

January 11, 2015

# The Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord, Year B,



## Pastor's Note(s):

**Importance of Baptism:** In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism; it was a preparation for the Christian Baptism we celebrate today, and through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. In accepting John's baptism, Jesus, though sinless, united himself with all sinners.

The baptism of Jesus is considered an important manifestation of God in the person of Jesus, another epiphany. Jesus' baptism inaugurates his mission. Mark's Gospel moves quickly from the report of Jesus' baptism to Jesus' temptations in the desert to his ministry in Galilee after John's arrest. The end of the ministry of John the Baptist is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

Surprisingly, on this the last day of the Christmas season the Gospel does not tell a story from Jesus' childhood. Instead the Gospel reveals Jesus' relationship to God: the Son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. We believe that through Baptism we are also made children of God. (*Sunday Connection - Loyola Press*)

**Special Note:** The Sacrament of Baptism is not just some kind of spiritual 'good house-keeping seal of approval.' Along with the happy occasion of receiving a child as a new member of the Catholic Church, it includes an important commitment made by the parents to raise their newborn child in the teachings and values of the Catholic Faith. The commitment includes their ongoing participation in the faith formation of their children, in cooperation with other parents and volunteer teachers. Even on occasion providing supper in our youth program is always appreciated, especially by the young people themselves. The celebration of the Lord's Baptism this weekend calls us to renew the baptismal commitments we have made. *Fr. Michael*

**Annual baby bottle fundraiser** to benefit the Crib Club at the Women's Care Center in Duluth starts this weekend (Sanctity of Life Sunday). Proceeds will go toward helping at-risk Moms who are in need of material assistance to care for their babies. The mission of the Women's Care Center is to support women in any way necessary to help them choose life for their babies. Please take a bottle home and fill with change, bills or checks made out to the Christ Child Society and return on Sat. or Sun. the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> of February. On behalf of the Christ Child Society whose task it is to stock and maintain the Crib Club, thank you so much for your generosity.

**Men's Conference** — The Duluth Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Marshall School Auditorium in Duluth. The featured speaker is Deacon Ralph Poyo, from North Carolina, a sought-after speaker for Franciscan University Steubenville Youth Conferences and a founder of New Evangelization Ministries.

## HOLY SPIRIT'S PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**GROUP** is an informal group who crochets and knits tangible signs of their prayers for others. New people are always welcome to join us. We will meet on **Tuesday, January 13 at 9:00 AM** in the church hall.



**Lighthouse CD's:** Please check out the new Lighthouse CD's. Two are done by Fr. Mike Schmitz from our diocese, a Major League Baseball player, and five other new ones. The cost is \$3/CD. A good way to start off 2015.

**Blue Book Discussion Group:** Please join us after Friday morning Mass on January 16, 2015 for breakfast in the Parish hall. We will continue to discuss interesting points from the Advent Christmas blue books and also future plans. Come and be filled!

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<b>Saturday</b>	WEEKDAY DURING CHRISTMAS	<b>01/10/15</b>
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Bob Zapolski</b> Reader: Paulette Moreland Chalice: Deacon Tim Egan & Liz Scheidt Servers: Spencer Ross & To be assigned	
<b>Sunday</b>	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	<b>01/11/15</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4</b> <b>Mass —Intention for All Parishioners</b> Reader: Gina Lemke Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Joanne Button & Nancy Olsen Servers: Hayley & Megan Larson	
<b>Monday</b>	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>01/12/15</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	SAINT HILARY	<b>01/13/15</b>
5:45 P.M.	<b>Choir Practice</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>01/14/15</b>
8:15 p.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Ralph Wurster</b>	
6:45 p.m.	<b>Religious Education—Grades 5-11</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>01/15/15</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass at St. Mary's, Silver Bay</b>	
6:30 p.m.	<b>Men's Prayer Group</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>01/16/15</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Robert Wurster</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	SAINT ANTHONY	<b>01/17/15</b>
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Theodore Joseph Wisniewski</b> Reader: Confirmation Student Chalice: Shawn & Kathy McMahon Servers: Karly Fleischer & To be assigned	
<b>Sunday</b>	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>01/18/15</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4</b>	
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass —Intention for All Parishioners</b> Reader: Shannah Groothausen Plate: Dave Hendren Chalice: Shari Hendren & Jeannie Shaw Servers: Sid Hendren & Jasmyn Uremovich	

**Holy Spirit Library:** Are you aware that our Church library is available for all of us to use? The library is located downstairs. It has been recently organized, and is ready for YOU. A great opportunity to learn and grow, to energize your mind, heart, and soul. Come and enjoy this great resource.



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Patty Broadbent, Pat Harrison, Toni Johnson, Joann Ostendorf and Ron Kor.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, Craig Fallgren, Jane Griesy, Patty Harrison -Isakson, Jim Kioski, Ray Weeks, Shawn & Tom Wisniewski and Theodore Joseph Wisniewski.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, James Mickle, Craig Moe, Ryan Ray and Christopher Uremovich.



*Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed – just call the church office to let us know that you would like to renew the request.*

### Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board  
'Like' us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

Theology of the Body teen retreat: **TOBIT** will be held from Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

This year's dynamic duo of speakers are **Father Mike Schmitz** and **Nic Davidson!**

Registration is \$145. If you have not registered yet, please do so now! If you have registered, **THANK YOU!**

Go to <http://www.dioceseduluth.org/TOBIT> for info and click on the **Registration** link! All permission forms are done online when you register, so have a parent register you, please!

We hope to see you back at Big Sandy Camp for **TOBIT!** Invite your friends, too – even the ones you think that it's not their thing. They may say yes! They may love it!

*THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR OUR YOUTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...*

### *Last Week's Contributions*

Weekend Collection .....	\$2,235.30
Bldg. Fund .....	\$225.00
UCA .....	\$145.00
Latin America .....	\$10.00