

# January 11, 2026

## The BAPTISM of the LORD

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### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

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Please register. Forms in office.

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

St. Anthony Gifts	1/4/26
Adults	\$605.00
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Solemnity of Mary	\$117.00
First Offering	\$65.00
Latin America	\$20.00
Maintenance	\$100.00

St. John Gifts	1/4/26
Adults	\$3485.00
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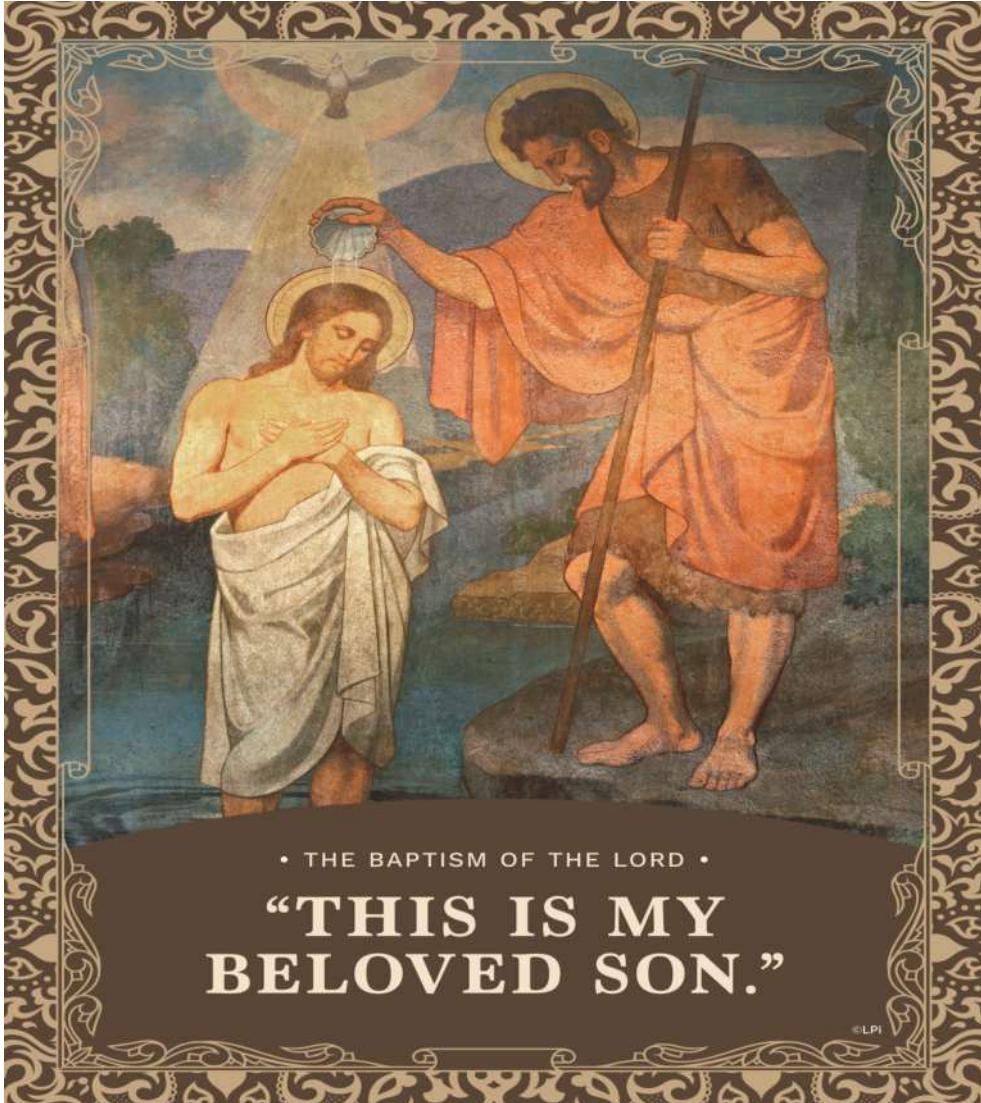
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For ALL sacramental related inquiries, please contact Fr. Vincent directly at 573-238-2450. You do not have to go through the parish office since Father keeps his own calendar and makes his own appointments.

Welcome! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this weekend. If you are not currently registered with either St. John Church or St. Anthony Church and would like to do so, registration forms in the vestibule of either parish or on the parish website. We would love to have you as a part of our parish family!

# Liturgical Roles

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saturday, January 17, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Bryson & Bentley Green

Lector: Chandler Jansen

Extraordinary Min. \*Richard Eeftink

Ushers: Keith & Josh Horrell

Offertory: David & Judy Ford

Sacristan: Pam Horrell

Rosary: Ernestine Bueter

### Sunday, January 18, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Cooper & Jack Halter

Lector: Cody Van de Ven

Extraordinary Min.: \*Pam Wesbecher, Courtney Beussink, Cindy (Andrew) Jansen

Choir Min.: Mary Adams

Ushers: Roy Van de Ven, Cole Wesbecher

Offertory: Family of Virgil & Thelma Beel

Sacristan: Patty Bohnsack

Rosary: Anthony Jansen

### Sunday, January 18, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Aspen Hoesli, Emily James

Lector: Danny James

Extraordinary Min.: \*Tannie Smith, Addison Engelen, Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Choir Min.: Sheryl Eftink

Ushers: Scott & Drew Engelen

Offertory: Family of Geraldine Cook

Sacristan: Danny & Joann James

Rosary: Gerard Macke

### StoneBridge & Homebound

### Extraordinary Minister for January 18: Pam Wesbecher

## Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

### **Monday, January 12**

Registration opens for Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

6:55-7:15AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

**7:20 AM MASS** - Joan McWilliams † (SJ)

8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

### **Tuesday, January 13**

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

**8:30 AM MASS** - Rose Marie Laurentius † (SJ)

1:00 PM - Prayer Shawl (church basement)

### **Wednesday, January 14**

3:15 PM - Rosary Club (school cafeteria)

5:30-5:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)

**6:00 PM MASS** - Janet Beussink † (SA)

### **Thursday, January 15**

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

**8:30 AM MASS** - L/D Members Herman & Beatrice Landewe (SJ)

### **Friday, January 16**

6:55-7:15AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

**7:20 AM MASS** - Henry & Lorraine Holzum † (SJ)

### **Saturday, January 17**

6:30 AM - Men's Group (KC Hall)

8:00 AM - Women's Cursillo (St. Anne's)

4:15-4:45 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)

**5:00 PM MASS** - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SA)

### **Sunday, January 18**

7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)

**8:00 AM MASS** - Virgil & Thelma Beel † (SJ)

**10:00 AM YOUTH MASS** - Geraldine Cook † (SJ)

**1:00 PM MASS** - For the Residents of StoneBridge (StoneBridge)

5:00 PM - OCIA (Parish Office)

Please note that you can start to bring your 2025 Blessed Palms to Church for this year's ashes now. Do not throw them in your trash. They are a BLESSED Sacramental and must be disposed of properly by burning or bury them respectively. Please bring them to Church by Sunday February 8. A marked container will be in the vestibule.

Since the Feast of St. Blaise is on Tuesday, February 3rd, the blessing of the throats for the Feast of St. Blaise will be after all three Masses on January 31st at St. Anthony's and February 1st at St. John's.

### **Please remember your home parish with your Year End giving:**

As we approach the close of the year, we invite you to remember your home parish church in your year-end giving. Our parish has been a spiritual home where faith is nurtured, sacraments are celebrated, and lives are touched by Christ's love through worship, service, and outreach. Your generous support helps sustain this sacred mission and ensures that our parish remains a vibrant place of prayer and hope for present and future generations. Above all, your generosity will help maintain our church, rectory and office buildings, ensuring they remain safe, welcoming, and worthy places of worship for all. Thank you for your continued faith, love, and generosity. *Fr. Vincent Joseph VC*

## Notes from Fr. Vincent:

### Baptism of the Lord

**"Heaven opens above us in the Sacrament. The more we live in contact with Jesus in the reality of our Baptism, the more Heaven will open above us"**  
(Pope Benedict XVI)

The film Gandhi is a three-hour epic, depicting the life of Mahatma Gandhi in India. In order to lead the oppressed people of India to freedom from British rule, Gandhi adopted non-violent means such as fasting from food, vigils of prayer, peaceful marches, protests and civil disobedience. One of the reasons why Gandhi put on a loincloth and fasted from food, almost to the point of death, was to show solidarity with the Indian people, identifying with them in their physical sufferings. This finally brought independence to India. Jesus' baptism, as described in today's Gospel, was his identification with God's chosen people who became aware of their sinful lives and need of God's forgiveness.

At the Jordan River, Jesus steps into the water not because He needs repentance, but because He chooses solidarity. In His baptism, Jesus embraces our human condition—our weakness, our struggles, even our brokenness—without ever ceasing to be divine. He stands where sinners stand, so that sinners may one day stand where God is.

When we were baptized, our heavenly Father bends down tenderly over us and whispered gently, "You are my beloved child. My heart takes delight in you". As the heavens open and the Father's voice is heard, we learn that God does not save us from a distance; He enters our history and our humanity. This feast reminds us of our call to live as His beloved sons and daughters.

*Thank you*

*Thank you all very sincerely for your kind congratulatory messages especially the spiritual bouquet on the occasion of my 40th ordination anniversary. Your prayers, good wishes, and encouragement have been a source of deep gratitude and joy to me. I thank God for you and ask for your continued prayers as I continue to serve His people.*

**Prayer: Lord Jesus, revealed as light for all nations, draw us by the star of faith to adore you with humble hearts and to proclaim your saving love to the whole world.**

**St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony, pray for us and protect us.**

*Fr. Vincent Joseph VC*

## Adult Education Notes

As we begin this new calendar year and ponder "resolutions" that would bring joy and life to ourselves and those around us, let us not overlook a simple yet rich and ancient tradition that our Catholic Church gives us every year. Living liturgically—that is, observing the Church's calendar and traditions in daily life—offers us incredible new richness, holiness and joy into the rhythm of our life. There is added excitement and pleasure in anticipating upcoming feast days and other liturgical occasions and observing them in celebratory, light-hearted or prayerful ways. It can be as simple as celebrating the Feast of the Archangels (September 29) by preparing angel hair pasta to share with friends or family, or baking a birthday cake on Pentecost to celebrate the birthday of the Church. Marian feasts are always an occasion to dress in blue and wear a Miraculous Medal. The pleasure of brightening an otherwise monotonous week with such celebrations is accompanied, moreover, with the joy that comes from developing a deeper appreciation for the richness of Catholic tradition and entering more fully into the universality of the Church. Becoming more attuned to the feasts and seasons of the liturgical year helps us to feel more united with Catholics across the globe and throughout the centuries.

Seeking to live liturgically helps us to grow in our prayer life! It encourages us to attend daily Mass, where we are united in Christ and the whole communion of saints by receiving the Eucharist. As we ground our daily lives within the life of the Church, our days become opportunities for us to both grow and share the bountiful beauty and truths of our incredible faith.

Living liturgically enhances our ability to share the riches of the Catholic faith and tradition with our families, peers, and colleagues. So many are fairly apathetic to faith, and some tend to see Catholicism as something archaic, with little relevance to their lives and these times. Sharing the truth and beauty of the liturgical seasons, provides us with opportunities to share how deeply relevant and rich our faith is today. Advent, for example, when shared in the fullness of its meaning, is not simply about commemorating something that happened two thousand years ago, but about anticipating the Second Coming and celebrating Christ's continued presence here and now through the Church and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Additionally, the wealth of feast days in the Church's calendar provide us with bountiful opportunities to share with all peoples how God enters into this world - even in our modern times - and how this encounter can transform their own lives!!

1- Get a liturgical calendar (the one in Church is good) or find one on your phone-(my catholic.life) is another great one.

2- look at the week ahead and plan one day to do something liturgical

3-let the kids help plan that day or meal to celebrate it.

Once a week or pick a special liturgical event each month and give yourself up to holiness for one day. Make it fun and research that day to learn more about that day.

Lent is around the corner. That could be a good time to use the calendar to get some ideas to fast and pray and give alms thru the liturgical days ahead.

Be creative! You will be blessed!!

## Ministry Notes & Updates

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

For November and December, Knight of the Month was Trent Elfrink and Family of the Month was the family of Andrew Jansen and Youth of the Quarter was Jacob Smith.

The Fish Fry and Shooting Match on February 6 will be for the benefit of the LifeHouse of Catholic Charities in Cape.

Nick Thiele will start working with senior students about the four available \$500 scholarships that will be awarded at graduation.

### VOCATION MINISTRY:

*"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."* (Matthew 3:17) God's delight in His Son mirrors the joy He takes in those who follow His call. As a child of God, He desires what is best for you. Take time this week to pray and listen for His guidance in how He wants you to serve Him. Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2.

### Vocation Crucifix for January: Gerald Macke

*For our parish, that we honor our baptismal call, fostering a culture where vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and holy marriage are recognized, encouraged, and celebrated. Let us pray to the Lord.*

### ST. JOHN PCCW:

Thank you to all who participated in our Annual Red Cross Blood Drive last Wednesday. The need was critical. Also thanks to KC's for use of the hall and to volunteers who manned the registration desk, who brought cookies and worked the canteen.

Continue to bring in the fronts of your Christmas cards as well not mail until end of February.

Our Rummage Sale is slated for setup May 5-6 and the sale May 7-9. Please start saving usable sellable items.

Marian Conference is May 15-17 with the theme "The Heart of the Holy Family". A wonderful weekend with registration of \$60 plus room. If interested, contact Cindy Jansen at 238-6767

## Ministry Notes & Updates

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

As 2025 comes to a close I want to send out a huge "Thank you" to everyone who helped out this year. From the Moonlight BINGO dinner, to the cookies and fried chicken from Stan Seiler for our big NCYC meeting. Thank you to the youth as well for just showing up and to the parents who encourage them to do so. I look forward to what we have in store for 2026 already!

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

**School Project:** St. John's Parish will again be working with the Bollinger County Health Department on providing hygiene products to our local schools. The following items have been requested and will be given to school nurses to distribute as needed: Male Deodorants, Female Deodorants, Male Body Sprays, Female Body Sprays, & Feminine Products. Please donate before January 26. There will be a tote in the back of church. Thank you!

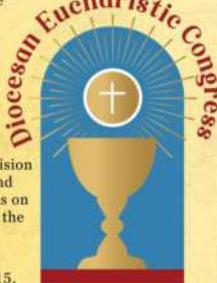
## Looking Ahead to the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau will celebrate its 70th anniversary by bringing the faithful in southern Missouri together on August 15 for the **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress**.

Following the National Eucharistic Revival—which culminated in the National Eucharistic Congress in 2024—Bishop Rice was moved to lead our diocese in a similar renewal of devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist.

This event marks a historic opportunity to embody the vision for our diocese to truly be "One Church, East to West" and will feature national Catholic speakers, breakout sessions on relevant topics, Mass with fellow Catholics from all over the diocese, and more!

The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress will take place at the West Plains Civic Center in West Plains, MO on August 15, 2026.



Scan the QR code to learn more at the official Diocesan Eucharistic Congress webpage!



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## Diocese & Area Events

### AREA CURSILLO ULTREYA - Saturday

January 17, 2026 at Sacred Heart Parish in Dexter, MO. Morning prayers in the church beginning at 9:00 a.m. followed by grouping and refreshments in the parish hall. A special invitation to our newest Cursillistas from November and December weekends to come join us. Hope to see you all there. DeColores

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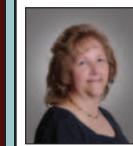
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