

## The Catholic communities of

### St. Ann

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#### Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, please contact Cindy Hulst, LSW, the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).



**Marriage:** Please make an appointment to see the pastor twelve months prior than the intended date of celebration.

**Baptisms:** Baptisms are scheduled as we have candidates. Please call the parish office to register yourself or your child.

**Reconciliation:** Before Mass or anytime by appointment with a priest.

**Prayer Chain:** To be a member or place an intention, contact Rose Mary Simon, 218-473-2504.

## Baptism of the Lord January 11-12, 2025



“Our baptism has changed us, given us a new and glorious hope, and empowered us to bring God’s redeeming love to all, particularly the poor, in whom we see the face of Christ. Our baptism has also given us a share in the Church’s mission of evangelization; as disciples, we are also missionaries...”

“As we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday, let us ask him to renew in us the grace of our Baptism and to make us, with all our brothers and sisters, true children of God and living members of his body, the Church”.

✠ *Pope Francis*

## ✠ Mass Intentions this Week ✠

The Baptism of the Lord			
Jan 11	Sat	5pm (W) 7:30pm (BEL)	People of the Parishes Roseanne DeBoer✠
Jan 12	Sun	9am (NTW) 11am (W)	Tina & Wanda Olson✠ Madeline Benson✠
Jan 13	Mon	No Mass	
Jan 14	Tue	8am (W)	People on Prayer List
Jan 15	Wed	8am (W)	Paul Riegert✠
Jan 16	Thur	8am (W)	Special Intention
Jan 17	Fri	8 AM (W)	Richard & Genny Kersting✠
Jan 18	Sat	5pm (W)  7:30pm (BEL)	Alby & Marlene Scherping✠ Roberta Blattenbauer- Goldstein✠
Jan 19	Sun	9am (NTW) 11am (W)	Delores Gieseke✠ People of the Parishes

**St. Ann (W): 1/1:** Adult \$410; Plate \$43; **1-6:** Adult \$920; Plate \$274; Fuel \$540; Masses \$70; CCF\* \$120.48; Total \$2377.48.

**St. Frances Cabrini (BEL): 1/1:** Adult \$70; **1-6:** Adult \$210; Plate \$193; CCF\* \$24.98; Total \$497.98.

**St. Anne (NTW): 1/1:** Adult \$310; Plate \$45; **1/6:** Adult \$600; Plate \$40; Masses \$100; CCF\* \$42.76; Total \$1137.76

\*CCF is the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Crookston. These payments are interest on our parish investments with the Foundation.



Next week our parish will take up a collection to support the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension.



**The 2025 Adult Offering Envelopes** are available in all three churches. If you do not have an assigned number please take an unlabeled box and write your name and envelope number on the sheet provided. **Thank you for your financial support of our parish ministry.**

### Gospel Reflection: *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*



We all want to be recognized for who we really are. Today's gospel reading describes that memorable day when Jesus had the joy of being recognized by John the Baptist and approved by God as "God's beloved Son." Although Jesus did not need

to be baptized (since he was without sin), he wanted to identify himself as closely as possible with God's people. Take a few minutes today to be thankful for your Baptism. Ask Jesus to help you recognize yourself more deeply as a beloved daughter or son of God.



### *We remember in our prayers...*

Germaine Riegert, Linda Schumann, Joyce Klinkhammer, Owen Bendickson, Jeannie Williams, Ron Bastyr, Robert Blaeser, Diane Mattsen, Rita Carlson, Lucas Peterson, Gary Williams, Janine Madison, Charlotte Borseth, Henry Rivers, Katie Lombardo, David Farm, Dawn Necas, Brian Smith, Richard Brudevold, Stanley Heisler, Ginny Sahli, Corey Hoseth, Joyce (Toczek) Santjer, Paul & Barbara Brehm, Jeffrey Gieseke, Lois Bement, Tim Staffenhagen, Orville Staffenhagen, George Bauer, Richard LaFriniere, Katelyn Lorsung, Paul Bisek, Ted Holl, Jeff Larson, Sandy Pavek, Colleen Borgrud, Mike Fosness, Gary & Vaun Borgrud, Kerry Ann Kenney, Betty Schoenborn, Jacques Rolland, Yvonne Bregel, David Riegert, Tayvis Zima, Norma Stalboerger, Gabe Brisbois, Peg Braaten, Lily Thronson, Louis "Skip" Stuvland, and Gary Litzau.

### Religious Education

We are committed to our children, their welfare and protection. In our annual **Safe Environment** classes we give children and young people the tools they need to protect themselves from those who might harm them. Our religious education classes on January 15<sup>th</sup> will focus on Safe Environment using the *Circle of Grace Program*. The goal of the *Circle of Grace Program* is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.



Parish Members: If you would like to donate cookies or bars for the evening session contact Janet.



Volunteers are needed to sit in with classes, to substitute for catechists who have to miss a session, and to serve supper. Please prayerfully consider joining our Tekakwitha Center team. We will train and mentor. **Contact Janet, 218-473-2101 or 218-261-0753.**

### January is Poverty Awareness Month

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Through our baptism, we share in Christ's prophetic mission as people of God "to bring glad tidings to the poor...proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18). How can you live out your baptismal call to advocate for and with persons in poverty locally and globally?

### Stewardship

Thank you for your financial support of our parish ministry. Last weekend the offering totals were:

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Parish Aid will meet Monday, January 13 at 4PM to plan for the French Toast Breakfast and other items of business. Everyone is invited to attend.



Save the date for the French Toast Breakfast, February 9<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.



### Monthly Rosary

Our next monthly rosary service will be on this **Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm** at St. Ann Church in Waubun. All are welcome.

### Bishop Cozzens invites you to RSVP for the February Leadership Summit

You are invited to attend the upcoming Diocese of Crookston Leadership Summit. This day of community and formation will focus on becoming a mission centered parish. To help us unpack this topic we will be joined by Kurt Klement and Matt Regitz from Divine Renovation Ministry is a ministry that accompanies priests and lay leaders who desire to see their parish come alive by providing them with the tools and coaching they need to lead their parish from maintenance to mission. Their mission is to inspire, connect, and equip parishes to be missional, and through them bring people to Jesus.

This Leadership Summit will take place on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at St. Philip's Catholic Church in Bemidji. The day will begin at 9:30am and close at 2:30pm. Registration will open at 9:00am. All materials and food will be provided for the day.

**NOTE:** We want our parishes to have a future and to thrive. Participating in ongoing education and formation, networking with leaders from other parishes will help. We should have a delegation at this event. Please see Fr. John to join our delegation. Fr. John will make all the arrangements for us.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wild Rice Roundup

Cure your winter blues and join us for a cozy weekend of sharing our experience, strength and hope in Recovery! This event will take place at the Shooting Star Hotel & Event Center on **January 31 – February 2, 2025**. For more information, visit [www.wildriceroundup.com](http://www.wildriceroundup.com) or call **Dan P. 218-401.0585** or **Pam A. 612-250-1171**

### Invitation from Real Presence Radio

Real Presence Radio invites you to attend the fund-raising banquet in Fargo on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Delta by Marriott. This year's keynote speaker is Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is an

internationally renowned speaker, author, and preacher. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame, and a Master of Theological Studies Degree from the University of Dallas. For more information about the event or to register as a guest, call (877) 795-0122 or visit our website, [www.realpresenceradio.com](http://www.realpresenceradio.com).



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### Christian Unity Octave

Each year, Christians from many denominations observe a special week of prayer for Christian Unity. Coming together in a variety of ways, through joint prayer and meetings, we remember how much we share, and we look honestly at the issues that still keep us apart. It is a time to reflect on Christ's prayer the night before he died: "The glory that you have given me I have given to them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." (*John 17:22-23*)

The week of prayer was begun in 1908 by an American Episcopal priest, Paul Wattson, and since that time it has spread worldwide. Each year, a joint commission of leaders from the full spectrum of the Christian family gathers to prepare prayer resources for this week of prayer and reflection.

**The scriptural theme for this year's observance is: Do you believe?** (*John 11:26*) The entire passage chosen for reflection is *John 11:17-27*, where Jesus arrives in Bethany and raises Lazarus from the dead. A part of that story is the encounter between Jesus and Martha, at the end of which Martha confesses faith in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God.

This year's theme was chosen in recognition of the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea (325), at which the words "I believe" were chosen to anchor the Creed as an instrument of universal Christian unity.

### Thank You from Fr. John

Thanks to all of you for your cards, gifts, prayers, and good wishes for my birthday. Thanks also to all who prepared food and gathered for lunch on Epiphany, which fell this year on my birthday. I am deeply touched and grateful. Blessings on you and loved ones, *Fr. John*

"In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it." *Marianne Williamson*

Name one way you can help our parish or local community. Take the first step and sign up for it.



# The Baptism of Jesus

Based on Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:22

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PRAYING	PEOPLE	SPIRIT	DOVE
HEAVEN	CHRIST	JESUS	JOHN
BAPTIZE	VOICE	FIRE	

## God does not reject, forget anyone, pope says on feast of Epiphany

VATICAN CITY (Catholic News Service) -- Just as the star over Bethlehem called to and welcomed everyone to encounter the newborn Jesus, God today calls on the faithful to welcome everyone, creating safe, open spaces to find warmth and shelter, Pope Francis said.

The star is in the sky not to remain distant and inaccessible, he said, "but so that its light may be visible to all, that it may reach every home and overcome every barrier, bringing hope to the most remote and forgotten corners of the planet," he said.

"It is in the sky so that it can tell everyone, by its generous light, that God does not refuse or forget anyone," the pope said Jan. 6, celebrating Mass on the feast of the Epiphany in St. Peter's Basilica.

"God does not reveal himself to exclusive groups or to a privileged few, but offers his companionship and guidance to those who seek him with a sincere heart," he said in his homily. "God seeks everyone, always."

"We do well to meditate on this today, in a world in which individuals and nations are equipped with ever more powerful means of communication, and yet seem to have

become less willing to understand, accept and encounter others in their diversity!" he said.

This is why many Nativity scenes portray the Magi "with the features of all ages and races" to characterize the many different people on earth, Pope Francis said.

"God calls us to reject anything that discriminates, excludes or discards people, and instead to promote, in our communities and neighborhoods, a strong culture of welcome, in which the narrow places of fear and denunciation are replaced by open spaces of encounter, integration and sharing of life; safe spaces where everyone can find warmth and shelter," he said.

God rejects and forgets no one because "he is a father whose greatest joy is to see his children returning home," he said, "building bridges, clearing paths, searching for those who are lost and carrying on their shoulders those who struggle to walk so that no one is left behind and all may share in the joy of the father's house."

"The star speaks to us of God's dream that men and women everywhere in all their rich variety will together form one family that can live harmoniously in prosperity and peace," he said.

The star of Bethlehem is the light of God's love, he said, and "it is the only light that will make us happy."

"This light likewise calls us to give ourselves for one another, becoming, with his help, a mutual sign of hope, even in the darkest nights of our lives," he said.

"Let us ask the Lord that we might be bright lights that can lead one another to an encounter with him," he said.

Speaking about the current Holy Year and the Jubilee practice of making a pilgrimage, the pope said, "The light of the star invites us to undertake an interior journey that, as St. John Paul II wrote (for the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000), frees our hearts from all that is not charity, in order to 'encounter Christ fully, professing our faith in him and receiving the abundance of his mercy.'"

While Pope Francis and thousands of people were at Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, thousands more lined the main boulevard leading to St. Peter's Square for the traditional, folkloric Epiphany celebration. Marching bands and people in Renaissance costumes paraded up the street behind the Three Kings on horseback.

Before reciting the Angelus at midday in the square, the pope said, "Let us ask the Virgin Mary to help us so that, imitating the shepherds and the Magi, we are able to recognize Jesus close to us, in the Eucharist, in the poor, in the abandoned, in our brothers and sisters."

*The author, Carol Glatz, is a senior correspondent for Catholic News Service. This article was published on January 6<sup>th</sup>. To read more articles by CNS Staff, go to the U.S. Catholic Bishops website, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). In the bar at the top, click on "News".*