

From Father Kirby...

January 9, 2022

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord Jesus.

Having completed the Christmas season, we now begin our move back to Ordinary Time. The transition is marked by today's feast day. Mother Church gives us the Baptism of the Lord as a reminder of our own baptism and of our life in Jesus Christ. The baptismal call is not an easy one. We are summoned to die to ourselves and to live solely for Jesus Christ. It is a high calling. How are we doing? How is our discipleship?

Some things happening around the parish:

Over the holidays, we released our pamphlet of donors for the Christmas flowers. Regrettably, the list was not complete. There were some donors that were inadvertently left out. My apologies for this oversight. A new pamphlet of donors is now in the narthex.

I'm happy to announce that nationally acclaimed Catholic apologist and biblical scholar Scott Hahn is coming to our parish on Friday, February 18. He'll be giving a talk on the Eucharist. The event is free, but registration is required. [You can sign-up here for the event!](#) All are welcome!

Our weekly Holy Hour and Confessions will be held this Monday evening from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. All are welcome!

Our parish Bible Study, High School Formation Program, and Middle School Formation Program all resume this Wednesday, January 12. I especially invite all adults to join us for our study through the Book of Genesis.

As announced in my Weekly Briefing this past week, we will discontinue the livestreaming of our parish Masses after this weekend. The homilies will continue to be posted. As a reminder to all the baptized: we are to be in-person for Mass. Livestream Masses do not fulfill our Mass obligation.

On Saturday, January 22, the parish will once again hold a prayer outreach at the local abortion clinic. Please plan to join your parish family at 8:30 AM for a peaceful, prayerful protest against the unjust law of abortion.

As a reminder, our current capital campaign ends next month. Please do what you can to honor any pledges you made, or to offer any gifts you can provide. *The resources of our campaign will determine what we will be able to build on our new land.*

The parish is very happy to offer a special Divine Mercy Pilgrimage this Spring to Washington, DC. [More information can be found here.](#)

The professional staff continue to review some of our ideas and suggestions for [Catholic Land](#) as we prepare for the Spring Town Hall meetings when the Master Plan will be presented and proposed to the entire parish.

Please be sure to read and review our revised and updated [Security/Safety Protocols for Parishioners](#) and [Church/Holy Communion Protocols](#).

More updates next week! Oremus pro invicem (let's pray for one another)!

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