

The Baptism of the Lord
All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
 — *Isaiah 55:1*

Readings

First Reading — *Isaiah 55:1-11.*

Psalm — *Isaiah 12:2-6.*

Second Reading — *1 John 5:1-9.*

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 9

5:00 PM (J) Dale Phegley

Sunday, January 10

8:00 AM (P) Sandy & George Duvic Family

10:30 AM (J) Alvin & Maxine Linnertz

Monday, January 11-Friday January 15

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Saturday, January 16

5:00 PM (J) Pauline Schmitz

Sunday, January 17

8:00 AM (P) Bill & Judy Foley Family

10:00 AM (J) Stan, Ruth & Frank Jurek

PRAYER REQUEST

All homebound, nursing home residences, cancer patients, COVID-19 patients, Tom Ellner, Roger & Carol Hess, Sandy Duvic, Pam Ozier, Lyle Matthews, Paula Watkins, Cindy Wilhelm, Regina, Nate, Molly & Eleanor Krebel, Ruth Henry, Doris Wilson, Wanda Honer, Armin Depper, Steve Wallach, Vernon Henry, Jon Knop, Karen Whelan, Jeanelle Dinan, Ruby Dickinson, Joan Schaefer, Gene Clerc, Michael Brand, Claudene Chunn, Charles Goessling, Steve Deterding, Kathy Ghahkenshah, Eleanor Grace Jurek, Tom Candelario, Zachary Glenn, Pat Deterding, Glen Steibel, Owen Gillison, Melvin & Verona Schwartz,

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

SPREAD LOVE EVERYWHERE YOU GO. LET NO ONE EVER COME TO YOU WITHOUT LEAVING HAPPIER. (Mother Teresa)

CHURCH SUPPORT-

December 26th & 27th...January 2nd & 3rd

St. Patrick's

Envelopes: \$2,473 Loose: \$255 Bulletin Ads \$300

Christmas 4,254 Loose \$100 Needy: \$170 Flowers \$140

Solemnity \$45 COVID \$1,215 Total COVID: \$14,200

St. Joseph's:

Envelopes: \$2,865 Loose: \$160 Needy: \$378

Christmas \$2,805 First Offering: \$155

Solemnity of Mary: \$20 Candles (Jan) \$52

Weekly goal: \$1,700.

WEEKEND REFLECTIONS

At our baptism we were told, "You have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ." Isaiah in our first reading proclaims the Lord's

invitation: "All you who are thirsty, come to the water." John the Baptist invites everyone to come to the water as well, but tells them that the one who is coming will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John tells us that the Spirit testifies to the truth. Reborn in the waters of baptism and filled with the Spirit, we listen to God's word, searching for the truth. On this feast then, let us appreciate the new creation we have become.

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(Bearing Fruit in the Real World) Christians are "spiritual." This does not mean that we are people who live "in the clouds," far removed from real life, as if it were some kind of mirage. No! The Christian is someone who thinks and acts in everyday life according to God's will, someone who allows his or her life to be guided and nourished by the Holy Spirit, to be a full life, a life worthy of true sons and daughters. And this entails realism and fruitfulness. Those who let themselves be led by the Holy Spirit are realists; they know how to survey and assess reality. They are also fruitful; their lives bring new life to birth all around them.

FR. SEBASTIAN'S SCHEDULE-UPDATE

Fr. Sebastian made it home and is enjoying 98*weather! Fr. Dan & Fr. Clyde will be helping out on the weekends. There will be NO weekday Masses but weekend Mass time will stay on the same schedule. Please pray for safe travels for all.

REST IN PEACE

The parish community of Ruma and Rocher would like to offer their prayers of PEACE to the family and friends of Regina Scherle, Gib Bauer Sr. Stephanie Mertens, ASC and Rita Deterding, May they share in the joy and peace of heaven, and may their families be comforted by the gentle touch of God's hand.

POPE PROCLAIMS YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis proclaimed that a Year of St. Joseph will be held from Dec. 8, 2020-Dec. 8, 2021 in honor of the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being named patron of the universal Church. In an apostolic letter titled "Patris Cordet" (With a father's heart), Pope Francis shared some personal reflections on the spouse of Mary, writing, "Each of us can discover in Joseph-the man who goes unnoticed, a daily discreet and hidden presence-an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble." He added that his desire to honor St. Joseph "increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation." St. Joseph pray for us.

PARTNERSHIP CORNER

REOPENING OF PARISHES

Mass schedules are: 5pm Saturday and 10am Sunday at St. Joseph's, 8am at St. Patrick's. Mass at St. Patrick's will be celebrated at the parish hall, where we have more room to social distance.

If you are hesitant about coming back to Mass, come and see what we are doing so we can help ease your fears. We are wearing masks, sanitizing your hands, seating you safe distances apart and cleaning after each Mass.

If it is crowds you don't like, you can attend the weekday Masses at St. Pat's and St. Joseph's same guidelines apply! **DON'T FORGET THAT RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE FOR ALL MASSES SO WE ARE ABLE TO GO BACK AND CONTACT TRACE IF NEEDED. 284-3314-St. Joseph's, 282-3176-St. Patrick's.**

HERE WE GO!

We are just NINE months away from the start of St. Joseph's 300th year as a parish. Pretty "rock solid" huh. Speaking of rock solid, that will be the theme for our anniversary. Rock solid faith, if anyone would like to help design t-shirts, and mementoes of the exciting anniversary please call the rectory, pretty sure we can find something to fit your talent. There will be a tentative schedule attached to the bulletin. Please note all dates/ideas depend on weather & virus interruptions. **There will be 300th committee mtg. on Jan. 13th 7pm in the school basement. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

ST. JOSEPH'S PSR

St. Joseph PSR: begins promptly at 7:15am

FINANCE COUNCIL-ST. JOSEPH

Meeting: 7pm Jan. 21st in the rectory

PRAYER CHAIN

If you know someone who is in need of emergency prayer, contact Fr. Sebastian at 284-2404, St. Joe's rectory at 284-3314, St. Pat's rectory at 282-3176 or Marie Henry at 618-559-6511. If you would like to be part of the chain, please call Marie to get set up.

RECONCILIATION

Times available on Jan 16 & 17 at St. Joseph. Please call to set up a time.

CARE MINISTRY

Do you know a fellow parishioner that's going through a rough time? Please contact Lynne Gonzalez at 284-7702, and she will reach out with a care package.

ST. JOSEPH'S caring and sharing tree is for the collection of Prairie du Rocher elementary food pantry and will be up until Jan. 17th please donate a non-perishable food item to support those in our area who are in need this Christmas season.

CONTRIBUTION SHEET

Please get your 2020 contributions turned into the parish offices. Call the rectory if you are wanting a contribution sheet for 2020. Information will be ready on January 22nd.

St. Patrick's Parish monthly takes a set amount (\$100) from the collection and donates it to a needy charity/family, locally or globally. January's collection will go to Life Network of Southern Illinois. If you would like to make an additional donation, please mark it and place it in the collection basket.

KUDOS

- To those that remembered our food collection for the Human Service Center and our St. Vincent DePaul Collection for the homeless. Both have been delivered and they are VERY GRATEFUL!!
- To our bulletin advertisers who help make our bulletins possible...check out the new ads on the back of the bulletin.
- To Pechacek Funeral Homes, our bulletin advertiser of the week.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Mark Schwartz 1/8, Robert Ellner 1/9, S. Barbara Jean Franklin, ASC 1/9, Nannie Steibel 1/10, Renee Roider 1/10, Armin Depper 1/11, Alouise Wiegard 1/14, Alison Mudd 1/14, Claire Ellner 1/16 Roger DeMond 1/16, Sr. Irene McGrath, ASC 1/11, Bob Schmidt 1/14, S. Frances Newton, ASC 1/16
Carl & Doris Papenberg 1/11

ST. PATRICK'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

1) Monthly \$100 is taken from our collection and donated to a family/organization in need, locally/globally. Additional monies are collected throughout the months from families. 2) Our parish has developed an assistance fund that is used to assist local families with food, gas, utilities, etc. 3) Our third program is our donation to our Sister Parish in Guatemala. In 2020 St. Patrick's parish donated \$9,303 including the 2020 Baby bottle fundraiser. St. Patrick's parishioners also provided food to fill two Thanksgiving baskets. **THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO ESPECIALLY THROUGH THESE MOST DIFFICULT TIMES. THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY THESE FUNDS ARE POSSIBLE!!**

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

St. Patrick's parish will be participating in Life Network's "Baby Bottle Fundraiser". Baby bottles are available as you enter the hall or ask one of the greeters. Each financial gift will be a way to help support Life Network and enable them to continue offering free-confidential services. Please return the bottle with your contribution and place it in the box in the hall or to the parish office by January 31st.

THE CHOSEN

We encourage you to go to www.thechosen on your computer. This program is about Jesus choosing his disciples, the women who accompanied him, some of the healings and miracles performed by Jesus, his confrontation with the Pharisees and much more. It is free and will certainly keep your attention. Watch it as a family!

