

## The Baptism of the Lord - January 10, 2021

**Mission Statement:** We are a united faith filled community, dedicated to Christ, obedient to the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Word of God through sacramental life. We are committed to the enrichment of our children with faith, hope and love.



The End of Christmas ...

When does Christmas end? We know when Christmas begins. It begins December 25th. It does not begin at 4:00PM December 24th. It is still Advent then. Advent is the liturgical season that starts the Sunday on or closest to the 30th of November. It ends December 24 (4 Sundays). But when does Christmas end?

There are two answers to this question. One is from the Tradition of the Christian faith with a capital "T". The other answer comes from the tradition of the Christian faith with a small "t". The Tradition of the Church has Christmas ending on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is not a set day on the Calendar. The Baptism of the Lord comes after the celebration of Epiphany, when we remember the visit made by the three Magi to the place of the Christ Child. Here in the United States, as with most of the world, Epiphany is celebrated on the Sunday that falls between the 2nd and 8th of January. Otherwise, where Epiphany is not transferred to a Sunday it falls on the 6th of January every year and is considered a Holy Day of Obligation. (Not that it is not an obligation when it is transferred to a Sunday. The Bible tells me so.)

Now, should it happen that the Solemnity of the Epiphany is transferred to the Sunday that occurs on the 7th or 8th of January, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the following Monday. Otherwise, it is celebrated on the following Sunday. Christmastide, ends at sunset on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This means that Christmastide lasts from 15 to 20 days, depending on which date we celebrate Epiphany.

The small "t" tradition of the end of Christmas is the one I like the best. It says that Christmas ends on February 2nd; the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. (see Luke 2: 22-40) We also know this day as Candlemas Day. Historical evidence of this long Christmastide is subtle but sound. It gives a consistent 40 days to the Christmas season; that along with the 40 days of Lent points to the Easter Season which lasts 50 days. Furthermore, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Candlemas Day does stand very prominently as a Christmas celebration when you consider the Gospel passage for that day.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Timothy J. Hall, priest



### St. Mary's School ~ Gift of Gratitude

There are families in our St. Mary's School system in need of tuition assistance. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider a donation to the annual *Gift of Gratitude Campaign*. Donations may be dropped off at St. Mary's School Office or placed in the collection basket clearly marked for this purpose.

### St. Mary's School ~ Winter Raffle

Raffle tickets are available at St. Mary's School office. The cost of each ticket is \$100. Many chances to win. There will be one \$1,000 winner, one \$400 winner, one \$300 winner and fifty-two \$200 winners. The drawing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on January 31, 2021 at St. Mary's School. Please purchase or sell your ticket by then to make this a successful event. Proceeds are for St. Mary's School teaching materials and equipment updates.



### MCCL March for Life ~ St. Paul

January 22, 2021

For this year's MCCL March for Life, a "Virtual March" is planned for January 22, 2021. We do not encourage people to come to the Capitol building, which is shut down. Some MCCL chapters will hold local in-person gatherings, and we encourage everyone to view our "Virtual March for Life" at noon on January 22nd on Facebook or on our website: [mccl.org/march](http://mccl.org/march).

### Year of St. Joseph



On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. The Year began on December 8, 2020 and concludes on December 8, 2021. according to a decree authorized by the Pope. Pope Francis established a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following St. Joseph's example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."



### St. Mary's School ~ Winter Raffle Winner

January 10 ~ \$200 ~ Kim Kuennen

## Meetings & Events Calendar ~ January 10 - 23, 2021

| Sunday 10   | Monday 11  | Tuesday 12 | Wednesday 13   | Thursday 14 | Friday 15   | Saturday 16 |
|---|--|------------|--|-------------|---|-------------|
| <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b><br> | <b>St. James</b><br>Rosary - 7:30 a.m. in the church.  |            | <b>St. Mary</b><br>Rosary - 8:00 a.m. in the church.<br><b>St. Mary</b><br>CCW Meeting<br>5:30 p.m. <a href="#">via Zoom</a> |             |   |             |
| <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>   | <b>St. James</b><br>Rosary - 7:30 a.m. in the church.<br><b>St. James</b><br>No CDA Meeting in January |            | <b>St. Mary</b><br>Rosary - 8:00 a.m. in the church.   |             | <b>Day of prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</b><br> |             |

### Catholic Charities

**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 January 11, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

We will also offer a chance to study together the US Catholic Bishop's pastoral letter against racism, **Open Wide Our Hearts**, on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., beginning January 12th.

All materials are available free. If you would like more information or to register, email Lisa Kremer at [lkremer@ccsommn.org](mailto:lkremer@ccsommn.org) or call her at 507-360-3423.

### St. Mary's School Gift Card Program ~ SCRIP

Hundreds of retailers available including local businesses. Send orders on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Pick up orders on the Friday of the week ordered after 3:00 p.m.

### St. James Mission Sewing

Mission Sewing will not meet in January. We hope to meet in February after the Tuesday morning Masses. COVID-19 rules will be followed. Watch the bulletin for updates. Thank You.

### The Least of My Brothers and Sisters

Jesus tells us that, "*Whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers, you did for me.*"

Who are "the least" in our world today? One can put forward many worthy candidates: fatherless children, the elderly, the infirm, the immigrant and the poor. Of course we should help all of these people.

But it's hard to be "less" than a child so young he is unable even to cry. The unborn have no ability to plead their own case. No leverage with which to protect themselves. If their natural parents abort them, they have no recourse, and nowhere to run. They are literally voiceless and defenseless.

So, the pro-life movement seeks to befriend these friendless people. Pro-lifers are moved by this insight: that we have the responsibility to protect those who are most singularly incapable of protecting themselves. That's why we go on marching, year after year and decade after decade. That's why we chisel away at the network of laws designed to protect adult lifestyles and convenience at the expense of innocent lives. That's why young people today are more pro-life than their parents were 20 years ago.

~ Pro-Life Articles

*"Protecting life is our duty as Catholics, and ending legal protection for abortion is imperative."*

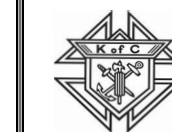
~Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila - January 22, 2013

## Faith Formation News

### St. James / St. Mary

~ **Confirmation** has been postponed until early 2021.

~ **All Faith Formation classes** in both parishes have been postponed until further notice due to COVID-19 safety concerns. This includes First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation classes. Faith Formation informational and activity materials are available at the church entrances.



### Knights of Columbus Bike Give Away Project

The *Bike Give Away Project* is starting up again. If you have any bikes you want to give away, please contact Paul Nordstrom at 507-375-3583. We will pick them up.

### La Minoría de mis Hermanos y Hermanas

Jesus nos dice que, "*lo que hicieron por una de estas minorías mis hermanos, lo hicieron por mí.*"

Quiénes son "la minoría" en nuestro mundo hoy? Uno puede proponer a muchos candidatos dignos: niños huérfanos de padre, los ancianos, el enfermizo, el inmigrante y los pobres. Por supuesto que debemos ayudar a todas estas personas.

Pero es difícil ser "inferior" a un niño tan pequeño que es incapaz incluso de llorar. Los bebés no nacidos no tienen ninguna capacidad para defender su propia causa. Ningún poder para protegerse. Si sus Padres naturales elijen abortarlos, ellos no tienen adonde correr. Literalmente no tienen voz ni protección.

Por lo tanto el movimiento Pro-Vida procura hacer amistad con todos los grupos. Los Pro-Vida son movidos por esta visión: que tenemos la responsabilidad de proteger a aquellos que son más débiles e incapaces de protegerse. Es por eso que vamos a marchas, año tras año y década tras década. Es por eso que estamos dando forma a la red de leyes diseñadas para proteger los estilos de vida y conveniencias de los adultos a costa de vidas inocentes. Por eso hoy en día los jóvenes son más pro vida que sus padres eran hace 20 años.

~ Pro-Life Articles

*"La protección de la vida es nuestro deber como católicos, y poner fin a la protección legal para el aborto es imprescindible."*

~Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila - January 22, 2013

## ¡Hablando en español!



El fin de la Navidad ...

¿Cuándo termina la Navidad? Sabemos cuándo comienza la Navidad. Comienza el 25 de diciembre. No comienza a las 4:00PM 24 de diciembre. Todavía es Adviento entonces. El Adviento es el tiempo litúrgico que comienza el domingo el 30 de noviembre o más cerca. Termina el 24 de diciembre (4 domingos). Pero, ¿cuándo termina la Navidad?

Hay dos respuestas a esta pregunta. Uno es de la Tradición de la fe cristiana con una "T" mayúscula. La otra respuesta proviene de la tradición de la fe cristiana con una pequeña "t". La Tradición de la Iglesia tiene la Navidad terminando en la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. No es un día establecido en el Calendario. El Bautismo del Señor viene después de la celebración de la Epifanía, cuando recordamos la visita realizada por los tres Reyes Magos al lugar del Niño Cristo. Aquí en los Estados Unidos, como con la mayor parte del mundo, la Epifanía se celebra el domingo que cae entre el 2 y el 8 de enero. De lo contrario, cuando la Epifanía no se transfiere a un domingo cae el 6 de enero de cada año y se considera un Día Santo de Obligación. (No es que no sea una obligación cuando se transfiere a un domingo. Cada domingo conlleva la obligación de adorar. La Biblia me lo dice.)

Ahora bien, si sucede que la solemnidad de la Epifanía se transfiere al domingo que se produce el 7 u 8 de enero, la fiesta del bautismo del Señor se celebra el lunes siguiente. De lo contrario, se celebra el domingo siguiente. Navidad, termina al atardecer en la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. Esto significa que la Navidad dura de 15 a 20 días, dependiendo de la fecha en la que celebremos la Epifanía.

La pequeña tradición "t" del final de la Navidad es la que más me gusta. Dice que la Navidad termina el 2 de febrero; la fiesta de la Presentación del Señor. (véase Lucas 2: 22-40) También conocemos este día como el Día de las Velas. La evidencia histórica de esta larga Navidad es sutil pero sólida. Da una constante temporada de 40 días a la época navideña; que junto con los 40 días de Cuaresma apunta a la Temporada Santa que dura 50 días. Además, la fiesta de la presentación del Señor en el día de la candelaria ocupa un lugar muy destacado como una celebración navideña cuando se considera el pasaje evangélico para ese día.

¡Feliz Navidad!

P. Timothy J. Hall, sacerdote

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### ✠ Mass Schedule & Intentions: January 11 - 17, 2021

|         |   |                                 |  |
|---------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| Mon 11  | No Mass   |                                 |  |
| Tues 12 | 8:00 a.m. St. James Parish                        | ✘ John Spitzner, Larry Spitzner |  |
| Wed 13  | 8:30 a.m. St. Mary Parish - <i>School Mass</i>    | ✘ Dorothy McCabe                |  |
| Thur 14 | 7:00 p.m. St. James Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>  | ✘ Pat Gore                      |  |
| Fri 15  | 8:30 a.m. St. Mary Parish                         | ✘ Eva Klaras                    |  |
| Sat 16  | No Mass   |                                 |  |
| Sun 17  | 8:00 a.m. St. Mary Parish                         | ✘ Lawrence Rooney               |  |
| Sun 17  | 10:00 a.m. St. James Parish                       | ✘ Dale & Lucy Burke             |  |
| Sun 17  | 12:00 p.m. St. James Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i> | <i>pro populo</i>               |  |

### Liturgical Roles: January 17, 2021

#### Sun. 17 - St. Mary 8:00 a.m.

**Servers:**  
**Reader:**  
**Communion Ministers:**  
**Ushers:**  
**Homebound:**  
**Truman Homebound:**

#### Sun. 17 - St. James 10:00 a.m.

**Servers:**  
**Reader:**  
**Communion Ministers:**  
**Ushers:**  
**Rosary:**

### 2020 ~ Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

|           | <u>Goal</u> | <u>Received</u> | <u>Donors</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| St. James | \$19,750.   | \$ 5,400.       | 23            |
| St. Mary  | \$14,650.   | \$ 7,460.       | 17            |

**Remember:** If parish goals are not met by December 31, 2020, the parishes **must** pay the amount remaining from operating funds.

**“And of all that you give me  
I will surely give one tenth to you.”** ~Genesis 28:22

| <i>As of January 3, 2020</i>               | St. James | St. Mary |
|--|-----------|----------|
| Church Support needed per week:            | 5,004     | 3,185    |
| Church Support giving last week:           | 33,684    | 15,184   |
| Church Support needed fiscal year-to-date: | 135,108   | 85,995   |
| Church Support giving fiscal year-to-date: | 130,687   | 85,341   |



### ***READINGS For the Week***

#### **Monday, January 11 *Weekday***

Hebrews 1:1-6  
Mark 1:14-20

#### **Tuesday, January 12 *Weekday***

Hebrews 2:5-12  
Mark 1:21-28

#### **Wednesday, Jan. 13 *Weekday***

***St. Hilary, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church***  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Mark 1:29-39

#### **Thursday, Jan. 14 *Weekday***

Hebrews 3:7-14  
Mark 1:40-45

#### **Friday, January 15 *Weekday***

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11  
Mark 2:1-12

#### **Saturday, January 16 *Weekday***

***Blessed Virgin Mary***  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 2:13-17

#### **Sunday, January 17 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19  
1 Corinthians 6:  
13c-15a, 17-20  
John 1:35-42

