

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn December 9-16 for Joseph Alan Spreckelson.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST – Congratulations to **Liam Joseph Walter**, the son of Alex and Janine Walter, who was baptized on Saturday, December 2. May he always know that "God is enough!"

ST. MAURICE/ST. JOHN YOUTH – All junior and senior high school students are invited to go Christmas caroling this evening (Dec. 9). Please meet in front of church at 3:00 PM.

THANK YOU – To the ladies of the Mary and Martha Circle who planned the ladies Christmas party, we thank you. And to all who attended, we are grateful. God was truly present among us! Continue to share your presence with others this special season when God shared His Son with us.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – "*ALL for the SAKE of OTHERS.*" As of today, the amount pledged to the United Catholic Appeal is **\$10,740**, which is 85% of our goal. 65 households have responded thus far, which is 32% of parish participation. Thank you to all who have responded. With a little more help, we can meet our goal of \$12,705.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – Please check the liturgical ministers list as to when you serve during the holidays. If you are unable to be present, please find a substitute, or call the office and we will contact someone.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 will be Wednesday, December 12, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served: Chicken Nuggets.

Classes for Grade 6 through Grade 11 will be next Sunday, December 16, 8:30 AM. Students will meet in hall for breakfast and a movie.

OPEN DOOR TOUR – Sunday, December 30, 1:00-5:00 PM, the Batesville Deanery welcomes you and your loved ones to tour the 19 beautifully decorated churches of our deanery. Bask in the sacred spaces dressed in their finest during this Christmas season and offer a family prayer while there.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – You will find the Christmas and New Year Mass schedule on the **cohort page** of the bulletin.

FACEBOOK – Did you know that Amy Kinker is now taking care of our parish Facebook? Thanks, Amy.

ELECTRONIC BANKING – If and when anyone wishes to give their collection electronically, ask for Julie Stephens, Lorrie Gilland, or Janice Simon at the Napoleon State Bank and they will assist you in filling out the necessary form. Thank you!

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – A company hired a very energetic and ambitious man as the new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers.

Touring the facility, the CEO noticed an idle young man leaning against a wall. The room was full of busy workers, and the CEO wanted to let them know that he meant business.

"You're fired," the CEO told the young man. "Pick up your pay and get out here and don't come back."

Pleased with himself, the CEO then looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goofball did here?"

From across the room a voice said, "He was the pizza-delivery man from Domino's." (via Risa Samra, Saginaw, MI)

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Today's Gospel has a date stamp on it. The 15th year of Tiberius Caesar's reign began in 29 C.E. Since we mark time from Jesus' birth, both John and Jesus were just turning 30 and ready to begin their ministries. John was the herald in the desert and his mission was to announce Jesus. Using the 800-year-old words of the prophet Isaiah: "Prepare the way of the Lord."



Those ancient words from Isaiah still speak to us today as we prepare the way of the Lord through the season of Advent. Once again on Christmas Eve, we welcome the newborn King into our hearts and lives.