THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Welcome to St. Catharine

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We're so glad to see you! God loves you, and He has a great plan for your life! If you are new to St. Catharine, we want to thank you for coming and we look forward to worshipping God in Word and in Sacrament together today. Please remember to silence your cell phones and to observe silence in the Church. Restrooms are located in the Undercroft and the Parish Center. If you need any assistance or have any questions, just find someone with a green lanyard. We hope to see you again!

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN ... May we suggest...relax! God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel that you must suppress it in God's house, but we do have a large quieting room available if you feel the need to step out during Mass. Thank you so much for making the effort to be here, and never stop bringing your family to Mass. It's worth it.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH ... The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Any noise that our little ones make during Mass is pleasing to God's ears. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.



Chaplet of Divine Mercy Fridays at 3:00pm

Children's Holy Hour Saturdays at 3:00pm



Confession

ADORE Night 🕂

Every Thursday at 7:00pm A candle-lit evening of Eucharistic Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions.

Tuesday Thursday Saturday

By appointment

7:30pm 7:00pm 9:00am

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This Week

Sunday, Ja <u>nua</u> i	ry 12th: The Baptism of the Lord
8:30am	Holy Mass (Living & Deceased of the Corrova and Kirkbride Families)
11:00am	Holy Mass (Madiam Abi Antound) 실
5:00pm	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
Monday, Janu	ary 13th: Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Holy Mass (Bob and Mary Ginn Ryan)
6:30pm	Scouts
7:00pm	Choir Practice
Tuesday, Janu	ary 14th: Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
7:00pm	Holy Mass (Eileen Kaltenecker)
7:30pm	Confessions
Wednesday, J	anuary 15th: Weds of the First Week in Ordinary Time
9:00am	Holy Mass (Andi Jenny)
<u> </u>	uary 16th: Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Holy Mass (Sam Powers)
7:00pm	ADORE Night
Friday Januar	y 17th: Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot
8:00am	Holy Mass (Bill Harvey)
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Saturday, Janu	uary 18th: Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
7:00am	That Man Is You!
8:30am	Holy Mass (Donald Barda Family)
9:00am	Confessions
Sunday, Janua	ry 19th: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am	Holy Mass (Msgr. Charles Foeller)
9:30am	Coffee & Donuts
9:30am	St. Vincent de Paul Sandwich Making
11:00am	Holy Mass (Bill Diehl Jr. and Sr.)
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Coffee & Donuts 12:00pm 5:00pm Holy Mass (Thomas Siemer) 🐣 6:00pm Christina Ann Allwein Catholic Retreat Fund Dinner

Offering and Attendance

Thank you for your presence and your generosity!

December 25 and 29th	
Envelope	\$11,387.00
Loose	\$9,731.00
EFT	\$10,326.40
Total	\$31,444.40
Diocesan Tax (10%)	-\$3,144.44
Net	\$28,299.96

Attendance (Dec 21+25)

1,307	Attendance (Dec 29	9th)
230	8:30am	291
208	11:00am	365
180	<u>5:00pm</u>	276
1,925	Total	932
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Lord, Hear Our Prayer

"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the Prayer Chain please email info@stcatharine.com or call 614-231-4509. Names will remain on the Prayer Chain for 3 months or until they are asked to be removed.

Tyler and Julia Matt Judy Christine Jim Tracy Keaton Avery Sarah Reese Rachel Suzy Jeff Brian

Isabella and Jackson Tara K's Daughter Amy Estee Margie Luke Charmonique Kamil Bobby Lee Luke Irina Annette Luke Gary Margo Tish Susan & Mikha Christopher Stephanie Kaycee AJ Andrew For the end to abortion

May They Rest in Peace

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

William M. Cassidy Barbara L. Fields Margaret M. Burkhart Charles W. Rath Grace Cafarella Carol Beebe Eileen M. Kaltenecker John R. Farley Lynn H. Ryan Josepha Vasiliauskas Michael A. Jolley David G. Bussard Jr. Dorothy Huffman William G. Harvey Harold E. Ridenour Jean Babbit Violet Mary Allwein John Louis Murphy James "Sam" Powers Thomas Kyran Siemer Joseph D. Gibboney Jean D. Ridenour Irene Rena Perrini Mary Ann Trapp Carmella Kelley Theresa A. Hrabley James R. Wood

Remembering Roe 2025 with Greater Columbus Right to Life

January 27th | 12:00PM

Ohio Statehouse Atrium

After the 10:00AM Respect Life Mass Celebrated at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishops Earl K. Fernandez of Columbus and Bishop Daniel Thomas of Toledo.

Calling all pro-life faithful to join GCRTL for the 52nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

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Bentley's Barking Bulletin

The End of Christmas and New Beginnings

Woof woof, friends! It's Bentley here—your loyal parish pup back again to share my thoughts as we wrap up the Christmas season.

Can you believe how quickly it flew by? One minute, I was napping under the rectory Christmas tree, and now Father Bob is packing away the Nativity set. (I tried to keep Baby Jesus as a chew toy, but no luck!)

This Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, which marks the official end of the Christmas season. It's a big deal! Jesus, the same little baby we adored in the manger just a few weeks ago, is now grown up and



beginning His public ministry. At His baptism in the Jordan River, the heavens opened, and God the Father's voice declared, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Talk about a proud-parent moment!

I've heard Father Bob say that Jesus didn't need to be baptized, but He did it to show us the way. Baptism reminds us that we're all beloved children of God, just like Jesus.

After this Sunday, we return to Ordinary Time. But don't let the name fool you—there's nothing "ordinary" about it! It's a time for us to live out the lessons of Jesus' life and grow in our faith. Think of it like a long walk through the neighborhood: no flashy decorations or carols, just steady steps that bring us closer to God.

So, as the Christmas season ends, let's not pack away our joy with the ornaments. Let's carry it into this next chapter, sharing God's love with everyone we meet. And if you see me at the rectory, don't forget a scratch behind the ears—it keeps me going through every season.

Paws and prayers, Bentley 🐾

P.S.

Here are some important Liturgical Dates to note for the first part of 2025:

Weds, Jan 22nd: Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn Sun, Feb 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) Weds, Mar 5th: Ash Wednesday Sun, Apr 20th: Easter Sunday

January Food Pantry Need CANNED FRUIT



Please leave donations at wooden boxes near Church entrances.

St. Catharine Women



1st Saturdays at 6:30am in the Parish Center



Women at the Well is for all women ages 18 and older who are looking for an opportunity to start, deepen, or renew their relationship with Jesus. We will connect with Jesus and other women in the parish through coffee,

prayer, and small groups.

Bring Jesus your heart...your tired and lonely heart, your overwhelmed heart, your full heart, and allow Jesus to fill you with His love. For Jesus says, "Whoever drinks of the water I shall give will never thirst." There is no sign up. Simply come as you are.

Questions? Elyse Salisbury • ehueckel@gmail.com



Every 1st Monday of the Month at 6:30pm Pizza will always be provided!

The mission of The Melchizedek Project is to help young men in 8th-12th grades hear the call of Jesus Christ and discover their true vocations. Questions? frbrown@stcatharine.com



Becoming Catholic

Discover the salvation, beauty and spirituality of the Catholic Church, founded by Jesus Christ more than 2,000 years ago.



The Becoming Catholic journey is beginning again! If you think you are ready to begin the process of becoming Catholic, or if you have any other questions about God and the Church, email Fr. Brown, frbrown@stcatharine.com or scan the QR code.

St. Catharine Men



Saturdays at 7:00am in the Parish Center



Journey from fear to fearless worship, from a lifeless corpse hanging on the cross to an empty tomb, from Apostles hiding in the upper room to proclaiming the risen Lord to the ends of the earth! Beginning with Christ to the Apostles, to

the Apostolic Fathers, to the men of our day, God hasn't stopped calling us! Let us become who we were made to be and set the world on fire. May we become Apostles of the New Springtime! Join us for food, fellowship and faith. All men are welcome. Questions? Paul Wills • pkawills7@gmail.com



2nd Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall



Founded in 1992, Knights of Columbus Council #11354 is an integral part of the St. Catharine. As a brotherhood of Catholic men, we are committed to practicing and promoting the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Inspired by

our faith, we strive to be a beacon of service, supporting our parish, our community, and our families, while creating lasting bonds with each other. Over the years, we've actively engaged in a variety of philanthropic initiatives and service projects that reflect our deep commitment to our faith and social responsibility. We welcome all Catholic men who share our values to join us in our mission of service and faith-based fellowship Questions? Ed Stange • Deputy@koc11354.org

"The Lord was baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism."

St. Ambrose

ST. CATHARINE WOMEN



SAT, JAN 25TH • 6PM

All women are invited to enjoy a taste of Italy as we travel through our neighborhood to the homes of three incredible hosts:

- Appetizers hosted by Kim Frencho
- Dinner hosted by Ursula Sarko
- Dessert hosted by Nancy Page

Questions? Mary Beth Duffy • marybethduffy123@gmail.com www.stcatharine.com





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Thank you for your interest in Guardian Angel Project. Guardian Angel is effectively an "adopt a sailor" program for the crew of the USS Harry S. Truman while they are deployed. The sailors and aircrew of the Truman have been deployed from late September of 2024 and are projected to be at sea for an estimated seven months. Guardian Angels represent those who wish to show appreciation and support, or just want to boost the morale of one of our deployed servicemembers. An aircraft carrier is a veritable city with nearly 6,000 onboard!

If you would like volunteer to become a Guardian Angel and support a sailor aboard Truman with letters and care packages, please send the following fields of information to my program coordinator at: **gaven.hills@cvn75.navy.mil**

- Your Name or point of contact
- **Organization** (if you represent one or are a part of one)
 - An example would be: Jane Doe, teacher, Windcloft 2nd Grade Class
- **Preferred email** (we will naturally default to the email used to respond)
- **Physical mailing address** you will be sending from
 - We use this to identify mail, we will send nothing to you.
- Phone number
 - If email should fail this is a secondary contact; we communicate primarily through email.
- How many sailors would you like to sponsor?
 - Individuals or families are limited to one sailor but larger groups, i.e. service organizations, churches, schools, etc., can take multiple.

I ask your patience and please keep in mind that we are deployed; civilian emails do not always get through to the ship. So, if you do not receive any answer within 72 hours kindly resend your request. Thank you for your interest and willingness in being a Guardian Angel. You are helping me in the task of caring for my crew.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Daniel Swartz

The Mass

"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannagel

+ Part 82: Summary and Farewell

Once "the Mass is ended" and we go on our way, you might feel that there is more. What else should we think about? The Mass is only ended in terms of a particular parish family gathering coming to a temporary halt. As some of our favorite authors for this series have taught us, the Mass continues.

The Mass and Daily Life

During our review of the Mass, we have seen how God speaks to his people. We have reflected on the great gift of Jesus, who has given himself in sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. We have prayed through the great gift of the Mass that unites us to Our Lord's saving sacrifice and invites us to participate. We have meditated on the Eucharist as our true source of unity with God and one another. We have prepared to go forth, recognizing that our mission is to share the fruits of the Mass out in the world. Along these lines, Charles Belmonte teaches about the mission of the Mass: "The Lord does not want us removed from our surroundings, our work, or our social relationships. He wants us in the world so that we might sanctify and improve it, and place at God's feet all souls and institutions, all political life and all activities in general. Blessed Josemaria Escriva points out for us, 'Your ordinary contact with God takes place where your fellow men, your yearnings, your work and your affections are. There you have your daily encounter with Christ. It is in the midst of the most material things of the earth that we must sanctify ourselves, serving God and all mankind.' Therefore, the Mass should not be taken as a kind of escape from our duties" (Understanding the Mass, p. 198).

Similarly, Fr. Guy Oury writes, "What remains after [the Concluding Rites of the Mass] is to go and live the Mass we have celebrated and the Communion we have received: to live it in abiding union with the Father's will and in union with one another. Mass does not end at the Church door. There is no line of demarcation between worship and life" (The Mass, p. 124).

Seeing unity in our life inside and outside Mass, Belmonte writes (including some words from Pope St. Paul VI) that "we should turn to our daily occupations to find God also in these pursuits. Thus, we will avoid leading a double life: 'on one side, an interior life, a life of relation with God; and on the other, a separate and distinct, professional, social, and family life, full of small earthly realities. No! We cannot lead a double life... There is just one life, made of flesh and spirit. And it is this life which has to become, in both soul and body, holy and filled with God. We discover the invisible God in the most visible and material things. There is no other way. Either we learn to find our Lord in ordinary, everyday life, or else we shall never find him'" (Understanding the Mass, p. 198).

Some Final Thoughts from Fr. Luke

For me, as this series draws to a close, I am struck by how rewarding and enriching this step-by-step journey through the Mass has been! No doubt, there are others who are more scholarly or more original. Likely, there are some spiritualities and blessings of the Mass that could have been reviewed in more detail. Hopefully, these reflections have been helpful for all of you. I hope they have been an invitation to learn more about the wonderful gift of the Mass. I pray they have been a jumping-off point for more prayer and learning in the years ahead!

With a thankful heart, we go forward. We recall the great truths and gifts shared along the way. The Mass truly is an encounter with the Lord Jesus, in his Word, through the priest and assembled community, but most especially in his very Body and Blood in the Most Holy Eucharist. As we know, the Mass isn't just a once-a-week kind of activity, not just something we "turn on" and then "turn off" when we are finished. Rather, the Mass changes us and makes us more like Christ, perfects us, and prepares us for heaven. This change is not just internal but must be lived out in the world so that others may be brought to the fruits of the Mass, both in this life and in the eternal Banquet of the Lamb in heaven. I pray that you will always be able to find Christ truly present in the tabernacle, on the altar, and in the midst of living life. I pray that you will always find him! I pray that the fruits of the Mass will be with you out in the world, and I pray with great hope for the joy of all being joined together in perfect worship of God, joined together at the great Banquet of Heaven!

For Reflection:

- 1. With gratitude, reflect back on your participation in Fr. Luke's series. Which parts of the Mass or themes stand out the most to you? How have you shared what you have learned with others, or how could you do so as the series concludes?
- 2. Pray for deepening integration of your interior life, and continue to approach the Eucharist and the Mass as the source of unity for every aspect of your life. Pray also for Fr. Luke and all who have shared the journey of this series with you!

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The Baptism of the Lord

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 | Acts 10:34-38 | Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In many renditions of the Baptism of Jesus, artists connect the scene at the Jordan River with Jesus' death. A withered tree, for example, reminds us of the cross, or a mountain points to Mount Calvary. These connections show a real relationship between Jesus' baptism and his passion: his baptism marks the acceptance and beginning of his mission, which would ultimately lead to his crucifixion. For us, too, baptism is a decisive moment which destines us for - you guessed it death! Not physical death (which will happen regardless), but a death to everything that is not of God. By making us part of God's family as his adopted children, our baptism summons us to "die" to our old life of sin and take on new life in Christ. This means turning away each day from sin so we can become increasingly fit to spend eternity with God. Like Jesus who rose both from the baptismal waters and from the tomb, we are meant, by our daily efforts to be faithful - to "rise" with him in the new life he won for us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After Jesus is baptized, two important events occur immediately: the Holy Spirit descends upon him while God the Father proclaims his delight in his Son: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Here we see the profound meaning of our own baptism and its effects. In addition to cleansing us from the stain of original sin, baptism: 1) gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit; and 2) welcomes us into God's family as his adopted children. Armed with the Holy Spirit and the assurance of God's fatherly care, we are equipped to engage in the daily struggle of dying-and-rising in Christ. We can always call on the Holy Spirit for strength when we face temptations or difficult decisions. Likewise, when we are discouraged or we confront our own weaknesses, we can look to the Father for help. Recall the words which the Father spoke to Jesus, and which he says to us in our baptism (and he doesn't take them back!): You are my beloved son. You are my beloved daughter. With you I am well pleased.

CELEBRATE

Find the date (or approximate date) of your baptism and the baptismal dates of your immediate family members. Make a list of the dates and spend time thanking God for his fatherly care for you. Then, when someone's baptismal anniversary comes around, make sure to celebrate!

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If you or someone you know is in danger of death from sickness or old age and wishes to receive the sacraments, please call our main number, 614-231-4509, and ask for a priest to be dispatched to your location.

If you call after hours, please use the same number and follow the prompts to reach a priest.

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At Adoration we are ministering to Jesus.

When Jesus said from the cross, "I thirst," He was talking about us...all of humankind. He truly thirsts for us. And when we adore Him, this truly gladdens the Lord's heart and consoles Him. Our love for Jesus truly moves His heart!

We are also ministering to those who are unable to be committed Adorers.

On an average day, some 25-30 guests visit our chapel to spend time with the Creator and Lover of their souls. Our chapel is able to remain open almost 120 hours per week because our generous Adorers have said, "I will plan my schedule around Jesus." We honestly don't know if there is a better service we could ever offer to our brothers and sisters.

Committed Adorers adore Jesus for one hour every week at the same time. **Substitutes** fill in as they are able for our Committed Adorers when they can't make it. And don't worry if you ever can't make your commitment or something comes up, **requesting a substitute is easy**, so there's no need to worry about vacations, appointments, emergencies, etc. That is one of the reasons we try to have two or more adorers on each available hour.

Adoration Chapel Hours

- Sunday Friday 6:00am 12:00am
- Saturday 6:00am 4:00pm



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