

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 13, 2019

LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pray as Jesus prayed that we might hear the voice of the Father, a voice that speaks of God's love for us. We ask that we might allow that Spirit, God's holy breath that came upon us at our own baptism, to move us out into the world in service to those most in need whom God has set before us.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 14, 2019

Monday, Jan. 14
8:15AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Tuesday, Jan. 15
8:15AM Curtis Jany by Dave & Barb Otten
Wednesday, Jan. 16
10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs
Thursday, Jan. 17, St. Anthony, Abbot
NO MASS
Friday, Jan. 18
8:15AM Orville Bievenue by Mike & Anita
Saturday, Jan. 19
5PM Art Maes by Bruce & Mary Brown
Sunday, Jan. 20
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JAN. 13 THRU JAN. 20

Sunday	9AM Mass Take down Christmas decorations following Baptism after 9AM Mass
Monday	8:15AM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Beef Veg. Soup / Grilled Cheese / Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 1-4)
Wednesday	10:30 Communion Service at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grade 5 & 6 Liturgy) 1:30PM Dismissal – BUS SERVICE 4:30PM K of C Fish Fry to benefit SMS
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: At Jesus' baptism a voice came from heaven: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:16). He did not become a new creation, as we do. However, people had a new awareness of who he was, God's beloved Son. When we are baptized, we become God's adopted sons and daughters. Baptism clothes us with Christ. We are to bring the Christian dignity of that garment unstained into everlasting life. We are to live with self-control, growing in biblical justice, that is, right relationship with God and one another. We are to be people of prayer and devotion or holiness, to which every baptized person is called, no matter our state in life or lifestyle. With family and friends to help us, or by helping them, we see God's beloved presence in our midst.

TITHE WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2019

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,254.00
\$496.00 Cemetery; \$220.00 Solemnity of Mary;
\$269.00 Sr. Anne; \$165.00 Improvement;
\$50.00 Christmas; \$25.00 Donation;
\$53.00 Child Env.; \$26.00 Votives
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,928.79
Fiscal Year Week: 28
YTD Actual Giving: \$194,006.00
YTD Budget Need: \$196,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$1,994.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$71.22)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Jan. 19 & 20: 5PM, Grace Welborn, Miranda Rodewald; 9AM, Paige Vasquez, Luke Miller, Camryn Wolff

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: How do you live temperately, justly, and devoutly in practical ways?

RESERVED SEATING for the Dinner Auction on Saturday, March 2, may be obtained by calling Ron Korando (618-615-2509). Cost is \$35 per person. We are planning an amazing evening filled with thrills for everyone. Don't be left out!

ONLY 3 WEEKS UNTIL donation slips for the Auction are to be turned in! We would like to have your donation slips turned in by Friday, Feb. 1. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

K OF C FISH FRY Friday, Jan. 18, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit St. Mary's School. On Jan. 25 the fish fry will be for the K of C Club.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO will be held in SMS Gym on Friday, Jan. 25, at 7PM. Doors will open at 6PM. \$25 per 10 games of Bingo. A Designer Purse will be awarded for each 10 games. Bring your own drinks (adult beverages recommended) and food. Direct sales vendors will be on hand for additional shopping opportunities. RSVP to the school office (826-3120), e-mail dpowell43011@gmail.com or contact St. Mary's PTO on Facebook.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTE: Our next meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 6PM. This will be a joint meeting with the Parish Council of Ellis Grove and will take place at St. Mary of the Divine Maternity Parish Hall in Ellis Grove. There will be NO meeting at St. Mary's Rectory on Wednesday, Jan. 23, as originally scheduled.

TOLTON: FROM SLAVE TO PRIEST will be presented in the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville, on Friday, Feb. 1, at 7PM. This original one-man drama is a professional production about the life and message of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first African American Catholic priest who has roots in our own area. Fr. Tolton faced prejudice in his life; however, he felt that the Catholic Church was the antidote to discrimination. Fr. Tolton's canonization cause is at the Vatican. This performance is FREE.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, 9 Days for Life, Monday, Jan. 14-Tuesday, Jan. 22. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Download a free mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily emails or text message. (A printable version is also available online.) Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Remember our own Baptism. Many of us were infants in arms at Baptism. Without actual remembering, we may have items to help recall it – pictures, garment, candle, stories told. But we have every Easter Day with the Renewal of Baptismal Promises to help us remember – and pledge them anew. We also have the Baptism of others to recall the impact of those saving waters for us and for all. Just like with Jesus, the heavens open so that God is near to us, so that God calls us "my favorite", so that God remains pleased – in us; in me. Who can I invite to join us in Christic discipleship through preparation for Baptism? How will I renew my baptismal goodness this day? What baptismal gift or charism will I use for the good of another's need (Think works of mercy if needing suggestions.)?