

Holy Family

Offertory—\$2,756
 Online Giving—\$55
 Total: \$2,811