

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**01/09** (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held after the Mass in the Church Hall. At the meeting: Pastoral report of Fr. Adam, Report of the Parish Committee & election of the Parish Committee for 2022. All Parishioners are strongly encouraged to participate in this very important meeting.

**01/15** (Saturday) Polish Food Sale 9-12.

**01/16** (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Holy Mass intention: For + BRONAC KONOPACKI.

- We still need some volunteers for our January Church activities. The volunteers' sign-up list is in the back of the Church. Please, consider joining us at this month events. Thank you for your time and dedication to St. John's Church.

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January 9, 2022

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PARISH BULLETIN

## SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For STEVEN LINIAK (new member of St. John's parish)

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.**

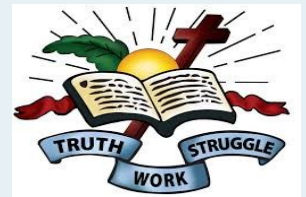
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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



### HOLY MASS

. 10 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

IS 42:1-4, 6-7

**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.

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

PS 29

„The Lord will bless his people with peace.”

## READING 2

ACTS 10:34-38

**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.*

## GOSPEL

LK 3:15-16, 21-22

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.**

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.  
John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

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. And a voice came from heaven, “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

As I reflect on this Epiphany of Jesus in the water of River Jordan, I am awe-struck by the scene. John the Baptist has been announcing the coming of the One Who would fulfill the promises of old. The One Who is coming is greater than John. Jesus humbly enters the river and John proceeds to baptize Him. (In Matthew’s version of the account, John protests that Jesus should be baptizing him instead of John baptizing Jesus.) As Jesus emerges from the water, the sky opens and the Holy Spirit is seen as a dove (a symbol of Shalom [peace] and new life [paralleling the events after waters recedes in the re-creation after the Flood]). GOD’s voice is heard affirming the Sonship of Jesus and that GOD’s favor (blessing, grace, power) rests in Him.

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 manifestation of the relationship which already exists. It is also a public 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 Jesus. 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.