



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2010

Pastoral Ponderings.....

Baptism of the Lord reminds us of the Dignity of Our Baptism

Schedule of Masses

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	+Mary Uhrich
Wednesday	St. Hilary 7:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	+Dorothy/Babe Evelo +Frank Mangan
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	+Ernestine Renz
Friday	7:00 a.m.	+Phyllis Clemens
Saturday	8:15 a.m.	For all God's living creation throughout all time

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Tillie York
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	+Margaret LaVerne (Saunders) Bertsch
	9:30 a.m.	+Andrew Malsam
	11:30 a.m.	For Our Parish

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For the weekend of	Jan. 16 th and Jan. 17 th	
Saturday 5:00 pm	Bette McGarry	See Schedule
Sunday 7:30 am.	Gene Schiller	See Schedule
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Rebecca Mattern	See Schedule
Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Randy Holsing	See Schedule

ALTAR SERVERS

For the weekend of	Jan. 16 th and Jan. 17 th
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Mariah Goetz, Victoria Heier, Lucas Goetz
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Mallorie/Conner Mattern, Anna Saylor
9:30 a.m.	Allison/Eric/Ryan Marnette, Allison Thielsen
11:30 a.m.	Tanner Gardner, Daniel/Thomas Gallagher

GREETERS

For the weekend of	Jan. 16 th and Jan. 17 th
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Vicky Meginness, Madeline Hartman, Deb Peterson
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Robert Hixon, Loretta Grote Scott/Sharon Goodspeed
9:30 a.m.	Bernie Wald, Tonya Senger Dan/Penny Malsam
11:30 a.m.	Kathy Carter, Gene/Corliss Morris

VAN DRIVER THIS WEEK

Sun., Jan. 17th – Bill Kimball – 226-3817

Traveling Icon for Vocations.

Donna Backous will have the icon Jan. 10th – Jan. 16th. Deb Peterson will have the icon Jan. 17th – Jan 23rd.



At his baptism, Christ was revealed as God's servant – though the revelation may have been primarily to Jesus himself as he realized that he was to be a suffering servant to redeem the world.

For us today, this is the final celebration of the Christmas season. Today we highlight the significance of this foundational sacrament in our lives. Jesus' baptism was the time when he came to understand the scope and nature of his ministry. Our baptism also calls us to ministry, to carry on the work of Christ in the world today.

It can be argued that weak baptismal identity is at the root of many of the problems we face as a church. Too many people still think of baptism as simply a rite to remove original sin from the souls of babies. Too few recognize that baptism is an adult commitment to live by the values of the Gospel and to carry on the work of Christ.

Accepting the challenge of this mission is not easy for any of us. Recognizing the dignity of our baptismal status is a great help. We are chosen by God, as Jesus was chosen. We are God's beloved children, adopted brothers and sisters of God's beloved Son. We are greater than John the Baptist, whose ministry we remember today.

On the day of our baptism we made a promise – or a promise was made for us by someone who loved us. That promise was to strive to be a disciple of Jesus. As we renew our baptismal promises, let us pray that someday we will hear the voice of God proclaim about us, "This is my beloved in whom I am well pleased."

No wonder the church chooses this week as *National Awareness Week* to help us strive to be that disciple of Jesus, a beloved one in whom God is well pleased.

To better emphasize this awareness, the live one-man production **VIANNEY** performed by actor and director Leonardo Defilippis, will be presented at Northern State University in the Johnson Fine Arts Center in Aberdeen on Thursday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. The production is being hosted by the NSU Student Organization (Catholics in Action) at the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman center.

Leonardo Defilippis is well-known as the director and star of the feature film **THERESE**. His live performance of **VIANNEY** includes a spectacular set, numerous costumes and a moving musical score.

We encourage all our parishioners ages 9 and up to go and see this talented performer bring Saint John Vianney to life for the Year for Priests in this professional production. The program runs about 90 minutes. A free will offering will be taken for the diocesan seminarian education fund.

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection	\$12,934.85
Youth envelopes	\$84.56
Additional year end donations	\$29,135.00
Geo-Thermal - funding needed including parking lot	\$467,581.35
Amount paid	\$404,228.68
CFSA	pledged \$105,960.68
	Paid \$100,095.68
Solemnity	\$3,272.37

We took in \$600 last week. Thus far during the *Crusade* we have collected \$117,005.33

We started our *Crusade* at \$898,652.00. As of 12-28-09 our balance was \$772,683.02. Our daily interest is \$116.43. We so appreciate your generosity. \$5,000 per week covers principal/interest due. We are awaiting the interest split for the past two weeks.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: A wonderful way to start the New Year could be spending an hour each week at Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus is present there to share our joys and sorrows. Many of our elderly are not able to keep their hour during the winter months. For available hours, please call Theresa at 226-0838 or Mary at 225-6001. Testimony: Our baby is out of intensive care and recuperating in the pediatrics unit. Thanks for all your prayers.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, Jan 10th

Breakfast will be served by LOTW after the 7:30/9:30 Masses

Newcomers 'welcome meal' will be served after the 11:30 Mass.

Youth Groups: Grades 7-12 will meet from 7-9 p.m. in the parish hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 12th

RCIA will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the religious ed. office.

Neighborhood Captains will meet at 7:00 in the parish hall

Wednesday, Jan. 13th

CCD - Classes resume. Vocations week

Thursday, Jan. 14th

Baptism Class will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Roncalli Elementary School.

ENTHRONEMENT PACKETS are available in the parish office for a \$10 donation.

Spring is on its way - the rummage sale committee encourages you to set aside your "treasures" as you do your Spring cleaning. Our 2nd annual rummage sale is to be held June 4th.

RONCALLI (this week)

Mon. Jan 11 BB at Milbank – 5:15 p.m.

Tues. Jan 12 K-12 Take a Child to School/No Uniform Day
End of 2nd Quarter

Wed. Jan 13 RES Mass – 12:10 p.m. – Sacred Heart
School Board Mtg. – 3:30 p.m. – RHS
Home/School Mtg.– 7:00 p.m. at RES
(Promethean Bd. Demonstration)

Thur. Jan 14 RPS Mass – 12:10 p.m. – St. Mary's
Gymnastics – O'Gorman-Watertown at
Watertown – 5:30 p.m.
BB vs Britton-Hecla – 5:15 p.m.
WR vs Deuel and Redfield at Clear Lake 5:30

Fri. Jan 15 RHS Mass – 9:30 a.m.
GBB at Britton-Hecla 5:15 p.m.

Sat: Jan.16 Gymnastics-Pierre Invitational – 12:00 p.m.
GBB vs Mobridge – 3:30 p.m.
BB vs Mobridge – 5:00 p.m.
WR at Gettysburg Tournament – 10:00 a.m.

\$10,000 CASH RAFFLE

Roncalli families and staff are selling raffle tickets for a \$10,000 cash prize. Sales from the raffle support instructional expenses such as teacher salaries and classroom materials. Please contact those individuals to buy your tickets, call 226-2100 or stop by the Development Office at Roncalli High School. Tickets sell for 1 chance for \$20; 5 chances for \$50; or 20 chances for \$100. One lucky winner will be chosen March 27, 2010 at the 31st annual Roncalli Ball.

Inter-Parish

Family Rosary – Tue., Jan. 12th at 7:00 pm–at Sacred Heart.
"Vianney" Production, Thur. Jan. 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Newman Center for the Year for Priests. Free Will Offering.

Holy Cross Alter Society and the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters of Ipswich, are hosting a "Tour of Tables". The event will take place at Father Bormann Hall on Sunday, January 17th. Doors will open at 11 AM to view the decorated tables. The cost of \$10.00 includes a salad luncheon, entertainment provided by the Aberdeen Men's Chorus and a door prize! All are welcome!

SACRED HEART NEWCOMERS

Are you a parishioner who registered to Sacred Heart in 2009? Please join us for a newcomer meal on Sunday, January 10th after the 11:30 am Mass (meal to begin around 12:45 p.m.).

Youth Ski Trip - Now taking applications for our youth ski trip on January 18th. Open to youth in grades 7-12. Go to www.sacredheartym.com for applications.

It is your responsibility to help get your spouse to Heaven! Learn more by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend. Our next weekend will be held on February 12-14, 2010 at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center. Contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A Weekend of Discovery... A Lifetime of Love!**

RONCALLI NEARLY NEW:

Winter outerwear is ½ price: coats, snow pants, caps, gloves, scarves, and snowboots. How about a good book or puzzle for a snow day? Come by and check us out! Visit us often as we have new items regularly! We are open Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Sat from 12-4 p.m. at 220 N. Main. We always appreciate your continued support!



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

We pray: O Lord, our God, a star led the Magi to your Son. May the sound of your word and the Light of your Spirit lead us today to worship before him in Spirit and in truth, bringing to Him the gift of our lives...Amen.

Family Faith Formation – Jan. 10th

Theme: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Listen to the word: As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Question for Children: What are some things you can do to please God?

Question for Youth: “With you I am well pleased.” What are you doing right now that is pleasing to God? How does it feel to live that way?

Question for Adults: Name a time when you felt your actions were pleasing to God?

SUPPORT AND HELP

Project Rachel is for women and men who suffer from the pain of previous abortions. Call 1-800-700-7867.

Natural Family Planning Classes: Learn more about a way of responsible parenthood that is supported by the Catholic Church. Call 226-2232 or Sacred Heart at 225-7065.

Annulments: A possible 2nd chance for marriage in the Catholic Church. For more info, call Sacred Heart 225-7065.

Catholic Family Services: Call 226-1304.

Marriage Encounter: to make a good marriage better! Web site is www.wvme.org or call 362-0924.

Retrouvaille: Help for hurting marriages. Call 988-3763 or 988-3776 or 2021@retrouvaille.org for more information.

Pregnant? Alone? Afraid?: Call BIRTHRIGHT at 229-0258 or toll-free 1-800-550-4900. **Aberdeen Right to Life:** On the 1st Thu. of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Brown County Courthouse. Marilyn Wachs 226-2232 or Joan Hartung 226-0153.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-19 Mk 1:14-20
Pray that we may find hope.

Tue. 1 Sm 1:19-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8 Mk 1:21-28
Pray for lives lost to abortion.

Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 Ps 40:2,5,7-10 Mk 1:29-39
Pray for the safety of all athletes.

Thur: 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25 Mk 1:40-45
Pray for the concerns in our hearts.

Fri. 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12
Pray for God’s guidance for vocations.

Sat. 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1 Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17
Pray for all first confessions.

Sun. Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3,7-10 Jn 2:1-11
Pray for all Religious Education Students.

WE AS A COMMUNITY:

Welcome into the Body of Christ Kyleigh Ann, daughter of Nick Gulden and Lindsey Preszler, and Jameson Thomas, son of Aaron Winterberg and Savannah Black who were initiated into the Christian Mystery through Baptism on January 3rd.

Extend our Sympathy and Prayers to the family and friends of Melvin Kuhfeld whose funeral we celebrated this past week.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE BENEDICT XVI FOR JANUARY 2010.

Young People and Media. That young people may learn to use social communication media for their personal growth and in preparation to serve society.

Christian Unity. That every believer in Christ may understand that unity among all Christians is necessary for effective proclamation of the gospel.



A special Thank You for the wonderful musical composition in the presentation of the Sacred Cantata on Epiphany Sunday. Charlene Blondo, the cast, choir and musicians’ performance was outstanding and certainly appreciated by all. Thanks again for a wonderful evening!

A New Year’s Prayer: “May we live in a home at peace and in a world at peace, with the awareness of every baby’s smile, the beauty in every sunrise and sunset, every flower’s unfolding petals, and every wonderful, miraculous beat of our heart. May we be blessed with every joy, good health, and the love of God in our hearts in 2010”.