

January 11, 2015

## ***THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD***

### **Pastor's Notes:**

#### Importance of Baptism:

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism; it was a preparation for the Christian Baptism we celebrate today, and through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. In accepting John's baptism, Jesus, though sinless, united himself with all sinners.

The baptism of Jesus is considered an important manifestation of God in the person of Jesus, another epiphany. Jesus' baptism inaugurates his mission. Mark's Gospel moves quickly from the report of Jesus' baptism to Jesus' temptations in the desert to his ministry in Galilee after John's arrest. The end of the ministry of John the Baptist is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

Surprisingly, on this the last day of the Christmas season the Gospel does not tell a story from Jesus' childhood. Instead the Gospel reveals Jesus' relationship to God: the Son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. We believe that through Baptism we are also made children of God. (Sunday Connection - Loyola Press)

**Pancake Breakfast** - The Knights of Columbus will serve their famous pancake breakfast after Mass this **Sunday, January 11**. We look forward to seeing everyone downstairs for a great breakfast and fellowship. Free will offering.

**St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry** group will meet on **Wednesday, January 14 at 1 pm** in the Community Room at Silverpointe Apartments. If you have any questions Lana at 353-7714.

**Mark your calendars: St. Mary's Annual Spaghetti Dinner** will be held **Wednesday, February 11**. The spaghetti dinner is hosted each year by our Religious Education Department to raise money to feed the poor. This is a great opportunity for us all to work together, having a great time while we are helping those in our community. If you have questions or to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Cindy in the Parish Office or Lanay at 226-3639.

**2015 Calendar** are on the back table next to the bulletins; please take one. We are very grateful to our sponsors for making the calendars available without cost to us each year. Please acknowledge their generosity - Diva Designs, John's Sanitary Removal, Camp 61, Lemon Wolf Café, Essentia Health Silver Bay Pharmacy, Beaver Bay Mini Mall, Beaver Bay Sports Shop, Don Seipke Edina Realty, Carol Krynski Insurance, and Zup's.

**Please pick up your 2015 envelopes;** they are on the back table.

**Dine at the Lemon Wolf Café in Beaver Bay:** When placing your order, ask about the Catholic Church Benefit. A donation equal to 10% of your bill will be given to the Catholic parish you attend on the North Shore.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** A reminder from Thrivent to designate your 2014/2015 Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choice. For your funds to go to the charity of your choice you need to call in twice a year and it is that time of year again. There are over 260 Thrivent Financial members in the area who have Choice dollars to donate from 2014/2015. Make a call to 800-847-4836 today and state "Thrivent Choice" to designate your dollars. If you have questions, contact Gary Zinter at 218-226-3442 or 800-777-4533. **Thank you** to Thrivent Financial members who have designated St. Mary's Church as your charity for your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

North Shore Area Partners sponsored **Caregiver Support Group** meets **1:00-2:30 pm** on the **second Tuesday of each month** at United Protestant Church. Park in the Horn Blvd parking level. For information call Mary Aijala at 226-3635.

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**St. Mary's Catholic Church — 57 Horn Blvd., Silver Bay, MN 55614**

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**Parish Office** Located in Rectory 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday **Office/Rectory** 226-3100 **Fax Machine** 226-3116

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**Church Hall** 226-3691 **Parish E-Mail** stmary@mchsi.com **Parish Website** www.stmarysilverbay.org

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**Eucharistic Adoration** Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** Call — 226-3639 or 226-3351

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**Fr. Michael Lyons** (218) 834-4313 **Fr. Michael's E-Mail** mjlyons@mchsi.com

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<b>Saturday</b>	<i>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	<b>01/10/15</b>
7:15 p.m. <b>Mass - Intention for Janet Grahek</b> Reader.....Rose Elam Cantor.....Terri Frericks-Blood Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Jeff Asmussen Chalices....Mary Wright Servers.....Jason Blood & Sheena Frericks Gifts.....Volunteers		
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	<b>01/11/15</b>
7:50 a.m. <b>Sacrament of Penance</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>Mass - Intention for All Parishioners</b> Reader.....Jessalyn Rowlee Cantor.....Lanay Frericks Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Gerry Bahar Chalices....Sue Bahar Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler Gifts.....Volunteers		
<b>Monday</b>	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>01/12/15</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>ST. HILARY</i>	<b>01/13/15</b>
7:50 a.m. <b>Rosary</b> 8:15 a.m. <b>Morning Prayer</b> 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>01/14/15</b>
7:50 a.m. <b>Rosary</b> 8:15 a.m. <b>Morning Prayer</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>01/15/15</b>
7:50 a.m. <b>Rosary</b> 8:15 a.m. <b>Mass – Intention for Mary Jane Slafer</b> ☩ 8:50 a.m. <b>Adoration</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>01/16/15</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>ST. ANTHONY</i>	<b>01/17/15</b>
7:15 p.m. <b>Mass - Intention for</b> Reader.....Thomas Clifford Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept. Plate.....Shelley Fredrickson Chalices....Susan Frericks Chalices....Rose Elam Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Zack Fredrickson Gifts.....Volunteers		
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>01/18/15</b>
7:50 a.m. <b>Sacrament of Penance</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>Mass - Intention for All Parishioners</b> Reader.....Greg Johnson Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept. Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Marge Jorgenson Chalices....Lois Kaari Servers.....Sheena & Mita Frericks Gifts.....Volunteers		

**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

† **Parishioners:** Leesyl McKinney, Terry Scallen, Betty Dugas, Jim Tedrick, Lois Hynes, Alma Ferris, George Asmussen, Suzanne Seguin, Angie Pruse, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson, Walter Skalsky, Charlie & Doris Vincent, Leona Currier, Johnny Jerabek, Vicki Johnson, Joseph Fredrickson.

† **Clergy:** Fr. Michael Lyons, Deacon Fred Wright

† **Relatives & Friends:** Amy Buckner, Allison Bahar, Rhowyn Byrnes, Sonny Joyce, Mae Dehnhoff, Mary Lundgren, James Currier, Emma Cavataio, Don Hedin, Pat LeBlanc Sr., Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Lois Kind, John Asmussen, Kenneth Moe, Roger Gale, Jeff Mitchell, Arthur Barthman, Kennady Roberts, Kathy Thompson, Steve Keller, Diane Janousek, Larry Pickran, Elsie McGuire, Jim Morcomb, Alan Larson, Susan Manning, Joe Kowalowski, Grace Kramer, Gladys Gatz, Vern Walentiny, Deb MacMillan.

† **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

*Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed – just call the church office to let us know that you would like to renew the request.*

**Men's Conference** — The Duluth Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled for **Saturday, Feb. 21**, at the Marshall School Auditorium in Duluth.

**Women's Conference** — The third annual Catholic Women's Conference is scheduled for **March 7 at 8 am** in the Marshall School Auditorium. The first 400 women who *register*, and *attend* the conference, will receive a copy of Pope Francis' Book "**The Joy of the Gospel.**"

**Go to our parish website to register for these great opportunities offered by the Diocese of Duluth.**

**Faith Formation** will meet **Wednesday, January 21**, starting the night out with dinner at **6 pm**, followed by education at **6:30 pm**. Remember, we have **Adult Faith Formation** at the same time, and everyone is invited and encouraged to join us for dinner and education. If you'd like to attend but have younger children who are not enrolled in the Faith Formation program, child care will be provided. If you would like more details, please contact the parish office.

<b>Last Week's Contributions</b>	
General Collection.....	\$2254.00
Building Fund.....	\$145.00
UCA.....	\$25.00