

A VOICE CAME
FROM HEAVEN,
“YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU I AM
WELL PLEASED.”

LUKE 3:22

THE BAPTISM of the LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

A MODEL FOR OUR PRAYER LIFE

The Advent/Christmas cycle that began on November 28 ends with the Baptism of the Lord. We likely have an image in our minds (based on details from the Gospels and works of art) of what that scene looked like. We might wonder, “Who else was there and who wasn’t?” No disciples were present because Jesus had not yet begun his ministry. They would have to wait until the Transfiguration to hear a similar message. However, the three persons of the Blessed Trinity are accounted for: the Father (the voice from heaven), the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Interestingly, Luke alone notes that it was after Jesus had been baptized and while he was praying that the voice was heard. All of the Gospels show Jesus praying at turning points in his ministry; this is but the first example of Jesus’ need to root himself in prayer throughout his life—a model for us to follow.

ON THE CUSP OF A NEW CREATION

It was on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this past December that we first heard of the two cousins, John and Jesus, meeting. Then it was in the womb of their mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. Now the cousins meet again on the shore of the Jordan River. John is already well known—so much so that people had begun to wonder if he was the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus, on the other hand, is about to begin his ministry. One could say that Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan as a private person and came out of them as a public one. The voice from heaven left no doubt about that. As we come to the end of the Christmas season our readings echo Isaiah and Titus (see Advent and Christmas Day readings) and together with today’s Psalm 104 they point us to Pentecost. We are on the cusp of a new creation.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: PATRON SAINT OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS?

John the Baptist was what we might call today a “social influencer.” People paid attention to what he had to say. And what he said affected the choices people made. Yet today’s Gospel reminds us of John the Baptist’s ultimate goal: “One mightier than I is coming.” The Baptizer walks the fine line between drawing attention to himself with his fiery preaching and then re-directing that attention to Jesus, the “beloved Son.” John the Baptist could be considered the “patron saint” of those who minister as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, cantors, greeters, acolytes, and musicians. Isn’t John’s teaching a good goal for a liturgical (or any!) minister? Rooted in the graces of their own baptism, ministers must be skilled and confident enough to draw people’s attention (or, at least, not turn them off!) and then gradually re-focus that attention on Jesus. It is a dynamic and awesome responsibility.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11
Psalm 104:1b–2, 3–4, 24–25,
27–28, 29–30
Titus 2:11–14; 3:4–7
Luke 3:15–16, 21–22

Mass Intentions For the Week

TUESDAY, January 11

5:15 pm Berry Richard †

WEDNESDAY, January 12

7:00 am Arleta Bowers †

THURSDAY, January 13

Saint Hilary,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Larry & Bert Kloeppel †

FRIDAY, January 14

7:00 am Phyllis Yoder †

8:30 am Healing

SATURDAY, January 15

4:30 pm Doug & Mary Crane †

SUNDAY, January 16

8:00 am Roselyn Seidl †

10:00 am St. Mary's Parish Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19;
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19;
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11

This Week in Our Parish

MONDAY, January 10

10 am & 6 pm—Men's Bible Study (mr 1)

10 am—Women's Bible Study (mr 2)

6 pm—Women's Bible Study (Panera Bread)

6:30 pm—RCIA (parish center)

WEDNESDAY, January 12

7:00-8:30 pm—High School Youth (pc)

7-8:30 pm—Choir Practice (church)

THURSDAY, January 13

7:30 am-7:00 pm—Adoration (church)

7:00 pm—Knights of Columbus meeting (pc)

SUNDAY, January 16

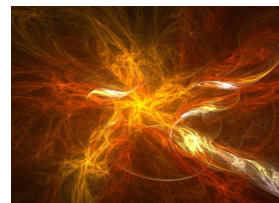
11:00am-1:00 pm—4th Degree Knights (pc)

2:00-5:00 pm—PCCW "Create & Sip" (pc)

CONFIRMATION

September 10, 2022

4:30 pm Mass



If you or someone you know is considering Confirmation, there will be a meeting with Father Joe on Sunday, January 23rd at 9:00 am in the parish center (following the 8:00 am Mass). This is for students and parents of youth in 7th thru 12th grades.

Reflection question:

What can I do this week to be well pleasing to God? Collect text from the English translation of *The Roman Missal*, © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Company, Inc.

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December Income	Week 3 (18th-24th)	December Budget	Still Needed / Estimated Expense
Weekly Envelopes & ACH	30,108.06 (includes annual donations)	70,083.34	Over 13,893.62
Plate	118.00	666.67	Needed 216.56
Maintenance Estimated	2,278.14	3,000.00	Needed 759.36
Utilities Estimated	3,075.00	4,100.00	Needed 1,025.00

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

TURNING THE TIDE

When everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe

Good News

Changes in circumstances are allowing John England to come back to his part-time job here at St. Mary's.

Please Pray For...

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Men's Bible Study

The men's bible study will resume Monday, January 10th with a Study of the Gospel of John, using the Ignatius Study Bible booklets.

We will continue to have a morning and evening session, meeting at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm, to accommodate differing age groups. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, but you need not be a member to attend. In fact, you don't even need to be Catholic, just interested in studying and discussing the Gospel of John, and how it pertains to and informs our lives.

Please contact Fred Wheeler at 417-437-2215 or peddcretired2X@gmail if you are interested.

TEMPER AND PRIDE

Temper is what gets most of us into trouble.
Pride is what keeps us there.
—Anonymous

HURTFUL SIN

Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden, but it is forbidden because it is hurtful.
—Benjamin Franklin



Please remember in prayer the family of Alex Soerries (brother of Mary Ann Soerries) who recently returned to the Lord. May he rest in God's everlasting peace.



Happy New Year!! The St. Mary Choir will begin rehearsals for the Spring 2022 Choir Season on Wednesday, January 12th at 7:00 PM. Choir practices are held in the church (7:00-8:30 PM) on Wednesday evenings. The choir is tentatively scheduled to sing on January 16th, February 6th, March 2nd (Ash Wednesday), March 13th, and for Holy Week April 10th-17th. All voice ranges are welcome...SATB (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass). If you play an instrument...we do have some very nice arrangements for you, too. Consider yourself "invited" to be a part of the Music Ministry for **YOUR** parish!!

Director: Mary Ann Sachan...masachan08@gmail.com

Organist: Brian Hilsabeck



"CREATE N SIP" STUDIO EVENT

Coming to St. Mary's

Ladies of the parish you are invited to participate in this fun-filled art experience. Get to know your creative side as you follow along with a talented artist to create your interpretation of one or more featured painting ideas. No prior art experience necessary.

Gather your friends, family, co-workers, or spend some quality "you-time" escaping into a painting opportunity as you "Create N Sip. Wine and snacks will be provided by your PCCW. We ask for you to bring your own wine glass and a spirit of fun.

When: January 16, 2022

Time: 2:00-5:00 pm

Where: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: \$35.00 per person (for art supplies)

RESERVATIONS are required by the artist to make sure to have enough art supplies for everyone. Sign-up in the back of the church January 2-12, 2022. Deadline for reservations will be January 12, 2022 by 7:00 pm or Make your reservation online:

<https://creatensip.com/event/private-paint-party-jan-16-125396/> Password: PAINT-116

Masking remains recommended at St. Mary's

You no longer have to wear a mask if you have been vaccinated.

The Sign of Peace will be reinstated in a safe way at this time.

All weekend Ministers will be reintroduced **with** masks.

Donations will continue to be placed at the baptismal font and south exits.

This Weekend's Ministry Schedule January 8 & 9

4:30 Mass

Lector

Carrol Page

Mary Ann Soerries

Usher

Dan Draxler

Michael Teeter

Sy Werner

Volunteer

Guitarist

Terry Guinn

Cantor

Terry Guinn

Eucharistic Minister

Joan Merrill

Tracey Welch

Altar Servers

Volunteer

Volunteer

8:00 Mass

Lector

Jeff Hughey

Rick Metsker

Usher

Joseph Beachner

Enrico Esguerra

Paul Mieseler

Volunteer

Organist

Maureen Mitchell

Cantor

Terry Wachter

Eucharistic Minister

Enrico Esguerra

Scott Lone

Altar Servers

Daniel Horinek

Jacob Zeb

10:00 Mass

Lector

Betty Houser

Donna Londo

Usher

Bill Harman

Festus Ndukwa

Volunteer

Volunteer

Organist

Maureen Mitchell

Cantor

Wayne Wilmes

Eucharistic Minister

Heather Anderson

Volunteer

Altar Servers

Eiler Anderson

Gavin Anderson

NOTE: Eucharistic Ministers will need to hand sanitize and wear a mask.



YOUTH GROUP UPDATE:

Wednesday, January 12th from 7:00-8:30 pm...St. Mary's parish center

Sunday, January 23rd from 7:00-8:30 pm...St. Peter's church basement

Sunday, January 30th...Burritos/Breakfast Sunday and

Kick-off Mass for Catholic Schools Week...St. Mary's (TBD)



JACS return to school: Guidance for Return to School information may be found on the JACS website:
<https://www.jacss.org/about/covid-19/> It will be found under the title:
Letter from the Director – September 2021

Joplin Area Catholic Schools will be dismissed at noon on Friday, January 14th for Teacher Professional Development.

Joplin Area Catholic Schools will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, Parents/ Guardians will be notified of JACS closings via School Messenger.

JACS Auction Donations

The annual auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. And we are seeking items to include in baskets or as live auction items. Items include:

- * Kitchen and cooking items
- * Children's toys and books
- * Branson activities or timeshare
- * Movie night at home
- * Car care
- * Golfing related items
- * KC Chiefs, KC Royals and St. Louis Cardinals items

Or check out our Amazon Wish List

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/2OVCP9Z6A2TVP/guest-view>

If you would like to donate, please contact auctionadmin@jacss.org or call 417-624-5003 ext. 207.

Mercy Meals

Need a meal? McAuley Catholic and St. Peter's Middle School students prepare **Mercy Meals** for those in need. If you know someone who may need a meal or if you yourself need a meal, please contact the development office at development@jacss.org to make arrangements for a meal. Students have made a number of homemade meals for individuals and families in need.

Give the Gift of Golf

The McAuley Catholic Boys Basketball team is selling golf cards! Sixteen (16) area courses are available, and you get 32 Green Fees FREE. Buy the golf card for \$32.99, and 30% comes back to our students. This is a perfect gift for Christmas! Purchase Online at 4stategolf.com Apply the coupon code "**jacs**" at checkout for a discount PLUS 30% for all "**jacs**" coded orders will go back to JACS. Some Greens include Eagle Creek, Baxter Springs, Briarbrook, Four Oaks, Holiday Island, Swing Right and more!

McAuley Homecoming

Mark your calendars and plan to attend McAuley's Homecoming Basketball game on January 28th. Games begin at 5:00.

We should never forget that of all other gifts, prayer must come from God.

-Sister Catherine McAuley, Sisters of Mercy founder

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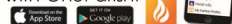
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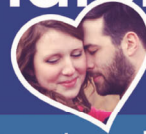
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