

Saint Boniface Parish

Faith Formation Handout – Sunday, January 10th

The Baptism of the Lord

Mark 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” 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.”

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I am God's beloved!

Do I believe and trust in that?

First Grade

To be Baptized means that we are loved by God. How can we show God that we love Him? Your parents brought you to be Baptized because they love you. How can you show them that you love them? When we know that someone loves us, how do we act around them? How should we act with someone that loves us?

Second Grade

You have already been Baptized and are beloved children of God. As you prepare for your first Confession and first Communion. As you prepare for those Sacraments, how can you be a better disciple of Jesus? How will going to Confession and receiving the Eucharist help you to be a better disciple of Jesus?

Third and Fourth Grades

When you were Baptized you were made a disciple of Jesus. How can you continue to be work and live as a disciple of Jesus at home and when you are other places? How can you encourage others to also be disciples of Jesus? Would telling them how important it is to you help? How important to you is being a disciple of Jesus?

Fifth and Sixth Grades

You have been Baptized! Do you ever think about what being Baptized means to you? Do you always feel that you are a beloved child of God? If yes, when do you feel it the most? If no, how can thinking about your Baptism help you to realize that God does love you? What can you do to help remember that you are loved by God?

Seventh and Eighth Grades

God loves everyone! Sometimes people doubt that. How can you help people realize that they are loved by God? How can you let people know that you believe and trust in God, and are loved by Him? How have others shown you that you are loved by God? Can you repeat any of those things or actions to help others?

High School and Adults

We became disciples at our Baptism. What type of disciple we are depends on our actions and our relationship with God. What does your Baptism mean to you? It is wonderful that in the past you brought your children to be Baptized. How are you continuing to raise them in the Catholic faith, beyond bringing them to Mass?

For this Week...

We are Catholic always and in everything we do. Throughout the week bring your faith into your school, your work, your play and your family. Here are some ideas for you.

Monday

Knowing that we are God's beloved is not always easy to do. We first have to know that we are lovable. As a family, make a list of all of the ways that each family member is lovable – what makes them amazing? Actually, write it down so that you can put it on the fridge or somewhere in the house to remind everyone.

Tuesday

There are many people in the world who do not know that God loves them or that they are even lovable. Some people do not regularly experience love in their life. Today, let as many people know about their goodness by giving as many compliments as you can! Also, say 'God Bless You' or 'God loves you'. People will like it!

Wednesday

When someone loves us, it is good to let them know that we love them too! We show we love someone by our actions. We can show God we love Him by loving others and spending time with Him, specifically in prayer and Mass. Tonight at Sacred Heart we have Adoration from 6-7pm and Mass at 7pm. Can you adjust your schedule and join us?

Thursday

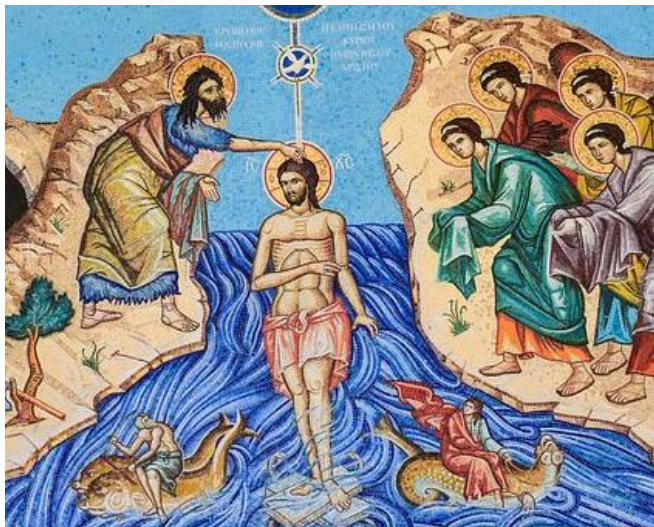
In Sunday's Gospel, after Jesus was Baptized everyone heard the Father say, 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased.' Why is He well pleased with Jesus? As a family, take time today to look in the Gospels and read something that Jesus did. What does it show us about Jesus? What does it show us about what we should do?

Friday

Many people have not heard that God loves them. Today, think of one person that you can talk to or write to, letting them know that Jesus loves them. It may sound like a small thing, but it is important that every person knows that they are loved by God. Let them know that God thinks that they are amazing and wants a relationship with them.

Saturday

God loves you! He shows it by caring for you every day! He is involved in every part of your life. Do you love God? Is that something you just say, or do you really believe and trust in it? Today, act confidently as the son/daughter of God. Respond to His love by choosing to love Him. Make a plan for this weekend when you will go to Mass and rest on Sunday



FROM THE CATECHISM...

The baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allows himself to be numbered among sinners; he is already "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Already he is anticipating the "baptism" of his bloody death. Already he is coming to "fulfill all righteousness", that is, he is submitting himself entirely to his Father's will: out of love he consents to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. The Father's voice responds to the Son's acceptance, proclaiming his entire delight in his Son. The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to "rest on him". Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind. At his baptism "the heavens were opened" - the heavens that Adam's sin had closed - and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit, a prelude to the new creation.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 536

Next Week's Readings

Here are the readings for next Sunday so that on Saturday you can read through them. If you take a few minutes to read them and prepare, you will get a lot more from Mass. They are available online at www.usccb.org.

1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19 Psalm 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20 John 1:35-42