

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Duane Clark)
- 12:00 PM—Removing Christmas Decorations

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019

Weekday (1)

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Weekday

- 7:00 PM—Social Action Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019

Weekday

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service and coffee
- 6:30 PM—Faith Formation, K-8

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019

Saint Anthony, Abbot

- 7:00 PM—Finance Council Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019

Weekday

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19,

Weekday



"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
Luke 3:22

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

1 Jn 3:22-4:6
Ps 97:1, 2b, 7c, 9
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12
Ps 8:2a, 5-9
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18
Ps 105:1-4, 6-9
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14
Ps 95:6-11
Mk 1:40-45



Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11
Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16
Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mk 2:13-14

Sunday

Is 62:1-5
Ps 96:1-3, 7-10
1 Cor 12:4-11
Jn 2:1-11

Some Dates to Note

- Jan. 15—Social Action Committee Meeting
- Jan. 17—Finance Council Meeting
- Jan. 22—Liturgy Committee Meeting
- Jan. 22—Parish Council Meeting

**Catechists Needed
Sixth Grade**

We are in need of a catechist when classes resume on January 9. We need a sixth grade catechist. Please prayerfully consider if this is a way you might minister to our parish and our kids.

Too often people who would make great catechists feel that they "don't know enough". It is not a matter of knowing but a willingness to share faith. Thanks to all those who serve as catechists now.

Contribution Statements From the Diocese of Davenport

Statements will be mailed to those who donated to the Annual Diocesan Appeal in 2018. A separate contribution statement will also be mailed to those who donated to the Catholic Foundation in 2018. If you donated to both the Diocese and the Foundation, you will receive two statements. Both statements will be mailed January 25, 2019 and marked as important on the envelope. If you have questions regarding your contributions contact the Diocese: 563-324-1911.

Parish contributions statements will be available before January 31.

Faith Formation News

Regular classes on Wednesday, January 16, from 6:30 to 7:30.



Putting Away Christmas Decorations

Immediately following mass on Sunday, January 13, we will take down the Christmas decorations and put them away. If you can possibly stay and help, it will be much appreciated. They come down much faster than they go up.

Take a Poinsettia Home

After mass today, anyone who would like to take a poinsettia home may do so.

"We cannot forget that evangelization is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him."

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel)



Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... Thank you for your gifts.

- Envelopes\$2,065.10 (\$77.00 in auto tithing)
- Food Pantry\$187.00



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

Today, we celebrate the second great epiphany or revelation of Our Lord—The Baptism of the Lord. Jesus was revealed as the King of the Universe and all peoples last week when the wise men visited. This week as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we hear God say, “this is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.” Through his Baptism, Jesus is revealed as the only begotten Son of God. With the celebration of the Baptism, we bring our Christmas season to a close and return Monday to ordinary time.

With his Baptism, Jesus also received his vocation—to be the savior of the world. Immediately after his Baptism, he begins his public ministry. When we were baptized, we too received our vocations. The main vocation that each of us received was to be a disciple of Jesus following his ways and his teaching and to live as a child of God. We were baptized to follow God’s commandment as given to us by Jesus, to love God and our neighbors. This week I urge all of you to say some special prayers for vocations. Pray for all vocations, deacon, religious life, and lay ministry but especially for vocations to the priesthood. Pray that those who God is calling will answer the call.

And consider once again who might be waiting for you to invite them to consider a vocation. Who do you know that has the gifts and talents needed to make a good priest, deacon, religious, or lay minister? Pray for them and then invite them to consider the possibility. Tell them that you see the possibility. Over and over again, many of our priests have said that their vocational journey began when someone, a priest, a family member, or a friend, suggested that they might have a vocation.

In the next few years, we will have quite a few priests reaching retirement age. Are blessed to have 13 seminarians. God willing two will be ordained to the priesthood the first Saturday of June this summer. Again God willing, James Flattery will be ordained to the transitional diaconate the first Saturday of June. Next summer he will be scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood but he will be the only one. So we have three who are approaching ordination but many more than that retiring. Please pray that those God is calling to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life will respond with a heartfelt “yes.”

God’s abundant blessings

Dc. Joe

JOIN THOUSANDS AS WE PRAY FOR THE RESPECT OF HUMAN LIFE

4 WAYS: [Email icon] [App icon] [Text icon] [Web icon]

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, 9 Days for Life, Monday, January 14 – Tuesday, January 22. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Download a free mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily emails or text message. (A printable version is also available online.) Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!

A few hard copies are available in the gathering space if you don’t want to go on line.



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

All Boys and Girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local level for the 2019 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Sunday January 20th, 2019 at 12:30 pm at Colfax-Mingo High School Gymnasium. Please arrive at noon for warmup and sign in.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on

scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 9-14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their perspective age divisions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. The winners in each age group will receive medals and advance to the district level competition to be held in Newton in February. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Bradley Hagarty 515-238-5240

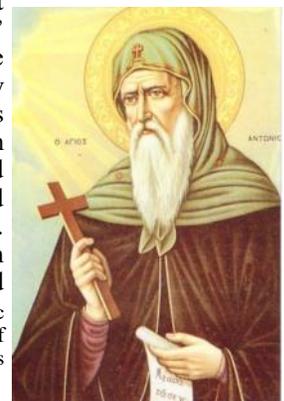


SAINT OF THE WEEK

ANTHONY OF EGYPT—c. 251-356

Feast Day—January 17

Associated with the beginnings of monasticism, Anthony gave his inherited lands and wealth in Egypt to the poor. From the age of about 20 until his death at 105 years old, he lived as a hermit in remote hilltop and desert locations. What is known about him comes from a hagiography written by St. Athanasius of Alexandria. Around the year 306, Anthony began to accept disciples, founding his first monastery as a collection of hermits’ cells. He cultivated a garden, wove rush mats, and fought many temptations and demons. Visitors sought his wise counsel, collected in the sayings of the “desert fathers,” and the bishops of Alexandria summoned him at age 87 to help refute Arianism. He is the patron of basket and brush makers, butchers, gravediggers, and skin diseases. Copyright ©2018 Catholic News Service—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



January 13, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Joann Carrothers & Lisa Bussan

Eucharistic Ministers: Rita Krueger, Sharon Jones, Linda Barnum, & Susan Heggen

Altar Servers: Aybiel Erickson & Meta Hill

Greeters: Rich Meador & Bill Hill

January 20, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Terri Rosonke & Rita Krueger

Eucharistic Ministers: Irma Bell, Claire Williams,

Karen Van Dusseldorp, & Joann Carrothers

Altar Servers: Matthew Rosonke & Sharon Jones

Greeters: Bussan Family



Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Diane Wood

Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum)

Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood,
nephew of Diane Wood

James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and
Claire Gillan

For all who have died.

For vocations, our parish, and our faith formation
program.



“The Nature of Love: What it is & Why It Means Everything” with Katie Patrizio

Join your friends during the season of love at special evening with Katie Patrizio. On Saturday, February 16, 2019, Katie will share her thoughts about LOVE in a fun way for the marriage and singles to put into action with the everyday life. Katie is the Director of Faith Formation at the St. Cecilia Parish in Ames, regularly on Iowa Catholic Radio and speaker at events around the country.

Sacred Heart Church in Newton invites all to come to the DMACC Conference Center at 5:00 p.m. for a cash bar social hour to meet Katie before a catered dinner followed by her dynamic, heart-warming presentation; The Nature of Love. All are welcome to attend the 4:00 Mass held at Sacred Heart Church. Tickets can be purchased in person at Sacred Heart Church or on line at <http://shcnewton.com> for \$25 per person including the dinner and unforgettable presentation.

Flu Season is Here

While we will not be making any changes to the liturgy at this time please keep the following in mind:

Hand Sanitizer: There is a large bottle of hand sanitizer by the front door. If you are not feeling well, or just as a general precaution, everyone is urged to use the sanitizer as they enter the church.

Sunday Obligation: The Obligation to attend Mass on Sunday other Holy Days of Obligation, is the ordinary expectation of Catholics. Obviously, extraordinary circumstances such as sickness, travel, or severe weather excuse the faithful from this obligation. If you are not feeling well, especially during this time—flu season, please stay at home and do not risk spreading infection to others.

Sign of Peace: Members of our congregations should not be offended if someone chooses not to shake the other person's hand at the sign of peace. If you are ill (and still come to Mass), the appropriate response to someone extending a sign of peace might be to bow to them and say, “Peace be with You”, to avoid bodily contact or one might wave slightly at the other person.

Reception of Holy Communion: While it is the teaching of the Church that the Fullness of the Body and Blood of Christ are contained in the Holy Eucharist, under the form of the Host that is distributed at the Mass, the Church has also extended the privilege to receive communion in the form of wine. However, if you are feeling sick, please receive communion in the hand, and refrain from receiving communion under the form of the Blood of Christ.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

“The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing.” Psalm 2:4
Psalm 2:4

Grandchildren

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. “We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods.” The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, “I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!”

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, “Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?”

I mentally polished my halo and I said, “No, how are we alike?”

“You're both old,” he replied.

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. “What's it about?” he asked.

“I don't know,” she replied. “I can't read.”

Prayer for Vocations

Compassionate God, You speak your word to us through prophets of long ago and you continue to reveal your message of love today. With great expectation we look to your Spirit empowering us to serve you as Jesus did.

May we listen for your word and respond generously to your call. Renew in us the grace of our baptism. Strengthen married couples, single men and women, deacons, priests, sisters, and brothers as they seek to serve you by sharing their love and compassion.

Grant wisdom to those who are discerning their call. With gratitude we proclaim the Good News of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©2006NCCV www.nccv-vocations.org

A Stewardship Moment

January 13, The Baptism of the Lord

In today's reading from the Gospel of Luke we hear the proclamation of the baptism of Jesus with “all the people.” Indeed, “heaven was opened,” and the Father announced his special favor. Whenever we partake of the body and blood of Christ, heed his call in our daily lives, share his Good News, become instruments of his transforming justice and peace, heaven is opened to us, and through the Holy Spirit, the Lord announces his special favor on us as well. A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God's special favor in our lives?

Wounded by Abortion? Project Rachel Can Help:

Project Rachel understands the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE. Calls are answered personally and confidentially Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Voice messaging is available all other times. Calls will be returned promptly and directly.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.