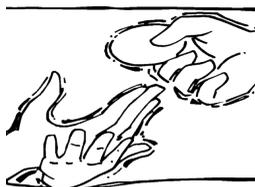


PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Sat, Jan 9 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Dorothy Miller)
- Sun, Jan 10 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Dorothy Miller)
- Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's
(Parishioners)
- Tue, Jan 12 7:00 p.m. St. Mark's
(Don & Marlys Richard)
- Wed, Jan 13 12:00 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Kenny Lansverk)
- Thurs, Jan 14 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's
(Jen Solberg)
- Fri, Jan 15 11:00 a.m. Good Sam
(† Lloyd Jelleberg)
- Sat, Jan 16 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Sister Corrine)
- Sun, Jan 17 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Dorothy Miller)
- Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's
(Parishioners)



HOME COMMUNION. Any St. Mark parishioners desiring Holy Communion at home, call Marlys Vad (228-2049) by Saturday noon to be put on the list.

PrayerLine



To add or remove a name, please contact Deb Wyman 245-6538 or the parish office.

PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS:

Military personnel & their families, Garth Saylor, Ernie Fontaine, Cindy Volk, Tammy Allard, Col-

leen Holen, Dwayne Thiel, Duane Sebelius, Jodi Bjellum; a situation of domestic abuse.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, January 10

St. Andrew—K-6 Religious Ed 10 a.m.

Wed, January 13

St. Mark—K-6 Religious Ed 3:30 p.m.

Quilters 1:00 p.m.

Sun, January 17

St. Andrew—No Class

Wed, January 20

St. Mark—K-6 Religious Ed 3:30 p.m.

Quilters 1:30 p.m.

Those who have not picked up their OFFERING ENVELOPES will have them mailed to them. If you see a friend or neighbor and want to drop them off, that's helpful. Thank You.

Stewardship Moment

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'" (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus—the gift of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God, we will know in our hearts what God calls us to do.



Report For January 3, 2016

St Andrew's: Adult envelopes \$591.00, plate \$70.00 and children \$5.00

St Mark's: Adult envelopes \$7776.00 Plate \$223.26 and children \$ 37.66

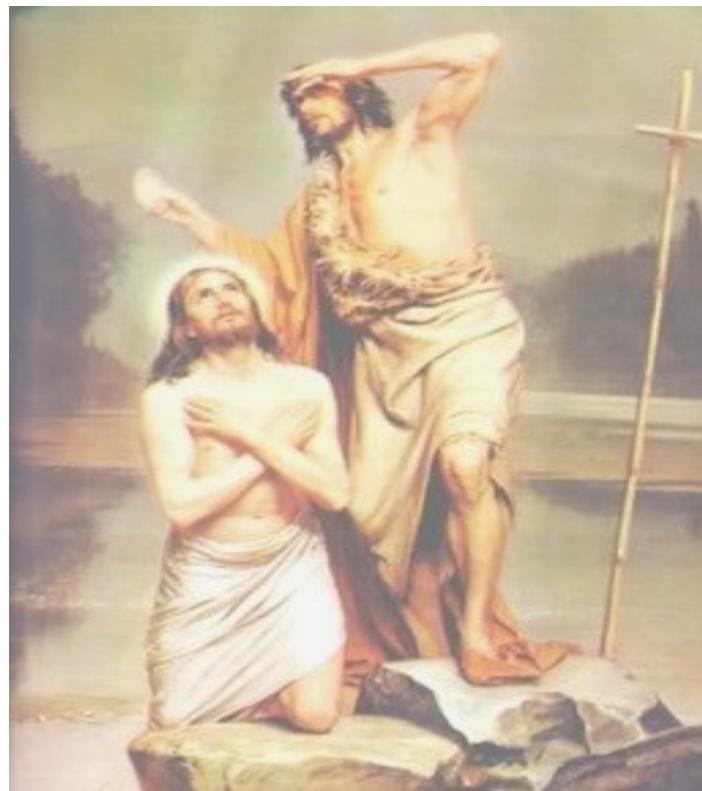


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DESCENDED UPON HIM IN BODILY FORM
LIKE A DOVE. AND A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN,
'YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON; WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASD'

LK 3:21-22

PARISH STAFF

Fr Michael Hickin, Pastor
Jen Nero, Director of Religious Ed
Valerie Hefth, Director of Religious Ed
Ursula Palmer, Secretary

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm, Bottineau
Sunday 9:00 am, Westhope
And 11:00 am, Bottineau

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 4:30 pm, Bottineau
Sunday, 8:30 am, Westhope

OFFICE HOURS

Tue-Fri 2-5:00pm

January 9-10, 2016 *The Baptism of the Lord*



IDENTITY. The Baptism of the Lord is another “epiphany”. It’s an extension of last Sunday’s Solemnity of the Epiphany. Traditionally, we call 3 incidents in the Bible “epiphany” events or special “manifestations” of God’s Glory: the visit of the Magi, the Baptism in the Jordan, and the wedding feast at Cana. All 3 stories progressively reveal the identity, the authority and the power of Jesus.

We associate Christian Baptism with the forgiveness of sins. The idea that the sinless Jesus would undergo Baptism seems out of place. In Jesus’ case, it was a matter of God identifying Himself with sinners. This happens very graphically on the Cross. Here, at the dawn of Jesus’ public life, that identification is being foreshadowed.

This Baptism event reveals Jesus’ true identity as beloved Son of the Father, anointed in the Spirit. That’s his identity as God. The same scene reveals his identity with us, the people. Jesus is one

of us and one with us, although he is Emmanuel, *God with us*. This is the power and Mystery of Jesus.

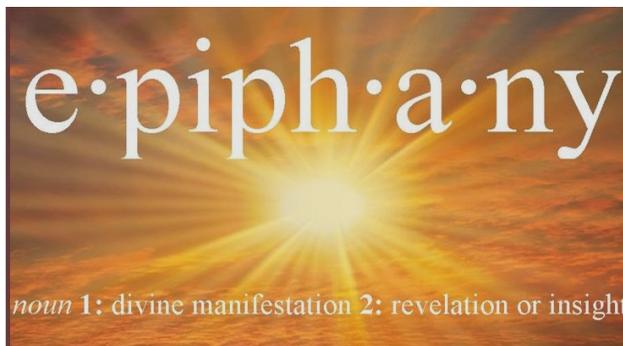


The presence of the Son, the Spirit hovering in the form of a Dove, and the Voice of the Father declaring His Son “Beloved” don’t just show us something of Jesus’ identity, but it’s also a revelation of the Holy Trinity Itself.

We are baptized into Christ. Jesus’ Baptism is similar but different. For one, it is the Baptism of John. John admin-

istered a baptism of repentance, a way the people could prepare for the Messiah by humbly acknowledging their sins. This is not the Sacrament of Baptism that the Church administers. Just before his Ascension into Heaven, Jesus commanded the Apostles to go to the ends of the Earth baptizing (washing) the nations in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Baptism so that we could enter into his Death and Resurrection, and become part of him. It is connected to his Baptism in the Jordan (identifying with sinners and invoking the Holy Trinity), but it’s not the same thing. See CCC 535-537.



While we communally renew our baptismal promises in the Easter Season, today’s Feast is a good moment for each of us to do just that in a little one-on-one with the Lord:

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.

Our Faith...Our Family...Our Future. On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we thank God for our journeys of faith. We belong to the great Family of God, Father-Son-&-Spirit.

Folks are still welcome to turn in commitment cards, but that season is winding down.

In a few weeks, we’ll receive the results of our appeal.

Baptism is what makes of Christians a real family. This sacred bath is our birth into becoming **together** the children of God. This identity is what molds not only who we are but where we’re going.

Who we are as *Family* in the Trinity is where we’re going in the *Future*. *Faith*, the Faith of our Baptism (as expressed in the promises) lights the Way.

EMHC. As we prepare the new Ministries Schedule, it is becoming evident that St Mark’s needs more *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion* for the Saturday Vigil Mass. If any of you feel an interest, please ask if the Lord might be calling you to this ministry. Also needed are some more people to take the Eucharist to shut-ins. Please contact Fr Michael with further questions.

The Bottineau Co RIGHT TO LIFE extends a gracious thank you to Julie Hoffman for the beautiful donated quilt, all who help make LEFSE and those who purchased LEFSE and quilt raffle tickets. **Peggy Nero was the lucky winner of the quilt.**

Nine days Novena for Life, Jan 16-24.

The “9 Days for Life” novena is a prayer initiative of the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat. The Bishops encourage nationwide solidarity in prayer for daily intentions. Four ways to participate: subscriptions to daily content through email or text message go to 9daysforlife.com to register; the “9Days For Life” app and downloadable print materials. Content will also be shared via Facebook (**peopleoflife** page) and other social media with the hashtags #9daysforlife and #9diasporlavida.

