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The Baptism of the Lord

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,
The month of January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus: let us reverently pray His Holy Name and make reparation to our good Lord for the many times that His name is spoken with irreverence! This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. I share with you a reflection on our Lord's Baptism. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week: **"The Baptism of the Lord: Jesus wished to be baptized. The institution of Christian Baptism. Thanksgiving.**

And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the Heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him; and a voice from Heaven saying: This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased. (Matt. 3:16-17)

In today's Feast we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus by John in the waters of the Jordan. Though He Himself had no stain to be washed away, He wished to submit Himself to this rite as He submitted Himself to the other requirements of the Law. He submitted Himself to the laws that ruled and governed the lives of the people of Israel who had been elected by God to prepare the way for the Redeemer. John the Baptist carried out energetically his mission to prophesy and arouse a great movement towards repentance as an immediate preparation for the coming of the Messianic Kingdom.

The Lord desired to be baptized, says St. Augustine, so that He might freely proclaim through His humility what for us was to be a necessity. (St. Augustine, Sermon 51, 33)

By His Baptism Jesus left for us the Sacrament of Christian Baptism, directly instituted by Christ with what would be a further progressive determination of its elements, and be imposed as a universal law from the day of His Ascension. *All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me*, the Lord was to say on that day. *Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.* (Matt. 28:13)

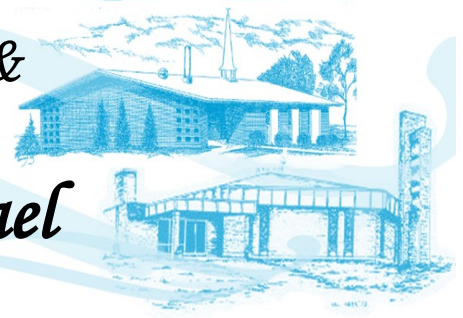
In Baptism we receive Faith and grace. The day we were baptized was the most important day of our lives. Just as the parched land does not yield its fruits if it does not get water, so also we who were like dried sticks can produce fruits of life only if we receive freely the gentle and abundant rainfall of grace from on high. (St. Irenaeus, *Treatise against Heretics*, 3, 17) Before we received Baptism we were outside the locked gates of Paradise, unable to bring forth the slightest supernatural fruit.

Today our prayer enables us to thank God for this totally undeserved gift, and to rejoice in the countless good things He has so lavishly bestowed on us. *Thanksgiving is the very first emotion that should be born in us in response to our Baptism: the second is joy. Never should we think of our Baptism without deep feelings of*

Welcome to the Churches of

St. Paul &

St. Michael



We are happy that you are here! If you are new to our parishes, please call or stop at the Parish Office. We would love to meet you and answer any questions that you might have!

SACRAMENTS

Confession - Saturday 4:00pm at St. Michael; Sunday 8:25am at St. Paul and 8:00am before daily weekday Holy Mass at both parishes.

Baptism - Please contact the parish office.

Matrimony - Please call Father Kasel at least six months prior to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick - This is for someone who is seriously ill, dealing with major surgery or infirm. Please contact Father Kasel to make arrangements.

WEEKEND HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Church of Saint Paul - Sunday Confessions at 8:25am, Rosary at 8:25am, Mass at 8:45am

Church of Saint Michael - Saturday Confessions at 4:00pm, Rosary at 4:35pm, Mass at 5:00pm

Church of Saint Michael - Sunday Mass at 7:00am, Rosary at 10:05am, Mass at 10:30am

WEEKDAY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Church of Saint Paul - Tuesday and Thursday

Confession 8am & Mass 8:30am, Rosary at 8:10am before Mass

Church of Saint Michael - Wednesday and Friday

Confession 8am and Mass 8:30am

interior gladness. (Abbott Marmion, *Christ, the Life of the Soul*)
We must rejoice in the cleansing of our souls from the stain of original sin, and of any other sin we may have committed before our Baptism. All men are members of the same human family which was originally damaged by the sin of our first parents. This *original sin is transmitted as an inextricable part of our fallen human nature, by generation, not by imitation, and is to be found individually in each one of us.* (Paul VI, *Credo of the People of God*) But Jesus gave us Baptism as a specific means of purifying our human nature and freeing it from the terrible affliction of this sin we were born with. The baptismal water operates in a real way, signifying what the use of natural water signifies - the cleansing and purification *from every blemish or stain.* (cf. 1 Cor. 6:11 and John 3:3-6)

Thanks to the Sacrament of Baptism you have been turned into a temple of the Holy Spirit, says St. Leo the Great. Don't ever let it happen, he exhorts us, that you drive away so noble a Guest by your evil deeds, or ever again submit to the power of the demon: for the price you were bought with is the Blood of Christ. (St. Leo the Great, *Christmas Homily*, 3)

The effects of Baptism: cleansing from original sin, new life, Divine Filiation. Entry into the Body of the Church.

Almighty, eternal God, when the Spirit descended (cont. on pg. 3)

Holy Hour for Men will be on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at **6:30pm** at the Church of St. Michael in Pine Island. There will be an opportunity for Confession. We will have an inspiring talk on living our Catholic Faith in our time of adversity. All men are invited!

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION
 The Next Session: Wednesday, February 3, at 6:30-7:45pm
TOPIC for February: Sacrament of the Sick
 (Everything You Always Wanted to Know and Never Got to Ask)

WEEKLY TITHING for January 2-3, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 1,848.00
Plate:	\$ 1,440.25
EFT:	\$ 1,152.50
Total:	\$ 4,440.75

Solemnity of Mary Collection: \$ 977.50

Consecration to the Holy Family

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. *We entrust our family to you.*

O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. *We entrust our family to you.*

O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. *We entrust our family to you.*

O Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in Faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen. *Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!*



PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"Find the courage to proclaim Christ, ... and the unchanging truths which have their foundation in Him. These are the truths that set us free! They are the truths which alone can guarantee respect for the inalienable dignity and rights of each man, woman and child in our world - including the most defenseless of all human beings, the unborn child in the mother's womb. ~ Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Yankee Stadium, April 20, 2008 ~

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion" ~ Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta ~

"God's love does not distinguish between the infant in the mother's womb or the child or the youth or the adult or the older person. In each one God sees His image and likeness. Human life is a manifestation of God and His glory." ~ Pope Benedict XVI ~

"I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself." Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta ~

Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of Lisieux, Carmelite

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the Priesthood. Let Your holy Love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

Rochester Rosary Rallies: Our country continues to need fervent prayer. The next two Rosary rallies will be at 3pm on January 10 & 17 near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE.

Pine Island Food Shelf: The items requested for **January:** Tuna, Hamburger, or chicken Helpers; Boxed Mac & Cheese

All For the Glory of God!

As soon as a good Christian awakens in the morning, he should... profess the Most Holy Trinity, three Persons in one sole God, which Christians alone truthfully and faithfully profess when they bless themselves with the words: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. [Then he should] profess Jesus Christ, the true Son of God, by reciting the Creed and by firmly and faithfully believing without any doubt that which contains all our Catholic Faith...

True God! I freely and from my heart, as a good and faithful Christian, profess the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three Persons in one God. I firmly believe, without doubting, all that our Holy Mother the Church of Rome believes and teaches. I promise to live and die as a true Christian in the holy Catholic Faith of my Lord Jesus Christ. And if I should not be able to speak at the hour of my death, I now, for when I shall die, acknowledge with all my heart my Lord Jesus Christ as the only Son of God... I ask you, my Lord Jesus Christ, to give me the grace to keep the Ten Commandments today, during this day, and during all the time of my life. I ask you, my Lady Saint Mary, that you intercede for me with your blessed Son Jesus Christ, so that He may give me the grace today, during this day, and during all the time of my life, to keep these Ten Commandments. I ask you, my Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive me the sins which I have committed today, during this day, and during all the time of my life... I ask you my Lady Saint Mary, Queen of Angels, to obtain pardon for me from your blessed Son Jesus Christ for the sins which I have committed today, during this day, and during all the time of my life. St. Francis Xavier (St. Francis Xavier (+1552) was a great Spanish Jesuit missionary to Asia.)

Quilting Bee Cause continues to work from home during this pandemic. Twenty-six quilts were delivered to Sharing and Caring Hands on behalf of the Church of St. Michael. Thank you to everyone who has donated supplies and those who worked on sewing the quilts.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)
 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, January 15, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

Saturday, January 16, 2021

4:00-4:50pm Individual Confession
 5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, January 17, 2021

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass
 10:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

January 13, 2021	†Betty Pyfferoen (Mary Sutton)
January 15, 2021	†David Elsen (Carolyn Ocariz)
January 16, 2021	Todd McCutcheon (Pat McCutcheon)
January 17, 2021	(EF)†Jerry Bodenstener (Janet Shannon)
January 17, 2021	Parishioners



CHURCH OF ST. PAUL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Session: Wednesday, February 3, at 6:30-7:45pm
TOPIC for February: Sacrament of the Sick
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(From Father Kasel...from pg. 1) upon Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, You revealed Him as Your own beloved Son. Keep us, Your children born of water and the Holy Spirit, faithful to our calling. (Collect of the Mass)

Baptism initiates us into the Christian life. It is a true birth into Supernatural Life. It is the new Life preached by the Apostles and spoken of by Jesus to Nicodemus: *Truly I say to you that he who is not born again from on high cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven: what is born of the flesh is flesh but what is born of the Spirit is spirit.* (John 3:3-6)

The result of this new Life is a true divinization of man that gives him the power to bring forth supernatural fruit. Often the dignity of the baptized person is veiled, unfortunately, by the ordinary circumstance of his life so, like the saints, we must strive hard to live in accordance with that dignity at all costs. Our highest dignity, that of being children of God, conferred on us by Baptism, is the consequence of our re-birth. If human birth gives as its result 'fatherhood' and 'sonship', in a similar way those engendered by God are really His children. *See what Love God the Father has for us that He has called us children of God! We really are! Beloved, now we are children of God and it is not yet shown what we shall be.* (cf. 1 John 3:1-9)

The miracle of a new birth is achieved at the moment of Baptism by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The baptismal water is blessed on Easter night and in the prayers we ask: *Just as the Spirit came upon Mary and produced in her the birth of Christ, so may it descend on the Church and produce in her maternal womb (the baptismal rite) the rebirth of the Children of God.*

The profound reality corresponding to this graphic expression is that the newly baptized person is born again to a new life, the life of God and thus is His 'son': *And so we are sons, and heirs too, heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.* (cf. Rom. 8:14-17)

Let us give thanks to our Father God for bestowing such gifts, gifts beyond all measure, upon us, upon each one of us. What great joy it is to think often about those realities! *'Father', said that big fellow, a good student at the university (I wonder what has become of him), 'I was thinking of what you said to me - that I am a son of God! - and I found myself walking along the street, head up, chin out, and a proud feeling inside... a son of God!' With sure conscience I advised him to encourage that 'pride'.* (J. Escriva, *The Way*, 274)

Vocation to sanctity and the apostolate. The baptism of children: In the Church nobody is an isolated Christian. From the time of Baptism each person is part of a people, and the Church presents itself to the world as the true family of the Children of God. *It was the Will of God to sanctify and save mankind, not in isolation, separated from one another or without forming a people that would acknowledge it in truth and serve it in holiness.* (Second Vatican Council, *Lumen Gentium*, 9) *And Baptism is the door through which we enter the Church. (idem, 14; Ad Gentes, 7) And in the Church, precisely through Baptism, we are all called to holiness (idem, 11, 42), each one in his own state of life and condition, and to the exercise of the apostolate. The call to holiness and the consequent need for personal sanctification, is universal. Everyone - priests and laity - is called to holiness; and we have all received in Baptism the first fruits of a spiritual life which by its very nature will tend to maturity. (A. del Portillo, *On Priesthood*)*

Another truth intimately connected to the condition of being a member of the Church is the sacramental character *a sure and indelible spiritual sign imprinted on the soul.* (Dz-Sch, 852) It is like Christ's seal of possession on the soul of the (cont. on pg. 4)

WEEKLY TITHING for January 3, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 660.00
Plate:	\$ 35.00
EFT:	<u>\$ 1,140.00</u>
Total:	\$ 1,805.00

Solemnity of Mary Collection: \$ 368.00

Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally in the Most Holy Eucharist, please come at least spiritually into my heart now. I spiritually embrace You and choose to unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You and Your Love. Thank You, Jesus! I love You! Amen.



WORDS TO LIVE BY:

“The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism.” St. Ambrose of Milan

“Just as a man cannot live in the flesh unless he is born in the flesh, even so a man cannot have the spiritual life of grace unless he is born again spiritually. This regeneration is effected by Baptism: “Unless a man is born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.” (Jn 3:5) St. Thomas Aquinas

“Baptism is not the work of man but of Christ, and this Sacrament is so holy that it would not be defiled, even if the minister were a murderer.” St. Isidore

“The soul is regenerated in the sacred waters of Baptism and thus becomes God's child.” St. Maximilian Kolbe

“Every baptized person should consider that it is in the womb of the Church where he is transformed from a child of Adam to a child of God.” St. Vincent Ferrer

†ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT†

Can you spend an hour with Jesus? Adoration is held at St. Paul, Zumbrota on Tuesdays from 9am-5pm and St. Michael, Pine Island on Wednesdays from 9am-5pm.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 14, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

Sunday, January 17, 2021

8:25am Confessions/Rosary
 8:45am Holy Mass - On 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month
 Holy Mass will be versus populum; 2nd & 4th ad Orientem

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

January 12, 2021	†Janet Quandt (Annette Fritz)
January 14, 2021	†John Perra (Sara McNamara)
January 17, 2021	Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 3) baptized. Christ took possession of our souls at the moment we were baptized. He rescued us from sin by His Passion and Death.

With these thoughts in mind we appreciate the Church's desire that children should receive early these gifts of God. (Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Instruction*, 1980; cf. *Code of Canon Law*, Canon 867) It has always urged parents to have their children baptized as soon as possible. It is a practical demonstration of Faith. Neglect to do so is not caring for their freedom, just as if one were to cause them hurt in their natural life, to neglect to feed, clothe, clean or care for them when they were unable to ask for those things for themselves. On the contrary, they have a right to receive this grace. What a wonderful apostolate there is for us to exercise in many cases - among friends, companions, acquaintances!

Baptism brings into action something greater than any other good: grace and Faith; perhaps, eternal salvation. It can only be by ignorance and a distorted Faith that many children are deprived, even by their own Christian parents, of the greatest gift of their lives. Our prayer goes up to God this day asking that He many never allow this to happen. We have to thank our parents who brought us, perhaps just a few days after we were born, to receive this holy Sacrament." (From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph, St. Michael, and St. Paul, may we grow in our awareness of the grace of Baptism, deepen our commitment to live in accord with our Baptismal commitments to God and cooperate with His sanctifying grace! In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

V. Do you reject Satan? R. I do.

V. And all his works? R. I do.

V. And all his empty promises? R. I do.

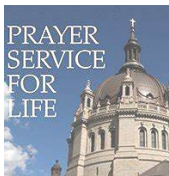
V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth? R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? R. I do.

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May He also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. R. Amen.

Prayer Service for Life on Friday, January 22, 2021 at 10:30am (Doors open at 9:30 a.m.)



Location: Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul (Also Livestreamed via the Cathedral's Facebook Page) Please join us for the Annual Prayer Service for Life. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath.

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