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# BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

*A voice came  
from the heavens,  
"You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased."*

*Mark 1:11*

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### MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 11 - Public Mass  
7:00 a.m. Teresa Schneider +  
by The Nonis Family

Tuesday, January 12 - Public Mass  
5:30 p.m. Joe & Carolyn Nolan +  
by The Simpson Family

Wednesday, January 13 - Public Mass  
7:00 a.m. Annamma Vithayathil +  
by Betsy Wiederkehr Huss

Thursday, January 14 - Public Mass  
5:30 p.m. Bob Warner, Sr. (Anniv.) +

Friday, January 15 - Public Mass  
7:00 a.m. Arthur & Jasmine Waidyaratne +  
by The Nonis Family

Saturday, January 16 - Public Mass  
Public & Livestreamed Mass  
5:30 p.m. Herman & Maxine Johnson +  
by Paul & Carolyn Black

Sunday, January 17 - Public Mass  
8:00 a.m. Doris Fitzgerald +  
by Doris Penter

10:00 a.m. Hayden Morrison +  
by Judy & Perry Osborn

Public & Livestreamed Mass  
12:00 p.m. Mass for the Parishioners

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 p.m. Church  
or by appointment, 870-932-2529.

### PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Parish Office Hours  
Monday—Friday  
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Monday January 11  
7:00 a.m. Mass  
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Tuesday January 12  
5:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday January 13  
*St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
7:00 a.m. Mass  
7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Adoration  
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Year 2

Thursday January 14  
5:30 p.m. Mass

Friday January 15  
7:00 a.m. Mass  
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Saturday January 16  
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Confessions  
5:30 p.m. Mass—Livestreaming

Sunday January 17  
8 a.m. Mass  
10 a.m. Mass  
11:00 a.m.—11:45 a.m. 1st Communion  
Year 2/R.C.I.C.  
12 p.m. Spanish Mass—Livestreaming

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 10, 2021

Sunday Is 55:1-11  
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6  
1 Jn 5:1-9  
Mk 1: 7-11

Monday Heb 1:1-6  
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday Heb 2:5-12  
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday Heb 2:14-18  
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday Heb 3:7-14  
Mk 1:40-45

Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11  
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday Heb 4:12-16  
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19  
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
Jn 1:35-42

### Pray for the Dead

#### Debbie Stinson Sister of Nancy Frankenberger

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon her.

May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Please keep her family in your prayers.

Thank you to our friends and church family for helping decorate our beautiful church for Advent & Christmas. We would never have been able to completely prepare or remove the decorations without your help. May God richly bless you.

-Dee Pillow & Enoka Nonis

Have you  
prayed the  
Rosary  
today?



### PREPARATION CLASSES

Prior to the Baptism of a child, parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Class. The next class, is this Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Building Conference Room. For more information and/or to register for the class, please contact: Sara Beth Cook, 870-897-3279 or [sarabethcook@gmail.com](mailto:sarabethcook@gmail.com).





# Mass Schedule for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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|                            |                                                      |                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday, Wednesday & Friday | 7:00 a.m.<br>7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.                   | Mass<br>Church is open for Adoration                                                              |
| Tuesday & Thursday         | 5:30 p.m.                                            | Mass                                                                                              |
| Saturday                   | 8:00 a.m. (1st Saturdays)<br>4:00pm-5:00pm<br>5:30pm | Mass<br>Confessions in the Church (In Confessionals)<br>Mass of the Sunday (English) livestreamed |
| Sunday                     | 8:00am<br>10:00am<br>12:00pm                         | Mass (English)<br>Mass (English)<br>Mass (Spanish) livestreamed                                   |

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY UPDATE

For those in our community in need of assistance (rent or utility), volunteers are answering requests by phone.

*Priority is given to members of our parish family.*

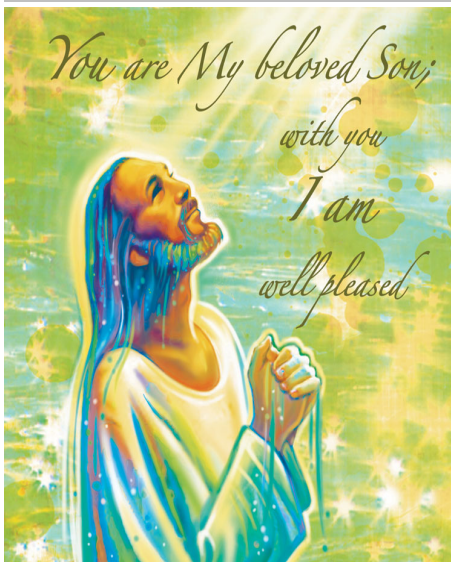
If you or someone you know, is a resident of Craighead County, and struggling to make ends meet, please call:

870-316-0229.

We thank you for answering our prayers and ask for your continued support! God bless you all.



**Mass for Life:** On Sunday January 17, 2021 Bishop Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock at 12:05 p.m. This Mass will also be live streamed on the [Diocese of Little Rock YouTube channel](#) to allow anyone to watch online. Subscribe to the channel to get notifications when new videos are posted. Unfortunately, because of corona virus, there will not be Eucharistic Procession for Life or a Hearts for Life Conference in 2021. Arkansas Right to Life still plans to host the March for Life on January 17 at 2pm behind the Capitol. Please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or email [cphillips@dolr.org](mailto:cphillips@dolr.org) for more information.



“Pray with Me” can be found on our Facebook page every afternoon.

## Pray with me.

A daily prayer time with Fr. Alphonse



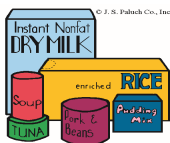
**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The special intentions of parishioners, especially those homebound/hospitalized, Shelby Ward, Mary Ann Eaton, Kathy & Donald Plessinger, Millie & Bill Kueter, Rita Puryear, Pat Dacus, Misael Reyes, Freda & Jim Cole, Sid McCaffey, Gary Wells, Robert Surdyk, Larry McKinney, Andy Sanders, Marisol Guerra, Javier Garduno, Nathan Barajas, Earl Wallace, Candelaria Flores, Rita Vaught, Mashudi Gunawan, Malcolm McGregor, Mary Diaz, Debbie Marthey, Chelley Jordan, Mike Massanelli, Helen Wilson, Donald Schmidt, The Cruz Family, Paula Wilson, John & Sharon Aleman, Dorothy Massanelli, Larry Wiles, Carolyn Schilly, Nancy Stillman, Teresa Stifford, Leticia Fernández, COVID-19 sufferers

#### WORK OF MERCY

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry has received 45 lbs of food and a \$50 donation from our parish this past week. Thank you!

#### F.Y.I.

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Drive Thru hours are: Mondays, Tuesday & Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (weather permitting) HNFP is located on the corner of Huntington and Vine. For more information please contact HNFP at 935-7298



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To purchase a ticket please call:

Office 870-932-2529

Dc. Ramon 870-882-0510

Ana Castañón 870-219-9458



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Saturday Rosary Leaders needed to continue the Blessed Sacrament Church's long standing tradition of Honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary by saying the Rosary at 5:00p.m. prior to Mass. Mary is Our Mother as well as being the Mother of Jesus Christ. She has held a special place of honor in the Catholic Church from the beginning of Salvation History. Praying the Rosary has been a Solace and Comfort in numerous crises both personal and in society as a whole. We have a special need for Prayer now, during this latest Health Crisis the COVID-19 Pandemic. If interested in becoming a 5 p.m. Rosary Leader contact Robert Cowles at (870) 206-1846 or e-mail [rcowles613@gmail.com](mailto:rcowles613@gmail.com)



## Safe Haven Baby Box

Thank you to our Knights of Columbus members as well as our generous donors who made it possible to provide a Safe Haven Baby Box which will be located at Fire Station #3 on Brazos Street, Jonesboro.

## The Baptism of the Lord

It may seem obvious that the theme for the Baptism of the Lord is “water,” but when one spends time with the readings today, one can see many different connotations for that water and its power. Isaiah calls the poor who are thirsty and tired to come to the water and take the spiritual food and drink that will be provided if we but seek the Lord. Here, God is both destination and consolation. The responsorial psalm follows suit with the image of drawing water from the springs of salvation. 1 John takes us to the reality of Christ as eucharist: not only Jesus’ birth and baptism, but his death, as we hear that Jesus came “by water and by blood.” The Gospel depicts John baptizing Jesus with water, and the Spirit baptizing Jesus. We experience both the humanity and the divinity of Christ. Indeed, water has much power to save us.

## BEING THE MESSENGER

When we go to a pop music concert, there is often an opening act. Usually they are a young group on their way up, or older musicians who are past their prime and still hanging on in the business. This is indeed a hard job. In the comedy world it is the same thing. You have to warm up the crowd. You are not who they are coming to see, and audiences may be unresponsive, come in late, or not pay a lot of attention. Yet John had no problem being the opening act, the messenger, the harbinger of faith for Jesus. He was very devout in his faith and knew what his role was. Many Jews were actively seeking a messiah, and he was quick to let them know that he was not the one for whom they were waiting. “I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Yet he conducted his ministry with faith and hope.

## BEING THE MESSAGE

As John humbly carried out his mission and Jesus accepted this simple baptism by John, the Holy Spirit indeed came down upon Jesus, and God proclaimed for the first time, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Thus Jesus began his formal ministry. There must have been much that he already knew, but also much that he uncovered each day in his encounters with the disciples and the crowds. As he responded “yes” to the Father over and over, his thirst was quenched and his spirit strengthened. How many times do we witness baptisms in the parish? The priest ministers with simple elements of water and oil, but the Spirit is called down each time. Every time we participate, we are experiencing the message, experiencing the call again. How many times have we blessed ourselves with holy water, or participated in a sprinkling rite? Yet in these days, when church fonts are empty due to safety precautions, we need to remember those other times, trust in God, and sing the prayer of Isaiah in our hearts about drawing the water joyfully. We must trust in the message. We must become the message of God’s saving action through our baptism and our lives.

Today’s Readings: Is 55:1–11; Is 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; 1 Jn 5:1–9; Mk 1:7–11

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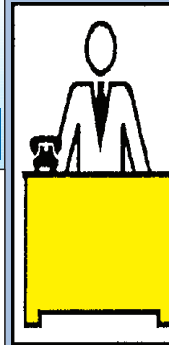
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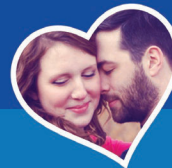
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