



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

JANUARY 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Baptism of the Lord – Vocation Awareness

Dear Parishioners:

This is National Vocation Awareness Weekend. It is a chance for us to encourage young people to consider whether God is calling them to the priesthood or religious life. Please pray for our parents to support their children to consider the Spirit's invitation to a wonderful way of life.

This is also the weekend when our faith tradition remembers the baptism of Jesus. Mark is not like his fellow synoptic authors. Matthew and Luke began their gospels with theological narratives based on Jesus' infancy. Nor is he like John, who began his gospel with the profoundly Christological prologue. Mark chooses to open with Jesus' baptism.

Mark characterized the baptism of Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophetic hope.

Mark's account of Jesus' baptism is brief yet full of biblical references. The water of the River Jordan recalls the waters of chaos at creation. After the fall of Adam and Eve -- and the estrangement between people and God -- the heavens remained shut. At the baptism of Jesus, the heavens open and the Spirit descends in the form of a dove. Like the dove that returns to Noah's ark after the flood, this dove announces a new era of hope.

After a long silence when no prophet walked the land, suddenly a new prophet called John the Baptist has arisen. God's word is spoken. God's gracious presence hovers over the world, over Jesus the firstborn of a new creation -- a new beginning for all of us.

The young man Jesus received a wonderful grace at his baptism -- God gave him a fuller insight into his identity. He discovered in an unmistakable way his relationship to God: "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

This utterance pointed to the special role that Jesus was to play in accomplishing God's plan. "Son" was a common designation for those who represented the people before God, such as the king or high priest. Sonship also signified the selection of the person for a special task. Only later would the full significance of this title be understood as Jesus "saves his people from their sins" by dying on the cross.

The church celebrates the Lord's baptism to remind us of the grace of our own baptism. By baptism, we become cells in Christ's body. His story and his journey now define us. His paschal mystery of surrender and suffering, glory and eternal life are now our path and our destiny. All humans suffer and die. But the baptized live and die in communion with the wider purpose and fuller meaning revealed in how Jesus lived and died.



When little babies are baptized, the responsibility for following through the promises of baptism rests upon parental shoulders. Until there is enough maturing for the child to understand what faith practice entails, the adults in the child's life are the spiritual mentors.

"Son of God" or "Daughter of God" is the title each of us received at our baptism. This designation identifies us as brothers and sisters of Jesus, and children of the One God. Our baptism points ahead to the special task we have received -- to be like Jesus as reconcilers and bearers of peace.

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The link is also on our website

www.sipdx.org

PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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When Jesus was baptized, he embraced fully the human condition. He willingly chose to face all of the joys and sorrow that go along with being human. His baptism illumines our baptism – that everything on our human road leads to communion with God. This recognition is easy when life is joyful – but hard in times of diminishment and loss.

On Christmas morning, my family received an email from St. Louis from my cousin David and Patty Kunsemiller. Their daughter, Alison, had just died at 38 from pneumonia. "Our sweet Alison left her body on Christmas Day. She had pneumonia resulting from deficiencies that resulted from a brain tumor she had valiantly fought for over 25 years. She was always sweet, funny, brave, headstrong, smart, and wanted nothing more than to reach her lifelong goals of being a wife and mother. She accomplished those goals, and is now off to a new adventure, and we love her immensely." Alison leaves her sons Conner (4), and Will (1), and her husband John.

Alison had some favorite quotes: "You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try." -- Beverly Sills; and "Having a dream is what keeps you alive. Overcoming the challenges makes life worth living." -- Mary Tyler Moore; "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." -- Shirley Chisholm.

Baptism inaugurates the mission to embrace life as it comes, to accompany one another in sorrow and in joy, and to trust like Jesus that our fulfillment awaits us in the life of God to come. There are so many families stricken these days with the news that one of their dear ones has succumbed to Covid-19. May we comfort one another with kindness and compassion. Pray that 2021 can find us watching in hope for better days ahead.

Next Monday, January 18, begins the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begun in 1908. It is a special time to renew ecumenical dialogue with our other Christian churches, and to pray for the unity that Jesus asked of his disciples at the Last Supper. We will conclude the week of prayer for Christian unity by celebrating the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, January 25 2021.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor



IGNITE

Go Forth and Set the World on Fire

This year in IGNITE we will explore prayer in the Catholic Tradition through music and the lives of Saints and Mystics. The invitation is simple:

COME -with an open heart to see what it is all about
CONTEMPLATE -the presence of the Holy Spirit in your own life and experience.

CONNECT - to the Mass, the saints, the people of St. Ignatius, and your heart.

DATES:

Jan 10, Jan 24, Feb 14, Mar 14, Mar 28, Apr 11, Apr 25

Come to one class, come to all - as you desire
All classes will take place from 6 - 7:15PM on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 882 2844 4763 Passcode: 1491

To Join our mailing list, contact Grace at
gbyrd@sipdx.org

Visit www.sipdx.org/IGNITE

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Jan 10, 2021

Isaiah 55:1-11
1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11

Mass Readings for Jan 17, 2021

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42

SCHOOL

Happy New Year from the school! We were so excited when, on our first day back after a much-needed Christmas break, we had perfect attendance. It was wonderful to see everyone back looking happy and rested.

The week got off to a quick start with a supply pick up on Tuesday. Families come to the school every other week to pick up paperwork, supplies, and books. We also ask families to participate in a school-wide service project each month. On Tuesday, families dropped off socks and gloves for Transition Projects. We are grateful that our students still get to experience the power of giving during this unique school year.



We are eager to welcome new students and families to our communities for the 2021-2022 school year. Please help spread the word about our wonderful school. Space is already limited in several grades for next year, so please don't delay. We will have a virtual information session in lieu of our traditional Open House this year. Stay tuned for more details!



Kathy Downing
St Ignatius School

FAMILY LIFE



Children's Liturgy continues to meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:00 a.m. The link is on the Family Life page of our website.

<https://www.sipdx.org/family-life>

Thank you to Nathan Williams, Michele Becker, and Angela & Nick Kockler for generously offering this ministry during the pandemic.

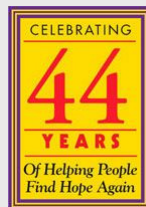
Do you want to receive regular family life updates and monthly faith formation ideas? To join the family life weekly email list, please email bschaller@sipdx.org.

Mom's Group meets 2nd and 4th Sundays via Zoom. To join this wonderful group for friendship and faith, email Beth Schaller at bschaller@sipdx.org.

COPING WITH LIFE ALONE

Saturday February 20, 2021 Beginning Experience of Oregon Ministry is offering a virtual ten-week program called Coping with Life Alone. This program is designed to strengthen and assist those who have experienced the loss of a spouse due to death, separation or divorce. Direct questions to the following website:

www.beginningexperienceoforegon.org



INFANT BAPTISM ~ NEXT DATE

Baptism - We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism on **Saturday, February 6th**. Register your child now to participate in our next baptism class on ZOOM-Thursday, January 28th. **SIGN UP ONLINE NOW AT:** www.sipdx.org/baptism
(Spots are limited.)

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Our parish has an email based prayer chain you can submit prayers or sign up to pray for other's intentions, just email to prayerchain@sipdx.org

In the subject line please include either:

Asking for prayers
OR

Add me to the Email list to pray

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (JAN 17TH)



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CONNECT WITH CHRIST

Next week, our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of the money collected remains here in the Archdiocese of Portland to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

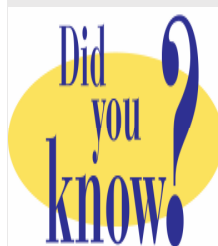
"God is not Solitude, but Communion; he is Love, and therefore communion, because love always communicates; indeed, it communicates itself in order to encounter the other."— Pope Francis, Message for World Communications Day 2019

WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

January is Poverty Awareness Month! During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the [Catholic Campaign for Human Development](http://www.usccb.org/resources/2021%20PAM%20Longer%20Reflections.pdf), and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! Daily Reflections: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/2021%20PAM%20Longer%20Reflections.pdf>

KUDOS & DID YOU KNOW?

⇒ *Kudos to Joseph Byrd for his care and attention to details for our Parish community during this time. He has improvised and changed as needed to accommodate the every changing work load with many additional task!*



⇒ *REALM is where you go to find your 2020 Giving statement after the 15th of January 2021!!*

⇒ *We are unable to hold our 2021 Italian dinner, we will try to come up with a creative replacement for this year...stay tuned....*



2020 GIVING STATEMENTS..... HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please help us to save on paper, stamps and other expenses included in a large Tax statement mailing.....

Please sign in to your REALM account AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! All parishioners that have donated to our church will have an account already, you will just need to connect with it. Set up at: onrealm.org/sipdx Contact Patty for help if needed— office@sipdx.org.

Year End **tax statements of giving** for the 2020 year will be available **ONLINE** after Jan 15th until tax day....sign on so you may access your statement!! Those needing a paper copy mailed out, please contact the office with a request.

DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Jan 11	† John Hovenkotter
Tuesday	Jan 12	† Bettee Frank
Wednesday	Jan 13	People sick with Covid-19
Thursday	Jan 14	† Jeff Yerke
Friday	Jan 15	† Jim Emig



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