

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

Certificates of Eligibility

Certificates to act as sponsors, godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday prior to publication

New Parishioners

Please call the rectory for an appointment to register.

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays..... 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.
Sundays 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.
or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the rectory one year in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month..... 11:30 a.m.
Second Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Mass
Baptismal Preparation for parents must precede the Baptism.
Please contact Father Dave for an appointment.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC (800) 791-9209

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Baptism of the Lord • January 10, 2021



Established in 1841

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 11

9:00 a.m. George Hahner Jr.
(Ed & Bill Hahner)

Tuesday, January 12

9:00 a.m. Albert & Regina Schmidt

Wednesday, January 13

9:00 a.m. Joseph Wollyung
(Clare Schneider)

Thursday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Philomena Loeper
(Janet Daubert)

Friday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Josephine Cavanaugh
(Ed & Mary Jane Hahner)

Saturday, January 16

5:00 p.m. Kathy Bowers
(Joan Bowers)

Sunday, January 17

8:15 a.m. Henry Uckele
(Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)
10:30 a.m. John J. Minchhoff Family
(Rita Lotz)

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In our first reading for this Sunday the prophet Isaiah is speaking to God's people in exile in Babylon five hundred years before Christ. In this passage God introduces his servant to his people. However the servant is not named. God's servant will be a light to the nations, establish justice in the world and liberate captives all done in a nonviolent manner. God has put His Spirit on His servant and it's obvious God is quite pleased with his servant.

***"God's servant will
be a light to the
nations"***

Scholars debate who the Jews might have thought God was speaking of when they heard this passage; no one, until after Jesus' death and resurrection ever suspected this passage referred to the Messiah.

At Jesus' baptism in the Gospel for this Sunday, at the beginning of his public ministry, God introduces Jesus to the world as more than his servant, as his Beloved Son with whom He is well pleased.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Dave



January Holy Hour

Our monthly evening holy hour will take place on Monday, January 18 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Confessions will be offered for the first half hour. Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be accompanied by light piano instrumental worship hymns and periods of silence.



Next Week's Readings

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
(January 16/17)

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Pray

For Our Sick

We remember in prayer those who are ill or recently deceased. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

Helen Hufnagle

Upcoming Events

January

18	7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour/Adoration and Confession.....	Church
31	9:00 a.m.	CCD Classes	School
31	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.

February

5	9:30 a.m.	First Friday Adoration	Church
11	7:00 p.m.	Christ Life: Sharing Christ series begins	L.H.
15	7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour/Adoration and Confession.....	Church
17		Ash Wednesday	

L.H. = Longinus Hall F.R. = Rectory Fellowship Room R.B. = Russell Building

Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Weekly Men’s Group	Zoom
		Meeting ID: 824-780-6433	
		Password: men	
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Weekly Rosary	Facebook
Sat.	7:00 p.m.	Weekly Rosary	Facebook
		Facebook Page: St. John The Baptist Catholic Parish Family	

The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God’s mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior. On the seventeenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the most sacred Lenten Season. On the fourth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the thirteenth of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the twenty-third of May, the feast of Pentecost. On the sixth of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the twenty-eighth day of November, the feast of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



sharing CHRIST

Christ Life: Sharing Christ

The third series in our Christ Life parish mission will begin Thursday, February 11 and run for seven consecutive evenings through Thursday, March 25.

This series is open to those who completed the Following Christ series in the fall. Please call or email the rectory to sign up.



Weekly Collection

January 1\$ 1,225.00

January 3\$ 4,261.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving by dropping envelopes at the rectory, by mail and online giving.

2020 Contribution Card

You can request a copy of your 2020 Contribution Record by calling the rectory Monday thru Thursday at 622-5470 ext 3.

Candle Donations

BVM IMO Ronald C. Kriston
(Eleanor Kriston & Family)

BVM IMO R.J. Post
(Bob & Irene Post)

St. Joseph IMO George Hahner Jr.
(Hahner Family)

St. Joseph Parishioners of St. John’s

Sanctuary (IMO King/Gleason Family
(Grace King)

Guardian Angel IMO Ramon Grapsy (2)
(Joan Grapsy)

Guardian Angel Health of Sheri Post
(Bob & Irene Post)

Guardian Angel Special Intention

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to everyone for your Cards, Gifts, and Goodies during the Christmas Season. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is always appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave & Bobby Rienzo

This Week’s Cover Photo

Ann Marie DeFrank and Joanne Wood helped us collect **\$2,066.14** from our Holiday Food Sale. Thank you everyone who supported our parish!



Memorial Poinsettias

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In Memory of:

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In Memory of:

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 Zanis and Kuperavage Family
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WHEN JESUS COMES TO BE BAPTIZED



1. When Je - sus comes to be bap - tized, He
2. The Spir - it of the Lord comes down, A -
3. He will not quench the dy - ing flame, And
4. O Spir - it help us be like Christ: To
5. We praise you, God, source of all life, We



1. leaves the hid - den years be - hind, The years of safe - ty
- 2.oints the Christ to suf - fer - ing, To preach the word, to
3. what is bruised he will not break, But heal the wound in -
4. live in love and char - i - ty, To walk in truth and
5. praise you, Christ, e - ter - nal Word, We praise you, Spir - it,



1. and of peace, To bear the sins of hu - man - kind.
2. free the bound, And to the mourn - er, com - fort bring.
3. jus - tice dealt, And out of death his tri - umph make.
4. jus - tice now, And grow in Chris - tian dig - ni - ty.
5. gra - cious gift; Your tri - une pres - ence fills our world.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. The Lord will bless his peo - ple with peace.

BAPTIZED IN WATER

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1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



1. blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his
2. tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, Freed and for -
3. sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, We are his



1. prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
2. giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
3. chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE



1. Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise,
2. Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3. Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal-sied limbs and faint-ing soul;
4. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Mir-rored in thy ho - ly Word;



1. Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sag - es from a - far;
2. And at Ca - na, wed-ding guest, In thy God-head man - i - fest;
3. Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
4. May we im - i - tate thee now, And be pure, as pure art thou;



1. Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In thy birth at Beth - le-hem;
2. Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
3. Man - i - fest in gra-cious will, Ev - er bring-ing good from ill;
4. That we like to thee may be At thy great E - piph - a - ny;



1. Prais-es be to thee ad-dressed,
 2. Prais-es be to thee ad-dressed,
 3. Prais-es be to thee ad-dressed,
 4. And may praise thee, ev - er-blessed,
- } God in flesh made man-i - fest.

