

The Baptism of the Lord — *January 10, 2010*

The Baptism of the Lord ABC 1 *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7*

The Spirit of Justice

The last line of today's gospel refers to the first line of today's first reading. When Jesus was baptized, a voice proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Isaiah opens his prophecy today with the voice of God proclaiming, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased."

Oh, to bring God pleasure! What marvelous joy!

Isaiah envisions that God takes joy in the chosen one. God's choice of a people started the whole story of salvation. When the covenant worked well, the chosen people responded like good servants, stewards of the word of God. When Israel was pleasing, God put upon the people the spirit. That spirit helped them bring forth justice to the nations.

For Christians, all the baptized are God's chosen people, those chosen by God for union with Christ. Upon us God has given a Spirit, to help us bring forth justice to the nations. God's Spirit is anxious to use you to make the world a fairer place.

Have you opened your heart? Can you hear God speak of you, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased"?

Readings For Next Sunday

January 16 & 17

1st Reading...Is 62:1-5
2nd Reading...1 Cor 12:4-11
Gospel...Jn 2:1-11

ALTAR SERVERS

(Week of January 11)

Monday	Noon	Jim Gates, M. Gumbel, E. Twyman
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted, H. Thiersch, A. Eisert
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa, D. McFarland, J. Vining
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg, C. Vining, M. Wilkinson
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+M. Gumbel, B. Gumbel, M. Wilkinson
Sunday	10:00am	+A. Durbin, H. Thiersch, S. Davis

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MASS INTENTIONS

(Week of January 11)

Monday	Noon	Phyllis Lippy
Tuesday	Noon	Louise A. Schoo
Wednesday	Noon	Virginia Simms
Thursday	Noon	Joseph Newton
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	10:00am	Catherine Boone

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

(January, 2010)

4:30pm....David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Church Armes, Pat Riggs, **Need 2**

10:00am... Peter & Dianna Pepe(cpts) & Mike Baron, Gene Brewer, Pete Thomas, Bob Kern, Beth & Vincent Pepe (subs)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

(January 16 & 17)

4:30pm...Team A...George Gates, Cpt., Mike Armes, Judy Fieldhouse, Don Bayers, Joan Raap, Cleo Leonhardt, Marty Purcell

10:00am...Team B...Horace Lynch, Cpt., Lisa Stearns, Mike Littell, Carolyn Bell, Karen Willenger, Kelley Gates

LECTORS

(January 16 & 17)

4:30pm...Sandy Cundiff & Sr. Paulanne Diebold
10:00am....Danny McFarland & Frank Coffey

GIFT BEARERS

(January 16 & 17)

4:30pm...Ann Massey
10:00am...McCormick Family

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for January 3.....\$12,118

Our stewardship journey begins in the waters of baptism. It is through the waters of baptism that we are given a new life and become disciples of Jesus. As Jesus' disciples, we are called to build the kingdom of God with the gifts God has given to us.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

7th and 8th Graders

Junior High Youth Group will be having a Karaoke party on **Monday, January 11th** from 6 to 7:30pm. Food and refreshments will be served.

High School

Thanks to all the High School youth that attended the Lock-in over Christmas break. Please check the parish website for more upcoming events.

Family Bingo is Coming!

Family Bingo is coming in January. We will have family bingo after the **10am mass on January 17th**. Plenty of markers and cards will be available along with food and refreshments. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. (This is a free event).



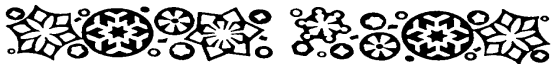
Please contact Nick Cummins at nkcummins@bellsouth.net or 458-2500 for more info on any of the above mentioned events.

Catholic Healing Service conducted by Fr. Bernie Weber, C.P. on Tuesday, January 12th from 7-9 PM at Holy Family Church 3926 Poplar Level Road. All are welcome!

After both Masses on January 9 & 10, there will be sign up sheets in the back of church for the annual Right to Life of Louisville's ad that will be published in the Courier-Journal. There is a \$5.00 contribution requested to offset the cost of the ad.

MASS CANCELCATION DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

As a reminder, when Catholic Elementary school classes are canceled due to inclement weather (Monday-Friday), masses for that particular day(s) are also canceled.



Stand Up in Defense of Human Life

Attend the Annual Archdiocesan Pro-Life Mass
Sunday, January 17, 2010
3:00pm

St. Martin of Tours Church, 639 South Shelby Street
Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, Celebrant

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. Their support makes this bulletin possible.
This week's bulletin sponsor is **Buckhead Mountain Grill.**

END OF THE YEAR TAX STATEMENTS for contributions through 12/31/09 will be mailed to each registered parish family no later than 1/31/10. Tax statements will contain any donation made through your monthly contribution envelopes. These include: Sunday, building debt reduction, holyday, and Archdiocesan collections for which envelopes were provided in your packet. Gifts of stock to the parish will be listed separately on your statement listing the type and number of shares.

Opportunities for Life: Kentucky's four Catholic bishops have selected the weekend of January 16/17 for the Annual Collection to support Opportunities for Life. On this weekend, the Church asks us to contribute to the statewide 24-hour a day, 7-day a week pregnancy ministry. Please be generous in your giving to this important second collection. OFL volunteers offer hope and resources to callers who find the courage to seek help while facing a crisis in their lives. In addition to your generous gift, please pray for our volunteers and for those they serve. For information on our volunteer training program or to receive more information about OFL, please call (888)496-3638.

The **SARAFUN MONTHLY MEETING** will be Sunday, January 10, 2010 in the blue room immediately following the 10am Mass. Refreshments will be served. Remember to bring your unused books for the Book Exchange Program.



The Parish Office will be **closed** on Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Bridal Announcement...The Record will publish the First Bridal Issue of 2010 on January 28, 2010. If you are planning your wedding between January 28, 2010 and July 28, 2010 and would like your announcement in The Record, fill out and send the form currently appearing in the paper. You may also go online at archlou.org/therecord/bridalannouncements_and_complete_your_form_via_the_internet. For additional information or questions contact Rachell Rauh at 471-2125 or email: rrauh@archlou.org. **The deadline is Friday, January 8, 2010 at 10am.**

Please offer your prayers for our sick family & friends in the St. Raphael Parish community:

Bernadine Allbritten, Mary Lee Anderson, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Mary Rose Brizendine, Jo Ann Carroll, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Pat Conner, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Mary Jeannette Durham, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Marcela Horney, Rosemary Johnson, Mary Kautzman, Damion Kline, George Koestel, Henry Krebs, Andy Latkovski, A.C. Leonhardt, Cleo Leonhardt, Charles Lucas, Marilyn Malone, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Malinda O'Daniel Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Angelo Rappa, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Joseph Sauter, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Scott Spalding, Jack Sweeney, Dorothy Thomas, John Tichenor, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Mary Warken, Lillian Werkman, James Whelan, Marty Wiehebrink, Dorothy Wimsatt,

(In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, please notify the Parish Office of any additions or deletions.)