



# January 10, 2021 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## FROM OUR PASTOR

For many, I am sure the Christmas break went rather quickly. Perhaps there was time with family or time as family at home. Everyday we are figuring out how to do things, weighing all of our options with the best information that we have. It can be overwhelming at times. But Christmas shows us that even in difficult situations (a stable and manger for a bed) God can work through it. Our Lord is not idle, but working always for our good.

Working for the good and improvement of our kitchen area in Reardon Hall was one of the projects that was completed over the break. What a great group to move everything out and clean so that McKinney's Flooring could come in and do their work. So our kitchen has a new floor which makes it so much safer as pieces were coming up and becoming a trip hazard. It will also make it much cleaner and thus easier to pass our inspections that happen throughout the year.

So I encourage you all to stop in and see the new floor. That was made possible by the efforts of the Building and Grounds Committee along with the Finance Council. Those efforts were supported by a parishioner who took some time to do some financial planning. As they looked ahead they included St. Patrick's in their will. By their generous planning, we are able to enjoy the fruits for years to come. So I do encourage you also to look ahead and do some planning. There are always new projects and things that need attention in the parish and school.

We celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday which ends the Christmas season. We enter back into the season of Ordinary time. That gives us a focus on our daily discipleship of Jesus and living out our faith.

In this time of uncertainty, I offer you a point of reflection from Jackie Perry found in Shalom Tidings Magazine:

" If we do not know who we are and what we are worth, we attach our identity to earthly things that are fleeting and can be pulled out from under our feet at any time. Our sure and solid source is God and God alone. When we get to know him intimately we will realize how much he values us.

You and I are, first and foremost, beloved children of a loving Father. That is our true identity. That is the only identity that matters. The world will try to tell you otherwise. Your friends might try to tell you otherwise. The tempter will surely try to tell you otherwise. But nothing can change the Truth of who you are. This is true for all of us and it does not matter whether or not we come to own it and believe it. Nothing we say or do can change that Truth. Our identity, rooted in the Father, is where we find life. When we feel we have nothing left; we realize that we actually have what we need!

Now, in the midst of this crisis, when each one of us is being stripped of some aspect of our former lives, now is the time to dig deep and claim our true identity.

So I will start. I am Jackie Perry, a beloved daughter of our merciful Father. Who are you?"

Who are we? Take that thought with you this week and reflect on your true identity as a Child of God. A beloved Child of our heavenly Father all because of our own baptism. What a gift.

*Father John*

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### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturdays ~ 5 PM  
Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 AM

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday 5:30 PM  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM  
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

### **DAILY ROSARY**

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM  
& Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

### **EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION**

First Fridays beginning at 12 Noon  
Benediction at 6:00 PM  
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM  
Benediction at 4:00 PM

**Mass Intentions for the week of January 10, 2021**

Sat. Jan. 9	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun. Jan. 10	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Strack</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>James Johnson</i>
Tue. Jan. 12	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jack Koca</i>
Wed. Jan. 13	8:00 AM	For the <i>Health of Jerry Neve</i>
Thu. Jan. 14	8:00 AM	<i>Special Intention</i>
Fri. Jan. 15	8:00 AM	For the <i>Health of</i> <i>Bob Penzkover</i>
Sat. Jan. 16	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun. Jan. 17	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Sustar</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jim Stanek</i>

**Pray for the health of** Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Joe Dolphin, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil., MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Randall Stanke, Jerry Neve and Corwin Tralmer.

**Pray for those in the military serving our country:** Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader, Will Post, Adam Field and Bailey Granger.

**Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Them, O Lord.** We offer our prayers and condolences to the families and friends of Dennis Kolba and Kathleen Kobylski who passed away recently. May perpetual light shine upon them.

**If someone you know becomes hospitalized** and would like a visit, please call Cassandra at the church office. To be included on the prayer line or to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, you may also call the church office at 847-6054.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

January 30

Brandon Feit & Shannon Cowan

**Stewardship Corner ~ Dec. 31, 2020—Jan. 3, 2021  
(521 Registered Families)**

	<b>WKLY BUDGETED</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$12,868.42	\$ 3,963.00
On-Line Giving		3,036.00
Solemnity of Mary		387.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67	5.00
Loose Offering	688.68	328.43
<b>Total Weekly Offering:</b>	<b>\$13,572.77</b>	<b>\$ 7,719.43</b>
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 240.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$380,037.56
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$244,820.60

\*Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to current date

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mis-

**Weekly Calendar**

Tuesday	Jan. 12	6:00 PM	Sacred Worship Comm.
Wednesday	Jan. 13		Religious Ed Classes
Thursday	Jan. 14	2:00 PM	Rosary Makers—RH

**FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK ~**

You can watch with your free parish subscription by simply selecting our parish's name during registration at [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup).

**Save the Date! January 30 – Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection: “Walking with Mom’s in Need”**

Some people accuse pro-lifers of caring only about the child in the womb and not women in need. Not true at all, as you will see from this virtual afternoon of reflection on January 30, 2021, with keynote speaker Bob Perron, Executive Director of JMJ Pregnancy Center in Orlando, FL. You will also hear about the fourteen Pregnancy Care Centers in the Diocese of La Crosse and what you can do to help one near you. This afternoon of reflection will have broad appeal for families, adults and teens. More details coming soon!

**ON LINE GIVING**—If you have not tried on-line giving, please check it out! It's safe, secure and simple! You can find the link on our website: [stpatricksmauston.com](http://stpatricksmauston.com) (Click on the green triangle in the upper left corner.)

**Knights of Columbus Meeting—Tuesday, January 19th at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.**

**Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, February 27.** Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Mary's Church in Altoona on February 27, 2021. Then contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at [bhilts@diolc.org](mailto:bhilts@diolc.org). A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite

**Jan. 29 in Washington, D.C.** ~ While the Diocese of La Crosse is not taking pilgrims to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. this year, you can still choose to participate in it either individually or through a trip sponsored by ProLife Wisconsin. For more information, visit [prolifewi.org/marchforlife](http://prolifewi.org/marchforlife).



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**As a reminder, we at St. Patrick's are fortunate** to have a place to come to pray in private before our statue of St. Peregrine, the patron of cancer patients. We welcome everyone to stop to say a prayer for someone with a serious illness as well as ask Our Lord through St. Peregrine to find a cure for this dreaded disease that affects so many people. There is literature about St. Peregrine's life and medals that are blessed along with prayer cards available for anyone to pick up. These are located on the shelf under the candle stand at the front of church next to the St. Peregrine statue.

## **HIS CHURCH IS YOU AND ME**

Our Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021:  
Goal—\$41,710  
Pledged to date—\$26,052.00  
Families—81

Thank you to those families who have already returned their pledge cards. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please give the rectory a call and we will send one out.

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

— Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

**Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated during Mass on weekends. Parents may request baptism for their child by calling the rectory to schedule a preparation class for Baptism.

**Marriage:** Couples requesting marriage in the Church should contact the parish at least six months prior to the anticipated date. Weddings are not celebrated during Advent or Lent.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Individuals who are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion should contact the rectory.

**New Parish Members:** All adult Catholics (who have turned 18) should be registered in a parish community. To register, please contact the rectory for this easy process.

**Christian Initiation of Adults:** We welcome those who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. Please call the rectory for information on our welcoming ministry.



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