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PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the baptism of Jesus. It is a good day to reflect on our own baptism and its significance for us.

The day of Jesus' baptism was a defining moment in his life; it was a day of new beginning. On that day he began his public ministry during which he gave himself fully in the service of God and all of God's people.

As he set out on that decisive journey for all of us, he was assured of God his Father's favor, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on you', and he was empowered by the Holy Spirit, who descended upon him like a dove.

Even though Jesus was baptized by John as an adult and we received Christian baptism as children, our baptism was also a day of new beginning for us. On that day we were launched on the great adventure of becoming disciples of Jesus in our own time.

On that day, we too were given an assurance of God's love and favor, and we too were empowered by the Holy Spirit for the journey ahead of us. On that day we were caught up into Jesus' own very special relationship with God and we became a member of Jesus' family of disciples, the church.

It is a moment of grace that has the potential to shape our lives in a very fundamental way, in a way that is in keeping with God's purpose for our lives. In a sense we spend the rest of our lives trying to catch up with that day of new beginning.

We are baptized as children but it is as adults that we confirm our baptism for ourselves. It is as adults that we say our own adult 'yes' to the Lord who said 'yes' to us as young children on the day of our baptism.

It may be in our late twenties or our thirties or forties or even later that we come to say that 'yes' with all our heart and soul and mind. It is often in those mature years that we can hear the call.

The Lord keeps calling out to us from the moment of our baptism. Our response to the Lord's call, the Lord's word, can be slow in coming, but his call, his word, remains powerfully creative and will in some way or other make of us what God wants for us.

Fr.Maschio.

SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

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 in a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

COUNCIL MEETINGS-RESCHEDULED

Due to the forecast for stormy weather, the parish council and finance council meetings for both St. Patrick's have been rescheduled for this week. The new times are:
 St. Patrick's January 11th, 2022
 5:30 pm Finance Council
 6:30 pm Pastoral Council

Holy Rosary January 12th, 2022
 6:00 pm Finance & Pastoral Councils

All meetings will take place in the conference room at St. Patrick's.

RESPECT LIFE NOVENA

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Wednesday, January 19 - Thursday, January 27. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

EXCERPT FROM BISHOP COZZENS GENERAL MAILING LETTER

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all as we continue to revel in the incredible gift of the Christmas Season. It was a delight for me to celebrate Christmas in three places in our diocese: Thief River Falls, the Cathedral and Callaway. My heart was full as I experienced the faith and joy of the people who came to these liturgies. I can't wait to meet more of you.

I had hoped to be celebrating the New Years and Epiphany liturgies with people in the northern part of the diocese, but my family gave me an unexpected Christmas gift of COVID. Thankfully, it was a very mild case and I had almost no symptoms except a slight fever for a day and a little cough. This required me to do the mandatory quarantine and work from home. I look forward to getting up to celebrate Mass in the Northwest Deanery soon. Perhaps when I get there the temperatures will be a little warmer than 30 below 0, as they were last weekend!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY Holy Mass	January 8th 5:00 PM Hallock United States of America
SUNDAY Holy Mass	January 9th 9:00 AM Hallock Pro Populo
Holy Mass	11:00 AM Lancaster Keith & Cindy Urbaniak
MONDAY Holy Mass	January 10th 8:00 AM Hallock Carol Potrament
TUESDAY Holy Mass	January 11th 8:00 AM Hallock Paul Boroski
WEDNESDAY Holy Mass	January 12th 8:00 AM Hallock Steve Uscensky
THURSDAY Holy Mass	January 13th 8:00 AM Hallock Kathy Kent
FRIDAY Holy Mass	January 14th 8:00 AM Hallock Chuck & Mary Dziengel
Holy Mass	10:00 AM Nursing Home End Abortion
SATURDAY Holy Mass	January 15th 5:00 PM Hallock Helen Potrament
SUNDAY Holy Mass	January 16th 9:00 AM Hallock Pro Populo
Holy Mass	11:00 AM Lancaster Paul Olsonawski

Masses can be requested from the parish at anytime, for the living or the dead, or for any good intention. A \$5 offering is customary for each request.

PRAYER LIST

Those who are Sick, Struggling, Recovering
 Sophie Olsonawski
 Eleanor Kraska
 Cathy Cleem
 Iver Cleem
 Janet Olsonawski
 Dion Turgeon
 Jeanette Forfang
 Kim Short
 LeRoy Vonasek
 Renee Stewart
 Robb Brown
 Ruth Hennen
 Dorothy Barber
 Dave Fertig
 Gloria Dziengel
 Kayla (Sjostrand) Thompson
 Ken Hunter

Deceased Loved Ones

Brian Weleski
 Charlie Anderson
 Raymond Masloski
 Elmer Hungate
 Paul Olsonawski
 Bonita Hanson
 Wayne Stewart
 Luella Quiner
 Eileen Totleben
 Catherine Klegstad

Email the parish office with those you would like listed above for prayer each month.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

Saturday Ministers:	January 15th 5:00 PM Volunteers	St. Patrick
Sunday Sacristan: Servers: Commentator: Lector: Usher: Money Counters: Coffee Hosts:	January 16th 9:00 AM Hank Noel Jasper Sugan & Aidan Wiese Kathy Nelson Laura Reese Hugh Hunt Mike Olsonawski & Hank Noel Friedt/Lindegard/Muir	St. Patrick
Sunday Ministers:	January 16th 11:00 AM Volunteers	Holy Rosary

BULLTEIN BITS-The Baptism of Our Lord

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' " (LUKE 3:16)
 The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus - the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

ON-LINE GIVING AVAILABLE

A simple, consistent way to support your parish is via on-line giving. You can sign up through the church website or contact Jeff Reese, he will be happy to assist you.

RCIA AFTER SATURDAY MASS

Rock Bakken will be offering RCIA classes after Saturday Masses until Easter. These classes will be for anyone who either wishes to become a Catholic or just learn more about the Catholic faith.

ADORATION

Adoration begins right after morning Mass on Wednesday's at 8:30 am and continues until noon. There are half hour time slots available during these hours but you are welcome to sign up for more time if you are able. Please consider spending some time adoring our Lord.

ST. PATRICK'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

2021 Charitable Contributions:	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>
In-Church Contributions:	\$13,808.41	\$4,321.78
On-Line Contributions:	\$1,703.83	\$1,229.89

HOLY ROSARY MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

In-Church Contributions:	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>
	\$1,872.00	\$1,283.00