

**January 10, 2021  
The Baptism of the Lord**



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**WEEKEND MASSES:**

*Livestreamed on Facebook at Greg Oligschlaeger*

**Holy Rosary:** Saturday 5:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.

**St. Stephen:** Sunday 8:00 a.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 7:30 a.m.

Friday – 8:20 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Holy Rosary:** Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**St. Stephen:** Sunday 7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>January 9</b> Matt & Lorene Hays
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>January 10</b> Tom and Jack Quinn Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 11</b> No Scripture Service
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>January 12</b> Ceil Kendrick
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>January 13</b> Stella Gill Scribner
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>January 14</b> Purgatorial Society
<b>Friday</b> 8:20 a.m.	<b>January 15</b> Maddix Dowell Ryan Hays
<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>January 16</b> Dede Yager Kenny Fulton
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>January 17</b> Jack Quinn Carolyn Whelan Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**

December 20	\$ 6,050.00
December 27	\$ 7,548.00
January 3	\$ 6,602.25

**Prayer Intentions for the month of January**

**Intention of Pope Francis:** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**Intention of Bishop McKnight:** For those seeking employment; that through the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker, they may find dignified work in supporting themselves and their family.



Dear Parishioners,

I pray that 2021 is going well for you. We come to the end of the Christmas season this weekend. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical season bridge between Christmas and Ordinary Time. It is the conclusion of the Christmas season, and yet the Lectionary also calls it the First Sunday in Ordinary time. The prayers at Mass today point to our sharing in the baptism of Christ. During the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass you'll notice we have the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water. When John the Baptist baptized, his cleansing with water washed away sin. John says that Jesus will come baptizing in the Holy Spirit. The blessing and sprinkling of water serve as a memorial of Easter and of our own Baptism. In the rite, God is thanked for intervening to save us through the medium of water and is asked to continue to give forgiveness and life to us.

Today the water blessed at the Sprinkling Rite will be used throughout Ordinary Time in the Holy Water font. It is a sad effect of the pandemic that we do not have Holy Water in the fonts as we enter and leave church. Holy water bottles are placed near the baptismal font. It is customary to keep Holy Water in our homes and to bless our homes with this water. You are welcome to take some holy water with you today. It may be time, if you already have blessed water at home, to refresh it with this newly blessed water. When disposing of holy water, you should do so in a life-giving manner. Reverently pour it into a plant or at the base of a tree, or pour it out into the ground in a place that will not be walked on. Never pour holy water into the sink or down a drain. If you did not do so on the Solemnity of the Epiphany please bring your holy water bottle to church with you next week and refill it.

Let us continue to pray for peace, liberty and justice in our nation this week. May the senseless violence shock us into striving for peace and put an end to polarization in our national politics. Pray that the oath our United States Congress, Senators and Representatives vowed a week ago, will lead to debate that serves the people of our nation and promotes the virtues and morals of the will of God that this one nation is under.

I hope that during the weeks of Ordinary Time you get to see God work through you in extraordinary ways. Prayers and Blessings.

*Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger*

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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Compassionate Heart of Jesus, graciously listen to our prayers. Give us generous hearts to respond to Your call in our lives. Lift up courageous men and women willing to follow after Your heart as priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons. Help parents and teachers to share the faith and to encourage young people to explore religious vocations. Guide all people, Lord, in Your ways of compassion, truth, and peace, that we may find happiness in fulfilling our vocation. Amen.

### Liturgical Ministries

**January 16 - 5:30 p.m. Mass**

**Rosary:** Therese Long

**Servers:** Camryn Hays, Maddix Dowell

**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Pfaff, Cathy Jo Pfaff, Bob Kendrick

**Lector:** Gary Yager

**Ushers:** Kent Bichsel, Ruth Ann Lorenson, Dennis Moss

**January 17 - 9:30 a.m. Mass**

**Rosary:** Dennis Long

**Servers:** Kylee Kauble, Blaize Kauble

**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Little, Marie Little, Ed Born

**Lector:** Annette Carmean

**Ushers:** Phil Thompson, Mike Bichsel, Jim Jarman

### Readings for January 17, 2021

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – 1 Samuel 3:3-10** Samuel thought Eli was calling him but then recognized the Lord. He said, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." He heard the Lord and followed.

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10**  
Here am I Lord; I come to do your will.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20** Paul told his friends that their bodies are "members of Christ...a temple of the Holy Spirit within you." He said, "You are not your own...Glorify God in your body."

**Gospel – John 1:35-42** Andrew sought out his brother Simon to tell him, "We found the Messiah" (the Christ). Jesus met Simon and renamed him Cephas (Peter).

### On the Calendar...

**January 11** – Rosary at St. Stephen at 12:00 noon

**February 13** – Lucky Hearts Banquet

**April 10** – Sacrament of Confirmation Mass

Father, we lift up those today that are fighting disease and ailments, whether in mind or body. When they want to give up, give them fresh strength and courage. Comfort them in times of pain, give them peace in times of fear and bless them with your healing touch. Come Lord Jesus!

Please pray for:

Rusty Adam Regina Hays Tim Quinn P.A. Turnbull

John Kendrick Bonnie Werner Michael Kellerman

Deacon Mike Long Trent Zeiger Hazel Smith

Sue Gilbert Natalee Amos Rosemary Evans

Deanna Buckman Jackie Ryan Logan Maher

Mark Leake Daniel Patrick Mudd Troy Ritter

Kenneth Ryan Bonnie Ess Barbara Kendrick

Connie Kendrick Nick Mudd William P. Smith

Teresa Ritter Toland Pete Schuman

### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue to be on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. until further notice. Everyone is welcome to come at any time during those 12 hours for prayer and adoration.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** is hosting a walk with ease free on-line exercise program. Free Registration is open through Jan 4th. Program is offered presently through Zoom due to Covid-19. It involves exercises, health information, illustrations and a six-week walking plan. Virtual classes start on Jan. 10th. Program is open to all. To register, visit [bit.ly/36rUjEr](http://bit.ly/36rUjEr), or call Liz Harrison at: 445-9792. Submitted by Linda Kolostov @ OLL Parish Health Ministry

This Feast of the Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own Baptism. We too were reborn in Baptism. In Baptism the Holy Spirit came down to remain within us. This is why it is important to know the date of our Baptism. We know our date of birth, but we do not always know the date of our Baptism. And celebrate the date of your Baptism in your heart, every year. (Angelus 12 January 2020)

### Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Parish goal -- \$ 24,500.00

Amount pledged: \$ 21,006.00

Diocese goal - \$ 2,450,000.00

Amount pledged - \$ 2,104,095.01

After the diocesan goal has been met, any parish meeting their individual goal is eligible to receive a rebate of 10% of the goal, plus 90% of any funds raised above the goal. Parish goals must be met with cash and/or pledges received by March 15, 2021 and fulfilled by the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

### School News

- ❖ Catholic Schools Week will be held from February 1 - February 5. We will not be able to have our regular Open House, but the school will be open for visitors on Saturday, February 6 and Sunday, February 7.
- ❖ Lucky Hearts Banquet will be held virtually on Saturday, February 13. Tickets for the drawing will be sold, prime rib dinners will be available for *carry-out*. Pick up your meal and watch the drawing in the comfort of your own home! Information is being mailed. Please support this major fund raiser for Holy Rosary School. You could be a big winner!
- ❖ Mass at 8:20 on Friday, January 15, will be led by the first-grade students.

### Following God's Lead along with Donna

The William H. (Bill) Simon Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to Catholic students who are in financial need for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university of the student's choice. The scholarship is \$1,000 per semester to assist the student in meeting educational needs. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the institution or to the student upon presentation of receipts paid to the institution for tuition, fees, and/or room and board. It is the intent to award three new scholarships each year; however, the actual number of new awards will be contingent upon the current number of previous recipients that are eligible for renewal. Applications for the 2021-2022 [Simon Scholarship](#) are being accepted through March 31, 2021. Applications can be acquired through the pastor or parish life collaborate.

**FORMED.org - Mendel: The Father of Modern Genetics** Scientific history is rooted in Christianity. This documentary of Gregor Mendel, scientist, Catholic Priest, and scholar tells the story of the founder of genetics and the discoverer of the laws of inheritance. Mendel was also an astute observer of the sky and the stars. He was a monk and abbot of an Augustinian monastery. He showed that science and faith go hand in hand to understand Creation. Some called him the "Gardener of God".

### The Bible in a Year – begins January 1, 2021

Fr. Mike Schmitz with Ascension Press is offering **The Bible in a Year**. Each podcast episode is 20-25 minutes long and includes 2-3 scripture readings, a reflection by Fr. Mike Schmitz, and guided prayer. A downloadable reading plan is included. Sign up at <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>. There is no cost for the podcast. I have a Facebook page to pose questions and comments about the daily podcasts. If you are interested in joining the discussion, please contact me.

To inquire about faith formation/religious education contact Donna Long anytime at [donnalong.hrss@gmail.com](mailto:donnalong.hrss@gmail.com) or call me at the rectory, 735-4718, my office hours are 8:00 am to Noon, Monday through Friday.

**Charitable contribution letters** are available for 2020. To obtain yours, please call the rectory office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 735-4718.