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PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. We recall the moment when Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry came to John the Baptist and asked to be baptized.

Mark begins his Gospel in the desert, where John baptizes and where Jesus will be tested by Satan. Mark tells us that all the country of Judaea, and all the people of Jerusalem go out to him confessing their sins. So the far away deserted place becomes a center of life, so all of Judaea empties itself into the wilderness to come to John for baptism. Those who come are ready to accept a new life, are open to the gift of repentance and the conversion it requires. In this crowd, we find the Saviour, the sinless one, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

This is where we first encounter Jesus in Mark's Gospel. Not as a child wrapped in swaddling clothes or as a refugee fleeing the wrath of Herod, but as a man in a crowd. Jesus lines up with all the sinners on the bank of the Jordan River, waiting his turn to stand before John.

It is at this moment, when Jesus most identifies himself with sinful hungry humanity, that the heavens are torn open, and the Spirit descends in the form of a dove. The Spirit will fill Jesus throughout his ministry, as he comes to bring health to those who are sick, as he touches the leper bringing him back into the community of Israel, and as he eats with prostitutes and tax collectors.

That which makes Jesus seem so different from us, his being without sin, is really that which makes him identify with us so deeply as to stand amidst us. To have no sin means to love sinners, to want to be with sinners and set them free, to eat and drink and die for sinners through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

This same Spirit will break like flames upon the apostles on the day of Pentecost, sending them from the upper room, to turn the desert of the world into the city of God. In his baptism we see Jesus identify with us completely and totally.

The meaning of Christ's baptism does not end there because by descending into the waters and re-emerging, Christ symbolically anticipates his coming death and resurrection. And by doing so he sanctifies the waters of baptism providing us with the means to be cleansed of sin and united with him.

So today we remind ourselves that from the moment of our own baptism we are united with Christ, that the Holy Spirit dwells in us and that the Father's favor rests on us too.

Fr.Maschio.

And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
 (Matthew 3:16-17)



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY January 9th
 Holy Mass 5:00 PM Hallock Eileen Totlebon

SUNDAY January 10th
 Holy Mass 9:00 AM Hallock Pro Populo

Holy Mass 11:00 AM Lancaster Helen Potrament

MONDAY January 11th
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Anton Olsonawski

TUESDAY January 12th
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Andi Olsonawski

WEDNESDAY January 13th
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Sarah Nissen

THURSDAY January 14th
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Andi Olsonawski

FRIDAY January 15th
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Corey Sugden

SATURDAY January 16th
 Holy Mass 5:00 PM Hallock Stanley Urbaniak

SUNDAY January 17th
 Holy Mass 9:00 AM Hallock Erick Gubbels

Holy Mass 11:00 AM Lancaster Pro Populo

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.

ADORATION SIGN UP

There are signup sheets in the entry of the church for adoration this Wednesday beginning at noon until 6:00 pm. Please consider signing up to spend one hour with our Lord.

PRAYER LIST

Those who are Sick, Struggling, Recovering

Elmer Hungate
 Sophie Olsonawski
 Eleanor Kraska
 Cathy Cleem
 Iver Cleem
 Janet Olsonawski
 Dion Turgeon
 Jeanette Forfang
 Kim Short
 Wayne Stewart
 LeRoy Vonasek
 Renee Stewart
 Robb Brown
 Bonita Hanson
 Ruth Hennen
 Dorothy Barber
 Dave Fertig

Deceased Loved Ones

Eileen Totleben
 Catherine Klegstad
 MaryAnn Schmiedeborg
 Leona Chalaturnyk
 Helen Potrament
 Irene Kiesow
 Rosemary Cooney
 Don DeLorme
 Mark Roczniak
 Betty Lockman
 Susan Weaver
 Andi Olsonawski
 Walt Crummy
 H Jeannie Howe
 Louise Docken

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

Saturday January 16th 5:00 PM St. Patrick
 Sacristan: Earl Karboviak
 Ministers: Volunteers

Sunday January 17th 9:00 AM St. Patrick
 Sacristan: Hank Noel
 Servers: Wesley Sugden & Avery Wiese
 Commentator: Hank Noel
 Lector: Pam Hunt
 Usher: Shane Stewart
 Money Counters: Hank Noel & Mike Olsonawski

Sunday January 17th 11:00 AM Holy Rosary
 Ministers: Volunteers

CALENDARS

The 2021 calendars are here and available in the entry for you pick up after Mass. We have plenty so take as many as you need.

ENVELOPES

The 2021 giving envelopes are ready to be picked up in the entry of St. Patrick's church.

FORMED.ORG

Don't forget about a great resource for us is our subscription to FORMED!
 To access our account:
 Go to: www.Formed.org
 Our parish code is: WPKWQV.

BULLETIN BITS - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" - Mark 1:11

Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.

ST. PATRICK'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

2020 Charitable Contributions:

	November	October
In-Church Contributions:	\$4063.00	\$4459.00
On-Line Contributions:	\$1141.67	\$1741.67