



## January 12, 2020 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

With the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday, the Church leaves the joyful season of Christmas and enters into roughly seven weeks of Ordinary Time before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 26). Seeing the number seven, my mind went immediately to the seven sacraments of the Church. Therefore, for the next seven weeks, I will be using this space to share a few thoughts about each of the sacraments. Given that we are celebrating the Baptism of the Lord today, the Sacrament of Baptism is a fitting place to start! Baptism has been called the “door to the sacraments” because its reception is necessary in order to receive any of the other sacraments. Baptism removes the obstacle that we are born with, namely Original Sin, which prevents us from sharing in the life of grace, which is the life of God in our souls. Once that seal has been broken, our souls are capable of sharing in the grace made possible through the other sacraments.

In the Gospels, Jesus is very emphatic about the necessity of Baptism for salvation: “Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.” (John 3:5) Given this necessity, parents should take care to ensure their children are baptized as soon as possible, seeing the importance of salvation as more important than delaying until a time that is convenient for family members. I am not saying the latter is unimportant, but the necessity of baptism for salvation should always be the primary concern, as evidenced by the words of Jesus Himself and the nearly two-thousand-year tradition of the Church.

A common question that is raised about Baptism concerns the salvation of those who are not baptized. The Catechism of the Catholic Church provides a good summary:

Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are “reborn of water and the Spirit.” *God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments.* (CCC 1257)

That last point is very important. The normal means of salvation is Baptism. God is not bound by that, however, and can bring about salvation by other means. But, since we have the benefit of knowing that baptism is necessary for salvation, we want to make sure we treat it seriously.

- Fr. Alford

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### Saturday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, DeGroot, Scheufele  
Deacon Walker  
**Lectors:** Bertrand, V Walker  
**Servers:** O & J Heiple, Torres  
**Hospitality:** Foster, Rendok, T & K Riedle

#### Sunday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Godar, Nelson  
Deacon Walker  
**Lectors:** B Connolly, Deimel  
**Servers:** McClintock, P & H Zeidler  
**Hospitality:** Dahlkamp, McWard, B & R Yong

#### Sunday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Kohlrus, Kuntzman,  
Deacon Walker  
**Lectors:** M & E Schudel  
**Servers:** Henry, E & H Toliver  
**Minister of Care:** Nelson  
**Hospitality:** Brewer Family  
**CLOW:** Kerley, Powell

### Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (118)	\$ 8,220.75	\$ 153,776.11
Electronic Funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 26,938.60
Bldg. Dev. Fund (26)	\$ 855.00	\$ 8,032.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,983.00
Poor Fund	\$ 52.51	\$ 1,592.42
Children's Offering (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 15.60
Christmas Offerings(2)	\$ 200.00	\$ 7,471.91
Children's Home (1)	\$ 1.00	\$ 3,523.15
Latin America (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
Catholic Times (6)	\$ 105.00	\$ 120.00
EFT-Catholic Times(1)	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Solemnity of Mary (44)	\$ 1,289.00	\$ 1,444.00

### St. Jude Parish Weekly Confession Times

**Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.**

**Saturday – 3:30-4:15 p.m.**

**Sunday – 7:30-7:50 a.m. & 9:45-10:15 a.m.**

### Anointing of the Sick

If you are going to the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.

#### Prayer List:

**Barb Sinkus**, parishioner  
**Steven Long**, parishioner  
**Gary Dumonceaux**, parishioner  
**Jillian Kohlrus**, parishioner  
**Shirley Crawford**, parishioner  
**Rene Runions**, parishioner  
**Ray Roland**, parishioner  
**Lynn F. Leach**, parishioner  
**JoAnn Camille**, parishioner  
**Betty Rowden**, parishioner  
**JoAnn Barber**, parishioner  
**Glen Butcher**, parishioner  
**Barb Kiel**, parishioner  
**Troy Sweeney**, nephew of Maggie Patterson  
**Tom Helling**, brother of Gary Helling  
**Yvonne Butcher**, mother of Barrie Blough  
**Katherine Torricelli**, mother of Jeff Torricelli  
**Aloysious Staff**, brother of Sylvia Thull  
**Ken Cardoni**, cousin of Frances Tomashavich  
**John Rentschler**, son of Ginger Rentschler  
**Glen Limper**, son of Al & Betty Limper  
**Hope Power**, daughter of Yvonne Brandis  
**Donna Meyers**, mother of Kellie Brewer  
**Jim Felts**, husband of Dianne Felts  
**Jerry McCormick**, brother of Tom Walker  
**Margie Lammert**, mother of Sarah Clare  
**Steven Butts**, brother of Michelle Bullock  
**Reba Cloyd**, mother of Anita Schwab  
**Jennifer Harbeck**, cousin of Brad Zack  
**Joanna Laabs**, wife of Deacon Al Laabs  
**John Vercautern**, cousin of Laurie White  
**Bob Etherton**, friend of Mary Bruno  
**Cherie Peterson**, niece of Peggy Parnell  
**Linda Stelbrink**, friend of Maggie Patterson  
**Carolyn Carmichael**, mother of Leanne Collings  
**Stephanie Zimmerman**, friend of Sarah Clare  
**Button Pemberton**, friend of Guerrettaz family  
**Teresa Cieciera**, friend of Guerrettaz family  
**Ziggie Cieciera**, friend of Guerrettaz family  
**Aliana Marecki**, friend of Guerrettaz family



#### Volunteers for this week: Jan. 13-Jan. 20:

**Church Duster:** Volunteer needed

**Jan. Recycling Volunteer:** Gleason Family

**Jan. Food Volunteer:** Carlo Catalano

**Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>:**

Jan Pietras & Diana Rowden

### HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

#### Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

Sew-n-Sews

1:00 p

**Confessions**

3:30 p

**Mass** (Int: Muriel Gatschenberger†)

4:30 p

#### Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

Confessions

7:30 a

**Mass** (Int: Joyce Hogan†)

8:00 a

Wyndcrest: Roth

9:30 a

Confessions

9:45 a

Rosary

10:00 a

**Mass** (Int: For the Parish)

10:30 a

#### Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

Counting Team #2

9:00 a

Confessions

5:00 p

**Mass**(Int: Patricia Hoenig†)

5:30 p

**Finance Council meeting**

6:30 p

#### Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer

7:00 a

**Mass**(Int: Limper/Engeling families)

7:30 a

Scriptural Rosary

8:00 a

**PGC Session**

6:30 p

**RCIA**

7:00 p

#### Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer

7:00 a

**Mass**(Int: Allan Dahlkamp†)

7:30 a

Scriptural Rosary

8:00 a

PSR

6:30 p

#### Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer

7:00 a

**Mass**(Int: John Blasko†)

7:30 a

Scriptural Rosary

8:00 a

Men's Prayer Group

7:00 p

#### Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer

7:00 a

**Mass** (Int: Noah Guerrattaz†)

7:30 a

Scriptural Rosary

8:00 a

#### Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

**Confessions**

3:30 p

**Mass** (Int: Linda Hamilton†)

4:30 p

Parish Fellowship & meal

5:30 p

#### Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

Confessions

7:30 a

**Mass** (Int: For the Parish)

8:00 a

Wyndcrest: Nelson

9:30 a

Confessions

9:45 a

Rosary

10:00 a

**Mass** (Int: George Ginter†)

10:30 a

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>– Jan 19<sup>th</sup> :**

**Sunday:** IS 42:1-4, 6-7 ACTS 10:34-38  
MT 3:13-17

**Monday:** 1SM 1:1-8 MK 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1SM 1:9-20 MK 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1SM 3:1-10, 19-20 MK 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1SM 4:1-11 MK 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1SM 8:4-7, 10-22A MK 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1SM 9:1-4, 17-19:10:1A MK 2:13-17

**Sunday:** IS 49:3, 5-6 1COR 1:1-3  
JN 1:29-34

**→PSR NEWS←**

The PSR classes will continue their Annual Monthly Food Drive to benefit the Food Pantry. The January food item is Cereal. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

**Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events**

Jan. 13 – 6:30 p.m. – Finance Council meeting  
Jan. 14, 21, 28 – 7:00 p.m. RCIA  
Jan. 14 – 6:30 p.m. – PGC Session  
Jan. 15, 22, 29 – 6:30 p.m. PSR  
Jan. 16,23,30 – 7:00 p.m. Men’s Prayer Group  
Jan. 18 – 5:30 p.m. – Italian Beef Dinner  
Jan. 21 – 7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus meeting  
Jan. 29 – 6:30 p.m. – Little Flowers parent meeting  
Jan. 29 – 7:00 p.m. – Youth Group

**Feeling the call to become more active within the Parish?**

A **Protecting God’s Children** session has been scheduled at St. Jude Parish Center, **Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 p.m.** Please contact the Parish Office (498-9197) to register for this session. Please assist the parish in providing various services for our youth and children by fulfilling the requirement for all parish volunteers. **The Protecting God’s Children Adult Training Session is a requirement for anyone age 18 or older who is volunteering within the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.**

**Volunteer needed** – one of our Church dusters is unable to continue, and we are looking for a replacement. If you would like to help, please contact the Church office (498-9197). Many thanks to all our volunteers!



**Catholic Times subscription renewal** – It is time for our parish to pay for the renewal fee for the Catholic Times newspaper, which is delivered to each Parish household. Please use the envelope you received in your monthly packet to help defray the cost charged to the parish this year. Thank you.

**Fellowship & Italian Beef!!**

Please join us on **Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, following the 4:30 p.m. Mass**, for some fellowship and Italian Beef. This is an excellent opportunity, not only to spend time together as a parish, but to invite other people to our church. Feel free to invite family members, friends, and neighbors to join us for 4:30 p.m. Mass and some great fellowship and dinner afterwards.



The 2020 Mission Trip team members are taking orders for freshly made **LASAGNA until February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Place your order today with a team member, after Church or by calling the parish office (498-9197). **Thank you!**

**Area Events**

The St. Raymond K. of C. Council #4696 will hold their Annual Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, January 12, 2020, in the Raymond K. of C. Hall. Serving will be from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, dessert, and drink. Adults \$10.00, children 12 & under \$5.00, and pre-school free. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will also be Drive-Thru service and carry-outs available.

St. Joseph the Worker Church, 700 East Spruce, Chatham, IL will hold its annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, January 19, 2020. Serving will be from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Adults - \$7.00, Children (4 to 11) - \$4.00, children under 4 eat free! All you can eat! Proceeds benefit Holy Family Food Pantries in Chatham and Springfield.



**9 Days for Life Novena** - 9 Days for Life (January 21-29, 2020) is a novena for the protection of human life. Participants can receive novena prayers each day by downloading the free 9 Days for Life app, or by subscribing to daily emails or text messages at: <https://pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2020/>. Each day there is an intention accompanied by a short reflection and suggested action to help build a culture of life.

### **Alpha Course at Cathedral – A chance to explore a relationship with Jesus**

Are you someone who might enjoy learning a little more about Christianity? Have you or a friend drifted away from the faith? Why not try Alpha? Alpha is a no pressure opportunity to explore the Christian faith in an atmosphere of warm hospitality. Each Alpha session includes a meal, a talk, and conversation. No cost, no obligation. If you or someone you know is interested, the next course begins on Monday, January 13 at 6:30pm in the Cathedral school basement. Please make sure to RSVP at 522-3342 or [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org) or online at <https://spicathedral.org/alpha/> You are welcome!

### **Bereavement Ministry**

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception hosts a weekly bereavement group, Grief Share, on Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 (except 12/26) in the Cathedral School Library. Grief Share offers a faith filled opportunity to grieve and heal in company with others. You are most welcome to join us at any time. No RSVP necessary. For more information contact Berni Ely at 899-6637 or [jackandberni96@yahoo.com](mailto:jackandberni96@yahoo.com)

You are invited to attend our 2020-2021 Open House at St. Aloysius School on Wednesday, February 12, 6:30-8:00pm. Mrs. Denise Reavis, along with our Pre-K through 8th grade teachers will welcome parents to classrooms to see where their children will learn and how they will be taught. Music, Art, Computer, and PE teachers will also be on hand. Tours of the school will be provided. Mark your calendar now and come see all we have to offer at St. Aloysius School! All are welcome! Questions? Call Mrs. Denise Reavis at 217-544-4553 or visit [www.staloyisus.org](http://www.staloyisus.org). Find Your True North at St. Aloysius!

**United Community Bank**  
**Jim Lauwerens, VP Lending**  
**301 N. Main, Chatham, IL**  
**217-498-2491 UCBbank.com**

**Season Two of Dive Deep Podcast** – Season two Dive Deep, the official podcast of Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, has launched. Join Andrew Hansen, Amber Cerveny, and Father Christopher House as they explore interesting and controversial topics surrounding our faith. Diving deep into Season two, they explore what the Catholic Church says about ghosts and aliens, what are the last four things, annulments, why Archbishop Fulton Sheen's beatification Mass in Peoria was postponed, the 10 things you didn't know about Christmas, and much more. Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) and click "listen and subscribe." Each Friday, a new episode will be available. You can also find the podcast on your favorite podcast platform, such as Apple Podcast, Google Podcast, Spotify and Overcast, among others. Just search "Dive Deep Diocese of Springfield in Illinois."

### **Recharge Your Spirit with a "Come and SEE" Weekend**

Catholic women 18-35 are welcome to recharge with the Dominican Sisters during the next "Come and See" weekend, **Jan 31-Feb. 2, 2020**, at Sacred Heart Convent, 1237 W. Monroe St., Springfield, IL 62704.

The all-expense-paid weekend (exclusive of travel) begins 7:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31 and concludes at Noon Sunday, Feb. 2. Those who can stay a bit longer will enjoy "Uncovering the Light of the Gospel," a look at three of the sisters' most exciting ministries. This is scheduled for 1:00-3:30 p.m., Feb. 2. More details and registration at [springfieldop.org/join-us/come-and-see](http://springfieldop.org/join-us/come-and-see), or contact Sister Denise Glazik, OP, vocation director, at 217-787-0481 x. 6021 or [dglazik@spdom.org](mailto:dglazik@spdom.org).



### **A new view**

The new year is an opportunity to sort out the useless tasks and plan for the important; to review the failures and resolve to be successful; to take an inventory of causes and pledge life to purpose and service. These being done, the new will truly be new, different and better.

– C. Neil Strait