# By Baptism....

# God claims us as His own-We are Children of GOD!

## GOSPEL MEDITATION January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

*"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."* — *Pope Francis* 

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

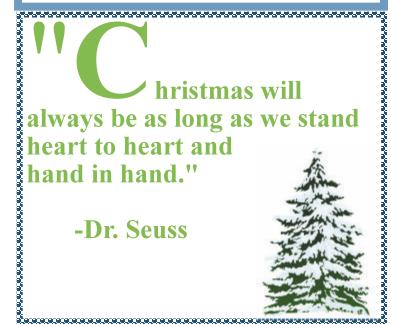
It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

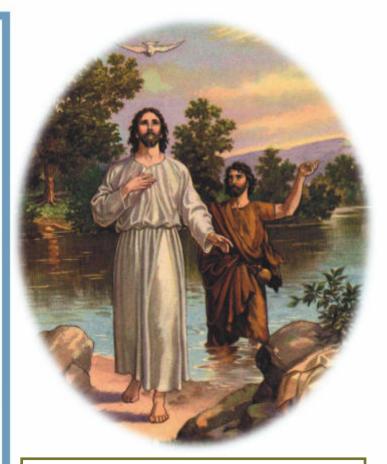
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## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

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<sup>¬</sup>he Baptismal Font—as well as **L** the statues of Mary and Joseph on either side of the font are originally from St. Benedict's Church on what was East Boulevard. They are priceless works of art! The decorative grates that led into the baptistry were once used as an entrance to the room which connected the Atrium to the Office. Eventually that area became the Gift Shop. NOW we are commissioning a builder to set the grates as an open enclosure for the Tabernacle. When we were originating the plan one of the engineers assured us that the gates too are an amazing work of art! When we enlarged the cry room and moved the gift shop into the office area the grates went unused! That kind of art work has to be utilized! Look for that to happen soon.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? -CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED **Baptismal Bib**

## **Question:**

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

## Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncholike and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

## I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

*— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi All St. Colette Staff and Parishioners

Who would have thought that Deacon Tom would truly find his forever parish home when Fr. Krizner accepted his offer to help out a few years ago. It turned out you welcomed him with open arms and made him feel like he always belonged at St. Colette and was finally home. He truly felt it an honor to serve this community and was very proud of St. Colette, its staff, parishioners, and the incredible relationships he formed with so many of you over the years. He served this parish in many ways including baptisms, prayer services at funeral homes, graveside blessings, special prayer services, Vespers and Benedictions. In fact, during his final hospital stay the most important thing on his mind was to make sure someone was available to do the Vespers and Benediction services that he promised to do for the Holy Name men on December 9<sup>th</sup>. He took his ministry as Deacon at St. Colette very seriously and never wanted to let anyone down. While he was always busy at St. Colette he was always happiest helping wherever and whenever he could. For him it truly was its own reward and besides, HE had the Deacon's cloth. You and the Parish Staff were truly his second family. You all took such good care of him during his time with you. We thank you for all you did for him. Whether you said a prayer or sent a Spiritual Novena for him or gave us a hug, a kind word or said a prayer for us during his recent illness and passing we want you to know how much we appreciate your thoughtfulness and to thank each of you for all your kindness.

Deacon Tom's Family



Did you notice- tucked within the evergreen decorations on the altar were Lilies. They were put there purposely as a reminder of the Christmas that leads us to Easter.



# Dear Parish Family,

Did you find this Christmas to fly by? The calendar didn't allow us much time to let it all soak in. It seems that once Christmas Village happened and the Concert followed we were in the very midst of the holiday hecticness that Christmas sometimes offers. A lot of work and time and help went into preparing the Church and in one day it was all taken down! Not much left of all the décor but the 'Waiting Branch' has been tucked in a window sill—hardly noticeable but a reminder that Christmas will come again—it always does!

My thanks again to <u>all</u> who assisted in small ways and huge ways. That includes the maintenance staff, the Parish staff and the generous time of Noah (who leaves for Texas soon).

Chris has returned to his work as an intensive care nurse and we anticipate his return in time for Easter!

One more time I thank you for your kindness through this past Christmas—kindness shown in so many ways! -gratitude from Gracie and Annie as well!

Kathy Pellegrin did outstanding work with the Gift Shop and I am grateful for all the time that she put into stocking and re-stocking the shelves. Thanks to Paige, her assistant, there were times when there were lines leading to the Gift Shop!



AS we move into Ordinary Time we give thanks to the Lord for the blessings we have enjoyed this past holiday. At the same time we remember those who are ill and those who seek the Lord's Healing Hands. Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us!

Enjoy January! It's really 2022!

Fr. Krizner, Gracie, Annie and Cotton and all~



"Just remember, the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart." -The Polar Express

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.



WEDNESDAY 11:00 AM	January 12 - Weekday Deceased of the Benedictine Monks - St. Andrews Abbey (K)			
<b>FRIDAY</b> 11:00 AM	January 14 - Weekday +Al Krizner / Bob Dyko (C)			
<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:00 PM	January 15 - Weekday Intentions of Dorota Tomaszewska (K) Birthday			
SUNDAY	January 16			
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
8:00 AM	+Frank & + Kay Krizner (K)			
10:00 AM	+Deacon Thomas Grasson (K)			
11:45 AM	Theresa Marlene & Flyod Geho (anniversary)			



Our friends and relatives who are ill. May God grant them Healing and strength. by Perpetual Help Prayer

#### These are remembered by Perpetual Help Prayer

Mary Annibale, Ken B., Mary Alice Baker, Fr. Larry Bayer, Larry Bender, Carol Biggs, Karen Biggs, Trevor Biggs, Birschl family, Justin Boguki, Carrie Jean Bonacci, Barbara Bonza, Bill Briese & family, Patricia Burfield, David Cinerra, Fr. Ralph Coletta, Terry Connolly, Elaine Coreno, Rosemary Cross, Arlene DeFazio, Barb Deimling, Barb DelVecchio, Gloria & Len Demko, Chris Dipippa, Robert Dumke, Sr., Mary Dumke, Gene Egnot, Patricia Ferencik, Delores Fiffick, Sharon Fisher, Celia Giganti, James Gresko, Jeannine Grimm, Carolyn H., Amy, Barb, Marilyn, Sandy Healy, Bill & Tina Healy, Brian & Kim Helle, Nancy Hopkins, Tom Hunt, Rita Jamison, John Kole, John & Elaine Kopniske, Patricia Korbel, Frank Kupetz, Gail Lipinski, Lincoln Lester, Molly McLaughlin, Mark Magda, Mary Mahony, Ron Meister, Mary Celine O'Leary, Siobhen O'Leary-Drlik, Paisley Palmer, Sally Panek, Ralph Parente, Lourdes Pascual, Kathy Petretti, Tom Petruzzi, Beverly Phillippe, Larry Pizon, Ronald Powell, Jesse Prybis, Ron & Pat Prybis, Elaine Rady, Pat Richie, Kelly Rico, Darlene Riggs, Tanya Ronsko Kasparek, Angie Schurger, Greg Shandor, David Shepley, John Siba, Diane Soboslay, Reynaldo Solis, Carol Spooner, Dolores Stanchina, Gerald Steinbrick, Norma Sutter, Lisa Szymanski, Bill & Carol Thompson, Joseph Tonderski, Tom & Marge Trobl, Ariana Trobl-Solis, Fred Townsend, Paula Ulas, Elijah Velez & family, Becca Vickery, Derek Vitas, Mike W., Carol Weiss, Anthony & Matthew Williams, Donna & James Woodyard, Marion Capra-Wesner, Jr., Debbie Woodyard, Sam Zummo, Fran Zvara & family

WEEKLY READINGS Readings for the week of January 09, 2022 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk Thursday: 1:40-45 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1 -12 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2:13-17 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor

12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

#### Observances for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Friday: Saturday: Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPi

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Hilary of Poitiers | January 13 Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 - c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phyrgia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy. Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

The next Sanctuary Candle will be lit for

Floyd & Theresa Geho Happy Anniversary!



# So we come to Ordinary Time in the Church Calendar

# ATTENTION!!! The Rummage Sale has been <u>changed!</u>

#### **Drop off Dates**

Monday, February 21st - 10am - 4pm Tuesday, February 22nd - 2pm - 8pm Wednesday, February 23rd - 10am - 4pm

#### <u>Sale</u>

Friday, February 25th - 9am - 2pm Saturday, February 26th - 9am - 6:30pm Sunday, February 27th - 9am - 2pm

#### Volunteers are still Needed





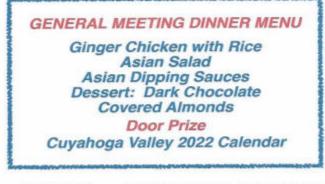
GENERAL MEETING Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Atrium



We will be planning for our



February 6th Pancake Breakfast & Pierogi Sale



JOIN US . . . AND BRING A FRIEND!

# Daughters of St. Colette

January meeting is canceled. Next meeting is February 17



"Come as a stranger, leave as a friend."

A con THURSDAY, JAN. 27th, from 11 am to Noon we will be making Valentines for Veterans in the Church Hall — all the materials will be there — drop in and make a Valentine for a Vet

New Years Resolution.... I will join the.....

Brothers in Faith, every Saturday At 8am, in the Atrium... Bring your rosary, bring a friend, Bring a cup of coffee. Spend an hour With some Great guys in prayer.



Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Lk 1:42



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer Ministry comes together for those who are ill in the parish and among our families. Our next gathering is Thursday, January 13th at 7pm

All ages are welcomed!

St. Colette web site http://www.stcolettecatholicchurch.com



Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Mary Mckeown Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas & Elizabeth Pereces & family Mr. & Mrs. Dane & Caroline Halle

# Happy to have you with us

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Banns II Michael Hach & Elizabeth Missig

# Remembering with Love....

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the families of Mary Ann Schveder (aunt of Judy Grasson) and Lourdes Pascual (sister of Aurora Pascual) who were called to their Eternal reward. Please pray for them and all the faithful departed.



### **Sanctuary Candle**

Parishioners are able to have the <u>Sanctuary Candle</u> lit for their intentions. The candle cost is \$5.00 and it usually burns for about a week. The forms are available in the Parish Office or you can call the Parish Office at 330.273.5500 to purchase one over the phone. We cannot guarantee when the candle will be lit. When your candle is lit, it will be written on the white board in the Mary Chapel and also appear in the bulletin. Devotional Candles \$2, Tea Lights \$ .25, outside candles at the Mary Shrine \$3.

# **Baptism Class**

The next Baptism Class will be held Sunday, January 16, 2022 after the 11:45am mass at St. Colette.

Diocesan policy requires attendance at a Baptism class for parents who are planning to present their first child for the Sacrament of Baptism. To register, call the Parish Office at (330) 273-5500.



Please pray for those serving in the Military

Joseph Adams MJR Sylvester Azap SrA Aimee R. Budzinski USAF GySgt. John Burrell E5/2nd Class Jacob Camper USN S/A-Dept/State Bradley Carlson Foreign Service Officer Cynthia Carlson-Cook S/SGT Stephen Coughlan SPC Kristen Coughlan MJR Jason Cross CPL Michael C. Dadaian USMC Michael Forlini HA Margaret Gasbarri USN CPL Peter Grasso SPC David Greenfelder Jr. LCpl Michael Grzybowski USMC Major Rick Hanrahan USAF SGT Jeremy Hlavaty 1LT Zachary Hollister USMC M/SGT Melissa Hunt CPL Zack Hunter USMC AMN 1st Class Joe Isabella Capt. Julianne Jamison USAF Lt. Kris Klaiber SGT Kevin Lessman S/SGT Sam Lupica Col. Andrew W. Mack Lt. Colonel Jeremy Matyas USAF SPC Kevin McCarthy Army

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Please email updates to kplumb@stcoletteparish.com

Young Catholic Men's Conference (YCMC)

This annual one-day conference is dedicated to high school men and the men that raise and support them. YCMC 2022 features keynote speaker Father Larry Richards, a personal address by Bishop Malesic and a dozen other dynamic speakers giving breakout sessions on pertinent topics for the teens to choose from. The event begins with breakfast, includes lunch, snacks, gym activities, confession opportunity and ends with a Mass. While the teens are in their chosen breakouts, dads attend "Dad Track" sessions on faith, community and raising young men.

YCMC will be held January 29th, 2022 at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls. Space is limited. For more information and to register, visit www.ycmc.us

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**Office Hrs.** Mon-Thurs. 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-3pm, Sat Noon-5pm Sun. 8:30am-1pm

#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm Sunday: 8:00-10:00- and 11:45 Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am Holy Day Vigil: 7:00pm Holy Day: NOON and 7:00pm



#### SACRAMENTS

**Baptism** - following 11:45 Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Arrangements must be made in advance through the Parish Office. Baptism Class required for first child.

**Matrimony** –Congratulations! Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with the priest.

**Sacrament of the Sick** - contact the Office for home visitations and Eucharist.

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

### WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT THANK YOU!!!

Sunday, December 26, 2021	.\$10,041.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$3,112.46
Children's	
Project Endeavor	.\$18,662.22
We sincerely & always appreciate your kindness &	

To help start and build an endowment fund, please remember St. Colette in your will. We also have a Memorial Scholarship /Education Fund.

#### PARISH STAFF

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 330-220-1001

 Ushers - Glen Stout
 440-773-9183

 Lectors - Christina Dinklocker
 330-273-4434

 Servers - Darlene Ropelewski
 440-785-7622

### LILY ANN GRACE ~ THE PARISH GIFT SHOP

Shop Hours: Mon - Thurs 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-3pm, Saturday 12 - 5pm and Sunday 8:30am - 1pm Kathy Pellegrin-330-273-5500

Ministers for the Weekend of January 15 & 16, 2022						
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:45 AM		
LECTORS	B Gottl	H Fischer	P & J Cuglewski	K & J Musat		
SERVERS						
USHERS						
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS						
Please find a substitute if you cannot serve your scheduled time. Thank you.						



