

January 12, 2020

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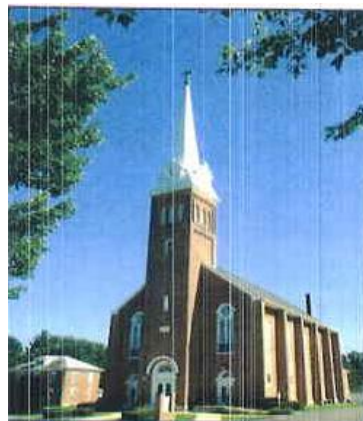
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### Sacramental Ministers: Father John Geis and Father William Turner.

Saturday **Mass:** 4:00 PM  
Sunday **Mass:** 10:00 AM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 3:30-3:45 PM  
Sunday: 9:30-9:45 AM

Sunday **Mass:** 8:00 AM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**  
Sunday: 7:30-7:45

Saturday **Mass:** 6:00 PM  
Sunday **Mass:** 12:00 noon

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 5:30-5:45PM  
Sunday: 11:30-11:45 AM

**Sacrament of Baptism** is scheduled by appointment.  
Please call the parish office about sacramental preparation and to schedule your celebration.

Preparation for the Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months.  
Call the parish office before setting the date for your wedding.

Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request.

# JANUARY 12, 2020

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**BULLETIN REFLECTION** In today's Gospel reading, we see Jesus become equipped for His ministry by the Holy Spirit as He is baptized by John the Baptist. In the second reading, Peter tells an audience that after Jesus' baptism, He "went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil."

We may have wondered why Jesus presented himself for baptism. Wasn't he God, born without sin? Of course, the answer is yes. But Jesus came to his baptism as a public witness of the need to turn over our lives to God. Like us in all things, Jesus approached John for the ritual washing that signaled a new beginning. It was a sign for us and a wonderful way to mark the beginning of His ministry. As baptized stewards, we may answer our baptismal call with help from God.

### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

- What is my baptismal anniversary date?
- How might I commemorate that anniversary of my rebirth in Christ?

**PRAYER** Lord, unblock the ears of my heart that I may hear your comforting voice of love, compassion and peace.

*Peaceful Meditations for  
Every Day in Ordinary Time  
Rev Warren J Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney*

### The Baptism of the Lord The Gaze of God

In speaking of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, one author describes Jesus as standing underneath the Father's gaze and hearing a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." At our baptism those words were also spoken to us by God but it takes a lifetime to accept this truth especially when we are not our best selves. On this feast, which concludes the Christmas season, may we live out our own baptism by striving to believe that in all we are and all we do we are under the gaze of God's love.



### **FORGIVE: FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE**

..."I have always felt that **MERCY** bears richer fruits than strict justice." (Abraham Lincoln)

..."An eye for an eye, and the whole world would be blind." (Khalil Gibran)

..."To **FORGIVE** is to set a prisoner free and discover the prisoner was you." (Louis Smedes)

..."**FORGIVENESS** is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that crushes it." (Mark Twain)

..."Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies." (Nelson Mandela)

### **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

In baptism, your life was already immersed in the mystery of the Trinity and you belong to Jesus. And if one day you should be taken by fear, or you think that evil is too great to be challenged, simply consider that Jesus lives within you.



*General Audience  
September 20, 2017*

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP... PILLAR OF FORMATION**

As baptized Catholics, we are called to preach the Word to others. We can practice the Pillars of Formation by telling our non-practicing or non-Catholic brothers and sisters of the Good News and pray for their formation. We may ask for guidance in our mission from the Holy Spirit.



***ELEMENTARY Wednesday 6:45 to 8PM***  
**January 15 – Class/Meal**  
***HS & JR HIGH Sunday 8:30 to 9:45 AM***  
**January 19 - Class**



**PARISH SUPPORT**  
**January 5, 2020**

**Sunday Collection** \$2,607.00  
**Solemnity of Mary** 698.00  
 “Thank you for your generosity!”



**January 11 6:00 PM – Roy Bohman**  
**January 12, 6:00 PM – Pat Schuman**  
**January 18, 6:00 PM – Janet Ward**  
**January 19, 12:00 Noon – Diane Earls**



**Saturday, January 18, 6:00 PM**  
**Coordinator:** Ron Miller  
**Lector:** Nancy Obermeyer  
**Greeters:** Ron Miller/Lois Lunsford  
**Servers:** Wyatt McCain/Angel Tunny  
**Wine:** Teresa Kappes/Ron Ebinger  
**Sunday, January 19, 12:00 Noon**  
**Coordinator:** Ted Wissel  
**Lector:** Gary Payne  
**Greeters:** Ted Wissel/Steve Mathes  
**Servers:** Samantha Colyer  
**Wine:** Jill Jansing/Jessica Gorman

**PRAYER LIST** – Please notice that Amy Kinker (a member of St Maurice Parish) has been added to the prayer list.



**JANUARY MEETINGS**

**Finance** - Tuesday, January 21, 6:00 PM  
**Parish Council** - Tuesday, January 28, 6:00 PM



**K OF C CHILI SUPPER**  
**January 18, 7:00 PM**  
**Free Will Donation**

**WORDS TO START THE NEW YEAR**

“Happiness is an attitude. We either make ourselves miserable, or happy and strong. The amount of work is the same.”

*Author Unknown*

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.”

*Charles Dickens*

“Hugging is the most beautiful form of communication that allows the other person to know beyond a doubt that they matter.”

*Penny Coffey Lineberger*

**The Lord’s Laughter**

After an election in which he had retained his seat in Parliament, a reporter asked Winston Churchill, “I presume we may expect you to continue to be subservient to the powerful interests that control your vote.”

Churchill replied: “I’ll thank you to keep my wife out of this.”

*Via Rev Bernard Brunstring  
 Stuart FL*

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Joe Kelly	Linda Bear	Drew Willa	Amy Kinker	Pat Grieshop	Molly Ronaldson
Natalie Brown	Amy Castner	Todd Castner	Brooke Teer	Dennis Sanders	Madeline Ronaldson
Mike Raney	John Newhart	Gary Payne	Jennifer Hayness	Marsha Meister	Gerald Hermesch
Jeff Hafft	Mary Bruns	Katie Smith	Joe Pesek	Mary Jane Jansing	Evelyn Nimeskern
Kelly Spiller	Tammy Meister	Henry Peters	Eileen Ogden	Stanley Greene	Ron Hensley

# January 12, 2020 Local News & Events



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## **OLDENBURG FRANCISCAN CENTER**

### ***Coffee Talks – Dominican Spirituality***

Theme: “Exploring Traditions of Spirituality” While union with God, the end of spirituality, is a desire of every human heart, different persons with different temperaments naturally find different paths through different prayer forms to that union. January 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:45 AM to Noon. Known as the Order of Preachers, the Dominican Order was founded by St Dominic de Guzman in the 13<sup>th</sup> century in France. Their motto is: “To praise, to bless, to preach!” Email: [center@oldenburgosf.com](mailto:center@oldenburgosf.com) or 812-933-6437. [Oldenburgfranciscancenter.org](http://Oldenburgfranciscancenter.org) for more information.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** Wednesdays, 3:00 to 4:30PM – A Olga Wittekind. OSF. Guided by modern contemplatives like Merton, Keating and Rohr, we practice contemplative prayer, share God’s movement in our lives and reflect on our experiences through the process.

**VIGIL FOR LIFE** January 21, 7 to 9PM, [beichhorn@archindy.org](mailto:beichhorn@archindy.org). - St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 126 W Georgia St, Indianapolis. Come pray for a greater Respect for Life with Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and worship.

**INDIANA MARCH FOR LIFE** Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 12:00 PM. March will be from Georgia Street to the Capitol Building. *Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children* – 10:30 AM, Mass/Memorial Service with Archbishop Thompson & Bishop Doherty, St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, W Georgia St. Memorial Service at the Indiana Convention Center. Contact: Brie Ann Varick, 317-236-1543 or [beichhorn@archindy.org](mailto:beichhorn@archindy.org).

**ALL SAINTS PARISH DRAWDOWN** - Saturday, February 15 – 5 to 11 PM ~ St Paul Campus, New Alsace Our Spring Drawdown is a reverse raffle that benefits Catholic Education. The event is held at the St Paul campus of All Saints Parish- 9788 North Dearborn Road, Guilford, IN 47022. Tickets are \$25 each and includes entrance in the raffle, chicken dinner, draft beer, soda, snacks, and music. Wine is available for purchase and various games will be offered throughout the evening. Doors open at 5PM, Dinner served at 6PM, and Raffle begins at 7PM. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office or call 812-576-4302 and we are happy to mail them to you. Carry-outs available. Must be 21 to enter.

**2020 POLAR PLUNGE TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS, INDIANA.** February 15, 2020 Versailles State Park. Southeastern Indiana will be Feezin’ for a Reason again this winter! Mark your calendar today and visit [PolarPlungeIN.org](http://PolarPlungeIN.org) to learn more or register.

**OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE:** Marriage Preparation Retreats offered in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis: [archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana](http://archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana) or Abby Lasher 317-592-4011 or Keri Carroll 317-236-1521 - Pre-Cana Retreat Dates for 2020

- **February 1, 2020 - St. Malachy, Brownsburg**
- **March 7, 2020 - Nativity, Indianapolis**
- **May 30, 2020 - Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center, Bloomington**
- **June 20, 2020 - St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis**
- **August 8, 2020 - St. Mark, Indianapolis**
- **September 12, 2020 - St. Agnes, Nashville**
- **November 21, 2020 - Ss. Francis & Clare of Assisi, Greenwood**