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9 JANUARY, 2022

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## FROM FATHER CHUCK

### Christmas Season.

The Christmas season has come to an end with this weekend's celebration of the Baptism of Jesus. I ask you to take some time and cherish the beauty of our church. This is last Sunday for the decorations to be up. I want to thank Colleen Thompson and Maxine Marshall and their helpers for making our church such a beautiful place. Next Sunday will be a different experience because of the decorations being down. We are so blest to have such a beautifully decorated church.

### Year End Contribution Statements

There is a software problem for the Diocese and so we will not be able to send out the statements as soon as we had hoped. Once the problem is fixed we will have the statements sent out.

### Adult Servers

One of the things that I have been asked about is having an adult server training. I am open to that possibility. I need to know how many adults would be interested in participating in this ministry. If you are interested please contact the office.

### Thank You.

I wish to thank all of you for the many wonderful Christmas gifts that you blest me with. I deeply appreciate your kindness. The Christmas season is always a great blessing because I hear from so many of you and many of my friends.

### Pray For An End to Pandemic

There have been many ways that have been suggested to combat the pandemic and the one way that we have not emphasized enough is for us to pray to Jesus to help us end this terrible time for so many people. The rosary is a great pray that can be offered for an end to the pandemic.

### IGNITE.

We will be starting the planning for the Diocesan drive which is called, "Ignite". The goal for the drive is \$45,000,000.00. The reason for the drive is that there are monies needed for Seminarian education which cost almost \$40,000.00 a year to educate a seminarian. There is also money for the priest retirement fund. The major portion of the drive is for education of our children. The education goal has two parts: First, there will be money in a fund for the funding of our Catholic Schools throughout the diocese. Second, there will be a fund established to help fund the religious education programs in all of the parish in the diocese. The needs of our diocese are great and I know that we finished the, Sharing God's Gifts, drive a few years ago.

The greatest challenge for our parish is to reach our goal. The goal for Saint Peters is \$740,000.00. If we reach our goal 17% of the money will be returned to the parish. If we exceed our goal 75% of the money raised will be returned to the parish. In the last drive we pledged over \$1,000,000.00. When I think about this goal I can be very concerned but when I break this down I believe we can reach our goal. The pledges are for three years. If we have 250 families that can pledge a \$1,000.00 a year for three years we will reach our goal. If we had 125 families that would pledge \$2,000.00 a year for three years we would reach our goal. I may be optimistic but if everyone does their part them we will reach our goal. The best aspect of this drive is that we will receive money from the endowments for our religious education programs and for Saint Albert.

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Readings for JANUARY 16, 2022  
1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5  
2nd Reading: Corinthians 12:4-11  
Gospel: John 2:1-11

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	1/11	8:00 am	Dennis Kirlin
Wed	1/12	8:00 am	Daniel & Alma Hughes & Family
Thur	1/13	5:30 pm	James Gorman
Fri	1/14	8:00 am	Ray Kenkel
Sat	1/15	4:00 pm	Jerome & Margaret Kasperbauer
Sun	1/16	8:00 am	Dick Thompson
Sun		10:00 am	Tom Mulvihill
Sun		Noon	Linda Schmitt

SATURDAY, 4PM, January 15, 2022

ALTAR SERVERS: Noah & Owen Galus, Ella & Avan Bussey  
LECTORS: Jim Beck, Jim Svajgl  
EUCH MINISTER: Rod Nuss  
USHERS: Jack Gross, Maxine Gotto, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben

SUNDAY, 8 AM, January 16, 2022

ALTAR SERVERS: Connor McGrath, Hunter Venteicher, Grace & Evan Veit  
LECTORS: Jim Marshall, Susan O'Neill  
EUCH MINISTER: Patti Ford  
USHERS: Kevin O'Neill, Mike Rosloniec, Tom Weihs, Keith Wirtz

SUNDAY, 10 AM, January 16, 2022

ALTAR SERVERS: John Ross & Nathaniel Biedermann, Carter Rossbund, Aiden Gaul  
LECTORS: Chris & Ed Fink  
EUCH MINISTER: Jeromy Brockelsby  
USHERS: Craig Menges, Mike Nielsen, Paul Schmitz, Andrea Nelson

SUNDAY, NOON, January 16, 2022

ALTAR SERVERS: Keegan McCaffery, Grace Burroughs, Asher Marsey, Theo Oswald  
LECTORS: Amy Denny, Susan Lorkovic  
EUCH MINISTER: Colleen Peterson  
USHERS: Chris Olson, Rob Peters, Adam & Edna Thomas

FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**The new year has begun and it is time for us to contemplate our spiritual plan for the coming year. One aspect that I have found over the years is that we do not take time think about our spiritual life. My thought for this week is for all of us to spend a half an hour planning our spiritual goals for the coming year.**

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin. - Right Rev. Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- Question: What exactly is a New Year's Resolution?  
Answer: It's a "To Do" list for the first week of January
- People cheating on their taxes disgust me. This is not the world I want to raise my 23 dependents in.....
- If I'm ever known as the one that got away...It will be from an asylum.
- I have officially reached the age where I am smack dab between everything annoys me and I just don't care.
- I feel bad for kids today with all their electronic gadgets: They'll never know the simple joy of throwing rocks at each other.
- When you're 20 you care what people think, when you're 40 you stop caring what people think, when you're 60 you realize no one was even thinking about you in the first place.
- When people talk about 30 years ago, I think they mean the 1970s, but they actually mean 1991 and now I need to lie down.
- I'm opening a gym call Resolutions. It will have exercise equipment for the first two weeks then it turns into a coffee café for the rest of the year.
- If you think you're smarter than the previous generation...50 years ago the owners manual of a car showed you how to adjust the valves. Today it warns you not to drink the contents of the battery.
- Of all the things I learned in grade school, trying to avoid cooties was the last one I expected to use later in life.
- OK, Christmas is over, I'm ready for summer.

Smile & laugh, be nice to each other, and stay safe

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 13—Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, 6:30 pm  
Father Kottas Social Hall  
January 24—Nights of Columbus meeting, 6:30 pm  
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