# January 13 – The Baptism of the Lord



PARISH HALL

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### PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Jan. 16	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., Jan. 18	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat., Jan. 12	4 PM	Mark Eckstein
Sun., Jan. 13	10 AM	Deceased Members of
		Martin Oswald Family
Sat., Jan. 19	4 PM	Art Young
Sun., Jan. 20	10 AM	Cecilia Wesseler

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### Saturday – January 19 at 4:00 PM

- *Greeters*: Kyle and Lindsay Black Gene and Jenny Moorman
- Server: Macey Moorman

Cantors: Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning

Lectors: Jack Ferkinhoff, Cathy Wagner

Euch. Ministers: John Wagner, Jane Pictor Katy Schmidt, Gene Moorman

## Sunday – January 20 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Daniel and Becca Harlemert - back Matt and Leslie Hicks - back Nick and Jenny Simon - side Servers: Machaela Cobler, Logan Cobler Cantors: Gene and Patty Simon Lectors: Students Euch. Ministers: Amanda Schutte, Paige Simon Rita Kress, John Muckerheide

#### PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$4646.00	
Children's Envelopes	\$ 9.68	
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 378.00</u>	
Total Regular Collection	\$5033.68	
\$3,335.00 needed weekly to meet budget.		

#### Special Collections \$1364.00

+ Solemnity of Mary - \$839.00

+ Capital Improvement - \$525.00

# Thank you for the gifts of your time, talent and treasure!

*"When people stop believing in God, they don't believe in nothing; they believe in anything." ~ G.K. Chesterton* 

**STEWARDSHIP** – Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

**<u>SANCTUARY LIGHT</u>** – The sanctuary light will burn January 13-20 for Walter and Annabelle Busch.

<u>UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL</u> – "ALL for the SAKE of OTHERS." We are just \$275.00 short of making our goal. And it's not too late to send in your donation. If you cannot find your Intention Card, there are a few at the entrances of church you can pick up.

Parish Goal: **\$12,705**; Amount Pledged: **\$12,430**; Parish Households: **203**; Number of Pledges: **79**; Parish Participation: **39%**.

**<u>RELIGIOUS</u>** <u>EDUCATION</u> – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on January 16, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served.

Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, January 20, 8:30 AM.

**<u>DID YOU KNOW</u>** – \$665.00 worth of gifts was given to the Crisis Pregnancy Hotline through your generous Advent giving. Thank you for all your donations.

**<u>DID YOU READ</u>** – The following information was in last week's bulletin but is worth repeating.

A letter of gratitude was sent to New Point Stone company for all the stone they donated for the back parking lot. Because of their generosity, we were able to save \$3,200.00. If you have an opportunity, please thank them yourselves.

OFFICE – I will be out of the office from January 15 to January 22, so I will return all calls on the 23rd.

**<u>POPE FRANCIS'S INTENTIONS</u>** – For January 2019, the Pope asks us to pray for young people, especially in Latin America, that they follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world. Remember this intention especially as you pray the Rosary.

<u>NEW LIBRARY MATERIAL</u> – "A Retreat with Pope Francis" by Fr. Anthony Ciorra. This retreat is six talks on two DVDs. Also "Spiritual Flourishing" by the same author. These are CDs, four discs containing twelve topics.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – The new pastor asked an old member what he thought of the Sunday sermon. "Excellent, sir," enthused the old gentleman. "It was really something! Why...we didn't even know what sin was until you moved here." (via George Goldtrap, Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL)

#### **SUNDAY REFLECTION**

After John the Baptist immersed Jesus in the waters of the Jordan River, the Son of God rose up, water trickling down his face, standing anointed as he lifted his eyes to the skies. A heavenly confirmation came when the voice of God came from the heavens: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

At our own baptism, God says the same to us. We are anointed with holy oils; we are garbed in white; we are given a lighted candle to keep the flame of faith burning brightly in our hearts.

Today's Gospel reminds us that this is a good day to check our candles and make sure they are still burning. (Deacon Dick Folger)



#### PRAYING FOR UNITY

Every January, the Christian church worldwide marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This ecumenical "octave,"

or eight-day observance, lasts from January 18 (the Feast of St. Peter) to January 25 (the Feast of St. Paul).

The week is based on Jesus' prayer to his heavenly Father in John 17:21 that his followers "may all be one...so that the world may believe that you have sent me." Jesus knew that if Christians were fiercely divided, people outside the faith wouldn't want to learn more about him.

The theme for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from Deuteronomy 16:20: "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue."