



Many Hands. One Faith.

The Baptism Of The Lord

January 11, 2009

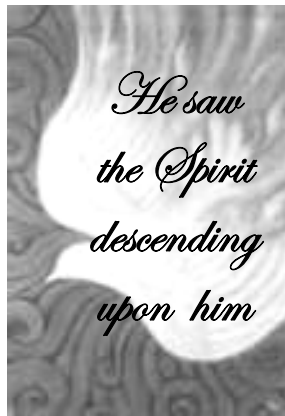
Gospel Reflection

FRIEND OR FOE?

Water is a rich and potent symbol. We all know that no life on earth would be possible without it. We use it for our sustenance, our cleansing, our relaxation; it touches nearly every facet of human life, and its absence is soon noted. Without it, the grain, wine, milk, and other “rich fare” from Isaiah would not be possible. The messianic age is characterized as a time of abundance and fertility, not attainable without water. It was a precious commodity in Jesus’ world. Water has its dark, dangerous side as well—the chaos of the dawn of creation was symbolized by water, the earth was destroyed (and still knows destruction) by the waters of the flood. Israel risked it all in the waters of the Red Sea as they fled Egypt and entered the desert. In similar fashion, today Jesus risks it all in his calling as Son of God and, like the Israel whose son he also was, he will enter the desert in the next few verses of Mark’s Gospel.

THICKER THAN WATER

Another powerful life symbol is blood. Like water, it is essential. John’s letter today tells us that three things testify to Jesus as the Son of God: water, blood, and the Spirit. Today’s feast forms a hinge of sorts between the two great “water and blood” moments in the life of Jesus.



It is the culmination of the season of the Nativity, the time when we remember and celebrate that Jesus came into the world as a fully human being, in water and blood. It is also the day on which he begins his public ministry of calling Israel to repentance by proclaiming the reign of God, a ministry that will ultimately end in water and blood as he is crucified. But hovering over all of this is the Holy Spirit. It is by the Spirit that Jesus was conceived in the womb of Mary; it is the Spirit who guides his entire ministry from Jordan to Calvary; and it will be the Spirit who brings his resurrected life back to the world, who continues it to this very day in the waters of baptism and the blood of disciples, by which his Body, the Church, is still proclaiming the reign of God to the world.

Today’s Readings: Isaiah 55:1–11; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; 1 John 5:1–9; Mark 1:7–11

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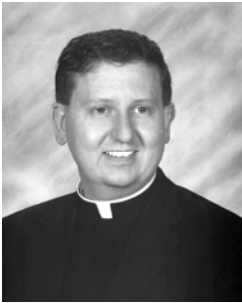
Mass Intentions for January 18, 2009

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| 5:30 p.m. | OLMC | Mike Riley, Jean Ryan |
| 8:30 a.m. | OLMC | All Of Our Parishioners |
| 10:30 a.m. | STM | Maria Pham, Marcella & Gabe Kaelin, Fr. Walter Kaelin CP |
| 12:30 p.m. | STM | Thomas Sneed |

Daily Readings

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|-----------|----------|----------------|--------------|--|
| 01/10 Sat | 8:15 am | 1 Jn 5:14-21 | John 3:22-30 | All The Sick And Homebound Of OLMC |
| Sun Vigil | 5:30 pm | Isaiah 55:1-11 | 1 John 5:1-9 | Mark 1:7-11 |
| | | | | Intentions of Denise Wood, All Of Our Parishioners |
| 01/11 Sun | 8:30 am | Isaiah 55:1-11 | 1 John 5:1-9 | Mark 1:7-11 |
| | 10:30 am | Isaiah 55:1-11 | 1 John 5:1-9 | Mark 1:7-11 |
| | | | | Kathy McClure Joe & Mary Beaven, Magdalene Nguyen, Deanne Roeder |
| | 12:30 pm | Isaiah 55:1-11 | 1 John 5:1-9 | Mark 1:7-11 |
| 01/12 Mon | 8:15 am | Heb 1:1-6 | Mark 1:14-20 | Sherrill Neutz |
| 01/13 Tue | 8:15 am | Heb 2:5-12 | Mark 1:21-28 | All Of Our Parishioners |
| 01/14 Wed | 8:15 am | Heb 1:14-18 | Mark 1:29-39 | Bernice Stone |
| 01/15 Thr | 8:15 am | Heb 3:7-14 | Mark 1:40-45 | Rose Markert |
| 01/16 Fri | 8:15 am | Heb 4:1-5, 11 | Mark 2:1-12 | All The Sick And Homebound Of STM |
| 01/17 Sat | 8:15 am | Heb 4:12-16 | Mark 2:13-17 | All The Sick And Homebound Of OLMC |

Intentions



Weekly Message
By: Fr. Philip Erickson

We refer to a person who is an excellent teacher as having a “vocation” to teach. The word “vocation” comes from the Latin *vocare*, which means “to call.” Thus, a person might have a natural gift for teaching, and the person answered this “call.”

THE CHRISTIAN VOCATION

Christ Jesus says clearly, “You did not choose me, but I chose you...to go and bear fruit” (John 15:16). The fruit that we bear is love. He commands us to “love one another” (John 15: 17), but not simply with human love. He commands us to “love one another as I have loved you” (John 15: 12). Thus, Christians must love with grace-filled, divine love. This allows us to “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven” (Mt 5:44ff).

This type of fruit-bearing, grace-filled love can only be accomplished through Christ. First, Christ calls us to be united to him. “Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit” (John 15: 5). Christ even tells us how to abide in him. “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them” (John 6: 56). Thus, we are able to say, like Saint Paul, “It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me” (Galatians 2: 20).

Second, Christ calls his followers to be united together, “so that they may be one, as we are one” (John 17:22). Saint Paul reminds believers that the must bear “with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit” (Ephesians 4: 3). “Christ is the head of the body, the church” (Colossians 1:18). And, Saint Paul reminds us how our unity is sustained. “The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread” (! Corinthians 10: 16ff).

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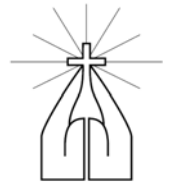
Pope Benedict XVI Prayer Intentions
January 2009

GENERAL: That the family may become more and more a place of training in charity, personal growth and transmission of the faith.



MISSION: That the different Christian confessions, aware of the need for a new evangelization in this period of profound transformations, may be committed to announcing the Good News and moving towards the full unity of all Christians in order to offer a more credible testimony of the Gospel.

Parish FAQ's



The Icon - A History

When the committee was developing the new bulletin format, they discussed many options as to the “image” for the front cover. One option was to follow STM’s format and add an image of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Another option was to follow OLMC’s format and add an image of Saint Thomas More’s church building.

However, rather than follow either parish’s format, the committee decided to create a new- symbol that reflected our identity. On one hand, both parishes had remained open: neither one had been closed or merged. On the other hand, the parishes had been clustered, and because of the local situation, the parishes were operating from a collaborative model.

Thus, the committee sought help from Michael Lauer, a graphic designer. who gave of his time and talent to create the icon now being used. A former Louisvillian, Michael grew up in Saint Albert the Great Parish, and he and his wife were members of Holy Spirit Parish before moving to Chicago.

The finished symbol shows two separate parishes.

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Four-Week Calendar of Upcoming Events

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:30 p.m. (OLMC)

ROSARY RECITATION

Mon. - Sat. after 8:15 Mass (OLMC)

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

5:30 p.m. (OLMC)

SUNDAY MASS



8:30 a.m. (OLMC)

10:30 a.m. (STM)

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. (OLM)

Friday, 11:00 a.m. (STM)

| | Week of Jan. 11 – Jan. 17 | Week of Jan. 18 – Jan. 24 | Week of Jan. 25 – Jan. 31 | Week of Feb 1 – Feb 7 |
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| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 1:00 p.m. (STM) Gamblers Anonymous | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 1:00 p.m. (STM) Gamblers Anonymous | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 1:00 p.m. (STM) Gamblers Anonymous | Hospitality Sunday after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses 9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 1:00 p.m. (STM) Gamblers Anonymous |
| Monday | 6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting 11:30 a.m. (STM) Lunch Outing 12:30 p.m. (OLMC) Golden Citizens Potluck | Parish Offices Closed 6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting | 6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting | 6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting |
| Tuesday | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 6:20, 7:00, 7:40 p.m. (STM) Parish Council Meetings 7:00 p.m. (STM) RCIA | 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.. (SNA) Open House 9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) RCIA | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) RCIA | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 2:00 p.m. (STM) Altar Society 7:00 p.m. (STM) RCIA |
| Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) Rel. Ed & Adult Faith 7:00 p.m. (OLMC) Min. of Consolation Mtg. 7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon. | 7:00 p.m. (STM) Rel. Ed & Adult Faith 7:00 p.m. (OLMC) Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m. (OLMC) K of C Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon. | 7:00 p.m. (STM) Catechist Meeting 7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon. | 7:00 p.m. (STM) Rel. Ed & Adult Faith 7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon. |
| Thursday | 12:30 p.m. (STM) Golden Age 6:15, 7:00, 7:30 p.m. (STM) Finance Meetings 6:30 p.m. (STM) Children's RCIA 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 p.m. (OLMC) Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Mass of The Air Taping | 12:30 p.m. (STM) Golden Age 6:30 p.m. (STM) Children's RCIA 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 p.m. (OLMC) Prayer Meeting | 12:30 p.m. (STM) Golden Age 6:30 p.m. (STM) Children's RCIA 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 p.m. (OLMC) Prayer Meeting | 12:30 p.m. (STM) Golden Age 6:30 p.m. (STM) Children's RCIA 7:00 p.m. (Cathedral) Confirmation 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 p.m. (OLMC) Prayer Meeting |
| Friday | 11:00 a.m. (STM) Scripture Study 5:00 p.m. (STM) Fish Fry | 11:00 a.m. (STM) Scripture Study | 11:00 a.m. (STM) Scripture Study | 11:00 a.m. (STM) Scripture Study |
| Saturday |  | | | 9:00 a.m. (OLMC) Hour Of Prayer 4:00 p.m. (OLMC) Holy Hour 5:30 p.m. (OLMC) Mass & 1st Eucharist Enroll.  |

Weekly Message:

En Theos — Enthusiasm For The Faith

What does Mark's account of Jesus' baptism reveal about Mark's understanding of Jesus?

The Gospel according to Mark contains no infancy stories like the ones in Matthew and Luke. Nor does Mark mention anything concerning the preexistence of Jesus, which dominates John's Gospel prologue. In Mark, Jesus appears for the first time as one of the crowd who has journeyed to the desert wilderness to listen to John the Baptist's preaching. Mark presents John as one who preaches a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus, like others in the crowd attuned to John's preaching, lines up to receive this baptism as a sign of his commitment and dedication to God.

A tension in all four Gospels surfaces concerning Jesus' need for baptism. John's Gospel emphasis on Jesus' divinity leads to the elimination of Jesus' baptism account. Matthew and Luke both seem to question the appropriateness or need for Jesus' baptism. Mark, the first Gospel, does affirm the transcendence and power of Jesus but also simply presents Jesus first appearing among a crowd as one of us. Jesus is fully human and appears as one of the many who confess their sin while seeking to enter into a renewed covenant relationship with God.

As Jesus comes up from the water, Mark tells of God rending the heavens to shower the Spirit's power upon Jesus while proclaiming Jesus as the



beloved son in whom God is well pleased.

How does Mark's description of Jesus as one of us impact our life of discipleship?

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Tom's Notes:

The Year of St Paul continues. Hope you've checked out a couple of websites. This week in our Adult Session, Sue Grenough will talk with us about "Did Paul really write thirteen letters? Why did he write any of them? What can they say to an American of the twenty first century? Take a faith cruise around the Mediterranean Sea with Paul!" Join us on Wednesday at 7:00 PM, STM.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus. Most of us cannot remember our own baptism, but have celebrated many with friends and family as well as active parish members. What a joyful time and a sign of what it means to be a member of the Church. We call on the Saints to help us; we use physical signs of oil, water, white garments and candles; we sing together; we renew our own commitment. Don't you think a voice from heaven is saying to the newly baptized, and to each of us, as was said about Jesus "this is my beloved child in whom I am well-pleased." What a sense of love and confidence flows over us at those words.

Speaking of Baptisms, I should tell you what we have begun doing in your name – the name of our parish communities. This Advent, we began giving a gift basket at each baptism. Our gift basket contains holy water from the baptismal celebration – all water becomes holy because of this. (Have you ever thought that there may very well be an atom of the water in which Jesus was baptized in our baptismal water?) We also give a the candle lit from our parish Easter Candle, a flame we are to keep alive throughout our life. We can't forget a white a white garment another important sign of baptism. Our other gifts are to be reminders to the newly baptized and to their families that God always travels with us. We give a "Christian Passport" where records of important times in our life faith can be recorded – sacramental times, religious education times, and so on. We give a cross a symbol of our Christian faith for the child's room. And finally a first Bible so that from early on the newly baptized can hear about God's love for us. What we can't put in the basket is our prayers, our love and our support of the child and their family. That is something we all have to show in the many ways that we alone can do it.

Let's keep praying for each other,

Tom

Thought: A sharp tongue can cut my own throat.

Pay extra attention to your words today. Make sure God would be proud of what you say.

The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart. Luke 6:45

Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 17, 5:30 p.m. Mass - OLMC

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| GREETERS | Bardley Wegman, Lynn Wegman |
| EUCH. MINISTERS | Mary Dorner, Debbie Kennedy, Teresa Munson, Marleen Pipes, Carmela Shackleton, Doris Tankersley |
| LECTORS | Duffy Baker, Nancy Pfaadt |
| CANTOR | Diana Fiorucci |
| USHERS | Bob Baker, Larry Clark, Bruce Hines, Steve Wegman |
| GIFT BEARERS | Billy Basham, Karly Basham |
| SERVERS | Michael Martin, Dillon Murphy |

Sunday, January 18, 8:30 a.m. Mass - OLMC

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| GREETERS | Deana Craycroft, Marilyn Fielding |
| EUCH. MINISTERS | Michael Hardy, M. Jacks, Alan Lee, Pat Lee, Mary Ann Littlefield, Emily Preslar |
| LECTORS | Tim Hardy, Dominic Schirmer |
| CANTOR | Mary Beth Zinsius |
| USHERS | Bill Craycroft, Robert Dawson, Ann Marie Hafling, Jan Hardy |
| GIFT BEARERS | Lisa Grady, Judy Thompson |
| SERVERS | Duffy Baker, III, Jimmy Grady |

Sunday, January 18, 10:30 a.m. Mass - STM

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| GREETERS | Benida Crask, Hannah Crask, Dylan Hawkins, Dillan Tucker, Mary Van Meter |
| EUCH. MINISTERS | Christie Atkinson, Angela Bell, Ron Bolton, Sr., Chuck Buehner, Nancy Coyne, Rachel Crask, Maureen Curran, Joan Hans, William Hans, Susan Higdon, Barbara Jansing, Carol Reinstedler, John Reinstedler, Aileen Spies |
| LECTORS | Rob Haydon, Cindy Pablo |
| CANTOR | Bill Kustes |
| USHERS | Anthony Cecil, Tim Clay, Earl Hardin, Ralph Hawkins, Steven Rowe, John Stoller |
| GIFT BEARERS | Blake Borgelt, Emily Haydon |
| SERVERS | Sgawn Cecil, Shane Haydon |

Financial Stewardship of Dec. 28, 2008

St. Thomas More Parish:

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| Last Week's Contributions | \$5,676.00 |
| Weekly Budget | \$5,136.15 |
| Year-To-Date Contributions | \$129,990.20 |
| Year-To-Date Budget | \$139,828.72 |
| Year-To-Date Gain or (Shortfall) | (\$9,838.52) |

Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

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| Last Week's Contributions | \$12,752.51 |
| Weekly Budget | \$9,615.39 |
| Year-To-Date Contributions | \$238,021.08 |
| Year-To-Date Budget | \$259,951.02 |
| Year-To-Date Gain or (Shortfall) | (\$21,929.94) |

VOCATION VIEW:

This is National Vocation Awareness Week. Revel in the gift of your baptism; pray for and with those who are called to fulfill their baptismal promises as priests, sisters, and brothers. Encourage someone you know to consider a life of service in the church. (Acts 10:34-38)



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(2nd Thursday of the Month)

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The Senior Connection

The Kentucky Golden Alert Law

The “Golden Alert” system for adults went into effect this past year and it works for adults in the same way as Amber Alert works for missing children. In the past, police had to wait 72 hours to begin looking for missing adults. The new law will allow a search to begin immediately for persons 18 years or older, those suffering from Alzheimer’s disease, and those who have a mental disability. Normally, family members of an adult who went missing would have to wait 48 hours to file a missing person’s report.

The new law will allow a larger number of people to hear more quickly about the missing person, and join in the search. The news media is to be involved as soon as possible to help get the word out so we can get people in the viewing area to be on the lookout for the missing person and know how to contact authorities to make a report.

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Norton Health Care Notes. A dementia care workshop, the basics of dementia and improving communication and understanding will be held on Wednesday, January 14th from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer’s Association Office. Registration fee is \$25.00. For directions and to register call 272-3900.

The World Health Organization’s Diabetes Program
Researchers say unless obesity is brought under control, the number of people who develop diabetes worldwide will far exceed projections. As a result of obesity, one child in three born after the year 2000 will develop diabetes. For the first time in 100 years, children are projected to have a shorter life expectancy than their parents.



St. Nicholas Academy will host an Open House on Tuesday, January 20th at both school campuses. Please pass this information on to your friends and family who may be looking for a school. Anyone interested may visit either site from 8:00 AM.—6:00 PM. New students may also pre-register at this time. For more information, call 502-368-8506 or visit our web site at www.sna-panthers.org.

Stewardship Program

This month in our stewardship program at SNA, the 6th graders are focusing on the topic of babies, children and adolescents. In conjunction with this subject, we are working with the Pregnancy Resource Center. Teresa Watson, director of the center, came to speak to the students this past Monday. The Pregnancy Resource center is a nonprofit organization that has been offering free services that range from pregnancy testing to baby beds to prayers for all who come to the center. They are in need of restocking their baby closet. We will be collecting items from January 19th—30th. The 6th grade is asking for donations of the following items: baby wipes, formula, diaper rash ointment, diapers (sizes 2, 3, 4 and 5), baby lotion, baby shampoo and baby bottles.

Thank you,
Mrs. Fisch, Mrs. Oakes, and Mr. Davidson



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WE, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST.

ROMANS 12-5

"It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John." Mark 1:9

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.

On With Life

A Catholic support group for the widowed, meets on the first Monday and third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on January 20th at 7:30 PM at St. Denis Parish, 4205 Cane Run Road. **Please note the new location: Brick House Behind Church!** For more information, call Family Ministries at (502) 636-0296

For Your Prayers

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Please notify the office if you know someone who needs to be on or **OFF** our lists.

PARISH CONDOLENCES

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Norman Hartell, brother of Jane Pike. May he rest in peace.



St. Thomas More Parish

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of Troy Manning & Helen Greenwell, nephew and sister of Becky Highbaugh, and Rose Markert who passed away this past week. Also remember in prayer their families and friends. May the peace of Christ be with them all.

Dear God,

**The little plans I tried to carry through
have failed, I will not sorrow;
I'll pause a little while Dear God,
and try again tomorrow.**

~Author Unknown~

Please remember in your prayers all those who suffer with illness of mind, body or spirit.

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Eucharistic Ministry Training

STM and OLMC will offer training for Eucharistic Ministers on Thursday, **January 22, at 7:00 PM at STM** in the church. This is for **all Eucharistic Ministers of BOTH parishes:**

- Who's 5-year mandate from the Archdiocese has expired or is about to expire,
- New ministers who have not yet received a mandate
- Anyone who is interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister.

National Vocation Awareness Week
January 11-17, 2009

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks Jesus' initiation into public ministry. At his baptism Jesus is named the Beloved Son of God. With this celebration we recommit ourselves to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Initiated through our baptism we too are commissioned to proclaim Good News with our lives.

The observance of *National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW)* began in 1976 when the National Conference of Catholic Bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year as the beginning of *NVAW*. In 1997 this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.



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In short, our Christian vocation is to love others as Christ loved us, not because *we* have chosen Christ but because *Christ has chosen us!* Our first task is to discern to what life God has called us

THE SINGLE LIFE

Some men and women love others through the single life. By word and action, they bear witness to Christ in their work environment, their neighborhoods, and the Church. One Catholic single, a never-married jazz musician, spoke of his vocation on a web site. "Being single gives me tremendous freedom to serve God. Through my music I meet all different kinds of people—folks who might never come in contact with the usual churchgoers. I talk about my faith a lot—because I know I'm in a position to influence many people."

MARRIED LIFE

Marriage invites the person to commit to loving another specific person in an intimate and daily way. This partnership of life and love is intended to help make each of them a better person, and through their love for one another to create a loving family environment that is open to children.

RELIGIOUS LIFE

These men and women, although living the single life, publicly vow to live lives of poverty, chastity and obedience. Through this commitment, they strive to conform themselves more closely to Christ and bear greater witness to others.

HOLY ORDERS

Some men also called in a special way to serving the body of believers, the Church. Deacons are primarily called to serve the needs of the poor and oppressed, and Priests are called to build up the Church by Word and Sacrament. Bishops serve the Church in the place of Christ himself

Take some time this week to consider your own vocation. How aware of your calling are you?

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Sacraments

Baptism (preparation required)

MONTHLY INFANT BAPTISM
1st Sunday of the month during Mass (Fr.)
2nd Sunday of the month after Mass (Deacon)

ANNUAL ADULT BAPTISM
Through RICA at the Easter Vigil

Confirmation (preparation required)

Annual celebration

Eucharist

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| Saturday Vigil | 5:30 p.m. | OLMC |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | OLMC |
| | 10:30 a.m. | STM |
| | 12:30 p.m. | STM |

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| Holy Days | 8:15 a.m. | OLMC |
| | Noon | STM |
| | 7:00 p.m. | STM |

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| Weekday (Mon-Sat) | 8:15 a.m. | OLMC |
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| Exposition & Benediction | 4:00-5:00 p.m. | OLMC |
| 1st Saturday of the Month | | |

Penance (confession)

Saturday, 4:30 p.m., or by appointment (OLMC)

Anointing of the Sick

Available twice a year or by request

Marriage

Minimum 6-month preparation with priest or deacon

Holy Orders

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