

## Daily Readings

### Week of January 9, 2022

Sunday, 1/9: Is 40: 1-5, 9-11/Ps 104: 1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28,

29-30/Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7/Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

Monday, 1/10: 1 Sm 1: 1-8/Ps 116: 12-13, 14-16, 18-19/  
Mk 1: 14-20

Tuesday, 1/11: 1 Sm 1: 9-20/1 Sm 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1: 21-28

Wednesday, 1/12: 1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20/Ps 40: 2 & 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1: 29-39

Thursday, 1/13: 1 Sm 4: 1-11/Ps 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1: 40-45

Friday, 1/14: 1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89: 16-17, 18-19/Mk 2: 1-12

Saturday, 1/15: 1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1/Ps 21: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2: 13-17



# SACRED HEART

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RENEW YOUR SPIRIT”

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Mass Schedule: 11:00am Sunday

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**January 9, 2022**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

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### Schedule for January 16, 2022

Lector: Katie

Greeters/Gifts: Sauer Family

Servers: Tyler/Kevin

Money Counters: Kris/Jon

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Volunteers

### Today's Mass Intention:

**Doloris Eganhouse**

### Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck,  
Leonard Lasack, Paul Lasack,  
Marilyn Stevenson, Derek Denniston,  
Julie Ahrendsen
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



# TO OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

## Jesus' Baptism

This weekend, we joyfully celebrate the festive day in which John baptized our Lord in the Jordan and the Holy Spirit descended upon him and the voice of the Father declared, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased," Luke 3:22.

Christmas marks the mystery of the incarnation— when God became human, eating food, drinking water and wine, sleeping, and moving among friends; the baptism of the Lord marks the raising of human dignity to the nature of God.

St. Luke's narration of the event of the baptism of the Lord contains detail that solidifies the event's purpose. The evangelist places Jesus' baptism at the end of the baptismal event, implying that John administered no other after baptizing Jesus. "After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove," Luke 3:21-22b. This theophanic experience implies that Jesus' baptism was to take our fallen human nature through the Jordan River to sanctify it and raise our dignity.

According to Luke, another striking thing about Jesus' baptismal event was the testimony of John concerning the inauguration of a more perfect baptism in Christ. John told the people who were expecting him to be the Messiah, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire," Luke 3:16.

Notice how John ties in delightfully the "glory that is to be revealed to us," (Romans 8:18), at our baptism when the Lord gives us the Holy Spirit and raises our identity to God's children. Hence, we who receive baptism in Christ possess the love and grace of God, which Paul described in these words: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived, the things God has prepared for those who love him," 1 Corinthians 2:9.

That Jesus would come to John to receive baptism is an illustration of how the love of God is directed toward the salvation and redemption of human beings to raise our dignity as heirs of the kingdom of God with His Son. As St. Irenaeus put it, "Man was to receive the Spirit of God and so attain to the glory of the Father."

The central lesson for today's feast then can be summed up as "Christian, remember your dignity." May we embrace the dignity we possess as Christians and recognize it in all people as Jesus Christ has refined and elevated it for all humanity.

- Thoughts and Prayers to the Lasack Family from your Church family, after the passing of their patriarch Paul. He was a wonderful man that will be missed. Eternal rest grant him, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



- THANK YOU to all of those who brought cold-weather items for the Christmas tree. We are helping to keep the kids warm in these cold temps!
- The next CCD class is Sunday, January 16th at 9:45am.
- We are in need of some more of our church family to consider participating in all of our ministries, especially over-18 members who could help by being Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. It is a ministry that needs a bit of training. We also would like to have some more altar servers, and those need to be a certain age and trained a bit. All of us could be greeters/gift bearers & some of us could be readers or sing in the choir. We will be working on this project for the next few months--please consider volunteering for one or more of these ministries.
- It has become necessary that our official membership data be updated to reflect our status as a stand-alone parish. Therefore, the Archdiocese of Dubuque requires that all parishes maintain an up-to-date Register of all parishioners. Such a register includes demographical data. So, with that said our Parish Council has come up with a new registration form that is in each family's mailbox. Please pick up and fill out and place in the tray that is on top of the mailboxes or give to Wendy Swan, our Parish Administrative Assistant or Blain Crock, our Parish Council President. If you do not have a mailbox please let either of them know and they will get you a registration form. It is very important that we return our forms as soon as possible.



Please have all bulletin submissions to Colleen Coon by Wednesday PM

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