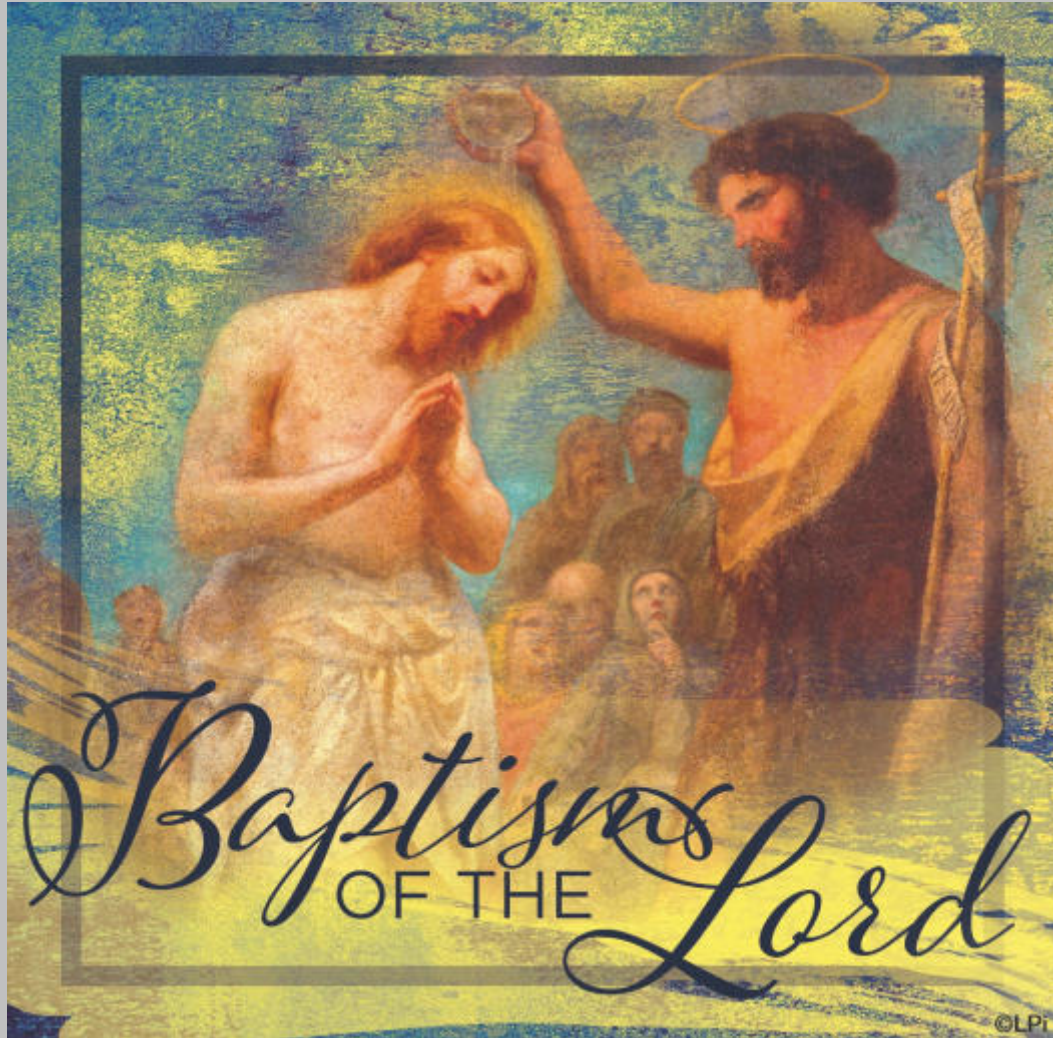


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January 13, 2019

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8:00 am Mass
Wednesday Sacred Scripture/Communion Service 8:00 am
Thursday: 9:10 am at COMMUNITY of SAINTS school
Saturday - 4:15 pm
Sunday - 10:15 am

Reconciliation

1st & 3rd Saturday: After Mass until 5:40 pm
2nd & 4th Sunday: After Mass until 11:40 am

Prayer Line

Hope 651.457.0228

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

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection: January 13, 2019

January 13, 2019 The Baptism of The Lord

What a treasure trove of stewardship lessons we find in our Gospel reading today on this feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Today's Gospel is one we read every year, so it is easy to lose sight of just how incredible it is that Jesus wished to be baptized in the Jordan River by His cousin, John. We just spent the last two weeks marveling at the fact that this Savior of ours was born as a baby in a crude stable for our sake, and now this! Stop and contemplate our Lord in all His perfection waiting quietly and patiently in line with a bunch of sinners (like us!) in order to "lead by example." His love and humility in serving and self-giving are beyond all telling.

Certainly, the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! John himself noted that in comparison to Jesus, he was not even worthy to loosen His sandal straps. But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence.

In response, we should be filled to overflowing with gratitude to such a gracious God - an overflow that must express itself in our own giving back to God through our sharing of time, talents and treasure. In fact, when we allow the words and actions of Jesus in the Gospel to enter deeply into our minds and hearts, we will be compelled to give ourselves to Him and others out of love for Him.

In addition to the gratitude that Jesus' baptism should inspire, we can also study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of the servant-leadership He displays time and again throughout His public ministry. We see in our Lord a style of leadership characterized by humility and leading by example.

As a servant leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus we, too, must "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk." If we want those we lead at home, in ministry or at work to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves.

And just in case there was any doubt about the extraordinary actions of Jesus that day at the Jordan River, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who, immediately after the baptism, opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form and says audibly, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased." Wow!

Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & PARISH NEEDS

the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

"Then I heard the voice of

Mary Leibl,
Volunteer Coordinator

We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 4 continuing opportunities.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Need teachers and teen helpers to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word. This liturgy is offered during the school year at the Sun. 10am Mass.

FAITH FORMATION

Looking for **Hospitality Coordinators**: Will plan & organize food, drinks, service, set-up, and clean-up at 2 events in early March. Planning would begin in January. Recruit helpers & contributors. Need to enjoy being around kids. Best if 2 people who work well together share **the coordinating job**.

I invite anyone who could help with these volunteer opportunities to contact me through the parish office or email me at mleibl@st-matts.org

THANK YOU ! We are a volunteer parish! Never was this more evident than when we put out a call for volunteers to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. Many volunteers, children, Faith Formation students and adults gathered after the 10:00 mass. In less than 1 hour the trees were assembled, banners and altar cloths in place and Poinsettia plants brought into the church from the sacristy. As a parish, we thank all who volunteered. Miles Dunn, Jean Marlo, Canada Jimenez, Christian Adori-Ruiz, Jason & Adon Grado, Alvaro Sorzano Dennis Canada, Kameron Morales, Olivia Garcia, Chris, Ron, Latrice & Bonnie Jondro, Jerold & Lucy Dosch, Mary & Bob Bejblik, Charley Andersen, Jim Scanlan, Tim Dalzell, Suzanne Clark, George Derringer, Joe Stevens, Brianna & Ashley Ghiloni, Al & Kathy Showalter and the Luckjohn Family. If any names were missed email me at mleibl@st-matts.org We hope to have many volunteers on Sun. Jan 13th after the 10:00 mass to remove the Christmas decorations and return the church to Ordinary Time.

Fr. Bob's Farewell: Thank you to all who helped with Fr. Bob's Farewell after the Sat & Sun masses: Karen Thompson, John Riehle, Jan Lackner, Jackie Lackner, Becca Lackner, Mary Leibl, Tim Nowak, Greg Arrigoni, Dean Steinbrenner, Bill Lynch, Bob Bejblik, Tom Kegler, Greg & Diane Lothenbach, Kathy Thompson, Corrine, Brengman, Joe & Florida Stevens & Tony Postilgone.

News and Events

CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW WINTER WEATHER POLICY

During the winter months, the Church of St. Matthew Parish Center is closed whenever the St. Paul Public Schools are closed. Cancellation of Parish Center events and activities will appear on WCCO (Channel 4). Independent organizations using the Church of St. Matthew buildings should be contacted directly for their open or closed status



PERSONAL ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Personal Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sacristy. These devices are designed to work with our sound system to enhance the spoken word for the wearer. The devices can be used with either ear and while wearing a hearing aid. Each device has an On/Off/Volume Dial. After use, please make sure the device is Off before returning it to the Sacristy.

COFFEE SUNDAY

You are invited to the Social Hall most Sundays following 10:00 am Mass for coffee, donuts and other tasty treats. **All are welcome to attend.**



We are looking for families, friends or groups to host a Coffee Sunday, if you are interested contact Becky Montgomery at montgomery_bec@hotmail.com, she will let you know what Sundays are still open and how it all works.

TO PRAISE, TO BLESS, TO PREACH, "TO THANK!"

Please accept my sincere thank-you for your generous gifts and cards given to me during the holidays and on the occasion of my recent departure. When Dominic De Guzman, OP, the founder of the Dominican Order, traveled from one place to another to preach, the one book he carried with him was the Gospel of St. Matthew. Please know that memories of you and the Church of St. Matthew will travel with me always.



THE BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW



The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on January 13th for Jerry Schillinger.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

First Communion/First Reconciliation Meeting

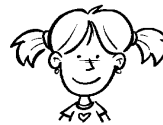
On **Wednesday, January 16**, there will be a meeting in church at 6:30 PM for parents/guardians with children who have registered to celebrate the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion at St. Matthew. Children preparing for the sacraments should also attend, along with the parent/guardian. This meeting is for both Faith Formation parents and COS parents who intend for their child to celebrate First Reconciliation at St. Matthew in March and First Communion at St. Matthew in May. This is a **REQUIRED** meeting. Questions? Contact Janelle Rohr, email Janelle@st-matts.org or call or text 651-242-6004.

Faith Formation Classes Resume

St. Matthew Faith Formation classes for students in public school in grades 1 to 10 resume on **Wednesday, January 16**. Registered students should be dropped off at the church at 6:30 PM. Classes end at 7:45, and children can be picked up from the Parish Center. Faith Formation students preparing for First Communion will be in sacrament preparation groups in church that evening, and the parents/guardians of those students must attend a meeting that evening in church.

Puzzle

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one. Then color in all the pictures.



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS December 30, 2018 and January 6, 2019

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 25.5
Hours in service 14.5

Parish		School	\$	450
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,946	Religious Retire.	\$	35
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,100			
Vigil Lights	\$ 62	Total	\$	485
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 356	Thank You		
Fuel	\$ 145			
Christmas	\$ 60			
Rent	\$ 430			
Mass Intentions	\$ 47			
Bells	\$ 10			
Total	\$11,156			
Thank You				

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 am for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 12

4:15pm Mary Joanne Roubik†

Sunday, January 13

10:15 am Our Parish
Robert Nowak†

Monday, January 14

8:00 am Jose Martinez†

Tuesday, January 15

8:00 am Claudette Borgan, Special Intention

Friday, January 18

8:00 am Geriann Raway, Healing†

Saturday, January 19

4:15 pm Deacon John Murphy†

Sunday, January 20

10:15 am Our Parish
Pam, Robert, Sr. & Lucille Sticker†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, January 12

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, January 13

9:00 am Choir Practice

10:15 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

Monday, January 14 - Friday, January 18

5:00 - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

Monday, January 14

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

Tuesday, January 15

8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, January 16

8:00 am SS/Communion Service Chapel

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic

6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Faith Formation CH/PC

Thursday, January 17

9:10 am School Mass COS

Friday, January 18

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, January 19

4:15 pm Mass

Food Collection for Neighborhood House

Reconciliation after Mass - 5:40 pm

Sunday, January 20

10:15 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

Food Collection for Neighborhood House

11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

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