

Saint Patrick Catholic Church



January 12th & 13th, 2019
The Baptism of the Lord

Mass times:

Saturday at 5:30pm & Sunday
at 10:45am

**Nursery is available during 10:45
mass.**

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Confession: Saturday at
4:30 pm or by appointment.



Message from our Pastor:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Lord shows us the importance of baptism by Himself receiving it at the hands of his cousin John the Baptist. When Christ's head went into the water of the Jordan, He blessed the water that we would eventually be used to baptize millions and billions of people since His time here on earth. There have been billions of people baptized since Christ was baptized in the Jordan.

We priests are privileged to perform thousands of baptisms over our lifetime – baptisms at Mass, at hospitals, in homes, older folks, babies, middle aged, sick, healthy, joyful situations, sad situations and everything in between. We even perform them in foreign languages. Once we had 11 baptisms at Mass in Spanish! That was wild!

Baptism is such an amazing grace for someone. Theologically speaking, it washes away original sin that we all inherit and makes us adopted sons and daughters of God. On a practical level, it makes like better. It makes people more able to walk with God on a daily basis. It gives people a special level of protection from temptation that would otherwise lead them to make bad choices that have lasting and detrimental consequences. Your reasoning and thought abilities are heightened after baptism by an outpouring of the Holy Spirit through your mind. It is amazing. What a gift! And it's free at your local Catholic Church!

What amazes me, in a negative sense, is that people now-a-days deprive their kids of this. Why on earth would a parent deprive their kid of this when it does so much good for them? Parents do so much to provide every benefit and advantage for their child, and yet they do not give them this

which does so much for them and will help them so much in their future.

Usually when this occurs, when a parent decides not to have their child baptized, it is because that parent is taking their own baptism for granted. They are not appreciating how much baptism is helping their own life. They just think it is them who is doing all they do in their life...they don't realize that if they themselves had not been baptized, they would be far less effective and successful and happy at whatever they do in their life that is good and decent. They don't realize how much their own (the parents) baptism has changed and helped their own lives. If they understood how important it was in their own life, they NEVER would have even thought about depriving their own kids from baptism. NEVER.

There are grandparents or relatives who are reading this message whose hearts are in agony because their own grandchild or niece or nephew has not been baptized. That is a sad thing. But the fact that your heart aches is a good thing. That means you know the truth and you should remind and nag and continually encourage your loved one to have their children baptized. Tell them how good it is for them. Tell them it is NOT just checking the box. Tell them it will make the kid more able to deal with the ups and downs of life and persevere head on into any challenges they might experience.

Parents always want what is best for their kids. But sometimes they don't realize what is best because of immaturity or some other reason. You know the answer. You know the truth about baptism and how important it is. So don't hesitate to remind anyone who has not baptized their children to get it done!

- Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Volunteer Opportunity: Please consider volunteering about 1 hour each week for a month to assist us in keeping St. Patrick Church clean for liturgy services. It is very easy to learn and a lot of fun. Just fill in a month in the sign-up form located downstairs in a red folder on the first left side window sill. Any questions contact me at johnjlore@gmail.com or 513-7173. Thank you, John Lo Re

Thank you: Thank you to all who participate in the Kroger program for St. Patrick to receive benefits. We have received another check in the amount of \$63.57. Remember you have to renew your membership for this program each year. And all new members St. Patrick number is **89764**. Thank you again for shopping at Kroger.

SPC Social Outreach Committee: Will be collecting towels this month to donate to St. Francis Home. Please donate new or clean & in good condition bath towels. All donations can be left in the basket on the table in the Social Hall.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars now for the next Sharing Sunday which is **February 3rd**. Remember your non-perishable food items. Table in basement for drop off.

SPC Social Outreach Committee: is looking for not so used items. Including walking canes, wheel chairs, and walkers. If you have any of these items that are not in need anymore, please contact Bernie Mann, Eddie Baird, or Heather Coleman.

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Upcoming class dates are 2/3, 3/31, 7/7, and 10/6. If you are interested in attending a class or scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Please note you may attend class prior to the birth of your baby.
****2/3 is a newly added class****



Church Support as of 1/6/19

Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$3,162.49
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$3,981.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$818.51

Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$81,493.58
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$107,487.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$25,993.42

Attendance for

1/1 = 63, 1/5 = 30, and 1/6=162

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SPC Emergency #: 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.