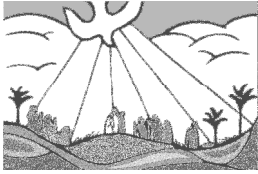


## January 10, 2010: The Baptism of the Lord



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. — Lk 3:21-22\*

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## LITURGY

### MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

#### Sunday, January 10, Baptism of the Lord (42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Adele Richardson

#### Monday, January 11 (1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20)

7:00 am- Annie Mae Janak

10:00 am- Adela Pohl (Hallettsville Rehab)

#### Tuesday, January 12 (1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28)

7:00 am- Bernie Bludau

#### Wednesday, January 13, St. Hilary (1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20/ Mk 1:29-39)

7:00 am- James & Emilie Wick

8:05 am- Emil & Leona Olson

#### Thursday, January 14 (1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45)

7:00 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Joe N. & Magdalene Steffek's 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

10:00 am- Alfonse Mucala (Stevens Nursing Home)

#### Friday, January 15 (1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12)

7:00 am- Deceased members of Albert & Helen Janak Family & Albert & Frances Klekar Family

8:05 am- Georgia Bohuslav

#### Saturday, January 16 (1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17)

5:30 pm- Hubert & Ethel Bludau

#### Sunday, January 17 (Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11)

8:00 am- John Jalufka

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Adele Richardson by Bob & Lou Kubena.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of V. C. Labay by Leona Labay.

Vigil Light: In memory of Mike Garcia.

Our Gift to God Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>: Envelopes-\$2,046; Loose- \$875; Children's- \$21.

Our Gift to God last weekend: Envelopes-\$7,180; Loose-\$1,325; Children's-\$65; Bldg. Repair Fund-\$705.

Anniversaries:

Frank & Betty Teltschik 66 years Jan. 11

Joe N. & Magdalene Steffek 69 years Jan. 14

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Willard Brock, Jr.*, brother of *Pattie Hermes*; and *Guy Ponton* of our parish family. *May they & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

SHCS Extravaganza, Feb. 6, KC Hall. Social, dinner & dance, \$125/couple. Available for purchase at the school office, Rectory, Beauty Boutique, & S.H. Credit Union.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

-Firefall, 6:00 p.m. in church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth in Eucharistic adoration.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 11

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

-KJZT Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

-RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

-CCD: Grades K-11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

-St. Wenceslaus Church, Beasley, Chicken Fried Steak Dinner 10:30 a.m. Raffle & silent auction.

**AMONG OUR SICK:** Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Helen M. Appelt, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Alice Kocian, Anita Bohuslav, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Louise Pesek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klmitchek, Judith Koerth, Thelma Mikulenska, Louise Tesch, Sharon Grahmann, Sandra Henneke, Mary Ann Koenig, Ronald Kanak, Marcella Henke, Helen Mitchon, Tillie Schott, Robert Vasek, Georgia Schaefer, Geraline Morgenroth, Joseph Ilardo, Anthony Petru, Dolores Ludwig, Denise Lewis, Evelyn Kutac, Barbara Tesch, John D. Henneke, Emil Grahmann, Marilyn Bludau Marikle, Lillie Demny, Henry Morris, Theresa Hemmi, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

Gabriel Project Angel Workshop & Training, January 26, Holy Family Church Education Building, Victoria, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. RSVP by January 22 to Becca (361) 564-3887 or Martha (361) 571-7130. Monthly meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church, Victoria. Next meeting: January 12.

The yellow Discount Cards that the youth have been selling are now \$5.00 each. The cards offer discounts at various local businesses and can be used repeatedly through September 30, 2010. The cards are available at the Rectory. Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Youth Group.

Accolade Home Care & Hospice and Stevens Nursing & Rehab invite you to an educational seminar on "Fall Prevention" on Friday, January 15 at 12:00 Noon. A light lunch will be served. For questions, call Stevens NRC at 798-3603 or Accolade HC at 293-2378.

Perpetual Adoration – an adorer is needed on Fridays, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. If you are able to spend this hour with our Lord, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

## From the Desk of Father John

We will be having a special Respect Life Novena January 14 – 22 at 7:00 p.m. each evening in Sacred Heart Church. This novena is in conjunction with novenas happening all over the country in anticipation of the anniversary of the Roe B vs. Wade decision. We ask you to come and pray for an end to abortion. Come and pray the rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet.

On Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, plan to attend a Respect Life Prayer Service and Vigil at our KC Hall. This is a Hallettsville Deanery service for all who wish to participate. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. and include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with a power point presentation, procession with the Blessed Sacrament and other prayers and reflections. Please come and show your support for Respect for Life and invite your family and friends.

I want to thank Mr. Emil Svab for his dedicated service to the Church and Our Lord. After 20 years of being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and taking Our Lord in Holy Communion to shut-ins every Friday morning, he is going to retire. Over these 20 years, he has traveled thousands of miles in this ministry – some Fridays traveling sixty miles. He has volunteered his time, his service and his vehicles in this ministry. May God bless him and all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

We recently received a wonderful bequest from the estate of Lucille Etzler. She gave \$11,042.44 to Sacred Heart Church and \$11,042.44 to Sacred Heart School. It is through the generosity of our parishioners who remember the church and school in their wills that we are able to look to a bright future for the parish. May Lucille's soul and the souls of all our benefactors rest in peace.



### The Youth ConneXion



**January 10:** Youth meet in church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall at 6:00 p.m. Youth gathering & Christmas party for 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders at the Youth House after Firefall. If participating in the gift exchange, bring a \$10 gift suitable for anyone.

**Music Practice:** Mondays, 6:00 p.m., Youth House.

### Religious Education (CCD) ~ Office 798-3124

Janice Busselman, Coordinator

Angela McConnell, Assistant

**January 17:** 9<sup>th</sup> Grade youth involvement, 8:00 am Mass.

**January 30:** First Penance practice, 9:00 a.m. in church.

**January 31:** First Penance at 2:00 p.m. in church.

Eric Genuis concert at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20 at Sacred Heart Church in Hallettsville. Eric's concert will also feature the vocals of Krista Adams Santilli, violinist Renata Steve, and cellist Mary Beth Hussey. There is no admission charge, only a free will offering.

## Sacred Heart Catholic School (798-4251)

**January 11:** Student Council Blood Drive 10 am – 6 pm.  
Band Booster meeting, 6:00 p.m., Band Hall.

**January 18:** Student holiday; Faculty retreat.

School Advisory Council Meeting, 6:00 pm,  
Teacher's Work Room.

**January 20:** Spaghetti Supper, 5:00 -7:00 p.m., KC Hall. Tickets \$7.00. Available at school office, Beauty Boutique, Hallettsville Pharmacy, Hoffer's Drive In, SH Credit Union, The Hair Shop & Rectory.

**Vocational Ag/Shop Wish List:** 1 AC/DC Arc welding machine (\$1,700); 1 wire welding machine (\$1,875); 1 plasma Arc cutting machine (\$1,600); 2 dry cut steel chop saws (\$450 each); 1 oxyacetylene cylinder cart (\$190). The increased students' interest in welding has necessitated the need for additional equipment. Donations may be dropped off at the school office. Thank you for your support.

Elizabeth McClung, organizer of the Austin 40 Days for Life & Director of the Austin Coalition for Life, will be guest speaker at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish Hall, Shiner on Tuesday, January 12, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 40 Days for Life is a pro-life movement where people volunteer a period of time to pray in front of an abortion clinic. With the help of these volunteers, there is continual prayer in front of chosen clinics for 40 days without interruption. Everyone is invited.

### Baptism of the Lord

The old African-American spiritual "Michael Row the Boat Ashore" has one verse that goes, "Jordan's river is chilly and cold / hallelujah / chills the body but not the soul / hallelujah." We don't know what the temperature of the Jordan River was when Jesus stepped into it in front of John the Baptist. But Luke's Gospel relates that after He had been baptized and while He was praying the heavens opened up and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. A voice from heaven was heard, saying, "You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

It is unlikely that any such explicitly miraculous events occurred at our own baptism, or any that we may have attended. But something just as momentous did take place when we were baptized. In our baptism we became intimately connected to God; we became God's own children, just as Jesus is the Father's beloved Son. And when we were baptized the Holy Spirit descended upon us – not as a dove, but as the Spirit of God that always dwells in our hearts. That connectedness to God never disappears. Even when we are guilty of the worst sins, God is with us. We believe that the Holy Spirit dwells in us, helping us to act more and more like Christ as we reaffirm our baptismal commitment.

While we celebrate the signs and wonders at the Jordan that herald Jesus' baptism and the beginning of His public ministry, we also recall that our own baptism begins the call to minister in this world. Our baptismal call is to act like Christ, to be His hands, and voice, and heart in this world. When we act like Him, we can be assured we too will hear the Father's voice, "with you I am well pleased."