

January 12, 2020

The Baptism of the Lord Matthew 3:13-17

“Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.”

For pilgrims today the journey from Galilee to the southern end of the Jordan River where John baptized Jesus is a ninety minute+ ride in a comfortable, air conditioned bus. In the time of Jesus it was a four or five day walk through valleys and over hills in less than hospitable territory. John protest that he should be baptized by Jesus. Jesus responds to “allow it for now to fulfill all righteousness.” John demonstrates his confident awareness of who Jesus is and what he has come to accomplish. He baptizes Jesus so that what was written and prophesied in the Old Testament might be fulfilled by Jesus and those who believe in him. The same Jesus who came to John comes to us every day - in the people and events we encounter, in the challenges of our life, in our joys and sadness, in our successes and failures. He submits himself to us to help us discern God’s will for us and to lead us, by his example, to respond as God desires. When we do that we can know that God is saying, “This is my beloved child, in whom I am well pleased.”

** Please take note, parking on the grass is NOT ALLOWED
** Parents please take note, Children are NOT ALLOWED in the hall during mass or classrooms after CCD Classes.

 **Misericordia Divina Divine Mercy Spanish Prayer Group Wed. 10 am call Sofia Craft at (931) 591-8042 or Gladys Douglas at (931) 225-8557 We visit families. Visit Amos las familias.**

Silver Angels will meet at Casa Blanca in Clarksville at 1 PM on Feb 7th at 1PM.
Father Gerald Calhoun Assembly will meet Jan 12th at 5:00 PM in the parish hall.
Fellowship Bingo is Saturday Jan 18th at 10 AM. Martha’s Ministry will follow at 12:30—2:30 PM.
Knights of Columbus Father Emil Kapaun Council will meet Jan 20th at 6:45 PM.
Next Parish Council Meeting is Jan 30th at 6:00 PM.
Valentine Dinner & Dance tickets are now available. Dave Tilley has tickets/details. Prices are \$30.00 for a couple and \$15.00 for a single.
There is a signup sheet on the table in the church foyer. Please sign up and print legibly if you want a copy of 2019 charitable contributions for income taxes or any other purposes. Please sign up ONLY IF you want a statement.
January’s second collections are: January 12 Opportunities For Life.

Diocesan Announcements

* **Married Couples Retreat | January 31 - February 2, 2020**
"Growing in Love with One Another; Growing in Love with God" is a retreat for married couples that will take place from Jan. 31-Feb. 2. Long-time marriage educators Bridget Brennan and Jerry Shen will bring their gifts in teaching everyday practical skills to equip couples to grow in love and joy with each other and God. There is a discounted rate of \$275 per couple if you sign up by Jan. 17. Otherwise the fee is \$325 per couple. The fee includes meals and accommodations at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Take this time to get away and renew your marriage. To register, call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online at ursulinesmsj.org

* **Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky | February 15, 2020**
The Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky is hosting their 9th annual conference on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the River Park Center in Owensboro. Men from all around the diocese are encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. Guest speakers this year are Patrick Madrid, Bruce Sullivan and Brian Greenfield. Mass with Bishop Medley will follow the conference at St. Stephen Cathedral, 610 Locust Street, at 5 PM. Read the speakers' biographies, find more information and purchase online tickets by visiting kycatholic.com.

* **Joy Camp | April 18, 2020**
The Diocese is pleased to announce a one-day camp experience for 5-12th graders with intellectual or mild physical disabilities at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 10:00 AM till 4:00.
The event is co-sponsored by the Gasper River Retreat Center and the Diocesan Disabilities Awareness Committee The cost of the camp is \$30, however scholarships are available. Every child needs to be accompanied for the whole day by a responsible adult, 18 years or older, preferably a parent, guardian or dedicated caregiver for the child. Because it is a first time experience for the sponsors, they have set a limit on registrations at 20. Registration deadline is March 31, 2020. Online registration will be available soon at gasperriverretreatcenter.org

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Weekend Mass Schedule :
Sat 5:00PM
Sun 8:30 & 11:30AM

Weekdays
Mon, Thur., Fri 9:00 AM
Wed. 6:00 PM
Tues. No Mass

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January 12, 2020

St. Michael the Archangel

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PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

*St. Michael the Archangel
defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.*

Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism- takes place every 3rd Sunday, during or outside of Mass. Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom, or Wayne to set a meeting to prepare for the Sacrament and set a date. Baptism for older youth and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil.
Confession- Saturdays, 4:30 pm, before or after any Mass or by appointment with Fr. Julian. Communal services during Advent and Lent.
First Reconciliation- is celebrated during Advent.
First Eucharist- is celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade or older.
Confirmation- for youth is conferred by the Bishop. Adults receive the Sacrament at the Easter Vigil or before Marriage by Fr. Julian.
Holy Orders- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom or Wayne if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious.
Marriage- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom or Wayne for Marriage and Annulment needs.
Anointing of the Sick- Anyone who is seriously ill or going to surgery should request anointing by contacting Fr. Julian.

Opportunities for Life Hotline
Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

Nationwide Mass Times
Automated Church Lookup:
1(858) 207-6277 or log on to www.masstimes.org

SINCERE WELCOME TO ALL FRIENDS VISITING US TODAY

To register with the parish, please stop at the Office after Mass to fill out the form.

**Mass Intentions \$5
Sanctuary Candle \$10**

Please put your donation in an envelope and indicate († if deceased). Please give your name and phone number and the date wanted in the collection basket. If the exact time and date you requested is not available, the closest available Mass time and date will be assigned. Envelopes for Mass Intentions are in the foyer on the table.

****Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday**
Email Bob Whelan at r_a_whelan@hotmail.com

WEBSITE

St. Michael's new Website is now available at www.stmichaeloakgrove.church. Please check it out for more information. Web page POC is Jessica Carroll. She can be reached at fisherj21@yahoo.com or text to 701-371-4690 for web page input

Blessed Mother Bookstore
Open: Sunday 9:30 - 11:30 am

Come by and check us out.

Readings for this week 01/13-01/19

Mon: 1 SM 1:1-8
PS 11:6-12-19
MK 1:14-20

Tues: 1 SM 1:9-20
PS 2:1, 4-8 11:6-12-19
MK 1:21-28

Wed: 1 SM 3:1-10, 19-20
PS 40:2, 5, 7-10
MK 1:29-39

Thurs: 1 SM 4:1-11
PS 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25
MK 1:40-50

Fri: 1 SM 8:4-7, 10-22A
PS 89:16-19
MK 2:1-12

Sat: 1 SM 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1A
PS 21:2-7
MK 2:13-17

Sun: IS 49:3, 5-6
PS 40:2, 4, 7-10
1 COR 1:1-13

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YRA

In today's liturgy we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

First Reading (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) Here the Lord speaks "I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and keep you". In the Second Reading (Acts 10:34-38) Peter proclaims the impartiality of God.

Today's Gospel (Matthew 3:13-17) Presents us with the Baptism of Jesus

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord gives us an opportunity to reflect on baptism and what it means to us and for us. Generally speaking, a Christening is a naming ceremony and at baptism parents do name their child at the very beginning of the rite. The tradition has been to provide a child with a Christian name, that is, the name of a saint. In non-Christian culture, such a name significantly marks the person as a Christian. This provides an identity for the child as someone connected to Christ, and we are in reality named "Christian". When a baby is named the baby is not the only one who gets a name. The parents take on a new name with the new life. No longer are they Thomas and Jan. Now they are Paul's parents. In the grocery or at school another parent will introduce herself. Hello, aren't you Paul's mother? I am John's mother.

Today a man named Joshua, (Hebrew for Yahweh saves) approached a man named John. The man we call Jesus (Greek) went into the waters of the Jordan to be baptized by John. In doing so the sinless man changed the baptism of repentance into the baptism of life. But in baptism even Jesus received a new name. Jesus was named from heaven "Son".

Baptism is far more than a mere christening, though we are named, we are named Christian. We might spend some time pondering that name today. Just as parents warn their children never to shame the family name, we should also try not to soil or shame the name "Christian".

The Feast Of Baptism

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the spirit and the door which gives access to other sacraments. (Council of Florence 1314) Through baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God, we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the church and made sharers in her mission. baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word. (Council of Florence 1314, Canon 240\$, Roman Catechism 11,2,5)

Baptism is also called "The washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit". For it signifies and actually brings about the birth of water and the spirit without which no one can enter the kingdom of God. (Titus 3:5, John 3:5)

The Baptism Of Christ

Our Lord voluntarily submitted Himself to the Baptism of Saint John, intended for sinners, in order to fulfill all righteousness. (Matthew 3:19) Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of His self-emptying. (Philippians 2:7) The spirit, who had hovered over the waters of the first creation, descended on the Christ as a prelude of the new creation and the Father revealed Jesus as His beloved Son. (Matthew 3:11-17)

Baptism In The Church

Since the very first Pentecost, the church has celebrated and administered Holy Baptism. Saint Peter declares to the crowd "Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit". (Acts 2:38)

Always baptism is connected with faith. Paul declared to his jailer in Philippi, "Believe in the Lord, and you shall be saved, you and your household. The jailer was baptized at once with all his family. (Acts 16: 31-33)

According to Saint Paul, the believer enters through baptism into communion with Christ's death, is buried with Him, and rises with Him. "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized in Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life". (Romans 6:3-4, Colossians 2:12) For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. (Galatians 3:27)

Today brings the end to our Christmas season. As we celebrate this feast, let us remember that with our own baptism we have been integrated into the holy and royal family of God, and with our baptismal anointing we are meant to participate in the common priesthood of Christ, prophets and kings. Amen!

Fr. Julian Ibemere
Pastor
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church



****We will purge our sick list at the end of March. Please let us know who needs to be on it by placing the name in the collection basket.**



Dear Lord, please wrap your arms around those who are hurting today, and let them feel how much You love them.

Please Pray for our Sick:

Jean Banasiak	Isabel Gonzalez	George & IL O'Connor
Hans Braun	Nay Hutcheson	Peter Robbins
Judy Brown	Pat Jurisin	Edward Robbins
Shirley Brown	Steve Kiser	Debbie Robbins
Ann & Ken Carroll	Walter Klinecwich	Isaac Philips
Nia Crisostomo	Jessica Locklear	Al Stein
Marriah Day	Sue Long	Linda Stagdale
Margret Eck	Alex B. Lucas Jr.	Frances Thomas
Mark & Mike Frasca	Frank J Luciani	John & Mae Raymond
Ron & Janis Gill	Ruby Macias	Andrew Reyes
Jeff Gorski	David McCuiston	Rudy Sheriff
Billy Hancock	Mac & Sue McElroy	Kim Weimer
John Jackson	Sue Montoya	Marie Welter

Gifts for God

Regular Collection:	\$
Mass Intentions	\$25.00
Votive Candles	\$27.50
Sanctuary Candle	\$
Parish Maintenance	\$26.91
Can Recycle	\$
Ministry Help The Poor	\$
Blessed Mother Gift Shop	\$
Wingman M/C Baskets	\$
Solemnity Of Mary	\$652.00
Total	\$

Faith Formation Registration:

Registration Fee: \$20 per child

Register Grades Pre-K thru 12th

Class Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Contact: Deacon Wayne, Bernadette Crisostomo, or Lisa Reed.

*Students must be picked up by 11:00 am by a parent/guardian

Bulletin Board

Have you stopped and checked out all that is going on here at St. Michael the Archangel!

It is updated weekly by Lori Snodgrass.

If you need anything added she can be reached at 931-919-2794.

**Attendance Jan 4-5 2020 - 372
Second Collection
Jan 12 2020
Opportunities for life**

If you are moving please take a moment to stop by the office to let us know or put a note with your name and forwarding address in the collection plate. Please don't leave without a copy of your sacramental documents.

Every First Friday of the Month is

Anointing of the Sick and Adoration

3rd Saturday of the Month Activities

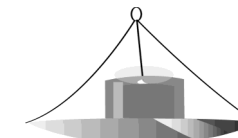
**5 Cent Bingo
10:00am-Noon**

**Martha's Ministry (after Bingo)
12:30PM until 2:30pm**

****Clothing Ministry****

We are now accepting winter clothing. Clothing may be left in the Fellowship Hall Atrium. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. This is another program through Martha's Ministry.

**Sanctuary Candle Intention
January 12, 2020
Ruth Stalls**



Intentions this Week:

Sat 1/11
Confessions 4:30PM
Mass 5:00PM
Mass Intention:
Belinda Peeler (Quincera) Sweet 15

Sun 1/12
MASS 8:30AM
Mass Intention:
Jeanette Boudreau Watson
MASS 11:30AM
Mass Intention: Holy souls in purgatory

Mon 1/13
MASS 9:00AM
Mass Intention: Provincia Gonzalez†

Tues 1/14 NO MASS

Wed 1/15
MASS 6:00PM
Mass Intention: Provincia Gonzalez†

RCIA 7:00PM
Choir Practice 7:00PM

Thur 1/16
MASS 9:00AM
Mass Intention: Provincia Gonzalez†

Fri 1/17
MASS 9:00AM
Mass Intention: Provincia Gonzalez†

Sat 1/18
Confessions 4:30PM
Mass 5:00PM
Mass Intention: Provincia Gonzalez†

Sun 1/19
MASS 8:30AM
Mass Intention:
Parishioners of Saint Michael's
MASS 11:30AM
Mass Intention: Holy souls in purgatory

Need a place to hold an event or a family gathering with friends, then why not rent the Parish Hall by contacting Dave Tilley at 931-237-5013