

RENEWAL *of* BAPTISM

SISTER JANICE: "Receive the Light of Christ." A candle was lit and these words were spoken at our baptism. This morning, with lighted candles, we renew our commitment to live our baptism daily. Holding our lighted candles we pray:

ALL: Loving God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to me, warming my heart and brightening my way. Accept this burning candle as a sign of my faith and love for you. Like this candle, I stand in your presence and renew my baptism promise to follow you.

I desire that the light of Christ be my guide, and that I walk always as a child of the light.

May this light encircle me, and all those I love, this community and all people.

As I extinguish this candle I pray to keep this flame of faith alive in my heart.

May its rays touch all those I meet with your love and care.

Amen.

Most Holy Trinity Parish

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*You are my beloved
...with you I am well pleased*

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



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Food Pantry/Utility Assistance:

Provided by OLPH Food Pantry/St. Vincent de Paul. | Serves residents of zip 63107, 63115 and 63147.

OPEN: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 9am-noon, located on 4335 Warne Ave. 314.535.9794.

Note: phone answered only during operating hours. For information on donating or volunteering, please go to www.helpstlouis.org.

MISSION: We are a people graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Parish Mass Schedule: 9:30 AM Sunday

You are my beloved... with you I am well pleased – Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

These are the words spoken at the baptism of Jesus and celebrated in today's gospel.

These same words are spoken by God as God beholds each of us — beloved we each are in God's heart. These words describe our identity and the destiny that are ours through baptism.

St. Paul's letter to the Philippians offers insights about Jesus' baptism, "(Jesus) emptied himself... took upon himself the form of a servant...and came, one of us."

Each of us through baptism have Jesus' noble destiny: the generosity of self-giving, solidarity with others and the presence of God in our own appearance. These ways seem beyond us and yet they are very real.

As we live our baptism, our faith is alive and attractive to others.

– Father Rich Creason (adapted)



THANK YOU FOR A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

A special thanks to the liturgy committee for their preparation to celebrate the season.

We appreciate Paul Hasser and the choir who led us joyfully in song throughout our celebrations.

Gratefully we remember all those who got the trees and put them up and all who decorated our church in festive beauty.

We are blessed by everyone, who by their presence, made the celebration of Eucharist such a prayerful and heart-felt experience of Christmas.

BEGINNING OUR NEW YEAR

In this new calendar year, we pause to consecrate it and ourselves anew to our loving God. We begin our year with this blessing from Scripture:

"May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace."

– Numbers 6:24-26

FLOWER MEMORIALS:

Susan and Ank Ankenbrand for Michael Bowers, Patty & Rex Syndergaard, and Bill & Lorene Ankenbrand
Lisa Manno for her mother, Mary Ellen Nicard
Kenneth & Mattie Patterson for Mrs. Willie F. Roberson, Rubelia L. Patterson, Zachariah A. Patterson, and Yvette Patterson

Sister Luanne for the Boland Family
Sister Gail for her parents, Bill and Ethel Guelker
Sister Janice for the Munier family
Sarah Jones for the five children who lost their lives in the East St. Louis fire
Patty Whaley for the Whaley family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and God's Blessings

JANUARY

- 1 Ann Russek
- 11 Melita Long
- 13 Paul Hasser
Tere Bowman
- 17 Vickie Deason
We pray with Vickie's family and friends in fond remembrance
- 18 Susan Ankenbrand
Charlene Evans
- 20 Father Gerry Kleba
- 26 Father Rich — May Father Rich share with us his new found peace and joy.
- 28 Sarah Jones



CHRISTMAS INTO ORDINARY TIME

Today's feast of the Baptism of Jesus marks the end of the Christmas season. Tomorrow will be the first day of Ordinary Time. Today's feast marks a transition in the life of Jesus from his quiet, family life in Nazareth to the active years of public ministry. The life of Christ for the vast majority of his years were occupied with the tasks of everyday living: working as a carpenter, eating meals with his family, praying in the synagogue, and making pilgrimages to worship in the temple in Jerusalem.

As we enter Ordinary Time, we begin to integrate what we have experienced throughout this Christmas season. What have we encountered in the gospels of Christmas, the feast of the Holy Family, the solemnity of Mary, Epiphany, and the Baptism of Jesus that touches our life in a new way? As we continue our life in the world through work, school, or community service and interaction, how will we live the Gospel in new and deeper ways? God assures us of our own "belovedness" as a daughter or son. How will we live this belovedness in our public ministry? – Living Liturgy

THE DIGNITY of BAPTISM

Today celebrates the inauguration of Christ's mission to the world, a mission that will require Jesus and each of us to make choices for God's reign. In Jesus' life, and in ours as his followers, that mission begins at baptism. Baptism is the sacramental beginning of a life of missionary discipleship.

During the Offertory Procession, symbols of Baptism will be brought forward to remind us of the meaning of each symbol.

WATER

Water changes everything it touches. It is a sign of the powerful transformation that takes place during Baptism

CHRISM

Oil is used in anointing the head as a sign of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

WHITE GARMENT

This garment is worn as a sign of becoming a new creation and putting on Christ.

LIGHTED CANDLE

The candle is lit from the paschal candle. It celebrates the call to be the Light of Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ed Deason, Tom George, Mary Lee Howard, Willard Howard, Ethel Long, Joetta Lukowski, Ryan McNair, Mary Meyer, Amanda Suchara, John Towles, Mary Whitehead, and the Tracy and Usanga families.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 9:30 AM:

Presider: Father Tom Melancon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 9:30 AM:

Presider: Father Dan Kern

Lectors: Mattie & Ken Patterson

Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Ryan & Doris Speed

STEWARDSHIP

12/12/21: \$2457.00; 12/19/21: \$634.00

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

after Church this morning in the Rectory

MASS INTENTION

Sunday, January 9, 9:30 am:

Mildred Geizelmann

We welcome all who are visiting today!

We invite you to join us every Sunday at 9:30am.