



REFLECTING ON THE SCRIPTURES

The Baptism of the Lord, Cycle C

This Sunday's Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Revealing the Beloved Song

In Luke's account of Jesus' baptism (Luke 3:15 –16, 21– 22), Jesus simply appears as one of the crowd who was given "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:3). Only after the baptism, while Jesus is in prayer, does the Spirit appear as a dove and the voice of God sound out from the sky.

Many people ask why Jesus came for baptism, since he was without sin. Ritual cleansing was a regular part of Jewish practice before the Sabbath, after periods of uncleanness, and in preparation for great battles. John's baptism was a specific call to turn away from wrongdoing and turn toward God. So persuasive was his preaching that many of his followers wondered if he was the Messiah. He quickly corrects that idea. As we hear today, his is a baptism of water only. The Anointed One will baptize with the Spirit and fire — a sign of God's judgment for all. When he is baptized by John, Jesus acknowledges John's authority as a man of God, and also Jesus participates in a public sign of his absolute obedience and reliance on God. For Luke, Jesus is the last person to be baptized by John, the culmination of John's ministry. The words that are heard from the heavens are similar to Isaiah 42:1 ("*my servant . . . my chosen . . . in whom my soul delights*"), and they express Luke's understanding that this is the beginning of the messianic era. © 2009 Liturgy Training Publications. 1-800-933-1800. Written by Mary Katharine Deeley. Illustrated by Clint Hansen. Scripture quotations are from *The New Revised Standard Version Bible: Catholic Edition*, copyright © 1993 and 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Permission to publish granted by the Very Reverend John F. Canary, Vicar General, Archdiocese of Chicago, on July 16, 2009.

"Lord, Teach Me to Pray"

Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Part 1, a 12-week prayer series for women, will be offered at St. Wenceslaus Parish starting Wednesday, January 20th, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Cry Room. Part 1, Praying Christian Virtues (12 weeks), introduces women to Ignatian prayer and spirituality by structuring initial prayer experience around Christian virtues. Part 1 helps deepen your relationship with Jesus by teaching you how to listen more attentively and work with obstacles in prayer. Learn Ignatian meditation and contemplation the way that St. Ignatius himself introduced people to prayer. Please call parishioner Julie Wilson at 334-9430 to register or for questions.



PLEDGE CARD REMINDER:

Please remember that school and catechetics enrollment is based on a family's continued support of the parish both in active church and

financial support. If you have not returned your Parish Annual Appeal card please do so now.

VOCATIONS - Trust the Promise

Consider your life committed to Christ as a priest, brother, sister or deacon. For more information contact Fr. Paul Hoelsing at 558-3100 or Fr. Mel or Fr. Mike at our parish 330-0304.

VOCATIONS CORNER

If the Lord's voice rings out deep down in your heart, listen to it. Who would dare say no to the call of the Lord? No one can afford to make a mistake about his/her path in life. Therefore reflect well, pray to have the light necessary for your choice and, once it is made, pray even more to have the strength to persevere, always walking in a way "worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him" (Col 1: 10) John Paul II



**High School Confirmation
preparation classes will begin soon.
Please call Joan at 330-1889 for details.**

LITURGY CORNER

The Season of Ordinary Time

The Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season. Now we begin our journey into Ordinary Time, so named because the weeks are numbered — second week, third week, and so forth. (The word *ordinary* comes from *ordinal*, which means "numbered.") Two periods of Ordinary Time mark the Roman calendar for a total of 33 or 34 weeks: from the Monday following the Sunday after January 6th through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, and from the Monday following Pentecost until just before the First Sunday of Advent. Ordinary Time is distinct from the high seasons in which particular aspects of the mystery of Christ are celebrated. In Ordinary Time we celebrate and reflect on the mystery of God and life in Christ in its entirety.

As we celebrate today's solemnity, each of us is called to renew the promises of our own baptism. You are invited to pray the following prayer as you reflect upon the meaning of your baptism and your incorporation into the family of God:

O Lord, at the baptism of your Son, you opened up the heavens and called him,

"Beloved," pouring out the love of a Father's heart.

Lord, open our hearts to the grace of our Baptism.

Let us catch a glimpse of your glory and hear your voice tell us that we are your beloved children, too, and that Jesus is our brother.

Just as Jesus lived his life in obedience to you, so let us live our lives following your call and his example.

Let us love you and one another without ceasing, because you have first loved us.

We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH CATECHETICS

Please join Fr. Paul Hoelsing for a presentation on Priesthood, "Repentance and Renewal in the Year for Priest" on January 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Looking Ahead:

January 13th – Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

January 20th- Parent/Catechist Conferences will be held in the gym during regular class times. No classes for students.

January 27th – 4th Grade Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. in the church. No regular class for 4th grade.

All parents are invited to join us for this celebration. Cookies and punch will be served in the social hall afterwards!

Celebration of Life Dinner & Auction

Support the Pro-Life movement and join the celebration. It is Friday, January 15th at the Holiday Inn Central - Heartland Room at 72nd & Grover (West Side). Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. The Keynote speaker is Abby Johnson, former manger of Planned Parenthood in Bryan, TX. Contact Nebraskans United for Life at 399-0501 for your ticket - only \$50 per person. You don't want to miss it.



SCHOOL REGISTRATION: For families who do not already attend St. Wenceslaus School . . . If you know of a family that would like to register to attend St. Wenceslaus for the 2010/2011 school year, we will be having registration after Masses on **January 23rd and 24th**.

USED UNIFORM SALE

Drop off date is Tuesday, January 19th, 2:30-7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Sale date is Wednesday, January 20th 7:00-9:00 a.m. and 2:30-7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Please have your items tagged and ready at the drop off time. You may print off instructions and tags from the St. Wenceslaus website. **For additional questions contact:**

Erin Anderson 964-2220, erinanderson2@yahoo.com,
Cody Everett 896-3567, codyandtom@cox.net or
Julie Krupicka 963-9434, juliekrupicka@tconl.com.

Save the Date - Ladies Guild Mixer

The St. Wenceslaus Ladies Guild is hosting an evening of fun and friendship with a cooking demonstration from Lynn Hay from Chez Hay Catering. It will be held on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. All women of the Parish are welcome - Please join us!!! If you have questions, please contact Julie Slattery at 991-8777 or Kelly Arkfeld at 330-4887.

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Youth Ministry

Teens G.I.F.T. Groups

Meeting dates: Future meeting dates are January 13th & 20th.

Large group January 27th from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

Call Cheryl at 330-9620 for more information.

Open Gym and Games in the Afternoon

St. Wenceslaus Community Room and Gym Wednesday, December 30th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Drop in and play some board games, shoot some hoops or play dodge ball.

It's a great time to come hang out with friends.

TEC Retreat - If you are a junior, senior or college student, you are invited to a three-day retreat called Teens Encounter Christ on **January 16th-18th, 2010 in Omaha** at the Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center. TEC is a high energy, youth-focused, spirit-directed faith experience offered by the Archdiocese of Omaha. The cost is \$60.00 (scholarships are available). Applications available online; www.archomaha.org or you can pick one up in the Youth Ministry office.



MASS SCHEDULE



MONDAY—January 11, 2010

6:45 am +Jack Eledge
8:30 a.m. Deceased Family & Friends

TUESDAY—January 12, 2010

6:45 a.m. Int. of Steier Family
8:30 a.m. Int. of Sheedy Sons

WEDNESDAY— January 13, 2010

6:45 a.m. +Carol A. Stander
8:30 a.m. +Tess Edney

THURSDAY—January 14, 2010

6:45 a.m. +August Dammermann
8:30 a.m. +Bill Huffman

FRIDAY—January 15, 2010

6:45 a.m. +George Semerad
8:30 a.m. +Dr. Robert Luby

SATURDAY—January 16, 2010

8:30 a.m. +Joseph Laferla
5:00 p.m. +Charles Kafka
6:30 p.m. +Nadine Cavanaugh

SUNDAY—January 17, 2010

7:30 a.m. +Helen Chapin
9:00 a.m. +Debbie Brookstein
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
12:00 p.m. +Betty Naughton



Parish Calendar



Sunday, January 10, 2010

Monday, January 11, 2010

7:00PM Comm Rm: RCIA
7:00PM SH-C: Family Baptism Class

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

9:30AM Cry Rm: Legion of Mary Information Meeting
7:00PM PCR: Parish Council Mtg.
7:00PM SH-B: AA Mtg.

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

7:00PM SH-B: Catholic Daughters Mtg.
7:30PM SH-C: Gift small group

Thursday, January 14, 2010

7:00PM SH-C: Quilt Circle Mtg.
7:30PM SH: Adult Choir practice

Friday, January 15, 2010

9:30AM SH-A: Bible Study

Saturday, January 16, 2010

Sunday, January 17, 2010



Putting Family First: Today is the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. A tradition that could be started in your family is celebrating your children's baptism birthday. On this day you could explain to your children why you chose their name. Tell your children about their baptism - who was there, what baptismal garment they wore, did they cry? Discuss with your children their special gifts and talents you see in them and how those gifts are meant to be shared with others. On their special day, allow each person in the family to take a turn saying what he or she appreciates or treasures about them.

The Seminary Collection will be held this weekend.

The Archdiocese of Omaha is currently blessed with twenty-eight men studying for the Priesthood. We humbly ask for your continued prayers, sacrifices and generous financial support.

VOCATIONS '31' CLUB

The following members of the Vocations 31 Club have agreed to pray for vocations on the days indicated. Please pray for an increase in vocations.

10 th	Mary Baum	14 th	Janelle Hansen
10 th	Maureen Reininger	15 th	Shari Kawa
10 th	Rich Kalal	15 th	Gene & Carol Koenig
10 th	Dan Bleyhl	15 th	Ale Buehler
10 th	Marguerite Whetstone	15 th	Fenton & Blenda Downey
11 th	Bob Simmons	16 th	Larry Kawa
11 th	Jo Wagner	16 th	LaVerne Sassen
11 th	Karen Stevens	17 th	Matt Krajewski
12 th	Mat Balcetis	17 th	Daphne Winner
12 th	Angie Trautman	17 th	Theresa Weldy
12 th	Mark & Lynne Capoun		Traveling Vocations Crucifix
13 th	Jim Haiar		Family: Loren and Susan Steenson
13 th	Pat Greenwood		
14 th	Art & Jean Hastings		
14 th	Lyn Comeau		



ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Diaconate Inquiry Process

Third Tuesdays Winter/Spring of 2010

Tuesday, January 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance at all four sessions is required in order to make application for the coming Fall.

Information on Four Pillars of Diaconal Formation

The four evenings will cover the topics of:

Academic, Spiritual, Pastoral and Human Development

Omaha location: St. Rose Church Hall


4102 South 13th Street

Contact Fr. Ralph O'Donnell at 402-733-9327

Norfolk location: St. Mary Church Hall

2300 Madison Avenue

Contact Fr. Keith Rezac at 402-329-4200




Stewardship: \$51,824.20
Fiscal YTD*: \$1,595,544.14
Yearly Goal: \$2,700,000
***Fiscal Year: 07-01-2009-6-30-2010**

➤ In obedience to the Father, Jesus humbled himself to receive baptism from John. After Jesus' Baptism, the Father expresses his pleasure with his beloved Son. We too endeavor to please the Father in everything we say, think and do by our humble obedience to his will.


➤ Isaiah prophesies about the time when the Lord's servant will bring justice to the earth, open the eyes of the blind and set prisoners free. If we place our trust in him, the Lord will remove our blindness and set us free from our slavery to sin.

PERPETUAL ADORATION



Listed are the times when an adorer is needed. If these hours do not fit your schedule, we invite you to take any of the 168 weekly hours. Call the captain of the day & time you desire or call Julie Miller at 491-4183 if you have other adoration questions.

- MON. 2 am, 3 am, 8 am, 9 am, 4 pm, 8 pm, Call Michelle 778-1183
- TUES. 1 am, 2 am, 8 am, 8 pm, Call Dorothy 330-8064
- WED. 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, Call Julie 491-4183
- THUR. 1 am, Call Julie 491-4183
- FRI. 2 am, 4 am, 6 pm, 9 pm, Call Ruth 333-4652
- SAT. 4 pm, Call Dorothy 330-8064
- SUN. Call Julie 334-9430




In Loving Memory

Joe Anzalone
 Husband of Jene Anzalone
 Father of Subby Anzalone

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2010

- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



Join the Knights of Columbus! This is a Catholic men's fraternal organization. Programs and projects include church, family, community and youth. Meetings are the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Social Hall B. For more information call Mike Miller at 491-4183 or Jim Nelson at 333-5621, or visit our website at KofC10909.

Lay Ministers for January 16th & 17th

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

PRIEST CELEBRANT: Fr. Mel
SACRISTAN:.....J. Morss
EMHC'S: Deacon J. Kulus, N. Jackson, M. Latta, E. Crinklaw, C. Dunn, D. Morss, K. & T. Hahn, M. Pelan, C. Kulus, J. Alley L. Fiala..... **LECTORS** S. Gillette
 C. Pelan..... **SERVERS**J. Adams
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
 D. & K. & T. Gillette, M. Irish, D. Lierz, G. Moes, J. Fiala

SATURDAY 6:30 PM

PRIEST CELEBRANT: Fr. Michael
SACRISTAN:.....D. Yuhas
EMHC'S: C. Yuhas, B. Thedinga, D. Brabec
 A. Thomsen..... **LECTORS**R. Thedinga
 M. Shonsey **SERVERS**M. Shonsey
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
 T. Hall, T. Jensen, M. & M. Shonsey, J. & K. Sorensen

SUNDAY 7:30 AM

PRIEST CELEBRANT:Fr. Michael
SACRISTAN:.....J. & D. Buelke
EMHC'S: C. Windler, H. & I. Pane
 D. Laferla..... **LECTORS** D. Peters
 M. Gudenrath..... **SERVERS** J. Baratta
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
 B. Drozda, S. & J. Hahn, D. LeMay

SUNDAY 9:00 AM


PRIEST CELEBRANT:Fr. Mike
SACRISTAN:.....D. Morrow
EMHC'S: B. Carter, D. Graham, M. Moore, L. Fitzpatrick, L. Legband, A. & T. Barton
PYX: D. Bartolomei, D. Ristau, R. Vosik
 J. Koerner..... **LECTORS**M. Krajewski
 C. Lux **SERVERS**C. Efferding
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
 M. & V. Benes, E. & K. & S. Churchill, J. Meister, M. & N. Murray

SUNDAY 10:30 AM

PRIEST CELEBRANT: Fr. Mike
SACRISTAN:.....J. DeSelm
EMHC'S: Deacon M. DeSelm, E. Boetel, M. Nelson, J. Lynn, K. Sibbersen, M. Phelps, M. Pate, M. Monnig, K. Gehrki, C. Dulek, L. Haeffner
 D. Tuma..... **LECTORS**S. Mueller
 L. Landolt **SERVERS**A. Bartholet
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
 J. Ely, T. Glover, C. & G. Koenig, S. Pattrin, M. & J. Warren

SUNDAY 12:00 NOON

PRIEST CELEBRANT: Fr. Mel
SACRISTAN:.....M. Hladik
EMHC'S: A. Calgaard, S. Kreifels, M. Campbell, D. Slattery, M. Williams, L. Kolasinski, B. Becker
 N. Champion..... **LECTORS** T. Jonas
 M. Williams **SERVERS** D. Becker
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
 T. Champion, T. Estlund, K. Lang, T. Ptacek



Welcome to the newest members born to new life through Baptism.
Carson Andrew Koerner
 Son of Jason and Jennifer Koerner

Men of the Parish make your New Year's Resolution to attend the Saint Wenceslaus Men's Retreat this year!

Mark your calendar **NOW** for the 5th Annual Men's Retreat to be held Friday-Saturday, October 15th-16th, 2010 at the Saint Benedict Center in Schuyler. Registration information will be in future bulletins. Call Dan Bleyhl at 691-0129 if you need more information.



What: Spaghetti Fundraiser
When: January 24th, 2010 3:00-8:00 p. m.
Where: St Pius X School, 6905 Blondo Street
Why: Owen Jensen is a 3 year-old who attends St Pius X/St Leo's school and was recently diagnosed with a form of Leukemia called Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia, it is rare and deadly form of childhood cancer. JMML does not typically respond to conventional chemo and radiation, so bone marrow transplant is the only possible cure. Owen is at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Friends and family are holding a fundraiser to help with the finances. Spaghetti, silent auctions with some GREAT prizes. If you can't make it but want to contribute, donations are being accepted at www.owenjensenfoundation.com. Thank you!

PRO-LIFE UPDATES: NEBRASKA ABORTIONS FOR JUNE through SEPTEMBER, 2009. The Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities regrets to inform you that 173 babies were killed by induced abortion during June, 196 in July, 207 in August and 187 in September in Nebraska. Since 1973, there has been 170,337 babies killed by induced abortions in Nebraska. Nationally, more than 50 million abortions have been done since 1973. There is an estimated 1.3 million done annually in the U.S.

From the desk of your Parish Nurse: Celebrate National Blood Donor Month by donating blood and encouraging others to do so as well. A blood donation is a "gift of life" that a healthy individual can give to others in their community who are sick or injured. In one hour's time, a person can donate one unit of blood that can be separated into four individual components that could help save multiple lives. If you are 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 lbs. and meet other donor requirements, you may be eligible to donate. Make Life-Saving a habit. Remember: BLOOD SAVES.

Email bulletin inserts to:
bulletin@stwenceslaus.omhcoxmail.com
BULLETIN DEADLINE
 Sunday, January 17th
 Deadline is Monday, January 11th at NOON

Adult Faith Enrichment

January 10: The Hour
January 12: Fr. Paul Hoelsing on Priesthood
 "Repentance and Renewal in the Year for Priest"

January 12: Information meeting for Legion of Mary
January 24: Hour of Prayer for Priest and Vocations
January 31: Holy Hour for Life
February 14: The Hour
February 20: Woman Living Prayer
 A Morning of Reflection
 Women as Living Prayer

March 3: Archbishop Lucas Presentation
March 22-24: Lenten Mission
March 26-28: Women's Retreat in Schuyler
April 25: Holy Hour for our Priest and for Vocations

For more information or to register please call Mary at 697-7514 or e-mail at stierenm@stwenc.creighton.edu.

Library Check: There are many books that have not been returned to our library. If you are reading them please continue to keep them. If you have forgotten about a book you have borrowed please return it as soon as possible. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

PRIMETIMERS

January 19th: 2010 CHILI COOK-OFF. Please bring chili at 6:00 p.m., tasting will start at 6:30 p.m. and we will eat at 7:00 p.m. You might want to try a new recipe this year or stick with your old faithful. Either way, you just might win a prize! Entertainment will be by the quartet, "What Ever Happens."

The Siena/Francis House needs towels - new or used - so, we are hoping to contribute to their needs. We would appreciate any donations you can make to this worthy cause. Please bring towels with you.

February 16th: DINNER AND A MOVIE. We had a great time at this event last year and are looking forward to a repeat performance. Details will be provided as we get closer to the date when the movie selections will be available.

March 16th: ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER. Our traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner is always a big hit - no blarney! We will top it with some entertainment to be announced shortly.

April 20th: CASINO NIGHT. This is a super event with a tasty meal, lots of prizes and a barrel of laughs! Plan to join us - you will be happy you did.

Lots more on tap . . . stay tuned.

Any questions about Primetimers, call Larry or Sharon Wilwerding @ 330-3518 or Mike or Cathy Bilgere @ 333-7511.