

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

-Psalm 29

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of Baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.



Masses for the Week

Sunday, January 10

7:30 A.M. Norb Harber

10:00 A.M. Janet D’Italia

Monday, January 11

8:00 A.M. *Special intention:* James Landrigan

Tuesday, January 12

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 13

6:00 P.M. *Special intention:* Dylan Shutta

Thursday, January 14

8:00 am *Special intention:* Jack Driscoll & family

Friday, January 15

8:00 am *Special intention:* Zoe Musick

Saturday, January 16

5:00 P.M. June Koontz

Sunday, January 17

7:30 A.M. Kathy Hinen

10:00 A.M. Clara Smith

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES January 16 & 17

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. to be scheduled

7:30 a.m. Patrick Loeffler

10:00 a.m. McGovern

NOON NO MASS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 p.m. none

7:30 a.m. none

10:00 a.m. none

NOON NO MASS

GIFTS

5:00 p.m. none

7:30 a.m. none

10:00 a.m. none

NOON NO MASS

USHERS

5:00 p.m. volunteers

7:30 a.m. volunteers

10:00 a.m. volunteers

NOON NO MASS

SERVERS

5:00 p.m. none

7:30 a.m. none

10:00 a.m. none

CHURCH CLEANING

January 16 Sally & Sarah Strack, Kathleen M.

January 10, 2021

Indiana Catholic Bishops

Extend Mass Dispensation Until Further Notice

The Indiana bishops **extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation beyond 1 November 2020 until further notice.** The Indiana bishops will continue to monitor the situation to determine when it might be advisable to modify or lift the dispensation. It is recommended and encouraged that those who are **65 and over** or who have an underlying at-risk health condition to stay home. *-All who **attend Mass MUST wear face coverings** (except little children & those who have trouble breathing).*

-Social distancing MUST be maintained of six feet between people in the pews (unless members of the same household) and during Communion procession and entering and exiting church and outside on church grounds.

Confessions will be on Saturday afternoons from **4:00-4:45pm.**

REMINDER that anyone with a cough or fever, or who may otherwise be feeling sick, should **NOT** come to church for Mass or even for a visit!

Pro-life: "The real question today is not when human life begins, but what is the value of human life?" – Pres. Ronald Reagan

Religious Education Classes: Classes will resume on January 10.

Shanks Meal Train: St. Patrick's moms' group has organized a link to sign up to provide meals for Jason and Melissa Shanks family. Jason has been in the hospital battling COVID-19 for many weeks. Pray for his healing and his family. For more information and to sign up go to: <https://tinyurl.com/Shanksfamily>. Thank you.

Pro-Life Meeting will be on **Monday, January 11th at 7pm.** We plan on making rosaries.

2021 Offertory Envelopes – Please pick up your 2021 offertory envelopes located on the tables in the back of church. Thank you. **The church is unlocked all day on Wednesdays until after 6pm Mass.** Also, the parish office exterior door is open during the day.

2021 Catholic Calendars are located at the church entrances for you to take home.

Gifted & Sent

On **Tuesday, January 12th,** we will begin a 3-series-event presented by the Gifted & Sent Ministries team. Gifted & Sent is a Fort Wayne based ministry that is focused on spreading the love of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. The first of these events will be a Keynote entitled "Come Holy Spirit...Whoever you are" presented by Jessica Smith. Please join us at **6:30 pm** at St. Patrick's and spend some time getting to know more the Holy Spirit of Jesus and learn how to let Him breathe life into you.

Our condolences to the family and friends of *Patricia Corbat whose funeral mass was on January 4, 2021 at St. Patrick's. Pray for the repose of her soul.*

Disciple Course – Join Deacon Fred Everett for a 10-session course over Zoom to help committed Christians in putting Jesus more at the center of their lives and daily decisions. Each session will look at a different aspect of discipleship as well as practical guidance in building up a life of prayer. Daily homework assignments of 15 minutes will make use of selected scripture readings and time for personal prayer. Meetings will be held on Mondays beginning **January 18 through March 22 from 7:30-9:00 pm.** Visit for more information and to register at diocesefwsb.org/disciple.

Young Adult Series – Alpha Online – Register now for a 10-week small group discussion series featuring highly-acclaimed Alpha film series which explore Christian faith in an engaging contemporary style. It will take place on Zoom on **Monday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm from January 18 through March 22.** For more info and to register, visit: diocesefwsb.org/alpha.

Northeast Indiana March for Life 2021: On **January 23, 2021** at St. Francis Performing Arts Center (431 W. Berry St). Rally starting at Noon and march will begin at 1pm. Mark your calendar and join thousands of others march in the streets of Fort Wayne in support of pro-life!

National March for Life Washington D.C. There are two ways to go this year. Pick the one that works best for you! **Life Defenders – Jan 27-30.** Register at ichooselife.org/DC. **Family Trip – Jan 28-31,** register at ichooselife.org/nationalmarch.

ONLINE GIVING – A new hope for the future. A new way to give. Visit our church website today to sign up and get started at www.stpatrickarcola.org.