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January 11, 2026 ♦ The Baptism of the Lord

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are called together in fellowship to witness to our Catholic faith through prayer and the celebration of the sacraments. We give testimony to Jesus Christ by reaching out with compassion to others.

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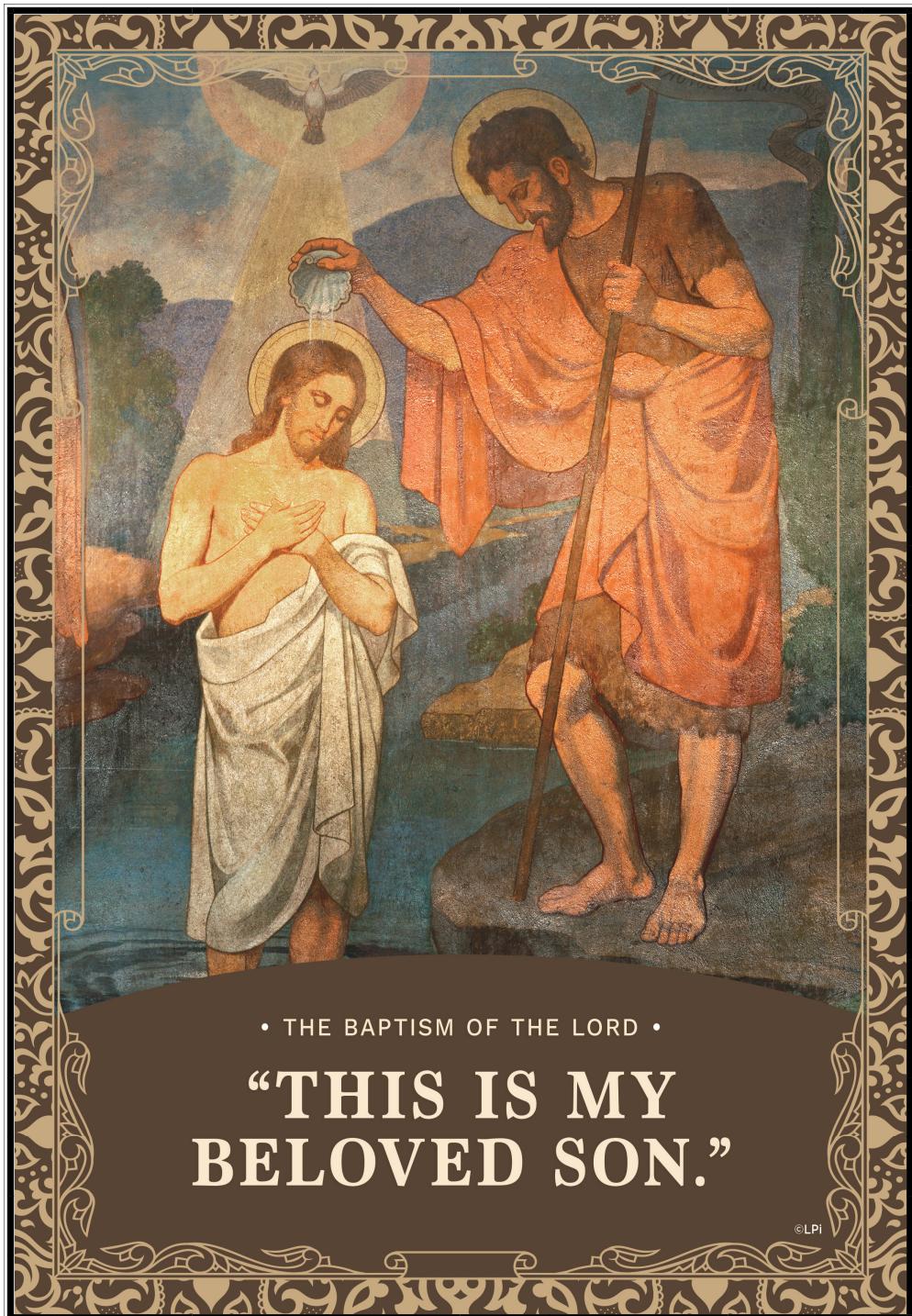
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From the Pastor

This weekend the Church completes its celebration of Christmas by celebrating the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. After our Lord is baptized, Jesus begins his public ministry, and we hear in all the Gospels that the time of fulfillment is at hand. The fulfillment the Gospels speak of is the realization of the promises God made to his people through the prophets and what Peter reflects on in the second reading this week, that the time of fulfillment reaches not only the Jewish people to whom the promises were made, but to all people.

This time of fulfillment is still at hand, because Jesus still works in his Church. We are made part of the body of Christ by our own baptisms. We grow in his grace through the sacraments, through the works of mercy, and by configuring ourselves more to Christ through our lives of prayer. These things give us the framework and structure that we need to bear witness to the Lord in our lives.

One particular way our parish shows witness is in our physical building. Although it's only brick and stone, the church building proclaims our presence to our local area. This week on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m., Braun Intertec will be presenting on several subcontractor's proposals for repairing our steeple. The presentation is directed to the Parish Council, Buildings and Grounds Committee, and Finance Council, but all parishioners are welcome to attend particularly if you feel you can lend expertise or insight.

In my ideal timeline, at this meeting the councils will reach a consensus on which proposal and subcontractor we want to work with. Braun Intertec would then draw up a formal proposal and contract; the various committees will review and recommend it and we will send it to the Archdiocese for their review. Upon their approval, the corporate board of the parish (myself, the trustees, Archbishop Hebda, and Bishop Izen) vote to sign off on the contract, and we will finally be able to schedule the repair work for the steeple. We will of course keep you updated as we work through this process, and I would ask that you keep everyone involved in your prayers.

- Fr. John Powers

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TEAR DOWN

The Christmas decorations will be taken down TODAY (Sunday, January 11) beginning at around 10:00 a.m. We need lots of help to complete this job - come for as little or as long as you can stay.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE Because of the early publication deadline for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, all information for the January 25 bulletin must be submitted by this Thursday, January 15.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Bible Timeline: the Story of Salvation will teach us how to read and understand the entire Bible and introduce us to the wonderful narrative of Scripture in a way that will transform your life. Please join us Monday evenings **beginning this Monday, January 12** in the Social Hall. Sessions will be from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. No prior Bible Study experience is necessary! Please let Sheila Long know if you are interested in participating so that materials can be ordered. Also, reach out to Sheila with any questions: clongsh13@gmail.com or 763.428.4539.

NEW IN THE COMMUNITY? WE WELCOME YOU!

Please call the parish office at 763.428.2828 to register.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?!"

- Matthew 3:14

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

CHURCH SUPPORT



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TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 7,522.53

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Adult Envelopes (22)	\$ 795.00
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TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 1,084.00
Projected Need	\$ 5,607.00
Received Last Week	8,607.00
Projected Need to Date	156,996.00
Amount Received to Date	163,555.00
Surplus - Last Week	\$ 3,559.00
- This Week	6,559.00



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

As announced last weekend at Mass, we will have a second collection taken up after Communion at all Masses this weekend, the proceeds of which will go to the St. John Paul II Institute in Kitui, Kenya which provides both technical and business training courses to young men and women of the Kitui area. The institution is currently facing challenges related to limited, inadequate and outdated equipment which is significantly hampering the practical training needed to produce graduates who are prepared to respond to current and future industry needs of the area. Fr. Mutui, who served our parish from January 2016 through August 2018 has requested our help with this mission since he was unable to fundraise for this cause when he visited Minnesota in September as he was hospitalized for a good chunk of his visit due to an arthritis flare up. He therefore reached out to us to see if we would take up a second collection for this effort and on the advice of the Parish Council we agreed to do so. Because this is not going through the Center for Mission and the Archdiocese, any donation would be a free-will offering gift not subject to a tax write-off. Please make checks payable to St. John the Baptist

LUNCH AND CARDS

Join with fellow parishioners on Monday, January 19, in the social hall from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served (free will offering is appreciated). Cards to follow. Hosted by Angie Haggerty, member of the Mission and Media Committee and Parish Council. All are welcome! Hope to see you there!



EUCARISTIC ADORATION

St. John's offers regular Friday Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration takes place in our St.

Therese Chapel beginning after the Friday morning 8:00 a.m. Mass until 7:00 p.m. most Fridays. If you are willing to commit to an hour with our Lord, please sign up on the bulletin board near the vestibule. We invite all parishioners to stop by on Fridays and give some time to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE!

St John's regularly uses Flocknote to communicate to members and groups via text or email. Please use the following steps on your phone to sign up!

1. Go to text messaging
2. Open a new message
3. In the TO line enter 84576
4. In the message line, enter the word Dayton and send
5. Wait for response back
6. When response is received, click the link contained in the message
7. This will open a browser window to enter in information
8. Fill out the information and click the sign up button
9. THAT'S IT! Done!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TLC THIS WEEK - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

Our Pre-K through Confirmation age kids will meet again this Wednesday, January 14. We have sessions from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. If your children are unable to attend or if you have any other questions, please email Sarah at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

EXTREME FAITH CAMP REGISTRATION - EFC Registration is now open! Fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders are highly encouraged to attend. If you need information about registering, please contact Sarah Moylan at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

RECLAIMING SUNDAYS

The focus of the third and fourth year of the Synod Implementation Plan centers on the family and parents as primary educators of their children. The Year 3 initiative has been subtitled "Reclaiming Sundays" and each parish of the Archdiocese is asked to assist this effort. Each month we will give you a new theme and some sample activities to help you put into practice that theme in order to help you live out the gift of Sunday to its fullest.

January - Invitation and Prayer *"The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus."* - Pope Francis Pope Francis reminds all Christians in *Evangelli Gaudium* that the joy that transforms our lives when we encounter the living Jesus is a joy that must be shared. Sample Activities for January:

- Invite someone outside of your family to share an aspect of your "reclaimed Sunday" (e.g. invite a neighbor for dinner, ask family friends to go on a walk with you, etc.)
- Liturgical Living: Celebrate the Baptism of the Lord by remembering your own family baptisms. Light your candles, look at photos and videos from the sacramental celebration, invite godparents to share your celebration, bless each other with holy water, pray for your godparents, pray for the priests who baptized you all, etc. While you have all these mementos out, document your family's baptisms dates and mark them on your calendar to celebrate in years to come.
- Recommended resource to assist in building habits of prayer is the Hallow App.

MASS INTENTIONS

We have open dates in the Mass schedule for Mass intentions. Masses may be offered for the living or deceased and for various reasons like remembrance, thanksgiving, or special intentions. If you would like to schedule a mass intention, please call the parish office at 763.428.2828 or email sjbchurch@yahoo.com. The usual stipend is \$7.00.

CATHOLIC Q & A

COMMUNION

Question: Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Answer: Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic "requirements" for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true "Bread of Life." It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith.

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VATICAN UNVEILED

January 10 - February 1, Mall of America

In celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Catholic Church in Minnesota, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is hosting Vatican Unveiled, an exhibit of the largest collection of papal artifacts outside of Rome. Father Richard Kunst, a priest of the Diocese of Duluth, serves as curator of the exhibit. Father Kunst has a deep knowledge of the items and a passion for telling their stories. Find more information at archspm.org/vaticanunveiled.

ANNUAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE

All are invited to join Bishop Kevin Kenney at a prayer service to commemorate the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by the aftermath of an abortion, as we pray for life on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul in St. Paul. MCCL's March for Life Rally will follow at the Minnesota State Capitol. All are invited and welcome. Find more information at archspm.org/events/annual-prayer-service-for-life.

Have a  good day!

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 11

7:30 a.m. Mass
Confessions following Mass till 8:45 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Christmas Decoration Tear Down

Monday, January 12

6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation - The Bible Timeline:
The Story of Salvation, Social Hall
(till 7:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, January 13

6:00 p.m. Church Steeple Repair Meeting
No 6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 14

8:00 a.m. Mass
TLC Kid's Sessions

Thursday, January 15

8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 16

7:30 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (till 7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, January 17

4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:45 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
Hospitality following Mass hosted by the KCs

Sunday, January 18

7:30 a.m. Mass
Confessions following Mass till 8:45 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. TLC Mass
Hospitality following Mass hosted by the KCs

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .



Bena Bourgeois, Marie Corbin, Ken Croteau, Lynn Eggert, Donna Rivers Hauan, Martha Killian, Jean Klee, Peggy Kohman, Wayne Lahn, Jane Lenz, Rick Marion, Mary Middleton, Barbara Mulcahy, Anné Otremba, Viola Plante, Jodi Playle, Catherine Schumacher, Dawn Storms Family, Tim Timm, Mary Watson, Billi Jo Weekley, and Sandi Weekley. Becky Bader (sister of Ed Bader), Ricky Bengtson, Mike Gullickson and Bill Southworth (friends of Marilyn Nordine), Mary Bebeau (sister-in-law of Dave Bebeau), Raymond Bernard (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Lori Brix (sister of Elaine Wagner), Jeff Chouinard (son of Joanne Chouinard), Dennis Daleiden, Collette Hardy, Andy Heid, Nikki Martinez, Virginia Resler, Phillip Robinson and Joe Simms (friends of Lynn Eggert), Darrell Delles (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Sarah Dietzler (friend of Kathy Timm), Julie Corbin Dray (niece of Joan Playle), Nancy Hobbs (sister of Linda Bebeau), Jerry Kamrow and Scott Knowlan (sons-in-law of Mary Kay Christian), Nancy Karls (friend of Mary Dahlheimer), Dawn Schmidt (friend of Joanne Chouinard), Dave Stasson (brother-in-law of Lucy McAlpine), Ed Wojciak (brother of Teri Ray), and Dan and Kristy Zapf (grandchildren of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).



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