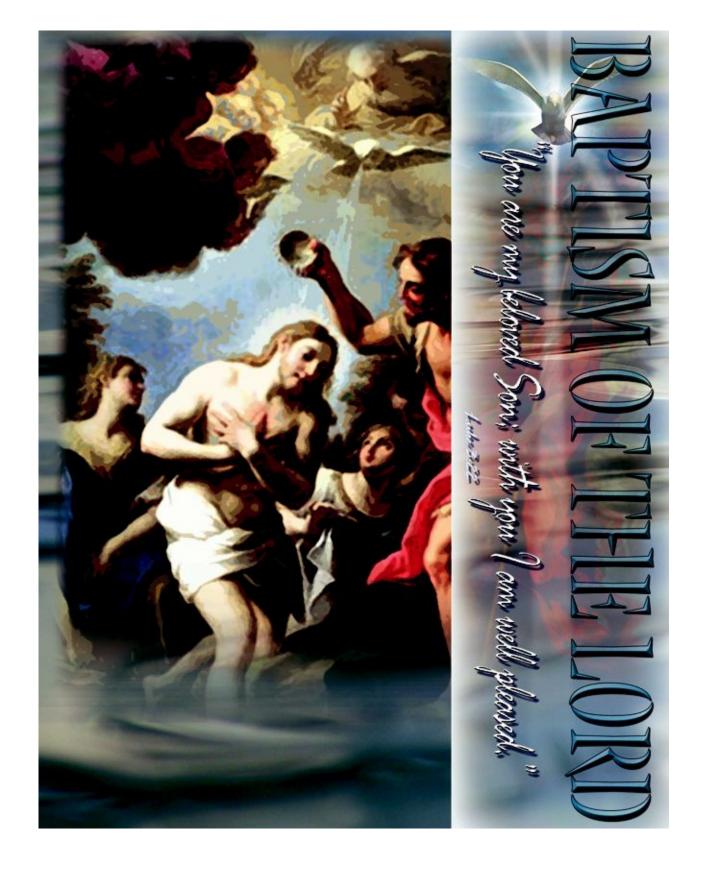


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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16,21-22

To make a discovery about someone we know or to gain a fresh insight into ourselves is a threshold, a turning point. The deeper our new knowledge, the most we are changed. Once we have passed that threshold, we are never quite the same again. What is happening in the readings of the recent Sundays and feasts is a progression in the story of the manifestation of Jesus as the Chosen One of God. John the Baptist is the one who is preparing the way for Jesus. Jesus has come upon a threshold or turning point in his life when he is baptized by John the Baptist. He is responding to His inner call. He is making a public statement about His life and His mission. In our life as a Christian, our individual call to holiness and mission is affirmed and celebrated in many ways. We recommit ourselves to our call each time we put our hand in the Baptismal font and make the sign of the cross that we are renewing our pledge of Baptism. Each time we receive the Eucharist, we are recommitting ourselves to our mission to serve the Lord.



Monday, January 14, 2013

7:00am Bill Nelson/Anita Nelson

8:00am Peggy Reilly/Len & Maureen Kuchan

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

7:00am June Westerdale/Connie Fitzgerald 8:00am Leonora/Karth/Tim O'Hanlon 9:00am Thresia Varkey/The Joseph Family

Wednesday, January 16, 2013,

7:00am Merle Lemoine/Chris & Mary Putman 8:00am Maxine Schroeder/Suzie Draher

Thursday, January 17, 2013

7:00am Dan Connolly/Joe & Cari Connolly

8:00am Dec Mem Barkley & Bell Families/Jim & Mary

Kav Barklev

9:00am Anton Bullinger/Marty & Marge Miller

Friday, January 18, 2013

7:00am Josephine Murrin/Mary Jo Nelson 8:00am James Schaumburg/Joan Schaumburg

Saturday January 19, 2013

8:00am Nate & Family/Phil & Barb Adams

5:00pm Stella O'Hanlon/Family

Sunday, January 20, 2013

6:30am Bernard & Margaret Sauers/Family 8:00am Cliff Bohlman/Michael & Connie Mullen 9:30am Jerry McDonough/KC Auxiliary # 427

11:00am For the People

5:00pm Janette Herbers/Clare Tschirn



COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served by the PTO after the morning Masses.

CONFIRMATION MEETING for parents and confirmands in groups 5,6,7,8,9 Sunday, January 13 at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the church.

SENIOR CITIZENS will meet for lunch Monday, January 14 at noon at the Sterling Family Restaurant.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP Monday, January 14 at 7:00 pm in the school chapel.

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, January 15 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, January 15 at 1:00 pm in the parish office meeting room.

PARISH COUNCIL Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm in the parish office meeting room.

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, January 16 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

CCD Wednesday, January 16 at 6:15 pm in the school.

RCIA Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm in the school library.

CHARISMATIC MASS Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 pm.

ST THOMAS SCHOOL will dismiss at 12:15 on Friday, January 18.



St. Thomas Food Pantry

Following is the suggested list of food items:

Spaghetti	Spaghetti Sauce	Rice
Canned Fruit	Pancake Mix	Jelly
Dry Beans	Pork & Beans	Cereal
Soup	Crackers	Syrup
Beef Stew	Canned Vegetables	Noodles
Peanut Butter	Mac & Cheese	Tuna
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Thank you for your contributions to the Food Pantry.

We greatly appreciate your generosity.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Please keep the men and women in the military in your prayers:

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*Bridget Kelley	*Jason Kedzior	*Jason Stevenor
*Travis Williams	*Michael McKee	*Brian Behm
*Alex Fritz	* Joe Kuchan	*Christopher Miller
*Jason Kidd	*Tom Stimeling	*F Michael Schachtrup
*Roseanne Milroy	*Curtis Bohlman	*Maegan Brown
*Victoria Coers	*Ryan Schatsiek	*Jim Comfort
*Scot Wettach	*Joe Moran	*Jason Blankenship
*Jacob Moody	*JoanneMcGregor	*Farrah Bramble
*Liam O'Nei ll	*William Kelley, III	*Mackinzie Wilts
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Weekly Collection

	12/23/12	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 23,077	\$ 623,079
Sunday Collections	\$ 23,155	\$ 630,486
Electronic Collections	\$ 1,565	\$ 42,265
Total Collected	\$ 24,720	\$ 672,751
Overage (Shortage)	\$ 1,643	\$ 49,672

Our Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK: Fred Lemoine, father of Mary Putman and grandfather of Chris Putman and Michelle Clatfelter; Nancy Boehle, mother of Cheryl Smith and grandmother of Dane and Aubrey Smith; Jo Ann Lawler, mother of Steve Lawler and grandmother of Eric and Alyssa Lawler and Lauren McCoole; Ron Damm; John Welsh; Sr Rita Schlumpberger, sister of Dick Schlumpberger; Burl Stokes, father of Judy Rosenow; Rob Eckert, son of Barb Eckert; Merton Hubert, father of Terri Moon

If you are not as close to God as you used to be, guess who moved?

Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will..



Members of St. Thomas Parish

Thank you all for your generosity. The gifts that we received for our clients from St. Thomas at Christmas were wonderful. We can not express to you what a difference your kindness makes in the life of a lonely child who thinks he/she is forgotten, or a family that is able to pay for only the bare necessities, or for the senior who has no family. Thank you for helping us spread some Christmas joy.

The Staff of the Center for Youth and Family Solutions

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Peoria Notre Dame Annual Benefit Dinner Auction

Saturday, March 16, 2013 Embassy Suites Hotel

Baseball Hall of Fame package (Cooperstown, NY) including museum passes with a personally guided tour from alumni, Tim Wiles (BHS '82), Dir. Of Research at the Hall of Fame, plus 2 nights at The White House Inn, a 19th century classic, Greek Revival B & B, listed in the national historic registry, plus a signed collectible copy of The Story of Take Me Out to the Baseball Game (co-written by Tim Wiles).

One-Day Disney Hopper passes (\$500 value) for a Disney theme park.

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Peoria FIRE Foundation for Inclusive Religious Education

This organization works to include children with special needs into an inclusive classroom environment in religious schools. There will be a fundraiser January 19th from 4:00-7:00 pm at Peoria Notre Dame High School. Chili dinner and hot dogs as well as games and a bake sale. Carry-out will be offered.

Annual ThanksGiving Program 2013

Thank you to those who have responded to our 2013 Annual Giving Program. We appreciate your generosity. If you have not had a chance to respond yet please consider participating in the year's Annual Giving Program. This year's proceeds will help with the installation of air conditioning in our school and updating of controls for our current systems.

You may return your green pledge card to the Parish Office, mail it, or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. If you have questions, please call Jan Smith after January 2 at 688-3466.



Thank you to the generous people who decorated the church for the Holidays. It is a huge undertaking, and, in spite of other "callings" out of town for new grandchildren, etc., the beauty of the church was not compromised by these wonderful workers. Special thanks to Mary Lou Bartley who is the chair of the committee.

New Year's Resolutions

These come from Erma Bombeck:

- I'm going to clean this dump just as soon as the kids grow up.
- I will go to no doctor whose office plants have died.
- I'm going to follow my husband's suggestion to put a little excitement into my life by living within our budget.
- I'm going to apply for a hardship scholarship to Weight Watchers.
- I will never lend my car to anyone I have given birth to.
- And just like last year..l am going to remember that my children need love the most when they deserve it the least.

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Baptism class is held for all parents before the baptism of their child. Please contact Sr. Rachel to schedule the class. Next Baptisms: January 27 at 11:00 am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm or by appointment with a priest Confessions are held in the confessionals in the daily Mass Chapel

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