

January 10th, 2021 - The Baptism of the Lord

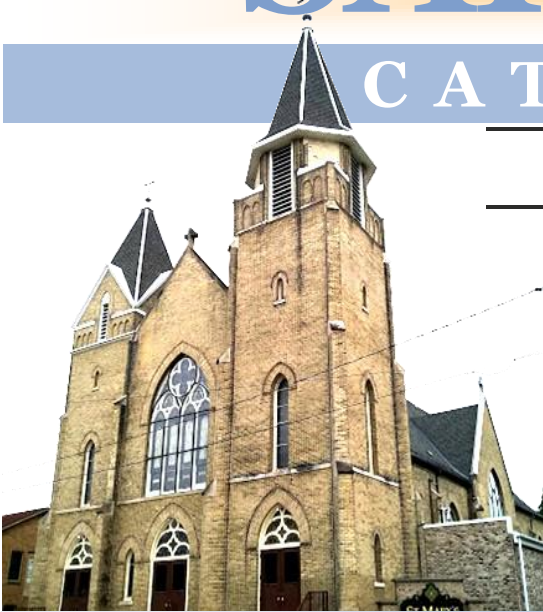
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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm

Sunday 8:35 am

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"It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn 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.'"

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 12

Private Special Intention

Mass By: Fr. Clayton

Wednesday, January 13

Private † Bob Mauch

Mass By: Rita Hall

Thursday, January 14

Private † Witad Szawlowski

Mass By: Family

Friday, January 15

Private Danielle Mayer

Mass By: Sauter Sisters

Saturday, January 16

7:00 pm † Merlin Marshall

By: Paul & Dionne
Zajackowski

Sunday, January 17

9:00 am Parishioner Mass

1:00 pm Isaac Glavin

By: Dziewior Family



Upcoming Events

**Fr. Clayton on leave
until further notice:**

January 1st, 2021

**Christmas Environment
Cleanup**

January 14th, 6:30 p.m.

Parish Pastoral Council

Canceled: Future date coming

Parish Finance Council

February 9th at 6:30 pm

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



As Jesus was baptized Calvin Carp watched on. The next time Cal would see Jesus was when Jesus fed 5,000 with a few loaves of bread. Calvin and a couple of his buddies.

The Baptism of the Lord - Reflection

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.

-Taken from *Catholic Daily Reflections - My Catholic Life!*

Daily Mass Update

The daily (Tuesday-Friday) Mass intentions listed in the bulletin are being fulfilled privately by Fr. Clayton while he is away on medical leave. They are not celebrated at St. Mary's but are still being offered for the intention listed. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.





Taking down of the Christmas environment is this Thursday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Please consider stopping by to help put away the decorations. Thank you to all who help make St. Mary's Church beautiful!

Reminder: Please Get Your Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up your 2021 offertory envelopes. The envelope boxes are in alphabetical order and in the back of the church. Please save the parish the expense of mailing your envelopes. TY! Student envelopes are now also available.



Annual Ham Dinner

Due to COVID-19 and Diocese recommendations, the Ham Dinner has been postponed until further notice. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

Fr. Eugene "Gene" Durrant Trainer passed away on Tuesday, January 5th



Fr. Gene was born in Lyndon Station on October 20, 1932. He attended St. Patrick grade school in Mauston before going on to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Minor Seminary in Geneva, IL and then the seminary in Shelby, OH. He was ordained into the priesthood on May 31, 1958. The Funeral Mass was at St. Patrick's in Sparta on Saturday, January 9th and burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery this Spring. May he rest in peace!

St. Mary's Prayer List

Mildred Blank, Vinnie Bellock, Joan Burch; Jamie Donnelly; Joan, Henry, Bill, William, Clayton & John Elmhurst, Jim & Adela Hagen, Elizabeth Hall, Roseanne Kenneth, Gloria Kramer, Helena Kwit & Family, Mary Claire Marshall, Anna McGowan, Courtney Miller, Lizzie Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Lucille Ryczek, Charlotte Rybicki, Marjorie Senzig, Jeri Smith, Jane Torgerson, Rosalee Verette, William & Jackie Zenk, Nancy Zingsheim, those who are sick, unemployed, in need & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, anxieties & to the end of the COVID-19 pandemic; Families & Friends please... PRAY THE ROSARY!



Financial Stewardship

January 3, 2021

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1,392.00
Offertory.....	\$859.00
Holy Days.....	\$365.00
Utility Envelopes.....	\$30.00
Votive Candles.....	\$103.00
Total	\$2,749.00

Weekly Budget \$2,548.07

(164 registered families)

Year-to-date*

Budgeted	\$68,798.52
Contributed	\$79,471.41

Time to go to St. Joseph

St. Joseph protected the Holy Family & we can trust ourselves, to him at a time when fatherhood is so needed. We can ask him to help strengthen our families – as well as the bonds of our parish during this time of hardship.

-St. Joseph, Pray for us!



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

St. Mary's Floor Project

Parishioners' Goal:	\$75,000
Total Received:	\$72,650.00
Percent of Goal received:	96.87%

2020-21 Annual Appeal

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