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**January 10, 2021**

*The Baptism of the Lord*

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“St. Joseph is a Welcoming, Catholic Community, Committed by Faith in Christ, who strive to Love, Live and Spread the Gospel in charity, by Serving the Needs of ALL!”

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**Weekend Mass Schedule: By Reservation Only.**

Please call the Ministry Center for signup information.  
**English:** Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM  
**Spanish:** Saturday 7:00 PM, Sunday 9:30 AM, 12:30 PM

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

**English:** Monday-Friday 8:30  
**Spanish:** Monday–Thursday 6:00 PM
A Message From our Pastor....

January 10, 2020
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Dear Friends,

In today’s second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter addresses those gathered in the house of Cornelius and tells them that “Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, was “anointed…with the Holy Spirit and power.” This specific scene from the Acts of the Apostles shows that the apostles immediately went out to do what they had been commissioned to do by Christ Himself: “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.” The apostles went out and preached the truth of who Jesus Christ is and how one comes into communion with Him through Baptism. It is no coincidence that the very sacrament that brings one into communion with Christ is prefigured in the very first act of Christ’s public ministry: His Baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist. It is precisely at the moment of His Baptism that Christ is revealed as the Son of God as the Holy Spirit descends upon Him. St. Mark records in today’s Gospel what was witnessed by all present concerning the moment when Jesus “was baptized in the Jordan by John.” As the Gospel records: “On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens. ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’”

As we know, Christ the Lord had absolutely no need of receiving the baptism of repentance of John the Baptist. However, there is always a profound reason that Christ performed every act of His earthly ministry. Nothing was ever coincidental or spontaneous. As God Eternal, Our Lord meant for this baptism to prefigure the purpose of His mission: to give His life as a sacrifice of expiation for the sins of the world. This is precisely the meaning of Christ’s later pronouncement in the Gospel of Luke: “I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how I am constrained until it is accomplished!” (Luke 12:50) The baptism in question is the offering of His life on the cross. Jesus Christ meant for every action of His ministry to point to the ultimate purpose of His coming into the world, namely, to offer His life as a sacrifice of atonement (Romans 3:25). For this reason, we know that His baptism in the Jordan was not simply a formality. Christ wanted to connect the forgiveness of sins that the Christian receives in Baptism with the atoning act that brought about the redemption of the world. All of this is prefigured in the moment of His baptism in the Jordan River.

After the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church will begin the season of Ordinary time. The Baptism marks the beginning of Christ’s public manifestation and His public ministry. As we enter into the weeks of ordinary time let us never forget that in the three years of His ministry, Our Lord will perform many signs and miracles. Every action will likewise point to the definitive action by which we will be redeemed by the Son of God. The Baptism of the Lord reveals that this Son is truly one in being with the Father and the Holy Spirit. The voice from heaven reveals that the Holy Trinity is continually present in the order of creation and above all in the renewing act of Christ’s redemptive suffering for the sake of mankind that will bring reconciliation and peace with God. For this reason, the Baptism of the Lord reminds us that in our own Baptism as Christians we partake of the fruits of His redemption. Indeed, beginning with the baptism of Christ, “the Lord will bless his people with peace.” (from today’s psalm, Psalm 29)

In Christ,
Fr. Steven
**Updated Mass Sign-ups Information:** Please continue to register for Sunday Mass. Registration allows us to keep our capacity numbers in check on Sundays, keeps the check-in process moving and will allow us to contact you should a positive COVID-19 case be reported to us. Your help and cooperation is GREATLY APPRECIATED!! We are now allowed 100 worshippers at each Mass. Mass times in English:

- Monday-Friday: 8:30 am
- Saturday: 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am, 11:00 am

Current mass sign-ups and attendance are only for registered and participating parishioners of St. Joseph. While we are going to great lengths to clean the church after each use and practice all government guidelines, there is still a risk of exposure, much like you encounter in all public spaces. Face coverings are **required** upon entering the church and social distancing must be maintained. Once at the church, you will be directed where to safely sit. Please refrain from attending if you are feeling ill. The bishop has extended his Mass dispensation to those who are elderly, immune-compromise, or concerned about contracting COVID-19 are still exempt from Mass. If you are interested in attending mass, the registration page can be accessed at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CAFAC2CA7FB6-stjoseph](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CAFAC2CA7FB6-stjoseph) The link can also be accessed in the first article on the front page of our website www.stjosephharvard.org.

**Live the Liturgy:**

**Inspiration for the Week**

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life’s journey, we may think we are walking in the light but really are lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, wither because we are distracted, disinterested or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God’s revelation gives is the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tell us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to do out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?

**Pope Francis’ January Prayer Intention:**

**Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**Right to Life McHenry County 2021**

**Signature Ad:** Since the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade that made abortion legal through all 9 months of pregnancy and for reason or for no reason at all, over 62 million children have lost their lives to abortion. Each year Right to McHenry County brings attention to this devastating decision by placing an ad in the Northwest Herald. We list the names of those who join us in opposing the gruesome results of Roe vs. Wade. The 2021 ad will run on January 23rd. Because of Covid, we can’t collect signatures in person as we have in the past. We ask you to join the Signature Ad– go to www.rightoflife-mc.org and ad your name to those who support the sanctity of all life from conception to natural death.

**JANUARY WALK FOR LIFE** (Excerpt from The Observer) The Rockford Walk for Life is being organized by the Rockford Family Initiative. It will take place on Jan. 23, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Federal Courthouse, 327 S. Church St. in downtown Rockford. Participants will gather, then walk in procession together to the State of Illinois building E.J. Zeke Giorgi Center, 200 S. Wyman St., then back to the courthouse. There is a good amount of free parking near the courthouse. With 60 million abortions over the years in mind, the Rockford Family Initiative has begun reaching out to area churches to encourage participation in this new event for life. Organizers ask for prayers for the walk and for positive effects from it.
Offer Prayers through Mass Intentions:
Pray for the soul of a deceased loved one, for the healing of one of our Masses each week by calling the Ministry Center. The customary donation is $10 per Mass intention.

Readings for the week of January 10th
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 1:30-45
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
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Weekly Budgeted Income Needed.............$ 6,317.00

December 27, 2020
Adult Collection Received (Week 26)......$4,919.00
Offertry Received (Week 26).............$262.36
Children’s Collection Received (Week 26).............$294.75
On-line Donations (Week 26).................$950.00
Total Collection Received (Week 26).........$6,426.11
YTD Budgeted Income Needed (Week 26)....$164,242.00
YTD Income Received (Week 26) .........$134,111.18
Overage/(Shortage) to date (Week 26).......$(30,130.82 or 18%)

January 3, 2021
Adult Collection Received (Week 27)......$4,911.00
Offertry Received (Week 27).................$308.80
Children’s Collection Received (Week 27).........$281.00
On-line Donations (Week 27)..............$650.00
Total Collection Received (Week 27).........$6,150.00
YTD Budgeted Income Needed (Week 27)....$140,261.18
YTD Income Received (Week 27) .........$140,261.18
Overage/(Shortage) to date (Week 27).......$(30,297.82 or 18%)

Christmas to Date: $8,292.00
For it is in giving that we receive.”
~St. Francis of Assisi

Living Out Christmas in the New Year:
How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady’s example is to join 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life, taking place Thursday, January 21 - Friday, January 29. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at 9daysforlife.com!

Spiritual Communion Prayer
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally. Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
Mr. and Mrs. Dieter Gutt  
Donald and Kathryn DeLoe  
Victor and Grace Rini  
Maria Brantsch  
Sara Brantsch  
Mr. and Mrs. Jose Tapia Embriz  
Mrs. Sharon Kurth  
Don Kurth  
Joe and Dorothy Crabb  
Mrs. Eileen King  
O’Brien Families  
King Families  
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Weidner  
Harold and Barbara Weidner  
Bernard and Mary Weidner  
Joyce Long Bob Raupp  
Mr. Jerry Shields  
Francis and Gladys Shields  
William Shields  
Mr. Romulo Esquivel Pichardo  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Deneen  
Lloyd and Fern Hookstadt  
Dan and Evelyn Hookstadt  
Gene Hookstadt  
Bill and Charlotte Deneen  
Nicole Brania  
Mrs. Beverly Ostrowski  
Andrew C. Ostrowski  
Mr. Morales and Mrs. Silvia  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Martin  
Deceased Martin Family Members  
Deceased Haverly Family Members  
Fr. McGinn  
All Serving in the Military  
Essential and Front Line Workers  
Mrs. Arlene Kohley  
Donald Kohley  
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ilg  
Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Flores  
Mr. and Mrs. Salvador Esparza  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Byrne  
Bryne Family Members  
Grossmayer Family Members  
Susan Dacy  
Mr. Mario Nava and Mrs. Oralia Mercado  
Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Chula  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Raupp  
Harold and Barbara Weidner, Bernard and  
Laura Raupp, John Raupp, Leroy and Marge  
Raupp, Ralph and Don Raupp, Frank and Betty  
Vlasic, Joyce and Mitchell Long, Barbara  
A. Weidner, Deb Weir  
Mr. and Mrs. Cesar Pelayo  
Mrs. Anna Hoffman  
David Hoffman  
Schonfelder Family  
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John Trotter  
Tim Trotter  
Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Flores  
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Dolores Garcia  
Reyes Garcia  
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rivera  
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Mrs. Beverly Jenkins  
Mr. and Mrs. Jose Gonzalez  
Mr. Martin Pichardo Herrera  
Mr. and Mrs. John Zalewski  
Mrs. Nancy Nolan  
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Deceased Members of the Cronin Family  
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The Grieshop Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gibson  
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Mr. and Mrs. Fidel Sanchez  
Barbara Nolan  
Howard, Doris and Bob Nolan  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Malinowski  
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Members of the Berry Families  
Souls in Purgatory  
Mr. and Mrs. Adalberto Ortiz Ramirez  
Mr. and Mrs. Eluterio Hernandez  
Mrs. Betty McFarlin  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kane
¡Descubramos nuestro Bautismo!

Hoy entendemos el Bautismo como un sacramento, un rito que hay que cumplir para entrar a formar parte de la comunidad católica. Pero la fiesta de hoy nos recuerda que el Bautismo es algo mucho más profundo. Y que sería bueno que recuperásemos ese significado en nuestra vida cristiana.

Lo que hoy es apenas en la mayor parte de las parroquias echar un poco de agua sobre la cabeza del recién nacido, era al principio de la historia del cristianismo y lo es todavía en algunas parroquias, un sumergirse completamente en el agua. El agua es principio de muerte (en el agua nos ahogamos, no podemos respirar, lo que se echa al agua se disuelve, se deshace, deja de existir) pero también es principio de vida (científicamente se puede afirmar que la vida comenzó en el agua, el feto está envuelto en líquido, del agua se resurge limpio y puro). El Bautismo tiene pues un significado básico: expresa la muerte y la resurrección de una persona. El que se bautiza muere a una vida y al salir del agua comienza una nueva vida. Por eso la tradición cristiana hizo que en el Bautismo se impusiera un nuevo nombre a la persona. La nueva vida requería un nuevo nombre.

Todo es un signo. Nadie muere de verdad ni resucita de verdad. Pero hay momentos en la vida en que se requiere un signo de ese tipo que rubrique un cambio real de vida en la persona. A veces, aunque no se produzca una muerte física, se dan cambios en la vida de una persona que traen ciertamente un nuevo estilo y una nueva orientación.

Con ese sentido tan profundo se bautizó Jesús. Hasta entonces había vivido como uno más. Quizá se había retirado al desierto y allí había estado con el grupo de Juan Bautista o con otros grupos. Fue allí donde maduró su decisión, donde reconoció su llamada a anunciar la buena nueva del Reino. Por eso se bautizó. Fue una forma de refrendar públicamente su nuevo estilo de vida. El Bautismo de Jesús marca una frontera entre su vida anterior y posterior. Fue de verdad el comienzo de una nueva vida al servicio del Reino de Dios.

Para nosotros el bautismo no tiene ese sentido. La mayoría fuimos bautizados de recién nacidos. No recordamos nada de aquella celebración. No significó un antes y un después en nuestra vida. Más bien nos sentimos inmersos desde el principio en la tradición cristiana. Desde el principio de nuestra vida somos cristianos. Ahora se trata de llevar a la práctica diariamente lo que nuestro bautismo celebró y significó. Como Jesús, estamos comprometidos a vivir de acuerdo con el Evangelio. A ser portadores de la buena nueva para todo el mundo.

ORACIÓN POR LOS SACERDOTES

Señor, necesitamos mayor número de sacerdotes. Multiplica las vocaciones y santifica más y más a tus sacerdotes. Te lo pedimos por la Inmaculada Virgen María.

¡Adoración al Santísimo!

Jesús lo está esperando! Aproveche la oportunidad de venir a agradecerle por todas las bendiciones recibidas. Separe un espacio de su tiempo y visítele. Si puede solo una hora, Jesús le esperar con los brazos abiertos. Todas las miércoles de 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM en la Iglesia y los primeros jueves de cada mes. Tenemos hora Santa a las 9 PM y concluimos hasta la mañana del viernes a las 8 AM. Cuando pasa una hora con Jesús él le sonrie y se siente amado por usted, ¡No lo dejes solo, Jesús espera tu visita!

INTENCIONES DE MISA

¿Le gustaría que se oráre por sus intenciones? Particulares, normalmente por los seres queridos que han fallecido, para que el Señor, en su divina Misericordia, los acogió en el Reino Celestial. También las misas pueden ser ofrecidas por los enfermos o por personas o familias en situaciones difíciles, haciendo la intención de una de nuestras misas durante la semana o el fin de semana. Llamando al Centro del Ministerio. La donación habitual es de $10 dólares por intención de misa.

ORACIÓN ESPIRITUAL

Creo Señor mio que está realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento del altar. Te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo ardientemente recibirte dentro de mi alma; pero, no pudiendo hacerlo ahora sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón. Y como si te hubiese recibido, me abrazo y me uno todo a Ti; Oh Señor, no permitas que me separes de Ti.

La “Festividad del Bautismo del Señor” se celebra el domingo siguiente a la “Epifanía”, con la que se culmina el ciclo de Navidad. Este día (10 de enero de 2021) se conmemora el Bautismo de Jesús en el río Jordán, por parte de Juan Bautista.
Servicios en nuestra parroquia:
*Bautismos - cada tercer sábado del mes a las 9 am. Registrar al niño/a en la oficina.
*Clase Pre-Bautismal - cada primer sábado del mes a las 5 p.m. Virtuales debido a la pandemia no podemos tener las pláticas en presencia. Llamar a la oficina para registrarse con anticipación.
*Celebración de Matrimonios y Quinceañeras, pasar a la oficina para agendar su fecha con 6 meses de anticipación.
*Sacramento de la Reconciliación, lunes, martes, miércoles y jueves a las 5p.m. o por cita.
*Unción de los Enfermos al Hospital o a las casas, según la necesidad de los enfermos. Llame a la oficina y déjenos saber. La Diócesis ha asignado algunos sacerdotes para visitar enfermos al hospital.

Por favor no traer niños a la oficina y solo venga un solo miembro de casa ya sea el papa o la mama.