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THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

St. John the Baptist, holding a shell with water, baptizes Jesus in the River Jordan.
(Matthew 3:13-17)

St. John holds the cross-tipped staff with a banner of his proclamation of the coming of the Savior.

Above the head of Jesus is the descending Holy Spirit, taking the form of a Dove.

Below, the Lamb with the cross and banner recalls St. John's greeting to the approaching Jesus:
"Behold, the Lamb of God,"
foretelling Jesus' redemptive death.
(John 1:29-34)

*"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased."*
(Matthew 3:17)



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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 11

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Julie Johnson +

Sunday, January 12

- Baptism of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Nick Wyss +

Monday, January 13

No morning Mass today

Tuesday, January 14

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Earl Huss +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Wednesday, January 15

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased members of the
Lloyd Smith Family

Thursday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Marcel Welling +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, January 17

8:00 a.m. Larry Sanders +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, January 18

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased members of Jim
& Marcie Hunter Family

Sunday, January 19

- Baptism of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Cynthia Sailors +

"Each of us is the result of a thought of God.

Each of us is willed.

Each of us is loved.

Each of us is necessary."

- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 13 - First Week in Ordinary Time -
St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - 1
Sm 1:1-8/ Mk 1:14-20

Tues., Jan. 14 - 1 Sm 1:9-20/ Mk 1:21-28

Wed., Jan. 15 - 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/ Mk 1:29-39

Thurs., Jan. 16 - 1 Sm 4:1-11/ Mk 1:40-45

Fri., Jan. 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot - 1 Sm 8:4-
7, 10-22a/ Mk 2:1-12

Sat., Jan. 18 - 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/ Mk 2:13-
17

Sun., Jan. 19 - Second Sunday in Ordinary
Time - Is 49:3, 5-6/ 1 Cor 1:1-3/ Jn 1:29-34

BAPTISM OF THE LORD - January 12, 2020

To all of our university students preparing to return to school, know of our prayers for you as you begin this new semester. May our Blessed Lord and St. Thomas Aquinas, Patron Saint of Students, guide you in your studies.

Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the **Baptism of the Lord**. This brings an end to the liturgical Christmas Season and, on Monday, brings us anew into the **First Week of Ordinary Time**. This new season meditates upon the quiet years of the life of our Lord from His birth on Christmas Day to the beginning of His public ministry before leading us into Lent on Ash Wednesday. As we enter into Ordinary Time, our Christmas decorations and Nativity scene within the Church will be taken down and stored away until next year. We will, however, see a brief "resurgence" of the Christmas season on February 2nd as we celebrate the Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**, often referred to as **Candlemas**.

Candlemas marks the fortieth day after Christmas Day and, as is the Jewish custom of Leviticus 12:1-4, was the day that Jesus was dedicated by our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph in the Temple (Luke 2:21-38). Prior to Pope St. Paul VI's revision of the liturgical calendar in 1969, Candlemas served as the liturgical end of the Christmas season. Following a tradition we kept in the seminary, I will be leaving the rectory Christmas lights up until February 2nd. At the end of the day, praying Compline, or Night Prayer, by the light of the Christmas tree in the rectory living room is always peaceful, so I don't mind extending that time as long as possible.

General Parish and Rectory Updates

With the many improvements and upgrades to our campus this past year, we are beginning to see an increased use of parish buildings. With the approval of our Parish Council, local **ABC Studio & Activity Center** will be renting the parish gym twice a week over the next four months (while they are transitioning to move to a larger location). We have also approved use of the gym for a **weekly pick-up basketball league**. This non-competitive league will begin to meet on **Mondays in March** and will be open to adults (18+) of all skill levels. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Following the Rectory Open House at the Parish Picnic, I've been asked by many parishioners if I would be updating the Rectory anytime soon. As with any home, the Rectory requires general maintenance and upkeep. Now that I've had a chance to settle in over the past year and a half, I will be doing some work to ensure that the Rectory is kept up-to-date and in good order. One major update will be to the rectory carpet, which has served well over the past several decades but is fairly worn down and in need of replacement. In the coming months, I will be looking at updating the flooring in the main living areas while also sprucing up the paint in most rooms. Once updates are made, I look forward to hosting another Open House in the future.

Our January Book Study of Jimmy Akin's *The Bible is a Catholic Book* continues this **Thursday at 7 PM** in the **Parish Conference Room**. To accommodate those who will be attending the **ALPHA Series** (beginning this Thursday from 6:30-8 PM at Family Centered Services), we will offer a second time for the book study, with a **second meeting** offered this **Friday, January 17th, at 5:30 PM** in the **Parish Conference Room**. Hope to see you there!

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Mary Ann Flowers, Sandy Arnold, Lynn Rickord, Jimmy Robbins, and Jean Steele.



BAPTIZED in the name of the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY SPIRIT, AMEN.

Welcome to the St. Joseph Parish Family -
Felix Alexander Andrews, son of Colin and Lauren Andrews, Baptized Sunday, January 12, 2020.



UNPLANNED

The movie "Unplanned" will be shown here at St. Joseph Church in the Gym at 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 17, 2020. All parishioners are invited and guests are welcome. This movie is appropriate for middle school and high school aged youth, so please feel free to bring your older children. There will be a drawing for a chance to win a DVD of the movie, "Unplanned", so sign up for your chance before you take a seat! This is definitely a movie worth seeing!

MARCH FOR LIFE

The **March for Life** is an annual pro-life rally held near the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in *Roe v. Wade*. This year's March will occur on Saturday, January 18, 2020. The Rally will begin at 12:00pm at the University of St. Francis Performing Arts Center, 431 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne, followed by the March at 1:00pm. Doors open at 11:30am with informational tables in the lobby. Anyone wishing to carpool to Fort Wayne for the March, should be in the St. Joseph Church parking lot at 11:00am.



2020 REKINDLE THE FIRE MEN'S CONFERENCE
February 22, 2020 - Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
Fort Wayne, IN- **Tickets on sale NOW!**

See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun., Jan. 12 - Religious Education Class resumes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Jan. 14 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m./ Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., Jan. 14 - St. Joseph Women's Group meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Jan. 15 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m./ Confessions 6-6:45 p.m./ Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 16 - Mass at Christian Care - 10:30 a.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 16 - RCIA 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 16 - Book Study 7-8:00 p.m. - *The Bible is a Catholic Book*.
- Fri., Feb. 17 - The movie "Unplanned" will be shown - 7:00 p.m. in the gym.
- Sun., Jan. 19 - American Red Cross Blood Drive - 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 19 - Young Adult Gathering - 5-6:00 p.m.
- Tues., Jan. 21 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m./ Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., Jan. 22 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m./ Confessions 6-6:45 p.m./ Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 23 - RCIA 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 23 - Book Study 7-8:00 p.m. - *The Bible is a Catholic Book*.
- Wed., Jan. 29 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m./ Confessions 6-6:45 p.m./ Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 30 - Mass at River Terrace Estates - 10:30 a.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 30 - RCIA 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 30 - Book Study 7-8:00 p.m. - *The Bible is a Catholic Book*.

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 18/19, 2020

CANTORS:

- 5:00 Jay Crisp
- 7:30 Mike Morrissey
- 10:00 Nancy Leitz (Choir Mass)

LECTORS:

- 5:00 Stacey Coulardot
- 7:30 Carol Butler
- 10:00 Dan Geimer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 Kevin or Jessica Seago, Volunteer
- 7:30 Donna Geisel, Sherry Makowski, Jill Morrissey
- 10:00 Tammi Helm, Diana Cole, Larisa Sudhoff, Sandy Smythe, Monica Harris, Volunteer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- 5:00 Volunteers
- 7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
- 10:00 Mike Painter, Kerry/Tracy Coyne Family

SERVERS:

- 5:00 Wyatt Girod, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 7:30 Justin Mayer, Clayton Vachon, Phillip Mayer
- 10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Grant Reifsteck, Alex Mechling

Online Giving - December 2019

Adult Collection- \$2,335.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$990.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$60.00
Immaculate Conception- \$10.00
Christmas Offering- \$20.00
**Total Online Giving-
December 2019- \$3,415.00**

Collection for Weekends of January 01/01 & 01/4/5,2020

Adult Envelopes- \$4,045.00
Child Envelopes- \$26.56
Loose- \$447.00
Christmas Offering- (Adult, Children & Loose)- \$589.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$0
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$6,820.53
Solemnity of Mary- \$1,334.86
Rental Income- \$50.00
Total- \$13,312.95

The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40.

We are \$8,051.24 ahead of our monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$10.00
Mass Stipend- \$10.00

Online Giving/December-
St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$105.00

Diocesan Special Collections-
Catholic Charities/Christmas- \$117.00

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Catholic Charities/Christmas- \$10.00 and Rel. Retirement- \$10.00

*Thank you for your gifts
to St. Joseph's!*

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - DECEMBER 2019

Rent/Housing - \$1,585.00 / Utilities/Gas - \$0 / Other - \$250.00

Thank you for your monetary help in assisting those in our community who are in need. May God Bless You Abundantly!



American Red Cross Blood Drive
Sunday, January 19 - 7:30a-12:30p

ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING - Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. We will be discussing our final chapter of the *Beyond Sunday* book. We will also be discussing what we want to do next, i.e., book study, speaker, etc., so bring ideas with you! All women of St. Joseph Parish are welcome!

**"The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself,
but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters,
cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin,
might have the power of Baptism."
St. Ambrose of Milan (+397 AD)**

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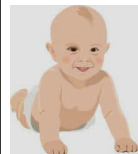
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T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?