



January 10, 2021

Baptism *of the Lord*



Last weekend we celebrated the great feast of the Epiphany. The visit of the Magi reminds us that Jesus was revealed to the nations of the world. Today is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus was revealed, once again, as the Son of God. The Christmas season has come to an end. I am sure that by this time, most of us have had enough holiday celebration to last for a while. Thus, we are reminded that, as Jesus began his ministry, it is time for everyone of us to get on with life in this new year and to put the true meaning of Christmas into our everyday living.

I would be remiss if I did not note a word of written thanks at this time to one and all for the beautiful Christmas celebration. My thanks go out to the staff, altar servers, choirs, cleaning crew, decorators, lectors, ministers of the Eucharist, ushers, parishioners, Knights of Columbus, visitors, each and every one of you. It was truly a splendid celebration of the Lord's birth. In fact, several visitors during the Christmas season told me they are considering joining our parish. That is really a great compliment to us all.

Thanks to all who responded so generously to the Gift to God collection, the food collection, the Giving Tree, the collection for the Retired Religious fund, the Adopt-A-Family, and any other way to help make Christmas joyful for the less fortunate. You have been very generous to them all. Beyond the dollar amounts given and received is the sharing of yourself and the reaching out to others that Christmas and our life all year long is all about.

Again, thank you for the kindness, support and generosity you have shown to me, the parish and our visitors.



Mass Times

Tuesday and Friday
8:30 am in Church

Saturday
4:30 pm in Church

Sunday
9:00 am and 11:00
am in Church

Confessions will be
heard every
Saturday at 3:30 pm

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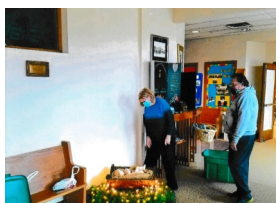
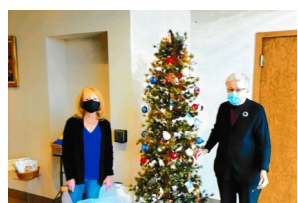
I spent about three hours at Steve's house on Christmas - long enough to see the grand kids open presents and to have Christmas brunch. Judging by the quantity and quality of the presents everyone was particularly good this past year. In like fashion everyone seemed to be quite pleased with what was under the tree for them.

I got a new blanket for my bed. My existing one dates back to the early years of when Kathy and I were first married. It had seen better days. Watch for it in the parish garage sale. I did get a picture frame with new pictures of Steve and Audrey's kids. I also got a new Christmas decoration—a wooden star that lights up. It has a temporary home for this year. I'll do a better job of incorporating it into the decor next year. Actually I don't rise to the level of decor; I put stuff out.

There is a time lag of sorts between when an article is written, published in the bulletin, and finally distributed. This seems late, I know, but it is a very grateful thank you to everyone who sent meet Christmas greetings in any form, size, or shape. I am always especially fond of cookies. If during the course of the year, anyone needs someone to act as a control sample for a batch of cookies, I'm your guy.

We're into a bad couple of months weather wise. Don't forget the food bank.

Thank you to our wonderful church decorators!



Scripture Readings for the Week of January 10, 2021

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6;
1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Monday, January 11, 2021

Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c,
9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9;
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

**Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of
the Church**

Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 15, 2021

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7,
8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 16, 2021

Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9,
10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;
Jn 1:35-42

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 12:00 p.m. During holidays articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

On Sunday,
November 22, 2020,
we welcomed

Abigail Joanna Barnes
Raelynn Ann Streifel

into the St. Thomas the Apostle Church by
the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Acts of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping him in his Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

A prayer for Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things and I desire to receive
you in my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive you
sacramentally,*

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Ministries Center
(734) 425-9771



Current food pantry needs include: cans of soup, ravioli or Spaghetti-O's; macaroni and cheese (box); laundry detergent; paper towels.

The Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 10 am-12 pm in the Ministries Building. If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.

MCC STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19 VACCINES

On December 18, Archbishop of Detroit Allen Vigneron joined his brother bishops of the Michigan dioceses to release the following statement:

"It is morally permissible to receive the vaccines developed by Pfizer and Moderna. Neither of these vaccines has used cell lines originating in tissue taken from aborted babies in their design, development, and production. However, both the Pfizer and the Moderna vaccine did use such a cell line in the confirmatory testing. This connection to abortion is very remote, however, and it is important to keep in mind that there are varying levels of responsibility. Greater moral responsibility lies with the researchers than those who receive the vaccine. The Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith has indicated that it is morally permissible to be vaccinated if there are no alternatives and there are serious health risks. Such serious health risks are present due to the current pandemic."

Worship Schedule

January 16 & 17, 2021

MINISTERS	SAT 4:30 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	JERRY KOWALCZYK	JOHN GALDES	KENNEDY FEE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY LINDA LUDKE CAROL STEC	GAIL COZZAGLIO DEBBIE FULAN TEDDY LUTHER	TEREZE AULA DAVID MESZAROS SALLIE QUINN
LECTORS			
SACRISTAN	BOB PAUL	IRENE PATTOCK	LAURIE ELCHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+JOHN DORR +EUGENE FRANCKOWIAK +JERRY TESARZ	+EDGAR TATRO +JOSEPH HUGHES +DENNIS BOUFFORD +JOSEPH GALDES	+MARGUERITE BOYCE +SUSAN ROSE QUINN

Weekend Collection January 2 & 3, 2021	
Envelope contributions:	\$8,449.00
Loose contributions:	326.00
Total Sunday Offertory	\$8,775.00
Budgeted per week	\$10,404.00
Below the budgeted amount	-1,629.00
Total # of envelopes	211
Average envelope contribution	\$41.58
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Holy Day	\$ 11.00
Utility	\$ 1,081.00
Initial Offering	\$ 1,075.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 100.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 25.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,292.00
Thank you for your support and may God bless you! Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.	

TOTALS FOR CHRISTMAS & GIFT TO GOD COLLECTIONS	
DONATIONS	\$12,500.00
CHRISTMAS	\$20,811.00
GIFT TO GOD	\$36,926.01
TOTAL	\$70,277.01

Weekday Masses

January 11-15, 2021

Tuesday, January 12

8:30 am.....CHURCH

+MARGUERITE BOYCE

Friday, January 15

8:30 am.....CHURCH

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

We are in need of someone to coordinate Sacristan Schedules. Please call the office if you are interested. (734) 427-1533. Thank you!

ARE YOU REGISTERED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE?

If you have been looking for a new parish we would appreciate you considering St. Thomas the Apostle as your parish. Stop by the Parish Center and fill out a registration form or download one from our website www.thomastheapostle.org.

You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.

Please Pray For...

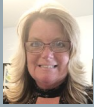
Ainsworth, Karen	Carol and Ronnie	Larry, Bruce	Murray, Colleen	Shankin, JoAnne
Ainsworth, Ron	Chicila, Pam	Levoir, Lorraine	Nantz, Janice	Skorupa, Peter
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike	Cunningham, John	Luther, Brian	Needham, Jim	Sokol, Dennis J.
Altizer, Brynn	Daughtery, Jeff	Lynn, William	Newman, Theresa	Stacherski, Ann
Armstrong, Sean	DeGrande, Colleen	Maddix, Erin	Niemczewski, Gordon	Staudacher, Jason
Arsenault, Cathy	DeGrande, Sam	Malek, Thomas	Palucki, Rachel	Summet, Fred
Arsenault, Fran	DiVitto, Rita	Malish, Rosemary	Pardo, Charel	Szura, Samantha
Asini, Eloho	Esson, Pat	Malone, Della	Parker, Sharon	Tetreau, Audrey
Asini, Margaret	Farr, Viola	Marchand, Susan	Pastula, Shirley	Thomas, Michael
Bargardi, Carl	Galdes, Julie	Marsh, Bob	Persondek, Cristina	Tomasi, Jack
Bargardi, Frances	Gau, Sandy	Mathison, Bonnie	Pietszak, Carol	Turner, Sandy
Bartlett, Carol	Hamm, Jo	Mathison, Jackie	Pryce, Mary Ann	Vaughn, Kelly
Boyak, Carolyn	Hayes, Jacqueline	Mayfield, Sally	Radford, Magdalen (Maggie)	Wood, Virginia
Bufalini, Rose	Henry, Bernadine	McGrath, Jim	Rawlings, Therese	Woodward, Todd
Burdis, Cathy	Herlihy, Patrick	Maddix, Erin	Robertson, Michael	Wysocki, Ken
Burke, Larry	Humphrey, Dawn	Merritt, Dan	Rodgers, Hiedi	Zonca, Barbara
Burrell, Fred	Irwin, Mary	Miklousich, Lena	Romanowski, Ronald	Ziolkowski, Norm
Burris, Nikita	Jones, Marie	Mirabitor, Timmy	Saenz, Carlos	
Burris Family	Kietur, Deanna	Mocadlo, Audrey	Sanregret, Anna	
	Koslosky, Alphonse	Mocadlo, Jim, Sr.	Serafini, Loreta	
	Kusluski, Walter	Mocadlo, Jimmy		

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2020-June 30, 2021

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty families	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	Angel Danny P. Pepera
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess	In loving memory of Joseph Potter
Deceased and live members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family	Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
Loving memory of Coach Dave Cain	In Memory of Richard & Eleanor Reed
Loving Memory of Herman Cain	In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers
Special Intention DAK	In loving memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
In loving memory of Gorny & Kushnir family	Deceased members of Szuba-Balawajder family
Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	In loving memory of Jerome Tesarz
In loving memory of Bob & Ann Hoelscher	Deceased members of the Ulivi & Preville family
Kapanke-Omilian Families	Memory of Bob, Millie, Judy, Collette Warner
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family	Loving Memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber
In memory of Madeline, Frank & Michael Mangold	In loving memory of William E. Wilson
In loving memory of Aline Mele	Loving Memory of Mitchel Yount
In Loving Memory of John R. Mondro	In loving memory of Mary Zarzycki
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan	
Deceased members of The Musolino & Wilson Families	

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Amber	Ainsworth, Raymond	McGaw, Douglas	Meadows, Erin
Angelovic, Adrian	Angelovic, George	Miller, Maj. David C.	Mondoux, Ian
Ardinger, Stephanie	Baumgardner, AJ	Moody, Samantha	Murray, Daniel
Becker, Justin	Bregand, David	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Ohannesian, Brandon
Brozek, Timothy	Campbell, Mary	Pastula, Michael Thomas	Persondek, Michael
Canfield, Chaz	Chokr, Jamel	Porcaro, Jeff	Preba, Danny
Cinka, Jonathan	Coatsworth, Michael	Rosa, Brian J.	Rosa, Douglas J.
Comment, Scott	Dempsey, Joseph	Rousseau, Philip	Sheko, Destiny
DiCicco, Bill	Dwyer, Tyler	Smith, David	Smitt, David
Ellsworth, Justin	Fisher, Bob	Spiczka, Cathy	Spiczka, Greg
Gentilia, Anthony	Goudeseune, Russell	Sparrow, Justin	Spohr, Raymond
Griglio, Matthew	Kashou, Christopher	Squires, Derek	Szerszen, Michael
Laichalk, Robert	Logan, Jonathon	Steenburg, Patrick	Waldo, Michael
Logan, Sean Patrick	Logan, Jeff	Tesarz, Ian Michael	Wiertella, Jonathan
Masiarak, Luke	McHale, Sgt. Shawn	Webb, Brian	
McCarville, William E.	McGahan, Wade	Witt, Christopher	



Missy Taylor
 Director of Religious Formation & Coordinator of Youth Ministry



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS !!

The Knights of Columbus Council #4513 sponsor an annual Poster Contest with the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas."

These were the winners from our Religious Formation Program this year! Each winner received a certificate and a cash prize! Congratulations to all!

Scarlett Wolfe



Sabrena Wolfe



Emma del Rio