

**Daily Readings for the
Week of January 12, 2025**

Sunday, Jan.12: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/ Psalms 29:1-4, 3, 9-10/ Acts 10:34-38/
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday, Jan.13: Hebrews 1:1-6 / Psalms 97:1-2, 6-7, 9/ Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday, Jan.14: Hebrews 2:5-12/ Psalms 8:2, 5-9/ Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday, Jan.15: Hebrews 2:14-18/ Psalms 105:1-4, 6-9/ Mark 1:29-39
Thursday, Jan.16: Hebrews 3:7-14/ Psalms 95:6-11/ Mark 1:40-45
Friday, Jan.17: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11/ Psalms 78:3, 4, 6-8/ Mark 2:1-12
Saturday, Jan.18: Hebrews 4:12-16/ Psalms 19:8-10, 15/ Mark 2:13-17

Schedule for January 19, 2025

Lector: Steve
Greeters/Gifts: J. Ahrendsen Family
Servers: Evie/Gabi
Money Counters: Margo/Sharon
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Mary Ann M/Ron



**Today's Mass Intention
Koppes Family**

Mass Intention January 19th
Mark Lasack

Priest Visit to the Homebound
If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Corner

Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Bill Ihns,
Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Zoey Meyers,
Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,
Chris Gibbs, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew



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Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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Office Hours:

Tues.: 8:00am-5:00pm, Fri.: 7:00am-3:30pm

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The Baptism of the Lord

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The Baptism of the Lord.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Baptism of the Lord is the feast we celebrate this Sunday to conclude our Christmas season. This event is narrated by all three synoptic evangelists: Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The Baptism of the Lord was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the Church that He had come to establish. If Jesus who had no sin was baptized in the Jordan river, then it should be suggested that there was a reason for undergoing such a ceremony.

The Church places this event right after Christmas to establish a link between the incarnation and baptism and, for that matter, the implications of these two events for us.

It indicates that the child born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary came for all humanity. Jesus, as the prophet has observed, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given" (Isaiah 6:9). He had come to redeem us from our sins through His death. The means of our participation in this redemption starts with our baptism into death and resurrection.

Baptism of the Lord signifies the manifestation of God in Jesus, another Epiphany. Traditionally, three incidents in scripture help to reveal Jesus as God's Son to the world: the journey of the magi/wise men, the baptism of Jesus by John, and the changing of water into wine at Cana, Jesus' first public miracle. At the baptism of Jesus, John acknowledged Him publicly, saying, "After me will come One more powerful than I,He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (Mark 1:7-8).

Moreover, at His baptism, when the heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, the Father's voice was heard asserting, "You are my beloved son; with you, I am well pleased."

Therefore, baptism is essential in the life of every Christian. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) indicates, it brings about new birth and fosters the adoption of the baptized as a child of the Father, grafted into Christ, and made a temple of the Holy Spirit. By this very fact, the person baptized is incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made a sharer in the priesthood of Christ (CCC 1279).

Let us remember our baptism on this day and strive to bear the fruits of this mystery. Amen and Happy New!

Just a reminder that the bible study classes for January will be at 6:30 this Wednesday, the 15th and on the 29th at Sacred Heart Church in Oxford Junction. All are welcome to join in.

Loras College is hosting a **Spiritual Life Visit Day** for high school students and their parents on **Sunday, January 26th** from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Students can register and get more event details at loras.edu/visit. Youth groups are also welcome and may register by contacting joan.schaefer@loras.edu.

"Let it be done to me according to your Word!"

This was Mary's response to the angel Gabriel that she was to be the mother of God. Men, have you ever considered, or been asked to consider being a Deacon? The Cedar Rapids Deanery of Parishes will have an information meeting on the Diaconate, hosted at St. Patrick's Parish in Cedar Rapids, on January 28th at 7:00 pm. You and your spouse are invited to attend and learn more about the service Deacons provide to their assigned parish and the community. Many are called. Are you open to respond? If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mark Sandersfeld at 319-743-5008 or Fr. Andrew.

Our next "Table of Plenty" will be on February 2nd. Refreshments will be served following Mass on February 2nd. Refreshment Committee will be: Katie, Margo and Stacy F. Thank you ladies!

Cultivating Intimate Friendship with God through Prayer A Morning for Men! Sat. February 1, 2025—St. Patrick Church Social Hall, Iowa City. Iowa City pastors, Fr. Andrew Rauenbuehler and Fr. Troy Richmond offer ways to foster a personal encounter with God during prayer so that He might transform our lives. Cost \$15, scholarships available for students. Register at www.stpastic.com Registration due by Jan. 27th

WEEKLY OFFERING

January 5, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 1,883.00
Offertory	30.00
Candles	8.00
Initial Offering	10.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,931.00

Parish Baptism Preparation Class for Families Seeking Infant Baptism at St. John, St. Isidore, and Sacred Heart.

Preparation Class Venue: St. John the Baptist Mt. Vernon, IA Time: 2:00pm

Scheduled Dates for Classes:

If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact Wendy Swan at (319) 320-5003 or e-mail dbq155sec@dbqarch.org.

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM