

Ascension of Our Lord Church

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Jesus came from Galilee
to John at the Jordan
to be baptized by him.

Matthew 3:13

The Baptism of the Lord

Ascension of Our Lord Parish

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
(2nd Sunday of the month)

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM.

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

MONDAY - FRIDAY

12:00 NOON

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 3:15 - 3:45 PM.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00AM ~12NOON ~6:00PM

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 12, 2020 - Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Serenity Grace Zamar - Family
Intention of Bojan Family – Family

Monday, January 13, 2020

12:00 PM †John McCrory - Mary Kay McCrory

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

12:00 PM Intention of Gene Bender - Mary Ellen Schneider

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

12:00PM †Bud Grane - Loving Wife

Thursday, January 16, 2020

12:00 PM †Darlene M. Boncimino - Joan Gianatasio

Friday, January 17, 2020

12:00 PM †Bill Tietz - Pauline Mitchell

Saturday, January 18, 2020

4:00 PM †Guido Santucci– Dr. Barbara Santucci
†Diane Klazura - Loving husband
† George Naumczik – Jillian Pusateri
Intention of Tom Burke - Bill and Genie Crane
Living and Deceased Member of the Varco &
Vacco Families - Connie
Living and Deceased Members of the Tumino &
Demma Families - K & M Demma

Sunday, January 19, 2020

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Jill Saraceno Franklin – Bustamante Family
†Dorothy Sacchetta Mele - Linda Mullen
†Carm Ortiz - Family
Intention of Todd Mandoline - Mom & Dad

† Denotes Deceased



Dear Padre,

What does holy water do, and why is it near the entrance to the church?

Blessed water is a sacramental—a sign of spiritual effects and favors from God. The Church admonishes us to use sacramentals, like holy water, crucifixes, and rosaries, with reverence and respect.

Water is full of mystery. Although material, it can express something spiritual. It cleanses us from filth and impurities; therefore, water is a symbol of interior cleansing and purifying. It also symbolizes life. The scarcity of water in many regions, including the Holy Land, gives it special value. What's more, water is necessary for the existence of all plants, animals, and people.



CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE/BOB ROLLER

In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist baptized with water as an outward sign of inner sorrow for personal sins. In the sacrament of baptism instituted

by Christ, we are washed completely and born again of water and the Spirit. Water here symbolizes the grace of God washing away our sins, purifying our souls, and giving us new life in Christ.

The custom of placing a holy water font near the church doors is quite old. As you enter a Catholic church, making the sign of the cross with holy water reminds you of your baptism and of cleansing yourself before you approach God's presence. As you leave, bless yourself again and recall that baptism has marked you for eternal life. When we bless ourselves with holy water, we do it "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In baptism, your life was already immersed in the mystery of the Trinity and you belong to Jesus. And if one day you should be taken by fear, or you think that evil is too great to be challenged, simply consider that Jesus lives within you.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 13

Weekday

1 Sm 1:1–8

Mk 1:14–20

Tuesday

JANUARY 14

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9–20

Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 15

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20

Mk 1:29–39

Thursday

JANUARY 16

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1–11

Mk 1:40–45

Friday

JANUARY 17

St. Anthony,

Abbot

1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a

Mk 2:1–12

Saturday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19;

10:1

Mk 2:13–17

Sunday

JANUARY 19

Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5–6

1 Cor 1:1–3

Jn 1:29–34

Parish News

We wish to offer our sympathy and a promise of our prayers to family and friends on the recent death of

Robert K. Mariani



C.C.W. COFFEE THIS WEEKEND SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

ALL ARE INVITED TO STOP AFTER THE 8:00AM & 10:00 AM MASS FOR REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP IN CORPUS CHRISTI HALL.



2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL (CMAA)

All parishioners will receive a mailing from the Diocese of Joliet this month about the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Our annual appeal is vitally important to not only the Diocese, but also to our Parish. The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit every parish and allow us all to *Be Kind and Merciful* to the most vulnerable in our community. Our Parish's goal for the 2020 CMAA is \$46,800, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our Parish! Please review the materials and then prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a mailing from the Diocese about the CMAA, please contact the Parish Office.

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 - 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Bob Schoenstene
Euch. Min.: R. Hariman, K. Kopera, P. McGreevy
Lector: B. Santucci

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 - 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Bob C.
Euch. Min.: D. Horist, J. Sadeji, A. Stephens
Lector: D. Morrissey

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 - 10:00 AM

Presiders: Father Matt Strabala
Euch. Min.: N. Cinco, T. Jeske, M. Neffke
Lector: J. Butkovich



I THIRST PRAYER GROUP

Join us as we pray each week for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Let us offer our prayers for their souls so they may obtain the glory of God's goodness.

**Friday, January 17, 2020 (every Friday)
10:45am
Founders Foyer**

For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

This Week's Calendar

MONDAY, JANUARY 13: SVDP MEETING - 3PM CORPUS CHRISTI

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14: RE 6:00PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15: 7:00PM CHOIR REHEARSAL CORPUS CHRISTI

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16: 10:30AM LEGION OF MARY FOUNDERS FOYER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17: GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP - TEEN ZONE - 7:00PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18: CONFESSION 3:15PM

STEWARDSHIP

Christmas Offering - \$45,766
December 29, 2019 - \$7,802
WeShare December - \$2,107
Religious Retirement - \$4,311
January 6, 2020 - \$9,036

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH.



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Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension of Our Lord Parish,

As we conclude our Christmas Season, I wanted to take a moment to thank all of those who have made our Christmas celebration so joyous.

To Father Jose, Father Bob, the Comboni Priests, visiting Priests, and to Deacon Peter for their constant care of our spiritual growth during this liturgical season.

To Darlene Crilly and the entire Music Ministry for all of their hard work and dedication to make not only Christmas but the entire Christmas season beautiful! If you were here for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, you know exactly what I am mean!

To Jodi Palmer and those who help with our Art and Environment—our prayer was enhanced by the beautiful works that were created.

To all of our liturgical ministers who assist in the many ways at Mass. Thank you! We could not do it without your ministry!

To Ed Rylko, Tina Bustamante, Lynda Klazura, Dennis Bero, and Tom Weir who keep up with all of the extra requests (and there are many) asked of them during this busy season. Thank you!

To YOU the faithful who join us for prayer daily or on the weekend, Ascension of Our Lord is a better place because of your presence and your dedication. Going back to our parish mission we look at the wonderful gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure that are offered in a variety of ways!

On this the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, may the personal encounter experienced with Holy Water today bring a renewed spirit to all as to what we are called to do to spread the Good News each and every day of our lives!

***Peace,
Vince***

The Baptism of the Lord

The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son . . ." In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: "You are my beloved son . . ."

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.

Adapted from: <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY **FOCUS YOUR 20-20 VISION ON OUR** **WORK**

Let's have you focus this year of 2020 on the work of the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference and our services to the poor and disadvantaged of our community. Yes there are poor in our midst. DuPage County and our local neighborhoods do have people in need of help and services which are not readily available when trouble strikes. We find families and individuals sleeping in cars or storage containers very close by our church. We encounter persons who, due to loss of employment or suffering family medical emergencies, cannot pay their utility bills, make car repairs or pay for transportation to needed jobs or medical care. Even adequate food and clothing sometimes become unobtainable due to personal loss of income and resources. We find families in apartments without beds and furniture on which to sit or sleep.

Yes you can help these and have in the past done a wonderful job of providing our work with wonderful donations of funds, clothing and household goods, and help to the poor of our area. All we are asking is that this year you might more carefully focus your eyes and mercy in 20-20 fashion on the poor around us. One never knows when we or loved ones around us might also suffer a hardship and lack of needed resources to make it through another day or week. That is the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference and we cannot do it without you. As we move into the tax season, consider a charitable donation to help us help others. And if you want to personally approach the poor and work to help them, we can use your time and talents to directly serve the poor of this area. On Monday, January 13, 2020, we will have our next parish Conference Meeting in Corpus Christi at 3:00 PM where you can learn more about our work and whether you, too, might join us in our work with the poor and disadvantaged among us. There is no work too small nor insignificant that you can do for others.
Consider a 20-20 focus on the poor this year.



WE NEED YOU

Each January people begin the New Year making new resolutions to improve themselves. It may be to diet, workout more, watch less TV, procrastinate less. Whatever, it is always to make themselves better. Last fall, we spoke to you in church about beginning a new council here at Ascension and the advantages of joining the Knights of Columbus. We have not changed in our goals to help others and to be Brothers for each other. We still need you and know that you will be a better person, husband and father because you are a Knight. Consider this January beginning the year off right by becoming a Knight of Columbus.

Contact Gene Erickson - geneerickson13@gmail.com or any of the new Knights at Ascension of Our Lord for more information. You will not only be helping yourself but your fellow parishioners, neighbors and family through your service commitment.

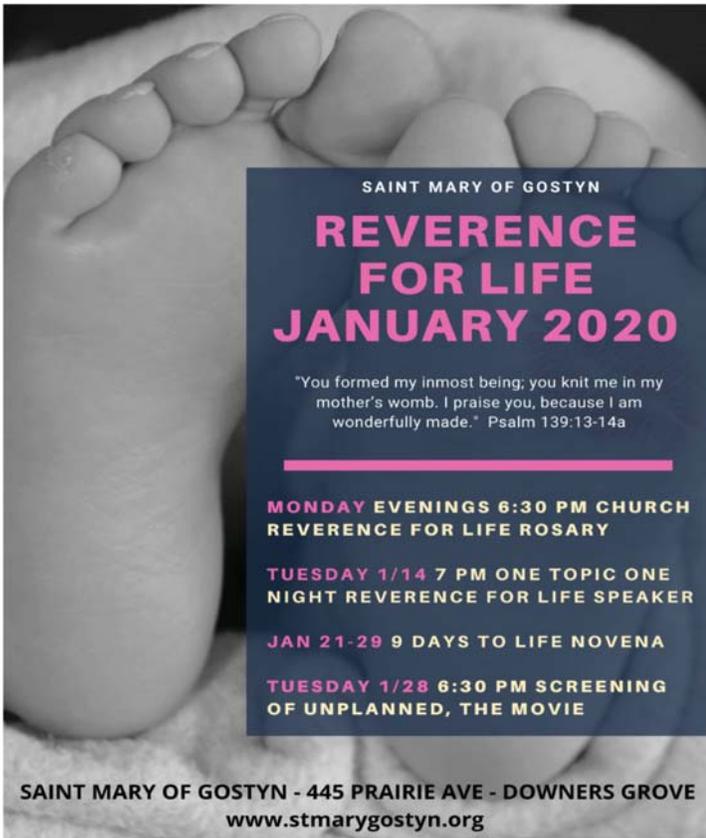
WE HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER JOINING US AND MAKING 2020 AN EVEN BETTER YEAR FOR YOU!



“One Lord, One Faith,
One Baptism”

[[Ephesians 4:5](#)]

MORE AROUND TOWN NEWS



SAINT MARY OF GOSTYN

**REVERENCE
FOR LIFE
JANUARY 2020**

"You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made." Psalm 139:13-14a

**MONDAY EVENINGS 6:30 PM CHURCH
REVERENCE FOR LIFE ROSARY**

**TUESDAY 1/14 7 PM ONE TOPIC ONE
NIGHT REVERENCE FOR LIFE SPEAKER**

JAN 21-29 9 DAYS TO LIFE NOVENA

**TUESDAY 1/28 6:30 PM SCREENING
OF UNPLANNED, THE MOVIE**

SAINT MARY OF GOSTYN - 445 PRAIRIE AVE - DOWNERS GROVE
www.stmarygostyn.org

WORKSHOP

Do you ever find yourself thinking, "I can't do this?" While many people have such an inner dialogue, they do not stop to consider what life might be like without having the forever running critical voice.

Presented by Dr. Ann Letourneau from the Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center, this workshop will help participants with beginning to find an acceptance of self that leads to a sense of freedom.

Participants will also have the opportunity to practice skills and integrate faith, which will help them find a more balanced inner voice.

When: Wednesday, January 29, 2020
from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: St. Francis High School, 2130 W. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton
Find out more and RSVP by emailing mlebeau@sfhscollegeprep.org