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The Baptism OF THE LORD



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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

Daily

Mass (M, T, Th, F): 8:45 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 2:45-3:30 PM
(At St. Augustine 3:15-4 PM)

Holy Day Masses:

As announced

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Please contact the parish office to schedule date of preparation and date of baptism.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor at least one year before planned date of marriage.

Visitation or Anointing of the Sick: Anytime. Please contact the pastor.

If you are a visitor or if you are new to our parish, we welcome you. If you would like to become a member of our parish, you may call the parish office, contact us by e-mail or return this form by mail or by placing it in the offertory collection.

This form may also be used for change of address or to request a call from a member of our staff.

Name _____

Address _____

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**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

- Saturday, January 12**
4:00 PM Richard Mach (14th Anniv.) by Judy
- Sunday, January 13**
8:00 AM Lillian Pelland by Bruce & Christine Bartlett
10:00 AM Joseph McManus (2nd Anniv.) by his family
- Monday, January 14**
8:45 AM Kathy Powers by Joyce Paquette
- Tuesday, January 15**
8:45 AM Open for Intention
- Thursday, January 17**
8:45 AM Lorraine Dufault by Joyce Paquette
- Friday, January 18**
8:45 AM Open for Intention
- Saturday, January 19**
4:00 PM Lorraine Dufault by Cecile & Marie
- Sunday, January 20**
8:00 AM Rene Thibeault (7th Anniv.) by Joe Lemelin
10:00 AM Daniel Manna & David Ruscitti by their family

Liturgical Roles January 19 & 20

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 PM D. Bruneau, M. Destrempe, M. Joanis
- 8:00 AM P. Berthelette, M. Landry, R. Poulin
- 10:00 AM M. Etzold, C. Guertin, A. Wagstaff

Lectors

- 4:00 PM J. Stanovich
- 8:00 AM S. Morrissey
- 10:00 AM L. Kalinoski, A. Darling

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM D. Rousseau
- 8:00 AM C. Kenny
- 10:00 AM T. Etzold, C. Wilson

Ushers

- 4:00 PM J. & K. Nutter
- 8:00 AM J. & M. Morrissey
- 10:00 AM D. & MB Guertin

Readings for the week of January 13, 2019

- Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- 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: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/ 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

CALENDAR

	<small>SUN</small>	<small>MON</small>	<small>TUE</small>
Sunday, January 13	2	3	4
	9	10	11
Sunday, January 13	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
		1:00 PM	6:00 PM
Monday, January 14	5:30 PM	6:15 PM	7:30 PM
Tuesday, January 15	6:00 PM		
Wednesday, January 16	6:30 PM		
Thursday, January 17	7:00 PM		
Saturday, January 19	2:00 PM		
	2:45 PM		
Sunday, January 20	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	

VBS BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE 8 AND 10 am MASSES.

The Baptism of the Lord

Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course. But for the Israelites, they had heard the stories from generation to generation. They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." They had been waiting for a Messiah, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things; someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled?

That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered. Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man.

But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above. "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? What are you waiting for?



Sunday, January 13

9:00 AM SP RE
 10:00 AM Retreat Gr. 6 & 7 (Parish Center)
 11:00 AM RE Gr. K-5

Monday, January 14

6:15 PM RE Gr. 8 Only



LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS for January, February and March are on the back table. We ask for a \$2 donation to help defray the subscription cost. Thank you.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are January 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and March 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wmmema.org/>.

March for Life

Friday, January 18 in Washington, D.C. The cost is \$95 per seat. For more information go to www.marchforlife.org.



NOTE: There was an omission at the end of November for the Food Pantry, the total donated was \$338.00. Thank you to those who donated.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Weekend of January 5 & 6

Weekly Goal \$5959

Sunday Regular \$2462; Electronic \$405; Candles \$44;
 Living Faith Books \$2; Staff Thank You \$50;
 Christmas \$73; Christmas Flowers \$20; Funeral \$100;
 Initial Offering \$466; Solemnity of Mary \$446

Other Income \$235

Parish Savings \$141; Catholic University \$94
 Number of Envelopes: 182 Thank You

(The participation of all is very important and is appreciated by the whole community)

A letter from Bishop McManus

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

January 22, 2019 marks the 46th anniversary of the tragic *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision which, with its companion case *Doe v. Bolton*, legalized abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy in every state in the nation. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (n. 373)*, designates **Tuesday, January 22** as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”. All the faithful in dioceses throughout the United States of America are called to observe this day in a spirit of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations of the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

Forty-six years of legalized abortion in this country has left an incomprehensible aftermath. With close to 60 million lives lost and countless women and men, mothers and fathers, grandparents, siblings and friends who have been deeply wounded physically, emotionally and spiritually by this tragedy, we need now more than ever to re-commit ourselves to defending life. I encourage our diocesan parishes and institutions and all the faithful, to observe reverently the **Day of Prayer and Penance on January 22nd** both personally and within your communities. Let us unite our hearts and minds through special acts of prayer, fasting and sacrifice on this day, to uphold the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

As we reflect on this unspeakable tragedy, we also recall how the Church for many years has continued to reach out to those who have been so sadly affected by the culture of death, particularly through ministries providing aid to women and families in crisis pregnancies, offering the healing love and mercy of Christ to those wounded by abortion through the ministry of Project Rachel and by continuing to teach and preach the truth and beauty about love and life that bring authentic freedom and happiness. It is through these charitable works, along with our fervent prayers and sacrifices, that the culture can be transformed and the great goods of life, marriage and religious liberty can be protected and upheld.

Let us take this opportunity of the January 22nd Day of Prayer and Penance to renew our resolve to live and proclaim the Gospel of Life. May we respond generously to the challenge Saint Pope John Paul II put forth in *Evangelium vitae*: “A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. May an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and Lover of life, from the heart of every believer.” Our active participation in the shared commitment to the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person will with God’s grace, truly work toward the building up of a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love.

With every prayerful best wish I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
 Bishop of Worcester



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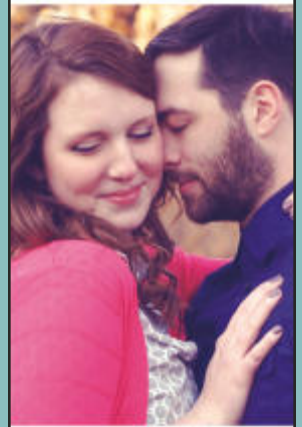
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