

My Son, My Daughter

Who was not asked, at the dawn of young adulthood, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Today there are so many options for girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us, or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up, or did we just get older?

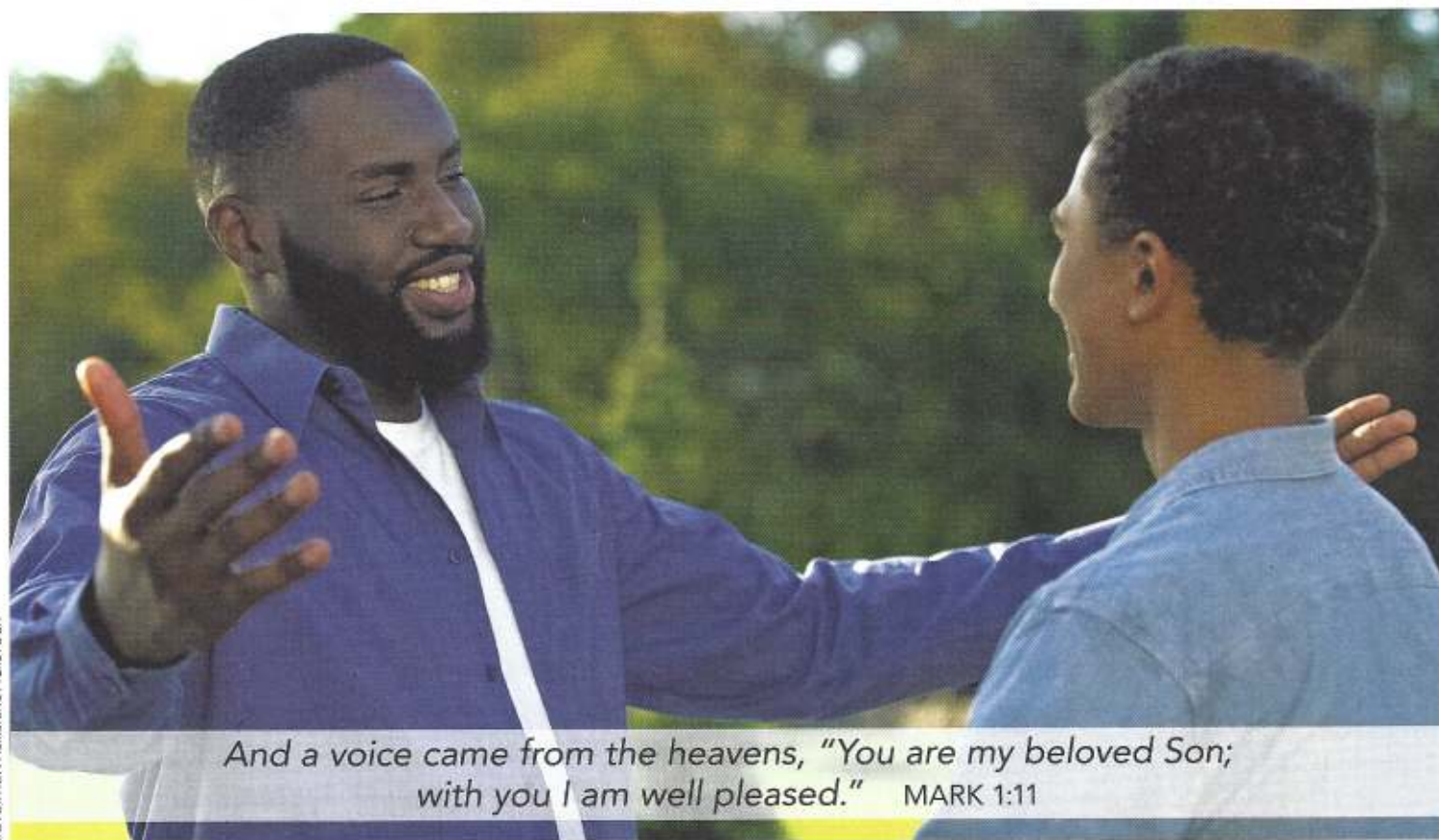
Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and into Ordinary Time, when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciple do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start

anew. Today's Gospel passage places Jesus before us as a model to follow. He is at the threshold of his ministry. Stepping out of the waters of the Jordan, he is told: "You are my beloved Son." As Son, his role is to bring God's goodness to the world. Through baptism and profession of faith, we too are filled with God's spirit. We too are beloved sons and daughters of God, called to bring God's goodness to the world. What does this mean for us? To what kind of lives does this call us? What do we want to be when we grow up?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

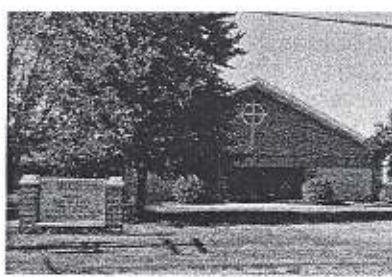
- ✳ *What can you do to make your part of the world a better place?*
- ✳ *Look deep within yourself. To what might God be calling you?*



And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." MARK 1:11



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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Tuesday 12:15pm and

Thursday - 8:30am

Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM

or by appointment

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

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****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

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Weekday Mass -

Wednesday & Friday - 8:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

Sunday (Last Chance) Mass-

5:30 PM

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

****Upcoming Events At Church****

Rav Orders - 815-252-2215

No Events Scheduled

St. Patrick Church

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

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Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.

- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of January 11, 2020**

Monday

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM**STM**

Tuesday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM**STM**

Wednesday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM**HT**

Thursday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT**

Friday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM**

Offered For

† No Mass

† Special Intention

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**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of January 16-17, 2020**

Saturday:

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM**

Sunday:

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT**

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)**

Offered For

† Dennis & Lori Domkuski

† For The Parishioners

† Rena & Leona Schmidt

† No Mass (Only Holy Communion)

(**Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)

Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$0.00
St. Patrick - \$0.00
St. Thomas More - \$0.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm
Saturday 3pm - 5pm
(Re-Opened Again)

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

? & ?

Mass Intentions

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

Recurring Special Church Events

Wednesday's - Rosary - 6PM

(On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook- 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

As We Begin This New Year

First, I want to thank everyone for their generosity to the churches over the past year! Again I know many are struggling financially. And if you can't give what you would like, I (we) are still very grateful for your prayers for the churches! And we should pray that things will be better for you this new year!

As we begin this New Year, we need to pray for a better one than the one we just completed. So here is a prayer to pray:

"O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen."

If everybody would pray more this year, we will, with God's help, make our lives easier this new year than it was in the last!

Christmas Confessions

The next confessions of the Christmas Season will be:

Sat - Jan. 23 - 11-11:45pm - in St. Patrick's Chapel on southside of church.

This Week's Update

For the present Church, this coming weekend is the end of the Christmas season. However, in the traditional side of the Church, the Presentation of the Lord, on February 2nd, is the end of the Christmas Season. So if you like the Christmas decorations, you have or we have, an excuse to keep the decorations up until February 2nd. If not, get ready to take them down this weekend!

This last Tuesday, we concluded the twelve days of Christmas. And as in the carol, every day has a theological meaning. The first day, "partridge in a pear tree", represents Jesus Christ and the partridge is the only bird that will die to protect its young. The "four calling birds" represent the four Gospels. The "ten Lords-a-leaping" represent the Ten Commandments. The "twelve drummers drumming" represent the 12 points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed. If you are interested in the other 8 days, have a look on the web. They are very interesting!

This weekend, as we conclude the liturgies for Christmas, we begin Jesus' public ministry and hear Jesus' parables, healings and other accounts about Jesus in His 3 years of ministry on earth.

At our own baptism, we began our life with Christ. At that point, we were called to live a holy life from that point and live the teachings of Christ and God our Father. Yet, in this life we are always faced with challenges, with evil, and with opportunities to do good. What we do is up to each of us! May God give all of you abundant blessings in this New Year!

Fr. Pat Fixsen

Dear Padre,

My fiancée was baptized in the Lutheran Church. If she becomes Catholic, will she be baptized again?

A person can be validly baptized only once, whether in or out of the Catholic Church. Catholics believe three things are necessary for a valid baptism: baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; flowing water; and the intention of the “minister” to baptize using the form (words of the Trinitarian formula) and matter (flowing water) needed for a valid baptism.

Orthodox and most Protestant baptisms are recognized by the Catholic Church. However, the Catholic Church does not recognize as valid baptisms performed by Christian communities that don’t believe in the Trinity—Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormons, for example. These communities may use the same matter (flowing water), but they don’t have the same form (Trinitarian formula) or intention in their baptism.

If your fiancée decides to become Catholic, she will need to attend Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults sessions, make her first Communion and reconciliation, and be confirmed, but she has already been validly baptized and will not need to be baptized again.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

To baptize a child is an act of justice toward them. Why? Because at baptism we offer a treasure, at baptism we offer a pledge: the Holy Spirit. Baptism endows the child with the strength of the Holy Spirit: the Spirit that will defend and assist each of them throughout life.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 12, 2020



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Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 11

Weekday

Heb 1:1–6

Mk 1:14–20

Tuesday

JANUARY 12

Weekday

Heb 2:5–12

Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 13

Weekday

Heb 2:14–18

Mk 1:29–39

Thursday

JANUARY 14

Weekday

Heb 3:7–14

Mk 1:40–45

Friday

JANUARY 15

Weekday

Heb 4:1–5, 11

Mk 2:1–12

Saturday

JANUARY 16

Weekday

Heb 4:12–16

Mk 2:13–17

Sunday

JANUARY 17

Second Sunday

in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b–10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c–15a,

17–20

Jn 1:35–42