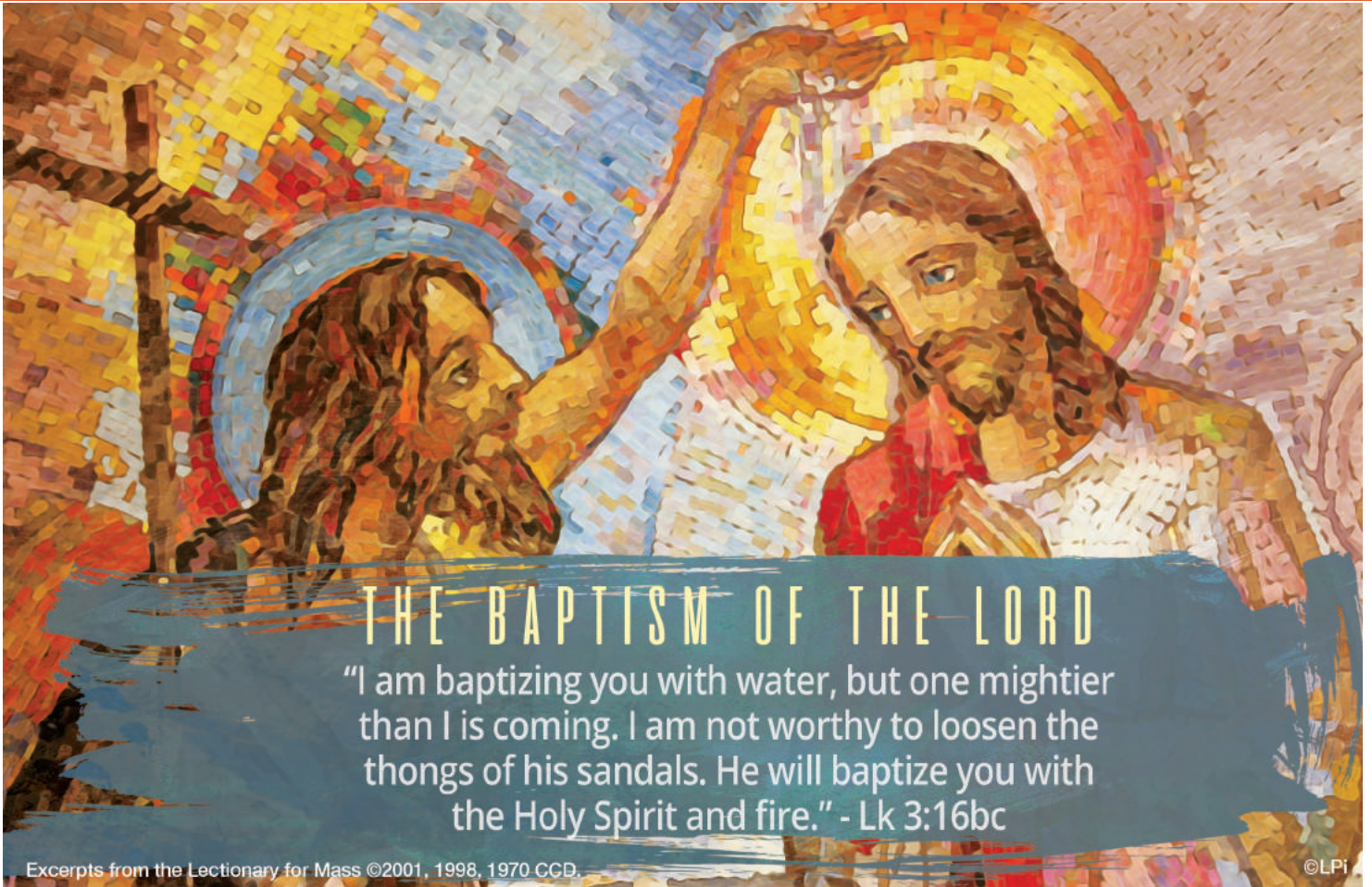




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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Active parish membership of 6 months is required before a wedding date may be set.
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 9 until approximately 9:30 am or call for an appointment.
Baptism: Please call the Parish Office 2 months in advance.
Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office anytime.

Fr. Jim's Jottings

Today's feast of our Lord's baptism is also a call for us to "get in shape" with our spiritual life. As Jesus begins His public life in fulfilling the Father's will, we also can re-dedicate ourselves to the commitments made in our own baptism. Despite temptations and distractions, Jesus stayed focused on bringing about salvation for us through His suffering, death, and resurrection. How focused and dedicated are we to Christ?

For most of us baptism took place when we were little innocent babes. Dedicating us to God, our parents helped us begin the journey of faith that will end, we hope, in the kingdom of heaven. How are we doing in staying faithful and dedicated to our baptismal commitments?

That's a worthwhile question to ask as we begin another year of our life. It's a good question to ask ourselves every day. Who's our leader? What am I doing to stay on track and avoid the distractions and pitfalls of each day? What kind of sacrifices and discipline do I need to be a genuine Catholic Christian?

The gift of each day is God's invitation to help restore His kingdom in this world. How many days will God give us this year....365 or less? We don't know, do we? All we can do is live today as best we can for His honor and glory. Blessings on all of us as we begin another year of life.

Grant Distribution

St Joe's has a proud history of helping those in need, such as **St Joe's Food Pantry, the Warming Shelter, LEAVEN,** and our help with **Habitat for Humanity**. A couple of years ago we began another program to help others. It's called the "**Grant Distribution Program**". We are willing to share some of our financial resources with others in our community to encourage them in their work.

There is a description of this program on our website (www.saintjosephparish.org) as well as an application form to use in applying for funds. St Joe's has been blessed by some outstanding bequests and contributions that make this possible. We trust that this will be blessed by God and supported by our parishioners.

Congratulations to Our Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners	
December 30	—Amy Liethen—Severa—\$25.00
December 31	—Richard P. Schreiter—\$25.00
January 1	— Mary Schulz- \$100.00
January 2	— Judy Pocan — \$25.00
January 3	— St. Joe's Food Pantry—\$25.00
January 4	— Ellen & James Rossmeisl — \$25.00
January 5	— Carol Heid - \$25.00

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:

**Joe Martin, Robert Van Heuklon, Barb Meyer,
Rick Rohde, Jennifer Wagner**

Please also remember our nursing home residents and shut-ins.

Please remember to pray for our parishioners or family members of our parishioners who have died: **Pat Zanzig (Jean's sister in law); Victor Desens (Katie Hoersch's dad); Kathy Feller, Eileen Moleski**

Welcoming in the New Year

We are in need of new "Welcomers" for the Sunday Masses, especially the 6:30 pm Sunday Mass. All you'd have to do is open one of the outside doors to the Church at that entrance, and say "good morning" with a smile on your face.

If you need more details, the Welcoming Committee will be happy to answer any of your questions. Please call the Church office (734-7195) for a new opportunity in this New Year to serve your neighbors.

Calendar Raffle

.....Great SUCCESS!

As of December 31st we concluded the sale of our Raffle Calendars. Thank you to everyone who either purchased or sold these calendars. Our Calendar Raffle made a **profit of \$26,365.00!** That is almost \$3,500 more than last year. Outstanding! That surpasses last year's record setting result. THANK YOU again for helping to make this a very successful fundraiser.

Got a Pyx?

When people want to take Communion to a shut-in, they ask for a container called a Pyx to put the host in. We usually have plenty of them for people to borrow. If you have used one in the past and no longer need it, would you return it to the Parish Office? Thank you!

WWDWWD

(why we do what we do)

Since we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this weekend, I've got a simple question. **Why is Baptism important?**

Baptism is important because Christ commanded it as a part of the Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.



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Got Questions? ALPHA Winter 2019

Join others for food, fellowship, a video and great discussions. Invite friends and family! No charge and no need to be parish members.

Below are the upcoming opportunities: (We need to have 10 participants for a group to be feasible.)

Sun. 11:00am-12:30pm St. Mary
Sun. 5:00pm-6:30pm St. Joseph
Wed. 6:00am-7:15am St. Joseph
Thurs. 9:00am-10:30am St. Joseph
Thurs. 1:00pm-2:30pm St. Joseph
Thurs. 5:30pm-7:00pm St. Mary
Fri. 8:30am-10:00am St. Mary

(All opportunities begin the week of Jan. 20, 2019)

Contact Mary Ann Otto with questions or to sign-up at motto@stmaryparish.org or 739-5119.

Follow-up to ALPHA

For those who have been through the ALPHA Course and would like to join us for the next phase: *What on Earth Am I Here For? Purpose Driven Life, the day and time options are below*

Sun. 5:00pm-6:30pm St. Joseph - Begins Jan. 20th
Wed. 6:00am-7:15am St. Joseph-Begins Jan. 23rd
Thurs. 9:00am-10:30am St. Joseph- Begins Jan 24th
Fri. 8:30am-10:00am St. Mary- Begins Jan. 25th

If you would like to join us and need to purchase the books, please email Mary Ann Otto at motto@stmaryparish.org or call 739-5119. The cost for the book and study guide is \$17.00 with scholarships available.



Financial News

Tithing Needed.....\$17,480.00
 Last Week's Tithing.....\$33,866.10
 Auto Withdrawal.....\$490.00
 Children's Collection.....\$28.00

Thank You!

God Bless You for Your Generosity!

Readings for the Week of January 13, 2019

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11
 Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]
 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 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: Is 62:1-5
 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]
 1 Cor 12:4-11
 Jn 2:1-11
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IPRF NEWS

First Eucharist Enrollment & Blessing Ceremony

First Eucharist Enrollment & Blessing is on January 19 & 20. Just a reminder, First Eucharist candidates bring a loaf of bread to the Mass they signed up for on January 19 or 20.

Xavier Catholic Schools Corner

Parents with children in Grades 5—8 next fall:

Considering your middle school options? Don't miss Xavier Middle School's parent and student Preview Night on Wed., January 16, 2018 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Take a tour, attend break out sessions, learn about WEB mentoring and see what opportunities are in store for your future 5th-8th grade student, including: STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics), Service, World Language, Athletics and Co-Curriculars. No RSVP required. More information is available from Admissions at [920-735-9380](tel:920-735-9380) or by email to Admissions@XavierCatholicSchools.org.

Looking into Pre-K for fall?

You and your child are invited to a *Peek Into Pre-K at Xavier Elementary on Thursday, Jan. 24*. Our Pre-K teachers will provide a sampling of our nurturing, academically enriching, and faith-filled programs. The program will run from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at both Xavier Elementary McDonald Street and Xavier Elementary Marquette Street. Enrollment for the 19-20 school year will begin on Feb. 1. To reserve your spot or for more information please reach out to Admissions at [\(920\)735-9380](tel:920-735-9380) or Admissions@XavierCatholicSchools.org. All are welcome!



Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play Auditions Announced

Open auditions for *The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play*, a musical drama based on the life of Christ, will be held on Thursday, January 24th and Saturday, January 26th, at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton. Performance dates are April 11-14, with a special performance for Religious Education groups on April 11th. Singing and non-singing roles are available. Those auditioning will also be asked to do a dance audition. To register for an audition time please go to: www.newpassionplay.org and follow the audition link on the main menu.

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WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

12:05 pm Dec. Peter & Margaret Heid

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

12:05 pm Dec. Robert Stoeger
12:35 pm St. Anthony Devotions

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

12:05 pm Dec. Donald Johnson & Jerry Braun

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

4:00 pm Dec. Millie Mattice

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 am Patricia Melzer
10:00 am Dec. Alden Johann
6:30 pm Eric DeNeen

THIS WEEK in OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

6:30 pm IPRF Task Force, Rm. 214
6:30 pm Welcoming Committee, Rm. 209
7:00 pm Faith & Light Class, Rm. LL11

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl, Rm. LL09
6:30 pm Parish Council, Rm. 214

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

IPRF Classes
6:30 pm Finance Council

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 am Private Reconciliation, Church
1st Eucharist Enrollment at 4 pm Mass
SCRIP Sales after Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

SCRIP Sales after Masses
9:30 am RCIA Gathering, Rm. 209
1st Eucharist Enrollment at 10 am Mass
1:00 pm OFS Gathering, Holly Hall

Recycle for Sight Used Eyeglasses Collection

St. Joseph Parish is participating in the Appleton Noon Lions Recycle for Sight used eyeglasses collection program and would like to encourage St. Joseph Parish members to donate their used eyeglasses. White collection boxes have been placed in the Great Hall and in the Parish Office reception area.

For more information, or if you have any questions on the Eyeglass Recycling Program, please contact Dale Schaber (920-739-6041). Thank you for donating.

The Baptism of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENT

- 1) Next weekend our 2nd graders will be receiving a blessing for their enrollment in First Eucharist Class. They will bring a loaf of bread to be blessed and shared at the 4 pm or 10 am Masses.
- 2) SCRIP will be on sale next weekend.



January 18—25
Please pray for
Christian Unity.

Everyday Stewardship

What have been the most significant moments in your life? You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations? Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married. Do you have children? The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget. Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies. As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them. Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism.

You might say you don't remember it because you were an infant. Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place. You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all. However, it has made all the difference.

Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ. You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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