

## Your Weekly Stewardship

Adult Envelope	\$ 1,070.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	71,699.50
Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date	77,372.00
Loose Plate	21.00
Children's Envelopes	22.55
Green Special Needs Envelopes	0.00
Breaking Bread Free Will Offering	109.00

Thank you for your generous contributions.

## Faith Formation Notes

**January 19 — Faith Formation classes, Speaker and Breaking Bread Community Meal (10:45).**

- Volunteers needed to assist in the kitchen for Breaking Bread on January 19th. Menu: Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, & dessert.
- January 19: speaker Daniel Funeral Home; planning your funeral, what needs to be done, costs, cremation, green funerals.

# Growing Together in Faith

## Calendar

- SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**  
8:30 AM Mass
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**  
8:00 AM Mass  
8:30 AM Breakfast
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**  
6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting  
6:00 PM Liturgy/Faith Formation Committee Meeting  
6:00 PM Social Justice & Ministry Committee Meeting  
7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**  
8:00 AM Mass & Benediction
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**  
8:30 AM Mass  
Faith Formation, Speaker & Breaking Bread
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**  
8:00 AM Mass  
8:30 AM Breakfast  
9:00 AM Hope For Those Who Mourn
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**  
1:00 PM ACC Planning Meeting
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**  
8:00 AM Mass & Benediction
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**  
8:00 AM Mass  
8:30 AM Breakfast
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**  
8:00 AM Mass & Benediction
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
8:30 AM Mass

## Parish Happenings



### Join us for Lunch!

We have been hosting "Breaking Bread" community meal after every Faith Formation class. This meal is for **EVERYONE!**

**Join us January 19th, serving at 10:45 am, Menu: Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, & dessert, a free will offering is collected at all community meals.**

Thanks to all of the volunteers who prepare food, set-up and clean-up at these community meals!



Welcome to our Parish family Aaron & Karen Chalich and their children; Brianna, Chloe and Skylar.

Please offer a warm St. John the Baptist Parish welcome to the Chalich family!



### Hope For Those Who Mourn

If you or a friend has experienced the loss of a loved one, you know how empty and sad life can seem. There is a grief support group which meets once a month here in the Parish Center for people like yourself who are experiencing grief because of a loss.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, January 22nd, at 9:00 a.m.**

You do not have to register. Simply come. All are welcome. You can bring someone with you if you wish to do so.

-Sister Joyce Iten, OSB, Group facilitator.

### How do the Numbers Compare?

Mass Attendance:	2018	2019/20
Christmas Eve Mass	500	500
Week 4 of December	139	125
Week 1 of January	91	No # recorded



All children are welcome to stop by the table in the hallway to pick up your weekly Gospel puzzle sheet — **and don't forget to pick up a yellow children's envelope and write a good deed on it — Father will collect them during the offertory.**

Some wonderful good deeds submitted on recent children's envelopes include:  
"I listened to my parents."  
"I am being good."

### THE GOLDEN YEARS



Happy Birthday to Alvina Klocker, who will be celebrating her 96th birthday on Monday, January 13th. May you, and everyone else with January birthdays, experience God's best in everything! Birthday blessings!

### Note of Sympathy

Please keep in your prayers the family of Esther Martini who passed away on January 4th. Esther is the mother of Dean (Kelly) Martini. May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Thank you to those who regularly and generously give of their treasure as well as those who give of their time and talent to support the work of our parish. With the start of this new year, might you consider Electronic Giving?

Electronic Giving automatically transfers funds to the parish on your behalf monthly. It is completely safe, confidential, and saves the parish money. Electronic Giving; forms are on the parish website or paper enrollment forms are hanging on the bulletin board in the parish center. If you have questions, contact Julie in the parish office.



Mark your calendars, and start 2020 off right by clearing your closets of clutter! Our Spring Rummage Sale will take place April 23 & 24. Donations will be accepted April 19, 20 & 21 from 1-7PM.

## Liturgical Ministers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH 8:30 AM MASS	
USHERS	Bob & Alice Mayers
SERVER	Nick & Holly Hansen
LECTOR	Evie Dumonceaux
GIFT BEARERS	Jon & Shelly Acheson family
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Joyce Abeln, Chuck Griffith, Linda McNair
SACRISTAN	Mary Griffith
MUSIC	Br. David Klingeman Dianne Bechthold

## Prayer Corner

Louise Bartlett, Julia Beckmann,  
Lorraine Degiovanni, Paul Dukowitz,  
Gloria Ebacher, Ron Eisenschenk,  
Alvina Klocker, Gen Ludowese,  
Mildred Notsch, Anthony Scholz,  
Charlie & Nancy Wenner,  
all who are lonely, grieving or estranged,  
Military Men, Women and their families,  
all the ill or suffering,  
And the families of our recently deceased:  
+ Kort Plantenberg and  
+ Jim Eisenschenk





**The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2020**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is "to be our model of holiness." All of Jesus' words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we're meant to be. Jesus' baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. "This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased." And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit's grace and power to continue Christ's mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can – and should – invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let's do as Jesus did. Let's live in our baptism! ©LPi



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JANUARY 12, 2020  
FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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*Welcome*

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus:

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus: With the flurry of funerals this past week and also this coming week in St. Joe. I have been preparing lots of homilies for these fine people. I know that in both parishes deaths leave an empty place in our hearts and our worshipping communities.

I want to commend Julie Ortloff and Tess Koltes for organizing and leading an important discussion on the nature and future of the Collegeville parish and its relationship to St. Joe. The St. Joseph Parish Counsel will need to have a meeting with Collegeville Parish Counsel in order to better coordinate our goals and strategies for the future of our relationship. I will ask Amber Walling and Julie Ortloff to organize this retreat/meeting. Our future as parishes depends on sustainable goals for each. One basic goal is prayer as the center of our life. From prayer must arise discipleship for every parishioner so that the parishes can sustain the organizations that are needed. We will be reporting on our progress in the near future.

Speaking of goals, what are your goals for the New Year? Here Buster has a goal of getting more treats and more naps. My goal for the year is to work on using less plastic. I would like to see us ban plastic straws and other items that are not biodegradable. I guess if I can do that my footprint will be lessened. I wish all of you peace and blessings in the coming weeks!

Fr. Jerome



*Our Mission*

We are a progressive Catholic Benedictine Community encountering Christ through the celebration of Word and Sacrament, one another, nature, and our thirst to create a just world.

*Mass Times*

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