

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD † January 10, 2021



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

- Lk 3:21-22a

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WITNESS OF BELONGING

Welcome to
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St. John the Evangelist

Our parishioners, the parish staff and I, as rector, hope that your visit to our church will be a prayerful time while at the Mayo Clinic or while you are visiting our city for any other reason. We encourage you to consider Co-Cathedral of the St. John the Evangelist as your church away from home. If we may serve you with any of your needs please do not hesitate to contact us at the Parish Center.

The Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Community is committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ as we partner with the city and our neighbor, the Mayo Clinic. If you have recently moved to our city and desire to join the parish community, please find a form on our web page and register as a member. Together we pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us in being a welcoming Catholic community.

Fr. Jerry Mahon
Rector

This is a strange Sunday we celebrate, the Baptism of the Lord. A few weeks ago, we heard John calling out, “Repent, repent! Turn to the Lord!” He baptized people for repentance so they might be forgiven of their sins. And yet, Jesus goes to the water and is baptized. I can’t help but wonder what drove Jesus there to the river.

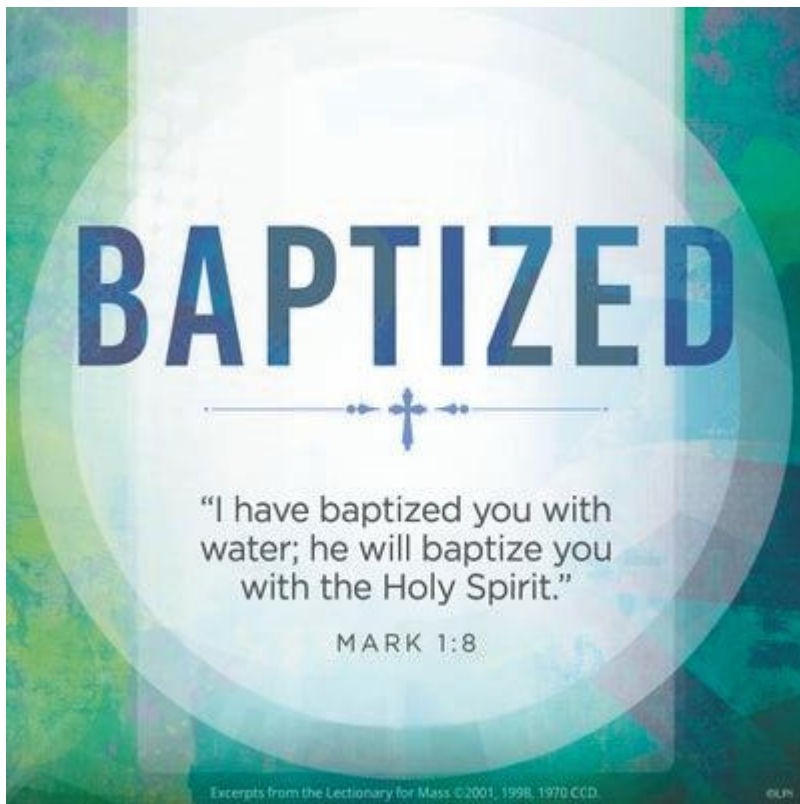
And as I think of Jesus, John, and this baptism, I think of all the people who reach out seeking to know more of what it is to be Catholic. On the surface there are many reasons why people want to be Catholic or be Confirmed in the Church: marriage, a child’s Baptism, a feeling that something is missing. But these reasons often have deeper roots. Dig a little and you’ll hear about the witness of someone’s faith, often a grandmother who showed someone a way of living, of loving that was strange and attractive. Or maybe you’ll hear about an overwhelming moment of beauty and comfort in a church. Or maybe it’s just the repeated encounters, the mundane witness of a hundred people in a single person’s life. Something, someone is drawing these candidates closer to the Church and closer to Christ.

Next week, a few candidates will come before you who have been listening to this pull and turning, turning to Christ. They are preparing to both be received by and to receive the Church. They come before you bearing witness to a faith they have been given and seeking your help. They will come before you and ask if you are willing to help them find and follow Christ. Are you?

These candidates will declare before us what it is they seek from Christ’s Church. They will affirm their desire to conform their lives to Jesus Christ, to become his disciples. And indeed, I can vouch for them that they are well on their way. But again, are you ready, are you able to support them? There are certainly explicit, direct ways you can support our candidates (and I’d be happy to talk with you more if you’re interested!), but more fundamentally, the question, “Are you willing to help the candidates find and follow Christ?” is a question of how you are making Christ present in our world today. Regularly, I ask the candidates to reflect on where they have seen God or God’s presence. Are you bearing Christ’s presence with you in the places that you work, at home, and among family and friends? Are you compassionate or hospitable beyond what is reasonable? Does your kindness have a cost? Do you root all you do in Christ and share this faith when people ask why you do what you do? I can talk to the candidates about the beauty, the truth, the wonder of the Church, but my words are useless without you and all you do to help them see, feel, touch, taste, smell this vibrant Body of Christ.

In a few weeks, as we begin Lent, we'll hear the second part to this Gospel where the Holy Spirit drives Jesus out into the desert. After the baptism, after the declaration of God's joy in Jesus, he faces forty days of temptation among the wild beasts. The journey of the candidates will not be easy. I don't know that there will be wild beasts, but I have yet to meet a candidate that did not face discouragement or doubt. At the same time, there have also been angels there, ministering to them. So, when Fr. Mahon asks if you're willing to help our candidates find and follow Christ, please think about how you will support them by making Christ's presence vibrant in our community and our parish.

Philip Lomneth
Director of Faith Formation—RCIA



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The Chapel is open for private prayer from 8:00am-5:30pm Monday thru Friday. Please wear a mask and follow the guidelines set by the CDC for social distancing and hand washing. Go to sj.org/announcement/Co-Cathedral-weekly-updates for public Mass schedules. (Registration recommended.)

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome and invite all new parishioners. Pick up a registration form from the Parish Center or fill one out on our web page www.sj.org.

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CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Bishop Quinn has suspended the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy days until further notice.

PUBLIC MASS SCHEDULE

We have public Masses on Saturdays at 4:30pm and on Sundays at 9:30am. We have daily Masses at 12:10pm on Monday thru Thursday. Reservations are recommended for all Masses. **Sign up to attend Mass** at: <https://sj.org/announcement/mass-sign-up/> where you will also find a **tutorial video** with instructions for attending Mass and receiving Communion at Mass. All Masses will be in the Church and all attendees must check in before Mass in the Gathering Space. Masks are required for Mass attendance.

On Fridays there is a Word/Communion Service at 12:10 pm offered by Deacon Randy Horlocker. Sign-up to register for this service at <https://sj.org/announcement/mass-sign-up/>.

SUNDAY LIVE STREAMED MASS FROM THE CO-CATHEDRAL

Join us for Sunday Mass at 9:30am through a live stream on either facebook or YouTube. The facebook stream can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/cocathedralofstjohn/>. The YouTube live stream (which can also be accessed to watch the Mass later) can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/sjeyoutube>.

When we are unable to receive Holy Communion physically, the Church urges us to consider a “spiritual communion.” Inviting Jesus into our heart and soul is part of our tradition. We look forward to “seeing” you on Sunday!

[TV Mass from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester can be found on Channel 3 KIMT Sunday at 7:30am and Channel 3.2 MyTV at 9:00am.]

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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 into 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.

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is offered on Thursdays before the 12:10 pm Mass starting at 11:15 am. Come to the south Chapel entrance.

ONLINE PRAYER REQUESTS

On our website you can enter prayer requests and we would be happy to hold you in prayer. Visit www.sj.org/submit-prayer-requests/

CHURCH HOURS—The Chapel will be open for private prayer from 8am-5:30pm Monday through Friday, from Noon-3:30pm on Saturday and from 11am-1:00pm on Sunday. Enter the Chapel directly from 4th Avenue entrances and please wear masks and follow guidelines for social distancing. The Church space will no longer be open for private prayer and reflection to allow for cleaning, sanitization, and set up of the space for Masses. Parish Center hours are 8:00am-4:30pm Monday thru Thursday and 8:00am-2:00pm on Friday.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES OR ELECTRONIC GIVING

To keep the much-needed donation consistency for the operation of our Church, please consider mailing in your weekly envelopes or signing up for the convenience of Electronic Giving. It's easy and it's free. Simply go to our website, sj.org and click on Contribute. From there you will create a sign in and password. At this time, the funds that are available for electronic donation are: General Fund, Building Fund, St. John Charity Fund, St. John Outreach Fund, and St. Vincent DePaul Fund. Donations can be accepted from a checking/savings account or a major credit card. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Debbie Thompson at (507) 288-7372 x4502 or dthompson@sj.org.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

Adults: To whom have you been guilty of showing partiality? What can you do to correct that?

Children: Where and in whom will you look for Jesus this week?

COURIER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, hard copies of the Courier are currently not available in our church. However, in addition to being available online, (www.dowr.org/offices/courier/index.html) hard copies are being mailed to those on our home delivery list. To be added to the subscription list, send your name and address to Nick Reller at nreller@dowr.org or **Diocese of Winona-Rochester, The Courier, 55 W Sanborn St., Winona, MN 55987.**

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

The Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist will be mailing 2020 Contribution Reports to all parishioners during the week of January 11, 2021. Please contact the Parish Office at 288-7372 with any address changes.



MAKE A RESOLUTION TO
LEARN MORE ABOUT CATHOLIC
SOCIAL TEACHINGS IN THE
NEW YEAR!

Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota will be offering two new study opportunities on Zoom in 2021. **Life and Dignity of the Human Person** (7 sessions) will be on Mondays, beginning Jan. 11th, at 7:00 pm. We will also offer a chance to study together the US Catholic Bishop's pastoral letter against racism, **Open Wide Our Hearts**, on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning January 12th. All materials are available free. If you would like more information or to register, email Lisa Kremer at lkremer@ccsommn.org or call her at 507-360-3423.

We congratulate ...

*Charles and Andrea Tieskotter on the baptism of their son,
Gibson Richard Tieskotter.*

Welcome New Parishioners

*Helen Davis,
Jason and Kristina Flicek,
Anthony Macioce and Amy Poterucha,
Bob and Brenda Rosebrough*

*Readings for the week
of January 10, 2021***Sunday, January 10**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday, January 11

Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday January 13

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 14

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 15

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, 16

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday, January 17

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

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*Mass Intentions***Saturday, January 9**

4:30 pm Josephine Sequera†

Sunday, January 10

9:30 am

Rick Locke †

Florence Frank †

People of the Parish

Monday, January 11

12:10 pm Ruth Wentz

Tuesday, January 12

12:10 pm Lola Abdul

Wednesday, January 13

12:10 pm Paul Harold

Thursday, January 14

9:15 am In reparation for our sins

12:10 pm Teddy Foley

Friday, January 15

12:10 pm Mary Welscher

ROCHESTER ROSARY RALLIES

Our country continues to need fervent and confident prayer for the truthful, just, and peaceful resolution to our recent elections, continued conversion, and peace. Please join us as we continue to publicly pray the Patriotic Rosary on all the upcoming Sundays through the Sunday before Inauguration Day (**Sundays, January 10, & 17**). These rallies will all be held near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of **4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE** at **3pm**, the Divine Mercy Hour. We encourage all to step out in faith to publicly pray for our state and country. Wear masks and social distance.

If you are unable to join us, please consider praying a Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet from wherever you are. May our united prayers through Mary find the heart of Jesus. **Questions:** Contact Mary Amiot at mamiot@hotmail.com or 507-287-6481 OR Janela Hubka at daveandjanela@gmail.com or 507-282-6090.

ANNUAL PAX CHRISTI/HOLY SPIRIT SOCIAL JUSTICE RETREAT:

Saturday morning, January 30, virtual this year

Two local speakers: Kendall Hughes, founder of Three Rivers Restorative Justice and Karen Edmonds, founder of Project Legacy.

This is an opportunity to learn about restorative justice and its implementation through a new organization in Rochester. We will also learn about another local group that applies those practices in its work with at-risk youth. Although we will miss our traditional soup luncheon and camaraderie, we will be enlightened and encouraged to learn about work in Rochester to help heal the lives of others. For more information or to register for this free event, contact hspaxsocialjustice@gmail.com.

CONSIDER ADOPTION THROUGH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thinking about adoption but not sure where to start? Catholic Charities offers free adoption informational meetings to help you learn about the process to begin building your family. We have adoption social workers in Winona, Rochester, Mankato, and Worthington who can walk you through the process of international or domestic infant adoption. Please email adoption@ccsommn.org or call 507-287-2047 to schedule an informational meeting.



MARCH FOR LIFE

For this year's MCCL March for Life, a "Virtual March" is planned for Friday, Jan. 22, 2021. We do not encourage people to come to the Capitol building, which is shut down. We encourage everyone to view our Virtual March for Life at noon on Jan. 22—you can watch on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mccl) or our website at <https://www.mccl.org/march> as we commemorate the lives lost to abortion.



MASS FOR LIFE:

Bishop Quinn will be celebrating a Mass for Life at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona at 11:30 am on Wednesday, January 27. Please join the live stream on the Diocesan [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/diocesan) page.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS/MEMORIALS 2020

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Noor Edward in memory of everyone

In memory of Francis Andrew Gregor

Rita Kuisle Griffin in memory of David H. Griffin

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Pamela Johnson in memory of John K. & Margaret A. Ogren and George & Betty Johnson

Karen Lien in memory of Charles & Lorraine Lien

Andy Maday in memory of Anne Mayday

James Marttila & Kathleen Meyerle

Christine Matarese

Mary T. Moore in memory of S. Breannan Moore

Mitch & Therese Moore in memory of Owen Moore, Dennis Benda and Dr. Thomas & Margaret Benda

Joe & Wanda Murphy in memory of Mary Fischer Hoffman

Veroncia Stolp in memory of Stolp/Moelter families

In memory of Al & Peggy Thomson



CANOPY CANDLES

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