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The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020

From: Fr. Tony Hesse

Last weekend, I was blessed to visit my brother (Steve) and sister-in-law (Allison) in Winona. It was a nice visit. I enjoyed visiting with them, and I have to admit, being pampered by them. As I was about to begin my holy hour in their sitting room, before the crackling of their fireplace, one of them offered to close the curtains. When I asked why they want to keep the wonderful sun out, the response was so that I would not see the dust. I had to chuckle, I of all people, who does not notice dirt very easily, did not notice it. I was very comfortable with the presence of the warm fire, blanket on my lap, and coffee at my side. However, the concern made me think about Christ's Light.



As we have been hearing throughout this Christmas Season, Christ is the Light that has come into this world darkened by sin. Christ is the Light that illuminates our lives and calls us to get rid of sins through Confession and to find reconciliation and peace in Him. Christ is the Light that scatters the darkness and allows for Himself to be manifested. Christ is the Light that guides us like the star for the Magi and leads us into His great presence. However, like the curtains, how often do we find ourselves closing Him off? How often do we find ourselves doing all that we can to keep Him out of our lives, whether it is because of busyness, other distractions, temptations, and laziness, etc.?

Well, like the light of the sun that may be covered but can never be extinguished so can our Lord's Light. Although we find ourselves at times pushing him out or keeping Him from shining in our lives, His Light can never go out either. Therefore, this Christmas Season, which we are just finishing with the Baptism of the Lord, is a message that is to be proclaimed and celebrated all year. Yes, we may be done celebrating our Lord's Nativity, but the message that He brings is to ring in our ears throughout the year. Christ's Light is always with us. Even though we may find ourselves closing Him off, all we need to do is to ask for His help to open the curtains of our hearts and let Him in. Like the lights and decorations that we saw so beautifully in our churches and in our homes and business, so too, must His light decorate our lives.

Thanks to all who came and transformed our churches into wonderful Christmas environments. Thanks to all who shared their gifts and talents in the different ministries. Thanks to all who attended our Lord's celebration of the Eucharist in our parishes. Thanks to all who helped with the linens, filling up water fonts, and helping with other behind-the-scene work. Thanks to all who financially supported our parishes and our school (and helped out this past year as well). May Christ and His Light continue to shine His radiance and love in our hearts and may His Light go before us, leading us, with all our friends and family who have gone before us, one day into His presence.



***May Christ's Light Scatter The Darkness Of Sin
And Bring You Light And Love Throughout This New Year!***

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BAPTISM

Contact your parish office to set an appointment for class and baptism.

MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office at least nine months before intended marriage.

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Contact Bev Passe
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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY - January 12

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4,6-7 (21ABC), ACTS 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17 (21A)

8 AM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*

People of our Parishes

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Sunday School - PRE-K

9:30 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Gary Bliss

CCW-homemade rolls/muffins & coffee- *CPC*

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

d. Eugene Baune

11 AM - 2nd GR - 1st Reconciliation - *SC*

4-5 PM Holy Hour - *SC*

MONDAY - January 13

St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of Church

1Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

No Mass

6 PM Flame of Love Rosary-*SC*

7 PM Baptism Class-*SC*

TUESDAY - January 14

1Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

5:15 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. M/M Merle Thoreson &

M/M Jim Thoreson & sons

6 PM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*

d. Leo Macht

7 PM CCW/KC Wine & Cheese & Mtg-*SC*

WEDNESDAY - January 15

1Sm 3:1-10,19-20; Mk 1:29-39

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. LeRoy Brau

8 AM Mass - *Our Lady of Victory - Lucan*

l & d CUF members

10 AM Mass - *Belview*

Poor Souls

5:30-6:30 PM RE GR 1-6

7-8 PM RE-GR 7-12

7-8 PM Adoration - *SC & SA*

8-8:45 PM Youth Group-*SC & SA*

THURSDAY - January 16

1Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

8:30 AM Mass - *St. Anne - Wabasso*

d. Pat Goblirsch

9 AM-6 PM Adoration/12 Rosary-*SC*

10 AM Mass - *Garnette Gardens*

d. Richard Irlbeck

FRIDAY - January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

1Sm 8:4-7,10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

5:45 AM -7 AM This Man is you - *SA*

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Don & Rosie MacHolda

8 AM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*

d. Elaine Rohlik

SATURDAY - January 18

1Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1; Mk 2:13-17

8:30-9:30 AM - Confessions & Adoration-*SA*

9-10 AM Confessions-*SC*

4 PM Mass - *Our Lady of Victory - Lucan*

d. Richard Kramer

5 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Gene Heiling

6 PM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*

d. Floyd Kramer

SUNDAY - January 19

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Is 49:3,5-6 (64A),1Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

8 AM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*

People of our Parishes

No Sunday School - PRE-K

8:30-11:30 AM Omelet Feed - Relay for Life-*SC*

9:30 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. William Kohout

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

d. Ed & Rita Price

4 PM Life/Healing Prayer Service-Redwood Alliance Church

w/potluck meal to follow

4-5 PM Holy Hour - *SC*

7 PM Prayer Service for Christian Unity-*SA*

MASS SERVERS: JANUARY 18/19, 2020

5:00 PM Saturday

Erik Rasmussen

Kendall Huhnerkoch

Cayden Johnson-Mariner

9:30 AM Sunday

Madeline Hanna

Sophia Hanna

Calvin Hanna

Our Gifts to God and to His Church

Adult Contribution	2,664.00	Adult for Week	2,664.00
Students	7.50	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Loose Plate	400.41		
Solemnity of Mary	315.00		
Maintenance	405.00		
Christmas	75.00	YTD Actual	117,592.23
Total	13,866.71	YTD Budget	129,816.00

St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal 111 Donated as of January 7

Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$23,261.63	\$33,780.80	(\$10,519.17)	\$6,055.16



ADORATION TIME

Adoration is in the church on Thursdays from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM with Rosary at 12 noon.

CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

Our sympathy and prayers go to the families and friends of Mary (Colwell) Teed, sister of Joe, Jeanne, Tom, Kate & Julie. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

CCW & KC Members Annual Wine & Cheese Social

Join us on Tuesday, January 14th at 7 PM for the Annual CCW & KC Wine & Cheese Social. All are welcome to attend. Speaker will be from the WRAP organization talking about domestic violence in our area. CCW & KC meetings will follow the social.

Prayer Blankets

To all the ladies of the parish interested in carrying on the making of the St. John's beautiful blessed prayer blankets that they have so graciously shared over the years. We wish to continue the blanket ministry here at St. Catherine's which will be used as an encouragement gift for those in need. Our first meeting date will be Monday, Jan. 20th at 1 PM in the youth kitchen at St. Catherine's.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes January, 2020

Sunday, January 12

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School
- 11 AM - 2nd Grade 1st Reconciliation-SC

Wednesday, January 15

- 5:30-6:30 PM GR 1-6
- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration & youth group

Sunday, January 19

- No Sunday School - MLK

Wednesday, January 22

- 5:30-6:30 PM GR 1-6
- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration-SC & youth group
- No Adoration at - SA

Sunday, January 26

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, January 29

- 5:30-6:30 PM GR 1-6
- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration & youth group



Cor Jesu

On Sunday Jan. 12th at St. Aloysius in Olivia, MN starting at 6:15 PM join us for the sound of Gregorian chant filling the air as incense rises in a candlelit church.

Our youth group will be carpooling from St. Anne's & St. Catherine's, contact Katie or David if interested.

Adult Formation Series

We will begin a new series of Adult Formation opportunities January 20th and 21st. We will have 2 locations, with two different studies. St. Catherine location will begin on Mondays at 7pm with the Divine Mercy study, and St. Anne location will begin on Tuesdays at 7pm with Lectio: Evangelization. Everyone is welcome at either location. We are offering Divine Mercy again, in case anyone missed it and wanted to participate in the series. To sign up call the parish office.

St. Mary's School-Bird Island-Winter Raffle

Only 600 tickets will be sold at \$50 each for a chance to win some big prizes. Drawing will be held on 1/22/2020 at 7 PM at the Island Ballroom in Bird Island. Contact Matt Buckley @ 430-2893.

Thank you!

The St. Catherine's Parish Staff would like to thank everyone for the cards, kind words, and gifts that we have received at Christmas time. We feel very blessed to have so many thoughtful parishioners.

HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is homebound at home or in a care facility for any period of time, please contact the parish office 507-644-2278 so arrangements can be made for a visit.

Prayer Service for Life & Healing/Christian Unity

Sunday, January 19th at 4 PM at Redwood Alliance Church, 231 E. 2nd St. in Redwood Falls.

Ecumenical Prayer Service followed by a potluck meal, all are welcome.

Prayer Service for Christian Unity on Sunday, January 19th at 7 PM at St. Anne's in Wabasso.



You are Invited!

....Beef or Turkey Commercial Supper at St. Andrew's in Fairfax, MN on Wednesday, January 15th from 4:30-7 PM.

....Sauerkraut & Dumpling Dinner at St. Raphael School in Springfield, MN on Jan. 19th serving from 10 AM—12:30 PM.

....Youth Group, YOU ARE CALLED VOCATIONS PANEL, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Murdock, MN on Sunday, Jan. 19th with meal at 5:30 PM and panel at 6:30 PM.

....Build your own burger at St. Raphael in Springfield, MN on Saturday, Feb. 1st from 6-7:30 PM.

Flame of Love

We invite you to join us to pray the **Flame of Love** of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary. This started on January 6th, and is every Monday evenings at 6 PM at St. Catherine's church. It will take about 45 min. to an hour.

The devotion of the **Flame of Love** of the Immaculate Heart of Mary has its origin in the apparitions and revelations made by the Lord Jesus and the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth Kindelmann, a Hungarian mother of six between the years 1961 and 1981.

The **Flame of Love** is a pressing invitation and a gift of an exceptional significance that the Lord Jesus and the Virgin Mary give to our particularly troubled time. *Steve and Connie Plaetz*

Save the date: Pro-Life Prayer Service at Capitol



Plan to attend the MCCL Pro-Life Rally at the Capitol on January 22; the 47th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade which legalized abortion in our country. There will be a bus leaving from Holy Redeemer Church parking lot in Marshall at 6:30am and will stop in Redwood Falls. The bus is sponsored by area KC's & CCW groups. We will attend the Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10:30am and then you can march to the Capitol or ride the bus for the public rally at noon. The bus will return after the rally. For questions or to sign up please call Annette Rohlik at 507-747-2181 or Lori Timmerman at 507-476-0070.

Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser—Relay for Life



Sunday, January 19th, 8:30-11:30 AM at St. Catherine's. Also, buy a pie to share with your family! All are welcome, proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

Men's Retreat at Schoenstatt Retreat Center

Men's retreat starts on Friday, January 24th at 7 PM until Sunday, January 26th at 1 PM Schoenstatt Retreat Center. Cost is \$85 for room, meals, and retreat, \$50 for meals & retreat only. Any questions call: 507-794-7727

Theme: Moving forward in love.

Retreat Master: Fr. Pushpa Antonysamy.

Welcome to New Parishioners



St. Catherine's parish family welcomes Barb Hennen, Jim Daun and Dale Dudgeon. We are delighted to have you join our parish family.

Raffle Tickets for 2020

Raffle tickets can be purchased until Feb. 13, 2020. If you need more tickets stop in the parish office for them.



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