

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 01/10 (Today) **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** after the Mass in the church hall. Chairman's report, Pastoral & Financial reports, Election of the Parish Committee for 2021.
- 01/16 (Saturday) **POLISH DINNER TAKE-OUT ONLY 5-7pm.** Delicious beetroot soup (16oz.) & large tray of: Golabki (stuffed cabbage roll), mashed potatoes with butter & dill, fried Polish kielbasa with onion, Lazanki (Polish Cabbage & noodles) and dessert. \$20 per person. For St. John's parishioners: \$15 per person. **Preorders until Jan 13:** Fill the form on our website or call Fr. Adam to preorder.
- 01/17 (Sunday) **Holy Mass at 10am.** Reading of the Catechism. Mass Intention: "For + JEANETTE ERICKSON"

- Due to the virus situation **Epiphany Home Blessings are cancelled this year.** Even though the priest cannot come to bless your home, you can do it by yourself using the Holy Water & chalk blessed in the church. Hopefully the Epiphany Home Blessings will be back next year!
- We would like to remind you about the possibility to **offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention!** Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam. **Have a blessed week!**

Happy New Year 2021

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January 10, 2021

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PARISH BULLETIN

SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + BRONAC KONOPACKI (req. by Diane)

INTROIT

C: After Jesus was baptized, He came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened, [for Him], and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased."

R: He shows pity to the needy and the poor and saves the lives of the poor.

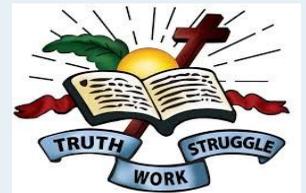
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:
Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,
upon whom I have put my spirit;
he shall bring forth justice to the nations,
not crying out, not shouting,
not making his voice heard in the street.
a bruised reed he shall not break,
and a smoldering wick he shall not quench,
until he establishes justice on the earth;
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

IS 42:1-4, 6-7

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„The Lord will bless his people with peace.“

PS 29

READING 2

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying:
“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.
You know the word that he sent to the Israelites
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,
what has happened all over Judea,

beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.
He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACTS 10:34-38

GOSPEL

MK 1:7-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory be to You, Lord.

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:
“One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.
On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.
And a voice came from the heavens,
“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

For Jesus, His baptism is not so much for His sake, for He is already one with His Abba and the Holy Spirit. His baptism is a public manifestation of the relationship which already exists. It is also an external commissioning of Jesus. Jesus is officially and publicly being sent out on His mission – to proclaim the GOoD News of GOD’s salvation in and through what Jesus will say and do, including His death and resurrection. GOD the Abba is acknowledging in the sight of the people that Jesus is the Son of GOD Who is to bring the message of salvation to the people.

Our Baptism, in contrast to Jesus’, is the beginning of our life as adopted children of GOD. We are welcomed into the family of GOD. The original meaning of Baptism (baptizo) means a “plunging into the depths.” It signifies both death and new life. One’s old (sinful) life is put to death, and a new (graced, blessed, and GOD-like) life is given. We are no longer simply people of this world, we are made citizen of the Reign of GOD, daughters and sons of GOD. And, paralleling Jesus’ mission, we (as baptized believers) are also commissioned. We are sent out to continue the mission of Jesus. We are called to proclaim the GOoD News which He originally announced. We are to do the same thing Peter said (as we heard in the Second Reading from the Acts of the Apostles) in his summary of Jesus’ life: “doing GOoD. . .for GOD was with Him.”