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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**JANUARY 12, 2020**

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil** 4:00 pm

**Sunday** 7:00 am 9:00 am

10:30 am (choir) and 5:00 pm

**Mon – Fri** 6:00 am 11:30 am **Sat** 7:00 am

**Confessions** Mon-Fri 12:00n to 1:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon

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### MASS INTENTIONS Jan 13 -18

MON 13	6:00	+ Marina LaVilla
	11:30	+ Charles S. Ginocchio + Mary Beth Sauer
TUES 14	6:00	+ Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
	11:30	+ Carl and Carolyn Voss (Annv.) + Gertrude Burns
WED 15	6:00	SI Tim Teismann (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Mary Reis Sullivan (Annv.)
THUR 16	6:00	+ Parish Book of Remembrance
	11:30	+ Judy Dyer (1st Annv.) + Mary Beaudoin
FRI 17	6:00	+ Parish Book of Remembrance
	11:30	+ Jerome "Pete" Beckmeyer (Annv.)
SAT 18	7:00	+ Julia Schmidt (Annv.)

*Today's readings are found at # 1012*

## MUSIC

### Opening:

When John Baptized by Jordan's River #467

### Gloria: Mass of Redemption

p. 17 in red Revised Order of Mass booklet

### Responsorial Psalm 29:

The Lord Will Bless His People #1012

**Gospel Acclamation:** Mass of Redemption

**Presentation:** Wade in the Water #898

### Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of Redemption

p. 18 in red Revised Order of Mass booklet

**Communion:** Now In This Banquet #937

**Closing:** You Are the Voice #609



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**When was YOUR Baptism?**

Today's Feast is the Baptism of the Lord, one of the many ways that Jesus manifests His divinity: another Epiphany. When we say "epiphany" many think of that one event, last Sunday, when the wise men showed up. But really, traditional Catholic theology also recognizes the Baptism of the Lord as an epiphany, as well as the first miracle at Cana. These are all epiphanies (revelations) of God's glory in Christ. And note, well: God's glory is also manifest in your own works of faith hope and charity.

This Sunday also marks the official end of the Christmas season. We now move into Ordinary Time. The word "Ordinary" doesn't mean plain and simple. No, it refers to the ways we count with "ordinal" numbers (first second third) the many manifestations of Jesus' glory each Sunday. It could also be called "ordered" time. Because Jesus was Baptized and lived and walked among us, our lives become more and more "ordered" to His. That is quite "extraordinary" when you think of it.

Look who shows up at the baptism of Jesus: Father Son and Spirit: the Holy Trinity! At His birth, the greeting party were only some angels, a few shepherds, the magi, and his human family. But now, at age 30, Jesus is surrounded by his divine family. Your Baptism too was such an event—part human and part divine. The symbolism of water goes very deep.

You ought to see a full immersion ritual where the person is fully immersed in the waters of the font, and then quickly brought out again. Immersion, submersion, and emergence. The young person is immersed entirely into the chaos of the water. Then submerged so that breathing is threatened. A sort of death. Then the person emerges from the waters of chaos, gasping for air, respiring for the Spirit, inspired for life and is filled with joy to be able just to breathe again. That threefold event: *immersion, submersion, and emergence* is the very experience of Jesus: the immersion into human passion, submersion into death, and the emergent resurrection into new life. His Baptism in the Jordan is a direct parallel to the passage of the human race through the flood, and the passage of the Israelites through the Red Sea. His Baptism foresaw His own passion, death and resurrection. It is a symbol of salvation for the whole human race. Every "ordinary" Sunday will reinforce that grace.

I encourage you to find out the place and date of your own Baptism: your spiritual birth. Make a note of it and celebrate it when it comes. Do what Jesus did when He emerged from the water. He listened. "*On coming up out of the water He saw the heavens being torn open and a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'*" He listened to His Father. You can listen too. Listen for God's voice, saying: "You are my beloved, I am well pleased" with your works of faith, hope, and love.

— Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, S.J. Pastor

**✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠****Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:**

Dave Sturgeon, Chelsea Rust, Daniel Helmes, Angie Fennell, Joe Albers, Melissa, Christine Schoonover, Charley Verkamp, Tim Robinson, Harry Tenkotte, Marguerite Kron, Gerry Walsh, Phyllis Weber, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Barbara Stewart, Rick Hancock, Gina Spradling, Arnold Tepe, Adelie Eaton, Steve and Sallie Smith, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Gloria Duncan, Carl Ladwig, JoAnn James, David and Carol Grosser, Steve Wolter, Angie Randy Paul, Tom Huenefeld, Cynthia Hogan, Carmelia Schlueter, Joe Eley, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Kevin Noble, Helen Sievers, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Kevin Barney, Joe Waters, Bob Wilkerson, Quinn Cobble, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Sheila Sullivan, Mary Ann Himmelmann, Karen Shaw, Joyce Braun, Bill Hughes, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Erin Payne, TJ Ducklow, Doug Lange, Glenda Bauer, Denny Delaney, Betty Headsworth, Ron and Lynda Pierce, Nancy Santen, Shirley Riegling, John Massman, Joseph Brehm, Josefa Navales, Gina Martin, Bob and Jean Scheid, Robert Miller, Barbara Meridieth, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Rose Elizabeth Sartin, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, Tim Robinson, Tony Santoro, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Gregg, and Rick.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday offerings for December 29	\$ 11,934
Christmas Collection	\$ 55,427
Sunday offerings for January 5	\$ 17,996

**Financial Note:** *If you are over age 70.5 and are required to take a distribution from your IRA, you can circumvent the tax law change and still, in effect, deduct your charitable gifts to St. X by giving to St X directly from your IRA. This gift would count as a part of your required distribution, yet would not count as income to you, so effectively giving you a deduction you might not otherwise get. Consult your tax advisor for a detailed explanation*

**Congratulations to**

... **Anna Jeanne Rollins**, daughter of David and Caroline Rollins;

...**Lucy Palmer Fante**, daughter of Leo and Amanda Fante;

... **Kennedy Lee Zoeller**, daughter of Jerome and Jessica Zoeller III who were baptized here.

**Congratulations to**

... **Ben and Nina (Squeri) Rothwell**;

... **Peter and Sarah (Dulle) Schmidt**;

... **Eli and Shae (Combs) Huth**;

... **Jacob and Bridget (Trimble) Klare**

who were married here at St. Xavier. May God bless your journey.

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 12**

4:00pm	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
5:00pm	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND JANUARY 19**

4:00pm	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
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**ST. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS****Sunday, January 19 at 6 PM**

Guest Speaker: Tim Hankins

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, St. X Young adult's very own Tim Hankins will lead a great discussion on Catholic social teaching and the Civil Rights Movement. Bring a friend and a side or dessert to share. Ages 21-35.

**PRAYER MINISTRY**

On the previous page, you can see the many names of those who ask our prayers for health, healing, and happiness. We print their names so that you can pray for them too. Our staff reads their names aloud at our regular meetings. Take a minute or two each month and remember the sick, asking God for His care and consolation upon these our companions. You might clip the list and carry it with you. FrF

**2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)**

It is time to kick off the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal throughout the archdiocese! The CMA is our opportunity each year to support the work of six vital ministries all of which operate right here in our archdiocese.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's CMA. Your help is needed as we stand ***Together for the Faith of the Gospel*** for thousands of people served throughout our archdiocese. For more information or to donate online, please visit [CatholicAppeal.info](http://CatholicAppeal.info). Thank you!

**Natural Family Planning**

New classes for NFP begin at these three options:

- 1) Sunday Jan. 12, @ 2 pm at Ruah Woods, 6675 Wesselman Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45248
- 2) Live Online (virtual) Thursday, Jan. 16, @ 10pm EST
- 3) Mon., January 20 @ 6:30 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5876 Veterans Way, Burlington, KY 41005. For information, go to [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org) or call 471-2000 or 800-745-8252.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

Fr. Michael Cooper, S.J. will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land **May 10-20, 2020**. Includes Bethlehem, Jericho, Tabor, Capernaum, Cana, Nazareth, a kibbutz, Jerusalem, Qumran, Masada, the Dead Sea, and more. Register today. Contact: Fr. Michael Cooper SJ (62 X high grad and Xavier grad) call 727-644-5544 or email Father Michael at [michael.cooperinfl@gmail.com](mailto:michael.cooperinfl@gmail.com)

**Get together to pray the Rosary**

Join our prayer group dedicated to praying the Rosary here at St. Xavier Church. Our next gathering is on Wednesday evening **January 15** at 7:00 pm.

**Baptism Prep Classes**

Sessions are 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Parish Center. Next **Jan 21** Call the office to register.

**St. Xavier Book Club**

Our book group will meet on Tuesday, February 18, at 3pm in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest novel "A Kiss for the Leper" by François Mauriac. The author has woven us a tale about love and belief. Come join us for a discussion of this book! If you need a copy to read, see Diane in the parish office.

**TENDER MERCIES—January 26**

If you can donate a food item this month, please call the office.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

If you would like to receive our **weekly Newsflash**...or join our **Facebook group**, go to our website at [www.stxchurch.org](http://www.stxchurch.org) and sign up on our home page!

**ST. XAVIER ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**

We are looking for generous volunteers every other Tuesday morning to assist with laundering and ironing of altar supplies. Bonus feature—lots of laughter a good friends! Call the office if you are interested.

**HOLY HUMOR**

A Jesuit, a Dominican, and a Franciscan were walking along an old road, debating the greatness of their orders. Suddenly, an apparition of the Holy Family appeared in front of them, with Jesus in a manger and Mary and Joseph praying over him. The Franciscan fell on his face, overcome with awe at the sight of God born in such poverty. The Dominican fell to her knees, adoring the beautiful reflection of the Trinity and the Holy Family. The Jesuit walked up to Joseph, put his arm around his shoulder, and said, "So, have you thought about where to send the boy to school?"

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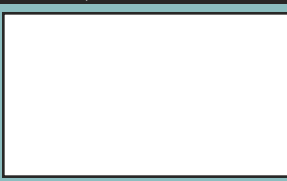
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