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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.



Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

"Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You."

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PARISH NEWS

VIRTUAL Trivia Night

Friday at noon is the **DEADLINE** to sign up for the 4th Annual Trivia Night. Play from the comfort of your own home. All you need is an internet connection and Zoom. Don't have a team? Still want to play? Contact Lori today!

Saturday, January 16th
\$250 per team of up to 8 people

6:30pm - Login
7:00pm - Trivia Starts

To register or for more information, please contact Lori Haele at 562-9214 or lhaefledpt@yahoo.com.

Pro-Life Baby Shower

The Knights of Columbus are conducting a Pro-Life Baby Shower during the month of January. Please help them fill the play pen in the church gathering space with baby items such as diapers, bottles, new clothing, etc. Cash donations are also accepted. For more information, contact Dan Faulkner at 562-8900 or Paul Broxterman at 799-5628.

All Night Adoration

There will be All Night Adoration in memory of Roe vs Wade, throughout the night of January 16th. All those in charge of calling parishioners, please start lining up Adorers for this solemn night of prayer. **We still need three people to call Altar Society circles!** Please give a specific time when called so we know all times are filled! Questions or want to be added to the list of Adorers? Call 562-6484. Thank you to all those who say yes when called.

Free Throw Contest

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

January 17, 2021

1:00 pm

St. Gregory's School Gym

Open to all boys and girls ages 9-14 years old.

Winner in each group will receive a regulation basketball.

Entry forms can be picked up in the school office.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**Tuesday, Jan. 12***NO MASS***Wednesday, Jan. 13***NO MASS***Thursday, Jan. 14***NO MASS***Friday, Jan. 15****8:15am**

† Marvin and Cathy Utecht

Saturday, Jan. 16**5:30pm**

~ Austin Knecht Family

Sunday, Jan. 17**7:00am**

† Marty Clark

10:30am~ Living and deceased members of
Louis Sekul family**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****Wednesday, Jan. 13***NO ADORATION***Friday, Jan. 15****8:45am - 9:45am**

Adoration

Saturday, Jan. 16**4:30pm - 5:15pm**

Confessions

7:00pm*VIRTUAL* Trivia Night**VOLUNTEER VOICES CORRECTION**

A few names were inadvertently left out of the Volunteer Voices last weekend. Gary Crownover, Bob Baker and Mike Ring were also among the Knight members that helped set up the outdoor Nativity scene. We apologize for this error and thank you for your hard work.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you purchased a poinsettia for a loved one, please take it home with you after Mass. Thank you to everyone who helped make the church even more beautiful during the Christmas season.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for January 3rd	\$ 9,734.65
ACH for January 5th	\$ 3,780.00
Parish Soft Giving for December	\$ 650.00
<i>(\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week)</i>	

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Principal Balance (as of 1/04/21).....	\$859,374.47
<i>Donations (since 1/01/21).....</i>	<i>(\$ 4,230.00)</i>
Estimated Outstanding Expenses	\$83,272.25
<i>Total Parish Liability</i>	<i>\$938,416.72</i>
Total Contributions to Date	\$7,445,186.32
<i>(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)</i>	

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Margaret Marie Nieberding Stoehr,

wife of Tony Stoehr.

A rosary will be on Saturday, January 16th at 10:00am
with the funeral to follow at 10:30am at St. Gregory's.

SOUL 2021: A VIRTUAL EVENT

As you have heard, the SOUL Event & Auction on February 20th has gone virtual.

At this time, we are requesting in-kind donations to help fulfill our ONLINE silent auction. Any in-kind donation, as well as the donor, will be listed in the auction booklet and online platform. We ask that you prayerfully consider making an in-kind donation. Some examples may include ag items, collector items, gift certificates, baked goods to be made at a later date, services, experiences, group dinners & get-a-ways.

To donate your item(s), please call 562-2831 or email soul@stgregorychurch.org.

Thank you for supporting our kids and our school.

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

"Every Day in Love" If you ate too many cookies at Christmas, it won't ruin your health if you eat well the rest of the year. Unfortunately, you also can't expect one salad per year to make you healthy! It's the little things, done daily, that affect our lives.

Start this new year right by taking 7 date nights with your spouse to learn some simple, effective daily habits that will fill your 2021 with love!

7 Thursdays, January 21st - March 4th**7:30-9:00pm - Live on Zoom****Recordings available to registered participants****Scholarships available**

More info and register: archkcks.org/everyday
Questions? Brad DuPont: bdupont@archkck.org

"Coping with Life Alone" This is a grief support program that helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. It meets each week for 8 weeks.

Upcoming program dates:**February 1 through April 5, 2021 - 10 sessions****Monday evenings - 6:30-8:30pm****Cost - \$50**

Please register in advance and receive the program workbook plus detailed Zoom meeting instructions at www.beginningexperiencekc.org. For additional info, please contact Donna at 816-305-3760.



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



\$40,609.10

Our End-of-Year Giving Campaign has been a HUGE success so far!! This is a true blessing for our school! A huge thank you to all who support our school through time, talent, treasure, and prayers. Your gifts and support are greatly appreciated!



PRAYER LIST

The power of prayer is an amazing thing! Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Short Term Health Issues: Ron Thomas, Paul "Peewee" Zimmerling and Anna Fragel.

Long Term Health Issues: Marty Malotte, Allie Montgomery, Gretchen Schmitz, Don Wassenberg, Alan Wassenberg, Lora Stohs, Tony Evans, Teresa Reiling, Mary Landoll, Boston Bieler, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Joan Wacek, Katie Vering, Sami and Jack Kirkland.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"GOD IS IN CONTROL AND
WE CAN COUNT ON HIM
TO HELP US OVERCOME
EVERY OBSTACLE."**

Justin Fatica
You're Amazing

CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

- Jan. 10** Bob Ryan (95 years)
- Jan. 11** William Haight, Benjamin Haight, Bernard Bussmann, Gavin Vogelsberg
- Jan. 12** Clayton Pils, Gary Crownover, Nancy Cudney, Tony Miller
- Jan. 13** Regina Wassenberg, Ryan Haverkamp, John Ronnebaum, Chloe Voet, Jamie LeSage
- Jan. 14** Beau Wassenberg, Anthony Bruna, Sami Kirkland
- Jan. 15** John McKeever
- Jan. 16** Deb Blumer, Jim Knecht, Maren Wassenberg, Jessica Miller, James Kroeger, Ashlyn Jones
- Jan. 17** Lori Haeefe, Jordan Miller, Dave Kongs, Torey Butler

ANNIVERSARIES

- Jan. 12** Fred and Julie Lienemann
- Jan. 13** Lyle and Glenda Stohs
- Jan. 15** Jason and Meghan Voracek
- Jan. 17** Charles and Mary Weickert
James and Karen Ladner

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Parish Hall Reservations: Contact Parish Office

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Baptisms: See website for information

Weddings: Contact Father Quentin

If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.



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