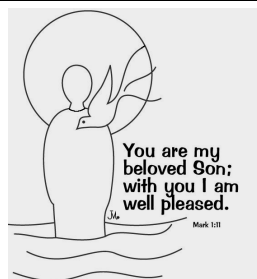


# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Feast of the Baptism of Jesus

January 13, 2019



Dear parishioners,

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. This is the beginning of his ministry and God the Father announces Jesus as “my beloved Son.”

When you reflect on your own baptism or the baptism of your children or your godchildren, do you think of the sacrament being God’s announcement of you as “my beloved son/daughter”? This is what it is. Baptism is not about what WE do. It is about what God does. Yes, we become members of the Church, we enter into a community of faith. More amazingly, we become members of Christ, members of the Mystical Body, members of God’s family. God shares the wonder of divine life with us. We are no longer mere mortals. We are more than that.

Baptism is an unimaginable gift from God. If we had been given the job of thinking it up for God, we would not have dared imagine or suggest it. It’s too much. The chasm between us and God could have been impossible to bridge except that God loves us so much that God wants to be with us and within us.

Let’s take this opportunity to ask forgiveness for taking our baptism for granted and to give thanks for a gift beyond our comprehension.

Sister Carol

**Rite of Welcome** Welcome to Kelli Burkholder, our newest RCIA candidate. Let’s be true to our commitment to give her our prayers and support.

## Weekend Masses

Sat Jan 12 4:00 p.m. Mel Schroeder  
Sun Jan 13 10:00 a.m. Charley & Mim Shepler  
Sat Jan 19 4:00 p.m. Ruth Badertscher  
Sun Jan 20 10:00 a.m. Jim & Ruth Badertscher

## Communion Services

Fri Jan 18 8:00 a.m. St. Mary’s

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults \$3,456.00 Loose \$971.50  
Children \$48.72 Total \$4,476.22

80 envelopes returned = 38%

Christmas collection to date: \$13,051.25

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Thank you also to those who give electronically!!*

## Assignments for January 19 & 20, 2019

**Money Counters:** Tonya Meyer and Deb Goldenetz

### 4:00 p.m.

**Greeter:** Jeanne Parinello

**Cantor:** Steve McCullough

**Ushers:** John Parinello and Chuck Niese

**Lector:** Jim Kinn

**E.M.:** Diana Bucher and Jennifer Tschuor

**Servers:** Elizabeth Honse and Carson Meyer

### 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** Steve and Kelly Yarnell family

**Cantor:** Choir

**Ushers:** Greg and Gabe Denecker

**Lectors:** Chris Denecker and Mel Heitmeyer

**E.M.:** Amy Marcum, Luke Denecker,  
Kaden Reneker, Hank Schroeder

**Servers:** Josh Meyer, Nathan Meyer,  
Julia Mehaffie, and Issabella Stechschulte

## **Readings for January 20, 2019 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

**Remember** to turn in your Community Market receipts for the 1% rebate. The money we receive is going to help with the Summer Camp this year.

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## The Parish Annual Eucharistic Day

Next Sunday, January 20, is our Annual Eucharistic Day. It is a day when we take time to be attentive to Jesus present with us in the Blessed Sacrament. We take to heart his question "Could you not spend one hour with me?" Here's the schedule:

10:00 – Mass

11:00 – Lunch

After lunch – Holy Hour

## Volunteer Appreciation Supper



The last Sunday of the month, Sunday, January 27, at 6:00 p.m., in the social hall we will gather to celebrate our many volunteers who work together to make St. Mary's the wonderful parish that it is.

This year we will have "A Putnam County Wedding Supper." Don't forget to sign up!! The sign-up sheet is on the shelf in the main entrance.

**Finance Council meeting** The Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, January 15, at 7:00 o'clock, in the library.

**Un-decorating** We will gather to undecorate the church on Thursday, January 17, at 6:30 p.m. This never takes very long so come swell the crowd if you can.



**Thank you** to all who helped transport the poinsettias out of church. That was quick work!!

**Planning for the future** is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen—there's a better way! Join my Financial Peace University group, and we'll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future . . . together! Interested? Join me in the First Mennonite Church fellowship hall starting Tuesday, January 22. Classes are Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm for 9 weeks. Childcare is available. Feel free to contact me at 419-302-5220 with your questions or sign up at <https://fpu.com/1079329>. -- Kendra Nickel

**CATHOLIC DIVORCE MINISTRY** A 12-week Catholic divorce recovery program, Surviving Divorce, will be hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Meetings will be held at Sts. Peter & Paul School on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning March 12. The program is free of charge. An optional workbook will be available for participants to purchase. Surviving Divorce is a program created to help the divorced or separated Catholic by offering healing through the wisdom, richness, and truth of the Catholic faith. The program videos, along with many additional resources, may be previewed online at [www.catholicsdivorce.com](http://www.catholicsdivorce.com). For more information or to register for the Surviving Divorce Program, call 419-615-2298.

## P.R.E.P

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

**K-6:** Class is Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Jr High:** Next class is Sunday, January 20th, 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

**We are looking** for someone to take pictures for First Communion which is Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. If interested, call Kelly Honse at the church for more details.

## God Squad--High School Youth Group

You're invited to "Third Thursday" starting on January 17! Join us at the church on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm for games, food, and fun. Even if you can only come for part of the time, we hope you can join us!

The next God Squad class is Sunday, January 20. We will eat lunch together after Mass and will then participate as a group in our parish Eucharistic Day and Holy Hour. See you then!