

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 10, 2021 - Baptism of the Lord

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JANUARY 9- JANUARY 17

### ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Maury McDunner
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Frances & Mildred Witt
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Thomas & Loretta (Kuntz) Garvey and their departed children
	6:30 p.m.	+Anna Reiskittel
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Mary Gable
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Maria (Parrigon) Logan
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Edmund & Rose Anna Abramovitz

### ST. AGNES

Tues.	8:30 a.m.
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.
Sun.	10:30 a.m.

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, January 10

Monday, January 11

Wednesday, January 13

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.

PSR/CCD Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 18

Tuesday, January 19

Wednesday, January 20

Thursday, January 21

Friday, January 22

Sunday, January 31

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Mass

PCCW Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R.

8:15 a.m. Mass

PSR/CCD Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:15 a.m. Mass

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast after Mass. This breakfast is free, but donations are welcome.

(Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)

## OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in January:

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4268.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Fr. Peter J. Morciniec, Peggy Heidlage, Jerry Gasser, Charlotte Sloan, Louise Bellm and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**A WORD OF THANKS:** With the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we come to the close of the Christmas Season for the year of Grace 2021. On this occasion, I want to tell you how grateful I am for all the gifts that I received from all of you at Christmas and for my Birthday. Your generosity is a form of divine charity. Thank you too, for your love of Christ and the Church that you express in so many ways, many of which may not always be noticed or commented on, as well as those known to God alone. I count each of my people as a gift given me by Christ. Know that it is so, not just at Christmas or other occasions but in my lifetime. God Bless Fr. Matt

**END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTER:** If you would like a copy of your end of year contribution letter for 2019, please print your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

**RCCW MEETING:** There will be an RCCW regional meeting on January 14, 2021 with a modified format. Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. (no registration) at St. Edwards in Cassville. It will be followed by a short inspirational talk/prayer by Fr. Bill and a lite lunch. All this followed by a business meeting. Seating will be socially distanced. Masks are not required but are certainly welcome. If you are ill or have been around someone who has been or is ill, your absence will be completely understood.

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

I hope that everyone in the Parish had a very Merry Christmas. It was a beautiful and joyous time for us to take a break from school. I think all of the kids and school families enjoyed their time together. With that being said, it is so nice to get back to school and back to business. We count our blessings for each and every day of school God provides us with.

Before the break we began talking after Mass about the stained glass windows in the Church and their meanings. After Mass each Friday we will continue doing so until we have learned the meanings behind all of the windows.

On behalf of everyone from the school, I would like to wish all of St. Mary's a safe, and happy New Year! Jason

## JANUARY APPOINTMENTS

**If you are unable to make your appointment, please find a replacement**

### Saturday, Jan. 16 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Ushers: Bill Seufert, Michael Abramovitz

### Saturday, Jan. 23 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

Ushers: Larry Carver, Leonard Fenske

### Saturday, Jan. 23 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan

### Sunday, Jan. 17 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Rachele Brown, Jennifer Eaton

Ushers: Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper

### Sunday, Jan. 24 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell

Ushers: Jim Barchak, Ian Brottlund

### Sunday, Jan. 24 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Heather Gripka, Cody Washam

Ushers: Darren Brown, Dustin Avondet

# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 55:1-11

Is 12:2-6

1 John 5:1-9

Mark 1:7-11

### Monday January 11

Hebrews 1:1-6

Ps 97:1,2b,6,7c,9

Mark 1:14-20

### Tuesday January 12

Hebrews 2:5-12

Ps 8:2ab,5-9

Mark 1:21-28

### Wednesday January 13

Hebrews 2:14-18

Ps 105:1-9

Mark 1:29-39

### Thursday January 14

Hebrews 3:7-14

Ps 95:6-11

Mark 1:40-45

### Friday January 15

Hebrews 4:1-5,11

Ps 78:3,4bc,6c-7,8

Mark 2:1-12

### Saturday January 16

Hebrews 4:12-16

Ps 19:8-10,15

Mark 2:13-17

Why was Jesus baptized? He wasn't in need of repentance. Why, for that matter, did Jesus do anything at all? Not just to save us from our sins by dying on the cross! There is so much more to Jesus.

Jesus united himself to sinners. First he humbled himself to become one of us, a human with the same needs we have every day. Then he surrendered himself to the baptismal water so that when we are baptized, he is there in the water with us, raising us up to a new life, the holy life, everlasting life.

Everything that Jesus did shows us by example who we are: what the Father created us to be like and how we are to live as children of God. When Jesus was baptized and the Holy Spirit descended upon him and the Father said, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well

pleased," he showed us by example what happens at every person's baptism.

The Holy Spirit descended upon YOU and the Father said about YOU: "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased!"

In the Jordan River, Jesus was reborn from ordinary life to a life of ministry. Baptism does that for us, too. Is there some repentance you need to do so that you can be reborn more fully into what the Father created you to do — your divine purpose, the ministry he has called you



to do? Let us begin the Church Season of Ordinary Time with a renewal of our baptismal purification:

Do you reject Satan? And all his works? And all his empty promises?

Do you believe in God the Father? Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, who was born of the Virgin Mary, crucified, and rose from the dead? 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?

### A prayer of recommitment:

"Dear God, I am a sinner. I sometimes fail to put You first in my life. Forgive me. Change me. Renew me. To demonstrate that I truly want You to be Lord of my life, I will do a special act, just as Jesus put his life fully into the Father's hands by surrendering to John's baptism. The act that I choose to do is \_\_\_\_\_. Amen!"

And God the Father says of you: "This is my beloved son/daughter; with him/her I am well pleased!"

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What do you know about your baptism? When was it? Where? Who was there?
2. How did this Sacrament affect your life as the years went by?
3. Why does this mean that the Father is pleased with you?