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Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ January 10, 2021

The Word of the Laird...

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Each of the evangelists gives a rendering of it. Mark has the heavenly voice address Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Luke also uses the second person while Matthew uses the third person for the heavenly voice. John's Gospel does not recount the Baptism but has John acknowledging Jesus as the "Lamb of God."

Originally, the feast of the baptism of Jesus was tied in with Epiphany. And it also included the account of changing water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. In the western rite these came to be observed as separate feasts. In the eastern and orthodox rites they have maintained the closeness of the Epiphany and the Baptism.

I remember one year visiting my parents who had made their home not far from Tampa, Florida. On the feast of Epiphany the news cast presented the Greek Orthodox Bishop at the bay. He said a prayer and then tossed a cross into the water. Thereupon a large number of young men dove into the water to recover the cross. Supposedly the one who did recover it and returned it to the bishop would have a very blessed year!

There are even stories about doing something similar in Russia even though the rivers would be frozen over, but they would dig holes in the ice so that they might draw water or even dive in!

Let this be a day for us to remember our own baptism and join us more closely to the Lord in hearing the Father's voice.

Thanks be to God



"I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER; HE WILL BAPTIZE
YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT." - MK 1:8

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions This Week

Monday, January 11

St. Mary's 9:00 am

Tuesday, January 12

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Thomas Vallone (Ken & Martha Vallone)

Wednesday, January 13

St. Mary's 9:00 am

Thursday, January 14

St. Mary's—9:00 am—Maria Smuk (Andy Cherre)

Saturday, January 16

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Pat Della Croce (Ed & Mary Gillin)

Sunday, January 17—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary's 8:30—Teresa DiBello (Bob & Joan Madigan)

St. Matthew 10:30 am—For the People of our Faith Community

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Mass Attendance

December 24, 2020

St. Matthew—4:00 pm 93

St. Mary's—6:00 pm 46

St. Matthew—11:00 pm 41

December 25, 2020

St. Mary's—8:30 am 27

St. Matthew—10:30 am 65

December 27, 2020

St. Matthew—4:30 pm 47

St. Mary's—8:30 am 47

St. Matthew—10:30 am 76

December 31, 2020

St. Matthew—4:30 pm 29

January 1, 2021

St. Mary's—9:00 am 38

January 3, 2021

St. Matthew—4:30 pm 35

St. Mary's—8:30 am 54

St. Matthew—10:30 am 85

Daily Mass Readings

Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

Sunday: Is 55:1-11/Ps Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/ 1 Jn 5:1-9/ Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/ Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Church Chuckle

Lisa came home from Sunday school and told her mother that she had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly. It took her mother awhile before she realized that the hymn was really, "Gladly the Cross I'd Bear."



The St. Mary's Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Tobin Judd requested by Debbie Holtz.

Lived & Spoken

For \$50 names will be listed for one year. Contact either parish office for more information.

In Memory Of

Amanda Coble
Elizabeth Klapak Coble
Pat Conlon
Jerry D'Hont
Lucille DeClerck
Jule DeClerck
Joseph & Betty Eberwein
Joe Gianni
Leo Iten
Paul Jones
Beverly Luther
Ralph & Rocco Messura
Betty West
Leo & Mary Ann Morsch
Marilyn Erhart

Dan & Shirley Mulvaney
Linda Murphy
Jay Nowakowski
Richard O'Connor
Robert (Bob) C. Oelwang
Paul & Martha Pfuntner
Joe Rausch
Patrick L Guenther
Frank & Estelle Rodman
Nan Ryan
John Scherberger
Michelle Stefano
Bernice Yerger
Thomas John C. Long

Deceased Members of the Family of

Chuck and Cathy Schwalenstocker
Helinski and Ellison Families
Giuliani Family
Jones Family
Muscato Family
Culotta & Hendrick Families
Enright & Yatteau Families
Kurtz, Martin & O'Neil Families
Kucich & Juriaco Families



We keep all those currently serving in our Military, as well as those who have previously served, in our prayers always.

Bonnie Arena, Diane Backus, Riley Brant, Charlie Braun, Gloria Cote, Catherine Couture, Kevin DeCillis, Joseph Dispenza, Maddison Ellis, Deacon Greg Emerton, Joseph Erhart III, Sharon Erhart, Kathleen Gilligan, Kay C. Gordon, Patricia Greco, Ann Hansen, Peg Hynes, Carol Infantino, Shirley King, Mark Knapp, Bobby Lagani, Daren Mahar, Mark (Whitmore) Maltese, Shoshana Margolin, Randy Martell, Maureen McAuliffe, Thomas Miller, Kimberly Panipinto, Guy Reed, Dolores Root, Jeffery Sabo, Joan Shattuck, James Sheehan, Lenny Shumway, Julie Smith, Kathleen Smith, Randy Smith, Jim Stefano Sr., Earl Tieppo, Robert Weeks

Would You Help Us Out?

Please review the list. If you requested a name to be added and the person no longer needs to be on the list, let us know so we can take the name off to add others. **As a reminder**, we need the permission of a family member or the person themselves to place a name on the prayer list.

Live-Streamed Mass Schedule:

Sunday—8:30 am

Monday—Thursday—9:00 am

Feed available at www.stsmaryandmatthew.com or on **StsMaryandMatthewFaithCommunity** Facebook Page.

Catch us in reruns...one week's worth of masses are available on our Facebook Page.

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More Elves Needed!

St. Mary's & St. Matthew both need elves to remove our Christmas decorations after Masses this Sunday. Thanks for your help!

This Week in Our Faith Community

Monday, January 11

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

St. Matthew—11:00 am to 1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, January 12

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

Wednesday, January 13

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 14

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

Saturday, January 16

St. Matthew—3:30 pm —4:00 pm Reconciliation

St. Matthew—4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 17

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass

St. Matthew — 10:30 am Mass

Both churches open for private prayer during office hours.

A NOTE FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

Dear Families,

This weekend we celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord**. It's an amazing event—our Lord, in human form, leads by example the importance of participating in a sacramental life. Jesus didn't need to be baptized, after all, he's God! But it also marks the declaration that he is the Son of God. *"On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"* Our own sacramental life is nourished first and foremost through Holy Communion. Like the Holy Spirit descending upon Jesus, we too become united with him in the Eucharist. That can be daunting to say the least because Jesus actually becomes part of us, and as such we are graced in a way we can only be by God. Makes you feel pretty special, huh? You know, there's a reason we call it "communion." Those who have been unable to receive Jesus in the Eucharist at this time can still be in "communion" with us by participating in the mass at home, praying, reading scripture and making a Spiritual Communion. Through all of our combined prayers, and through the beautiful sacraments, we are united with God and with each other, and we need that now more than ever.

Our **confirmation informational meeting** went well last week. Be on the lookout for weekly emails as we begin our preparation for both Yr. 1 & Yr. 2 candidates.

Youth group (Crossroads) will meet this evening **Sunday, January 10th from 6:30—8:00 PM** in the Community Room at St. Matthew's. We had 7 participants last week! Woo hoo! A new record! It was wonderful. God is good!

Our **informational meeting** for **First Reconciliation** and **First Holy Communion** will take place this Sunday, **January 10th after the 10:30 Mass at St. Matthew's**. Even if your child prepared last year, please plan to attend and, if you are unable, please contact me.

This is the last week to get your nominations in for **DOR's HANDS OF CHRIST** recognition. Please return your nominations prior to the **January 15th** deadline.

The new packets for the **Pflaum Gospel Weeklies** Faith Formation packets are available for pick up in the vestibule of the church. Make sure you sign out your materials when you pick them up so I can keep a record.

Have a wonderful week.

In God's Love, *Jeanette*

Our Sacramental Life Together

<u>Sacrament of Baptism:</u>	Call either parish office for arrangements.
<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u>	Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00 pm at St. Matthew or call either parish office for an appointment.
<u>Sacrament of Matrimony:</u>	Please notify either parish office six months in advance of desired date.
<u>Anointing of the Sick:</u>	Please notify either parish office if someone is sick at home, in a nursing facility or the hospital.

EAT FOR HEAT
 Drive-thru Takeout
 SPAGHETTI DINNER
 1/30/2021 | 2-4:30pm | St. Matthew Church, Livonia
 Tickets: \$20 each
 Tickets must be purchased by 1/25
 Purchase tickets online at abouteccl.org
 Or in-person at St. Matthew Church and
 Catholic Charities, Mt. Morris
 Call 658-4466 for more info
 Please note these are takeout meals only
 Catholic Charities
 Steuben/Livingston
 Stronger Together
 100% of proceeds go directly towards heating
 costs and stay in Livingston County
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CMA UPDATE

As of 1/4/2021

	<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>
Pledged	\$15,920.00	\$39,720.00
Goal	\$15,200.00	\$51,815.00
Percentage of Goal	104.74%	76.66%

As of January 4th, St. Matthew still needs slightly over \$12,000 to meet the CMA Goal. Please take a few moments to make your donation to close this gap for the parish (#339) at: www.dor.org/CMA.

Congratulations

We did it! For the third year in a row, through the generosity of our parishioners, St. Mary's achieved our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal prior to Christmas! Thank you to each and every person/family who contributed financially and through prayer. Our successful campaign enables the Diocese to continue to help the poor, the hungry, those in poor health and in need of pastoral care, education and employment. God Bless you!

Financial Corner

What our churches need per week to meet our budget:

St. Mary's	\$2,052	St. Matthew	\$5,600
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Figure in red indicates budget requirement was not met.

December 27, 2020

St. Mary's

Envelopes	\$1,510.00
Loose Plate	57.00
Auto Deduct	255.76
Total	\$1,822.76
Christmas	\$1,740.00

St. Matthew

Envelopes	\$4,432.76
Loose Plate	59.00
Auto Deduct	1,608.00
Total	\$6,099.76
Christmas	\$5,045.00

January 3, 2021

St. Mary's

Envelopes	\$2,466.00
Loose Plate	62.00
Auto Deduct	255.76
Total	\$2,783.76
Solemnity of Mary	\$176.00

St. Matthew

Envelopes	\$4,836.00
Loose Plate	67.10
Auto Deduct	1,608.00
Total	\$6,511.10
Solemnity of Mary	\$281.00