

# ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## The Baptism of the Lord

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## Prayers for the Sick

Please help us keep the list of the sick updated. If you would like to be on the email prayer chain or want to submit a prayer request of any kind please email [joanconlon59@yahoo.com](mailto:joanconlon59@yahoo.com):

Blake Kuntz  
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Jamie Kouba  
Daryl Wanner  
Gail Walls  
LuAnn Woeste  
Ashley Braem  
David Berger  
Ardie Krueger  
Heather Woroneicki  
Mitch Moszer  
Ardelle Tibor

## Mass Intentions

Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory by Ken & Mary Ann Duppong
Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 AM	++ Victor & Ann Tibor & + Jean Raaf by Denis & Sara Tibor
Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	+Peter Berger
Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	+ Valentine Staudinger
Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Special Intentions for Andrew Jacobson by Monica Jacobson
Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 AM	+ Annette Sardelli

## Ministers

### January 10<sup>th</sup>- Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: Kevin Staiger  
Ushers: Kevin & Toni Staiger  
Servers: Kianna & Cassidy  
Rosary: Volunteer

### January 11<sup>th</sup>- Sunday- 8:30 AM:

Lector: Kathy Sardelli  
Ushers: David & Kathy Sardelli  
Servers: Simon & Ambrose  
Rosary: David Johnson

January 13<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday- 9:00 AM

January 16<sup>th</sup>- Friday- Mass at 9:00 AM;  
Adoration 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

### January 17<sup>th</sup>- Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: Nicole Vogle  
Ushers: Kerry & Brenda Richardson  
Servers: Cambri, Brynlee & Cade  
Rosary: Volunteer

### January 18<sup>th</sup>- Sunday- 8:30 AM:

Lector: David Wanner  
Ushers: David & Cheryl Wanner  
Servers: Scarlet, Felix & Hattie  
Rosary: David Johnson

\*\* Confessions 30 minutes before Mass\*\*

First, third and fifth Wednesdays  
there will be Eucharistic Adoration  
from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
followed by Mass

### Mass Schedule - Central Time

#### Masses at St. Ann's

Saturday 6:30 PM  
Sunday 8:30 AM  
Tuesday 9:00 AM  
Friday 9:00 AM

#### Masses at Sacred Heart:

Saturday 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM  
Sunday 10:30 AM  
Thursday 9:00 AM

#### Parish Office Hours are 10 AM TO 1PM

#### Tuesdays and Fridays

The Church is open from  
7:30 AM TO 7:30 PM Everyday

ST. ANNS IS AN EMERGENCY STORM SHELTER  
FOR THOSE IN NEED DOORS WILL REMAIN OPEN  
DURING STORMS

### Daily Readings

**Jan 11** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10,  
Matthew 3:13-17  
Acts 10:34-38

**Jan 12** Samuel 1:1-8  
Psalms 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19  
Mark 1:14-20

**Jan 13** Samuel 1:9-20  
Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8  
Mark 1:21-28

**Jan 14** Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20  
Psalms 40:2-5, 7-8, 8-9, 10  
Mark 1:29-39

**Jan 15** Samuel 4:1-11  
Psalms 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26  
Mark 1:40-45

**Jan 16** Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22  
Psalms 89:16-17, 18-19  
Mark 2:1-12

**Jan 17** Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1  
Psalms 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
Mark 2:13-17

### Upcoming Events

\*Bible Study- Monday nights at 7:00 PM

\*St. Gianna's Baby shower- Will be January 11<sup>th</sup> after the morning Mass! Please put donated items into the play pen in the gathering space- list of items needed are on the playpen! Fellowship to follow the morning Mass!

\*Children's Christmas items available in the St. Ann's bookstore!

\*Knights of Columbus outdoor Nativity Scene winners are Steve and Ruth Maershbecker of Hebron and The Guppies on Main Street in Glen Ullin. Congratulations to the winners!

\*Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest January 11<sup>th</sup>, this Sunday at 12:30 PM; Competition starts at 1 PM. For boys and girls ages 9 to 14 will be at the Glen Ullin School.

\*St. Ann's Knoephla Soup & Sausage Dinner/Raffle- February 1<sup>st</sup>. Parishioners that would like to donate a Chinese Auction basket are asked to let Father Gary or Eve know by **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**, so that we can garner the needed permit from the City of Hebron. We do not need to know the contents at this time, but just the *value* of the contents. Thank you!

\*Ministries schedule coming soon!

### Stewardship of Treasure

Adult: \$1255

Loose: \$277

Solemnity of Mary: \$590

First Offering: \$255

Thank you for your donations!

***“This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.”*** On the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, the last day of the Christmas season, it is always sad when the beauty and peace of Christmas come to an end. Our homes and churches are so barren; city streets are dark and lifeless without the Christmas lights; and the joyful music of Christmas must be silenced for another year. We will miss coming before the Christ Child in the Nativity scenes of our homes and churches, because just gazing upon Him brings such peace and serenity. But maybe that is one reason the Church concludes this glorious season with the Baptism of Our Lord, to remind us of our Baptism, when we were also a holy innocent child, like the baby Jesus. Perhaps the spiritual message is to carry the peace of Christmas throughout the entire year by becoming that holy child we once were on the day of our Baptism, before sin entered the equation. As we enter Ordinary Time, may we seek to live by the extraordinary graces of our Baptism, when we became a child of God. How different my life would be if I could reclaim the holiness of Bethlehem, which I received on the day of my Baptism, when God also called me His beloved child.

### **Difficult Scripture Passages**

***“He (Jesus) took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. Putting spittle on his eyes, He laid hands on him and asked, ‘Do you see anything?’ Looking up, he replied, ‘I see people looking like trees and walking.’ Then He laid hands on his eyes a second time and he saw clearly; his sight was restored and he could see everything distinctly”*** (Mark 8:22-25).

Jesus' gradual cure of the blind man from Bethsaida stands in sharp contrast to the other miracles of healing attributed to Jesus in the Gospels. Normally, when Jesus healed people, He brought about an immediate cure. For example, the woman with a hemorrhage touched Jesus' cloak and “immediately her flow of blood dried up” (Mark 5:28-29). The blind man, Bartimaeus, told Jesus that he wanted to see and “immediately he received his sight and followed Him on the way” (Mark 10: 51-52). Considering the immediate nature of these cures, it is puzzling why the coming to sight of the blind man of Bethsaida occurred in a gradual and imperfect manner.

Jesus, moved by compassion, desired to bring sight to the blind man, but the gradual nature of the healing took this course because Jesus had another purpose in mind. Immediately after this account of the offering of sight to the blind man of Bethsaida, Mark writes of Jesus' impression upon His disciples of the necessity of His death and resurrection. Peter's first response was to take Jesus aside and rebuke Him for such nonsense, at which Jesus responded, “Get behind me, Satan! You are thinking not as God does, but as man does” (Mark 8:33). A second, and a third time, Jesus predicted His death and resurrection, but still His disciples did not understand what He was saying. But, like the blind man of Bethsaida, the disciples of Jesus would in time be gradually enlightened concerning Jesus' Messiahship: as Messiah, He would have to suffer and die before He entered into His glory. The disciples were convinced that Jesus was the earthly Messiah Israel had long awaited . . . the Messiah who would restore the Kingdom of David. But Jesus' Kingdom was not of this world and only with His resurrection would His disciples finally understand that He died and rose to offer us a far more important Kingdom: His heavenly Kingdom. When this understanding finally sunk in, Luke tells us that the disciples' “eyes were opened and they recognized Him” (Luke 24:31). Gradually, Jesus had cured the disciples' spiritual blindness. He offers the same healing to all of us, when we are slow to accept and believe in His suffering, death, and resurrection, especially as it unfolds in our lives. Sometimes Jesus must build our faith in stages because we are slow to embrace the same Paschal Mystery, especially the Cross, which prepares us to reign with Him in glory.

**Help Wanted:** With his graduation this spring, Kevin Dzuik, our faithful caretaker of the lawns at Sacred Heart Church, is moving onto other pursuits. We are grateful for the years of his mowing and trimming to make our church grounds look great from spring until fall. We are in need of someone willing to mow the lawn for Sacred Heart Church. The IRS requires that the individual must be at least sixteen years of age, because they consider a riding lawn mower to be “heavy machinery.” If you or someone you know would like to do this mowing for Sacred Heart Parish, please contact Fr. Gary. Thank you.

**The Big Day is Quickly Approaching:** The ***Saint Ann's Knoephla Soup & Sausage Dinner*** is right around the corner, on **Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**. The raffle tickets will soon be distributed; the meal planning is underway; and the polka band is booked. Now we just have one more item to address: the Chinese Auction baskets. We need to know by **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**, if you want to donate a basket, so that we can garner the needed permit from the City of Hebron. We do

not need to know the contents at this time, but just the *value* of the contents. Please contact the parish office before this Monday if you want to be part of this new addition to our church dinner.

**On the Lighter Side, Baptism Humor:** A crusty Irish monsignor tired of seeing so many people at Christmas and Easter services, but not at every Sunday of the year. So, in his closing remarks after the Christmas Mass, he said, "Church is not just about the three times of life: "hatch" (Baptism); "match" (the wedding); and "dispatch" (the funeral). I will see you all next Sunday.

**A Christian Point to Ponder:** *"Baptism is only the beginning of a lifetime of loving and serving the Lord."*



**Saint Gianna Maternity Home Baby Shower will be this Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> after the  
8:30 AM Mass. There will be donuts and coffee as well!**