



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Baptism of Jesus is also an epiphany in the sense that God makes Himself known through Jesus. As Jesus is baptized by John, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are revealed to us. Jesus is baptized, the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove, and the Father speaks, "This is My Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

This feast is a good time for us to reflect on our own baptism and what our relationship with God has to do with our daily life. At baptism we begin a relationship with God, a relationship that is meant to grow and develop throughout our lives. Baptism is not an end in itself, but a beginning of our life in God. When parents ask to have their child baptized they are saying that their relationship with God is something important to them and they want to share it with their child. It really makes no sense for parents who do not practice their Catholic Faith to present their child for baptism. Often when a child is born, it can be an awakening in the parents that maybe they need to take their own faith seriously if they are really going to share it with their child.

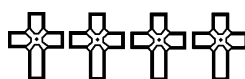
At the Baptism of a child the parents make a solemn promise to God and the Church that they will live their own faith and share it with their child. The only way they can be faithful to that promise is through prayer and frequent reception of the sacraments. This means going to Mass every Sunday. Going to Mass every Sunday is the basic requirement for anyone who calls himself a Catholic. So, when we miss Mass through our own fault we must go to confession before we receive Holy Communion or we commit an even more serious sin by receiving Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin. This only makes sense because we cannot say to God one Sunday that we do not have time for Him and the next Sunday show up and act like nothing happened. There needs to be reconciliation when we have made a deliberate choice that separates us from God and the Church.

Baptism in some way defines our vocation because we are called by God to be one with Him now and in the world to come. We are made to be with God for all eternity. This is our calling or vocation. How we respond to this call constitutes our vocation in life, which is one of three possibilities: married, single, or religious life. These three basic vocations call us all to the end for which we were created and that is to know, love, and serve God in this life and be happy with Him in the next.

Today we begin Vocation Awareness Week. This is a time of prayer for parishes across the country to renew the effort to pray for and encourage our young people to respond generously to a vocation to the ordained and consecrated life. It has been our custom for a long time now to pray the Hail Mary for vocations after Mass on Sundays. Many people pray for this intention as they make their holy hours in our Chapel of Divine Mercy. We also have a holy hour every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel for this same intention. Our prayers are important, but we must try to do more to encourage our young people to seriously consider a call to the ordained or consecrated life. Do not be afraid to speak to a young person about a vocation if you think he or she would make a candidate for religious life.

Our parish has been blessed with several vocations to the ordained and consecrated life. We have two deacons, Roger Klaas, ordained in 1997, and Richard Michney, ordained in 2009. We have Fr. Scott Steinkirchner who was ordained for the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). We have Sr. John Paul (formerly Debbie Myers our DRE/Youth Minister) who joined the Dominican Sisters in Nashville, TN in 1998. We also have two seminarians studying for the priesthood: Paul Cottingham has entered the Glenmary Fathers and is studying in Iowa and David Smith, Jr. is studying for the Diocese of Cleveland at Borromeo Seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio.

We should be very proud and happy for those of our community who have so generously answered God's call to serve the Church. Please pray for them so that they will continue to grow stronger in their commitment to God and His people.





Saturday, January 9
 5:00 p.m. Rita Sonderman [Florence]

Sunday, January 10, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 8:00 a.m. James J. Witschey, Jr. [Family]
 9:30 a.m. Helen Manternach [Diane Batyko]
 11:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Monday, January 11
 8:00 a.m. Charmaine Neary [Altar & Rosary Society]

Tuesday, January 12
 8:00 a.m. Frank Balas [Dan & Jean Hricko]

Wednesday, January 13, St. Hilary
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:30 p.m. Barbara Daigle [Elaine Daigle]

Thursday, January 14
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 9:30 a.m. Henry Carrino [Nancy & Family]

Friday, January 15
 8:00 a.m. Ronald McLaughlin [Sylvia Casserman]

Saturday, January 16
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:00 p.m. Poor Souls

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Chuck Kahl [Rita Owens & Alice Serfass]
 9:30 a.m. Anna Banfield [Sponsler Family]
 11:30 a.m. Marvin Fulton [Marilyn Fulton]

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- JANUARY 3

Offertory.....	\$14,080.00
Support Our School.....	\$360.00
Religious Retirement Fund.....	\$30.00
Christmas Decorations	\$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$80.00
Home Missions.....	\$15.00
Christmas.....	\$765.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$4,114.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,748.00
Number of envelopes used:	343

MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.

SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
[WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2010]

Question for Adults: Do you think that God was “well pleased” by your actions in recent weeks? Why?
Question for Children: What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR JANUARY will be on **Wednesday, January 13**, at 5:30 p.m., when we pray for all married couples, but especially those couples married during the month of January.

MASS FOR LIFE Bethesda the House of Mercy announces a Solemn Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Friday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m. Come to this special evening of remembrance and repentance on the 37th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and pray for healing and for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon will be the celebrant and homilist. For further information, please call Bethesda the House of Mercy at 1-800-482-4100.

NFP CLASS FOR MARRIED & ENGAGED COUPLES A Natural Family Planning Class taught by the Couple to Couple League, will be offered for all interested married and engaged couples *this* Sunday, January 10. Class will be from 4:00-6:30 p.m. and will be located in the Andes Room in the church lower level. To register, go to www.ccli.org and click on the Register for Class button. For more information, contact John and Julie Roberts at 330-598-1858 or jroberts0118@gmail.com.

THE DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND WIDOWED CATHOLICS OF AKRON is sponsoring a talk by Karen McNeill on "What God Expects from us Living Single in a Married World." It will be held on Monday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m., at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. This event is open at no cost to single people of all faiths. Refreshments at 7:15 p.m. For information call Frank (330-801-0527) or Sharon (330-612-3635).



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of Mary Jane Strimple who died recently. May our Lord grant Mary Jane eternal rest in His heavenly kingdom.

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2010

Monday 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

The Baptism of the Lord

John said, “I am baptizing you in water, but there is one to come who is mightier than I. I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire. When all the people were baptized, and Jesus was at prayer after likewise being baptized, the skies opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in visible form like a dove. A voice from heaven was heard to say: “You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests.”

Luke 3:16, 21-22

LITURGICAL + ROLES

MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of January 11

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
- Alexandra Matejczyk, Andrew Sandor
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
- Ted Stieber, Elie Stieber
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**
- Ashley Johnning, Karen McFarland

Saturday, January 16

- 5:00 p.m. - MaryAnne Dannemiller, Lauren Dannemiller
- Evan Dannemiller, Kody Welton

Sunday, January 17

- 8:00 a.m. - Allie Beery, Katerina Gegick
- Ginny Gegick, Samantha Serfass
- 9:30 a.m. - Maria Adams, Cortland Hatch
- Amanda Witschey, Eric Yetzer
- 11:30 a.m. - Tom Calhoun, Jim Calhoun
- Joe Gale, Maxwell Hirsch

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 16

- 5:00 p.m. - Jim & Kay Carps, John Toth
- Bob & Chris Cotey

Sunday, January 17

- 8:00 a.m. - Phil Gerace, Jim & Linda Venner
- Tom & Annette Palecek
- 9:30 a.m. - Lois Foster, Zen Porchowsky
- Rick & Lisa Tomko, Cortney Skidmore

Cup Ministers

- Bill & Nancy Adams, Helen Klaas
- Jeff Witschey, Dave & Pam Armstrong
- 11:30 a.m. - Tim & Donna Bishop, Darryl McQuate
- Lowell & Jan Knight

Wadsworth Hospital - Bees

Altercare - Gahans

Liberty Residence II - Weber

Magnolia - Eatons/Whalen

Wadsworth Pointe - David Smith, Sr.

The Rosary is prayed at:

- Wadsworth Pointe on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 2:00 p.m.
- Magnolia on the 3rd Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m.
- Altercare on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 10:00 a.m.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 16

- 5:00 p.m. - Caesar & Lynda Carrino

Sunday, January 17

- 8:00 a.m. - Jack Yard, Mary Katzenmeyer
- 9:30 a.m. - Katherine Paydo, Melissa Paydo
- 11:30 a.m. - David & Michele Muzilla

RETRouvaille WEEKEND JANUARY 2010: Have you become so distracted by outside pressures that you have neglected your spouse? Retrouvaille [Help our Marriage] can help you put your marriage back on track. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend will be held on January 22-24 at the Cleveland Hilton Inn in Beachwood. A registration fee of \$50.00 is requested to confirm a reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, contact Al or Diane Miskinis (800-470-2230). You may also learn about Retrouvaille on the web at www.helpourmarriage.com.



DEAR SACRED HEART PARISHIONERS, Please accept our most heartfelt gratitude for your generous response to our agency through the parish Giving Tree this year! Through your generosity, our agency was able to help provide Christmas for 576 children, opening many hearts and lives to the love of the Christ child! May God richly bless each of you in the new year.
—The Community Pregnancy Center.

This Sunday is The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It marks the end of the Christmas Season.



The High School Youth Group will meet this Sunday, January 10, in McMahon Hall from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

The Middle School Youth Group will meet next Sunday, January 17, from 7:00- 8:15 p.m. in McMahon Hall.

ATTN: all High School and Middle School Youth: The Middle School Retreat, which is combined with other area parishes, will be Saturday, January 30 at St. Sebastian in Akron. High School youth interested in helping put this on should meet in McMahon Hall this Sunday, January 10, at 5:00 p.m. for planning. This retreat is for all students in grades 6, 7, and 8. Registration information must be in to the Parish Office by Friday, January 15.



2009 ANNUAL PARISH CONTRIBUTION- Due to cost, statements will **only be sent out to the parishioners who do not have e-mail!** Please return in the collection basket. Statements will be mailed by the end of January.

ENVELOPE NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED, PLEASE!

NAME _____

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RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: We have been participating in an outreach to the poor and homeless at St. Bernard Parish in Akron on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The youth and their parents who have participated in the last few months have many affirming comments about this much needed work. We are a part of the much larger group, Springtime of Hope, which is also associated with Sacred Heart Parish. We need additional volunteers beginning in February. Please contact Diane Bruce at 330-335-0029 if you would be willing to volunteer your time.

CONTINUE TO PRAY for our families and their children as they prepare for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. There are **STILL A FEW** Prayer Partner cards for Confirmandi available in the chapel. Recently, I had a coach call me and confess how he recalled his own Confirmation and what it meant to him. He said this in the context of working with some of our youth who at times may need to be excused from a school function to attend a Confirmation session. This would be a great secret New Year gift, to pray for one of our Confirmandi as they study and prepare to become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. As we all know prayer works and our youth need our prayers to sustain them in this most distracting culture.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF SACRED HEART:

—have sponsored an annual Free-Throw Basketball Competition for many years. This Basketball Championship is open to all area boys and girls ages 10-14. The event is designed to test each participant's mastery of basic foul-line shooting. All area boys and girls are invited to compete. There is no cost to participate. Winners will have the opportunity to advance to district, regional, state, and national levels. The contest will begin at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, January 24, at the Sacred Heart School gymnasium.

—An all-you-can-eat breakfast is waiting for you and your family. Come to the K of C Hall, Lyman St., **next** Sunday, January 17, serving from 8:30-11:00 a.m., for the best breakfast in town!

This Week...

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

- 4:00 p.m. - NFP class, Andes Room
- 5:00 p.m. - Adorations for Vocations, chapel
- 7:00 p.m. - High School Youth Group, McMahon Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

- 3:15 p.m. - Jr. Presidium, Andes Room
- 3:15 p.m. - Cadette Scouts, Conry Room
- 7:30 p.m. - Lay Apostle, Andes Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

- 9:30 a.m. - WHYS, Andes & Conry Rooms
- 6:30 p.m. - A & R Society Snatch Bingo, Andes Room
- 7:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

- 7:00 p.m. - RCIA, McMahon Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - RCIC, Andes Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

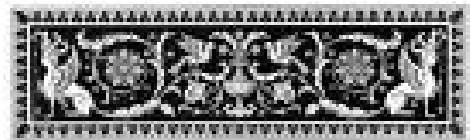
- 7:00 p.m. - Legion of Mary, Andes Room
- 7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir, church
- 11:00 p.m. - Gethsemane Hour, chapel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

- 9:30 a.m. - 2nd grade PSR, school
- 11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church
- 3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

- 10:45 a.m. - PSR, school
- 5:00 p.m. - Adorations for Vocations, chapel
- 7:00 p.m. - Middle School Youth Group, McMahon Hall



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY SNATCH BINGO!

Dinner and Bingo Reservation-Tuesday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m.

If you would like to attend, please complete this form along with your \$8.00, place in an envelope marked Altar & Rosary Society, and drop into the offertory basket, or drop off at the Parish Office no later than Monday, January 11 before noon. Checks should be made out to The Altar & Rosary Society. [This is REALLY a fun night!]

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