



THE MESSENGER

The Baptism of the Lord, Year C
January 09, 2022



Jesus

Serving the Catholic Parishes of
*Sacred Heart, Villa Grove, Illinois &
St. Michael's, Hume, Illinois*



Thank You

The PSR program and youth would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Christmas Food Drive. And extend a very special 'thank you' to those volunteers who gathered, sorted, and arranged the donated items into large laundry baskets ready for delivery. Thanks to your generous participation we were able to deliver five baskets full of food to needy families within the community just in time for the holidays. This would not have been possible without your help and we sincerely appreciate your generous support with this project. May God bless you

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday: 8:30 am — 1:30pm
(Closed on Holidays and Holy days)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass at Sacred Heart
Tuesday—Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil at Sacred Heart: 4:00 p.m.

In person Mass + Online Streaming

Sunday Mass at St. Michael's: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart: 10:00 a.m.

CONFESSION

Saturday at Sacred Heart: 3:15 p.m.
Or by appointment

HOLY DAY MASSES

6:30pm: Vigil Mass at St. Michael's
8am & 6:30 pm: Holy Day Masses at Sacred Heart.



Mass Intentions

Jan 08	4:00 pm	Mike Pangburn by Jim & Karen Beatty
Jan 09	8:00 am 10:00 am	Mike Pangburn by Phillip Partenheimer Ruth Schweighart by Randy Mayhall
Jan 10	8:00 am	NO MASS
Jan 11	8:00 am	Ursula Calvert by Ed & Dena Cler
Jan 12	8:00 am	Betty Blackford by Carolyn Kappes
Jan 13	8:00 am	Brigit Pegeen Kelly by Michael Madonick
Jan 14	8:00 am	Ruth Schweighart by Karen Hettinger
Jan 15	4:00 pm	Jack & Lois Holmes & Karen Matthews by the Holmes family
Jan 16	8:00 am 10:00 am	John Sullivan by John & Cindy McGinness Mike Pangburn by Amy & Jerry Walch



Mass Intentions Requests

Submit Mass Intention requests to the Parish Office and prayer chain requests to Amy Walch: a.walch65@gmail.com



Prayer Requests

We pray for: Geneva Allen, Teresa Balmer, Kay Barrett, Verna Bennett, Doris Birkner, Judy Cler, Pat Dillon, Tita Fleener, Malea Fonner, Kim Franzen, Peter Frank, John Gilles, Faith Grave, Denise Griffith, Daphne Grise, Vicki Harmon, Julie Harrison, Bob Jones, Christina Kappes, Tyler King, Debbie Koberlein, Marge Koberlein, Kiley Kramer, Meghan Kramer, Tony Kramer, Dorothea Lasley, Albert Ledford, Ann Maxwell, Sally McNamara, Doris Miller, Amy Mitsdarfer, Yair Flores Molina, Ezinne Theresa C. Ndeanaefo, Michael N. Ndeanaefo, Lara Nguyen, Christopher and Nicholas Nolte and their families, Rosemary Raeske, Phyllis Rund, Mary Margaret Rund, John Rothecker, Betty Smith, James Smith, Joseph Smith, Matt Smith, Rosemary Sprague, Mary Tipsend, Barbara Waymire, Susan Wilkey, Cathy Weatherford, and Mike Webb.

Daily Scripture Readings

Jan 08: R1: 1JN 5:14-21 Gospel: JN 3:22-30	Gospel: MK 1:29-39
Jan 09: R1: IS 42:1-4, 6-7 R2: ACTS 10:34-38 Gospel: LK 3:15-16, 21-22	Jan 13: R1: 1SM 4:1-11 Gospel: MK 1:40-45
Jan 10: R1: 1SM 1:1-8 Gospel: MK 1:14-20	Jan 14: R1: 1SM 8:4-7, 10-22a Gospel: MK 2:1-12
Jan 11: R1: 1SM 1:9-20 Gospel: MK 1:21-28	Jan 15: R1: 1SM 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Gospel: MK 2:13-17
Jan 12: R1: 1SM 3:1-10, 19-20	Jan 16: R1: IS 62:1-5 R2: 1COR 12:4-11 Gospel: JN 2:1-11

St Michael's Parish Tithing Goal

The Parish Tithing amount for November collections was calculated at **\$404.00** or 10% of the monthly collection which was \$4024.00 and a check has been sent to the diocese. To date the PCT payments have totaled **\$2041.00.00**.

Ministry Schedule



January 15th and January 16th, 2022

4:00 pm LECTORS: Amy Walch
COFFEE: [blank]
SERVERS: Sam Marlatt

8:00 am LECTORS: Brian Smith
USHERS: David Smith
COFFEE: [blank]
SERVERS: Timmy Keske
GIFTS: Timmy Keske

10:00 am LECTORS: Marci Howard

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Mary Hildreth & Dennis Mitsdarfer
SERVERS: Amy Mitsdarfer & Dennis Mitsdarfer

Sacred Heart:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. & Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

St. Michael's: Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Collection



Week Ending Sunday, January 2, 2021

• **Sacred Heart Church**
Weekly Collection: \$1043.00 **\$445.00** Loose Cash: \$55.00
Building Fund: \$ 20.00 **\$125.00** Catholic Times: \$20.00
Christmas Offering: \$ 15.00
Utility Fund: \$20.00 Capitol Imp.: \$
Children's Home: \$25.00
PCT: \$ Solemnity: \$ 360.00
Online Giving: **\$ 570.00**
Total Deposit: \$2128.00

• **St. Michael's Church**
Weekly Collection: \$595.00 Loose Cash: \$25.00
First Offering: \$180.00 Catholic Times: \$ 20.00
Christmas Offering: \$55.00 Solemnity: \$275.00
Online Giving: **\$0**
Total Deposit: \$1150.00

All collections OTHER than the Diocesan Collections may be tithed Diocesan Collections will be denoted here in a different color.

Sacred Heart's Parish Tithing Goal

The Parish Tithing amount for November collections was calculated at **\$760.00** or 10% of the monthly collection which was \$7600.00 and a check has been sent to the diocese. To date the PCT payments have totaled **\$4565.00**

Pastoral Reflections

Scripture Reflection (Baptism of Our Lord: Year C)

This uplifting oracle exhibits the welcome change in mood reflected in the second half of Isaiah's book. The prophet's earlier oracles reflected a national failure in faith; this oracle gives evidence of God's initiative for salvation.

The baptism of Jesus raises more questions than it answers. Why did he do it? What does it mean?

Why has such an event been included in the Gospel? Regardless of why we might think Jesus was baptized by John, this story appears in Gospel because historically it happened—and people knew that. Obviously, it made sense to the Gospel writer, and that is what we have to focus on.

Could John the Baptist be the Messiah? At the time the Gospels were being written, some of John the Baptist's disciples were claiming that John was the real Messiah and not Jesus. All the Gospels refute this claim. The strongest refutation comes from John himself who claims to be unworthy even to loosen the thong of Jesus' sandals. John clearly proclaims that he baptizes with water, but one mightier than he is coming, someone who will surpass John in all ways. This, of course, is a reference to Jesus.

The Holy Spirit and fire. John claims to baptize with water. but Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. This statement's meaning is debated. Most commentators understand it as a metaphor symbolizing the power of Pentecost combined with the purifying power of fire. It does not seem to be an indication that an additional Baptism of Spirit and fire will be required of Jesus' followers.

The voice from heaven. All aspects of this baptism event led to this point. After Jesus had been baptized, his first response is to pray. This detail about prayer should not be overlooked. Major moments in Jesus' life and ministry are accompanied by prayer. Then the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice comes from heaven, declaring, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Here God is confirming Jesus as God's Son. This affirmation substantiated by the gift of the Spirit prepares Jesus for the ministry he will soon undertake. The baptism that Jesus undergoes at the hands of John is part of the ritual leading up to the full disclosure of who this Jesus really is. Jesus is the Son of God.

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Saint Gregory of Nyssa ~c. 335-395~



The son of two saints, Basil and Em-milia, young Gregory was raised by his older brother, Saint Basil the Great, and his sister, Macrina, in modern-day Turkey. Gregory's success in his studies suggested great things were ahead for him. After becoming a professor of rhetoric, he was persuaded to devote his learning and efforts to the Church. Gregory, mar-

ried, went on to study for the priesthood and become ordained (at a time when celibacy was not a matter of law for priests). He was elected Bishop of Nyssa in 372, a period of great tension over the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. It was after the death of his beloved brother Basil, that Gregory really came into his own. He wrote with great effectiveness against Arianism gaining a reputation as a defender of orthodoxy. He was sent on missions to counter other heresies and held a position of prominence at the Council of Constantinople. His fine reputation stayed with him for the remainder of his life. Saint Gregory of Nyssa is seen not simply as a pillar of orthodoxy but as one of the great contributors to the mystical tradition in Christian spirituality and to monasticism itself. His feast day is observed on January 10th.

Coming Soon ~16, January, 2022~

Believing Signs. At first glance, these readings lead us to bride and groom, gifts, and marriage. But there are important things underneath, important truths at the heart of these proclamations. God has not and will not abandon us (Is). Charisms, that is, gifts of the Spirit, are given to everyone to use for the common good, not just one's own good (Cor). The miracle of water to wine is the first of many signs of the Messiah, the Christ (Jn). God's signs and good activity are everywhere.

- *What evidence do I have that God is with us still?*
- *What gifts that I have, given by the Spirit, will I put to use for the good of another?*
- *Christ is active all the time. What little and big signs of this goodness can I be part of?*
- *What signs will I rejoice in?*

Saint Paul the Hermit ~c. 233-c. 345~



Gracious God, through the example of Paul's life of solitude, prayer and penance, grant that we, who are striving to develop in ourselves the spirit of prayer and service, may come ever closer to you in love, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*~Prayer to Saint Paul~
Feast Day: January 15th*



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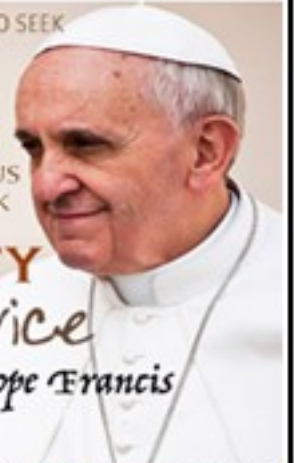
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Announcements, Events and Activities

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays	
Jan 01	Sandy Thompson
Jan 01	Christine Conner
Jan 03	Marilyn Holmes
Jan 06	Tom Hettinger
Jan 08	JJ Keske
Jan 09	Ed Cler
Jan 10	John Gilles
Jan 11	Jerry Walch
Jan 13	Darrin Wax
Jan 14	Ruth Stauder
Jan 14	Kim Lytle
Jan 18	Ella Schweighart

Happy Birthday!

Vaccine Clinic

VG united Methodist Church is holding a Covid vaccine clinic in conjunction with IDPH next Wednesday Jan 12th from 9—1 pm . You will be able to get dose one, two, or the booster. The flyer says Pfizer, but you can call to see if other brands are available if that is your preference. Please see the flyer in the back of church for more details. You **must** schedule an appointment.

Catholic Times Collection

Over the past couple of years, the pandemic has magnified the importance of communication. Catholic Times has consistently been in people's mailboxes and inboxes to provide the hope, inspiration, and education they need during these uncertain times. This weekend begins the annual collection for the Catholic Times in order to ensure the magazine is available either by mail or online to every catholic household in the diocese.

The new diocesan billing no longer breaks down the cost per household for this magazine, but rather a parish valuation so your generosity would greatly help each parish cover these valuations. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Mattoon Deanery Council

All parish ladies are encouraged to attend a convention planning meeting on: Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. At The Immaculate Conception Parish Center located at 1920 Richman Ave, Mattoon, IL. I'm sure we have many talented ladies which would like to contribute to the SDCCW Convention. Please contact Jody Secondo-Crandell, President of Mattoon Deanery Council at jscrancell@yahoo.com with any questions.

Reminders

SH Altar Society will meet Wednesday Jan 19th at 6:30 pm

SH: Finance Council : Thursday Jan 13, 2022 , 6:30 pm

SH Pastoral Council: Tuesday Feb 8, 2022, 6:30 pm

SM: Finance Council : Sunday January, 7:00 am

SM: Pastoral Council: Sunday March 6, 2022, 7:00 am



Don't forget to check the bulletin board in the church vestibule for flyers about events at local area church etc. that bulletin space limitations prevent it's posting.

Announcement of Moveable Feasts for 2022

The following list reflects all moveable feast days for 2022. Please add these days to your calendar for the year. May each of these feast days and every day bring you abundant blessings throughout this New Year.

1. January 01 Mary, Mother of God
2. March 02 Ash Wednesday
3. April 10 Palm Sunday
4. April 14 Holy Thursday
5. April 15 Holy Friday
6. April 16 Holy Saturday
7. April 17 Easter Sunday
8. April 24 Divine Mercy Sunday
9. May 29 Ascension of Jesus
10. June 05 Pentecost Sunday
11. June 12 Trinity Sunday
12. June 19 Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ
13. June 24 Sacred Heart of Jesus
14. August 15 Assumption of Mary
15. November 01 All Saints Day
16. November 27 First Sunday of Advent
17. December 04 Second Sunday of Advent
18. December 08 Immaculate Conception
19. December 11 Third Sunday of Advent
20. December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent
21. December 25 Christmas

"Know, dear brethren, (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."




Mass Intentions

Sacred Heart is beginning to run very low on Mass requests. Please consider requesting a Mass or two through the parish office this month. Remember that Masses can be said for the **Living** as well as those deceased or even just for an unnamed special intention. Since so many folks have asked, the usual contribution is \$10 per Mass but it is **not** required.



January 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time StM 8a MI: Charles & Clela Barrett SH 10a MI: Greg Gulick & Alphia Hettinger PSR SM 8:45 - 9:15am SH 9 - 9:45 am	31  Epiphany of Our Lord StM - 8a Msureen Denbo SH - 10a MI: Kelsi Blackford PSR SM 8:45 - 9:15am SH 9 - 9:45 am	4 SH - Mass 8a MI: John & Ruth Schweighart	5 SH - Mass 8a MI: Bernie Kramer RCIA Wed 9:30 - 10:30 am	6 SH - Mass 8a MI: John Dee Hawkins	7 SH - Mass 8a MI: Peggy Kramer	8 SH: Confess 3:15p Mass 4p MI: Mike Pangburn
9 Epiphany of Our Lord StM - 8a MI Joe & Mike Pangburn SH - 10a MI: Ruth Schweighart PSR SM 8:45 - 9:15am SH 9 - 9:45 am	10 Epiphany of Our Lord StM - 8a MI Joe & Mike Pangburn SH - 10a MI: Ruth Schweighart PSR SM 8:45 - 9:15am SH 9 - 9:45 am	11 SH Mass 8a MI: Ursula Clavert	12 SH Mass 8a MI Betty Blackford RCIA Wed 9:30 - 10:30 am	13 SH Mass 8a MI Brigit Pegen Kelly	14 SH Mass 8a MI: Ruth Schweighart	15 SH Confess 3:15p Mass 4p MI: Jack & Lois Holmes & Karen Matthews
16 2nd Sunday in ordinary time StM - 8a MI: John Sullivan SH - 10a MI: Mike Pangburn PSR SM 8:45 - 9:15am SH 9 - 9:45 am	17  2nd Sunday in ordinary time StM - 8a MI: John Sullivan SH - 10a MI: Mike Pangburn PSR SM 8:45 - 9:15am SH 9 - 9:45 am	18 SH - Mass 8a MI: Ruth Schweighart	19 SH Mass 8a MI: Par & Martha Carr RCIA Wed 9:30 - 10:30 am	20 SH - Mass 8a MI: Pat Carr	21 SH - Mass 8a MI: Broc Winn	23 SH: Confess 3:15p Mass 4p MI: Alan Bender
23 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time StM - 8a MI: Lois Hart & Brian Kelly SH - 10a MI: Clarice Schweighart PSR SM 8:45 - 9:15am SH 9 - 9:45 am	24  3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time StM - 8a MI: Lois Hart & Brian Kelly SH - 10a MI: Clarice Schweighart PSR SM 8:45 - 9:15am SH 9 - 9:45 am	25 SH - Mass 8a MI: Mary & Woody Kramer	26 SH - Mass 8a MI: Pat & Martha Carr RCIA Wed 9:30 - 10:30 am	27 SH Mass 8a MI: Mike Pangburn	28 SH Mass 8a MI: Ruth Schweighart	29 SH Mass 8a MI: Fred Dillon

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I am asking Ed Cler to facilitate this program. He can be reached via edcler@gmail.com or (217) 832-9295 (if no answer, please leave a message). We wish you continued success and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

Thank you and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Father Aloysius Ndeanefo



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 2022

My dear friends in Christ,

Over the past couple of years, the pandemic has magnified the importance of communication. Whether it was announcing the obligation to return to Mass, reporting on our first March for Life in Springfield, updating people on life issues at the Statehouse, highlighting the gifts and talents of our clergy and lay faithful, and sharing incredible stories about people in our diocese, *Catholic Times* has consistently been in people's mailboxes and inboxes to provide the hope, inspiration, and education they need during these uncertain times.

Over the past year, *Catholic Times* has continued its emphasis on catechesis of the Catholic faith such as their Hey, Father! series, a special edition dedicated to the sacrament of confession, and a comprehensive look at what eternity looks like and why we must strive for sainthood. Feature reporting is also a major part of the magazine highlighting the stories of people, parishes, and schools that are building up the Kingdom of God in our diocese. The magazine's commitment to local coverage means when it is opened, readers will see stories that are important to their lives.

In the past year, the magazine refreshed its look, which included increasing the font size slightly. Father Dominic Rankin also launched a new series that promotes and inspires people about the vocation of marriage.

My column, "Lex Cordis Caritas," is on page 4 of each issue. It is one of the best ways that I can speak about the issues that we face as Catholics in Central Illinois and update readers on important decisions I make that impact the faithful. As bishop of this diocese, it is important for me to be an active participant in Catholic media.

It is all these reasons why I believe that *Catholic Times* should be available to every household in our diocese, either online (ct.dio.org), by email, or by mail. I invite you to support this important communication tool in our diocese. During the weekend of Jan. 8-9, you will have the opportunity to respond gratefully and ensure the *Catholic Times* remains an inexpensive source of information on the vital issues I have noted.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois
Publisher, *Catholic Times*