

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

201 Main St. Blencoe, IA



ST JOHN

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ST JOSEPH

510 Tipton St., Salix, IA

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

From Father Michael

WHY DID JESUS ASK TO BE BAPTIZED?

Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent of Confession. Until the fall of the Temple in 72 A.D. it was common for Jewish people to make a spiritual cleansing in a special pool called a MIKVEH--literally a "collection of water". This was said to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men did this weekly on the eve of the Sabbath. Women did it monthly. Converts were also expected to do it before entering Judaism. Orthodox Jews still retain the rite. John preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continual ritual into the one single, definitive act by which we begin our faith. In effect he fused his divine essence with the water and the ceremony.

CORNELIUS

There may have been many gentiles who were baptized but the "catch" of them all was made by Peter. He was a Roman Centurion named Cornelius. Centurions were non-commissioned officers, roughly equivalent to Sergeant-Majors. They were in charge of Centuries--companies of approximately 100 men. They were vital to the daily routine and battles of the soldiers. Cornelius was called a "God-fearer". This indicates that he accepted most of the belief of Judaism, but rejected circumcision. Peter had just experienced a vision in which God told him that it was permissible to eat non-kosher food. Had it not been for this revelation, Peter might never have entered the home of this important army leader. Jews avoided contact with pagans. The apostle's bold act would open the doors to all future conversions.



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This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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Questions of the Week:

Adults: *Am I aware that I am God's beloved child? How do I experience my belovedness?*

Children: *When do I feel God's love for me?*

WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE :

Mon No Mass.....0:00 am
 Tue Harold & Lillian Hausman.....9:00am
 Wed Yvonne Hanneman.....Blencoe).....7:30 am
 Thurs No Mass0:00pm
 Fri Irwin & Geraldine Niewohner.....9:00 am
 Sat No Mass.....0:00 am
 Sun Doe Walker.....9:00am

Stewardship	December 25- 27	Jan 3
Envelopes/Loose	\$ 1468.86	1860.00
building	\$	100.00
Candles	\$	
E-offering	\$ 379.40	
Needy Fund	\$	
Grain	\$	
Christmas Offering	\$ 1215.00	
Cath. Charities	\$ 340.00	170.00
Kirby Memorial	\$	100.00
St. Bernard	\$ 1070.00	345.00

Total: \$ 4473.26 2575.00

St. John Registered Families.....185

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon No Mass.....0:00am
 Tue No Mass.....0:00am
 Wed No Mass.....0:00am
 Thurs Lori Rand.....9:00 am
 Fri No Mass.....0:00 am
 Sat Alfred & Nadine Uhl..... 4:00 pm
 Sun Parishioners of Sts.Joseph, John & Bernard..11:00 am

	December 25	27th	Jan 3
Envelopes	\$ 6685.00	1210.00	7570.00
Loose:	\$ 142.00	200.00	213.00
Candles:	\$ 44.00	2.00	
Cemetery PC	\$		
E-offering:	\$	563.70	
Maintenance	\$		125.00
Emergency	\$ 250.00		
Food Pantry	\$		100.00
Mow & snow	\$		
Christmas Off	\$ 415.00	225.00	475.00
Christmas Flow	\$ 70.00		
Catholic Char	\$ 190.00	600.00	240.00
Floor & Window	\$ 910.00	100.00	2600.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$		25.00
TOTAL:	\$ 8706.00	\$2900.70	\$11348.00

St. Joseph Registered Families209

ST. JOHN				
LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
		Elmwood		
ROSARY		Homebound	Greeters	
ST. JOSEPH —				
LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
—Rosary			14- Greeters	
Stewards		Homebound		Liturgy/ Word



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES:

Father Patrick O'Kane, Midge Stanley, Madonna Dodd, Pam Turner, Loretta Simoff, Pete Mortensen, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, Florence Ibsgaard, Gina Mortensen, Chris Metzger, Judson Bramow, & Sherry Wince. If you know of someone who is ill and needs our prayers, and would like to be listed, or if you no longer need to be listed, contact Colleen @ office 423-1004

Please remember to return & pick up your packets for Religious Ed. Until further notice, classes for the 8-12 graders with Father have been canceled.

It is not too late to give. If we do not make our goal, the diocese will bill our Parish for the remainder of the amount. Our goal amount is \$15,965. We are at 48% of our goal. Let's work Together As One to help support our future. With your help, we will get there. You can give online, at www.scdiocese.org .

Just For Laughs

A Rabbi, a Monk, and a lawyer are riding down the road when their car breaks down in the middle of nowhere. Spotting a farmhouse they walk over and tell the farmer they need a place to stay the night while they wait for a tow. "I've got room in the house for two of you but someone is gonna have to sleep in the barn." says the farmer. The Rabbi says, "I've no problem with that, I'll go." He leaves. Five minutes later theres a knock on the door. The farmer opens the door and the Rabbi is there. He says, "Sir there is a pig in that barn; in my religion pigs are unclean, I cannot sleep under the same roof with a pig." The Monk speaks up and says, "I have no problem with pigs I'll go sleep in the barn." He leaves. Five minutes later theres a knock on the door. The farmer opens the door and the Monk is there. "Sir there is a cow in that barn; in my religion cows are sacred, I cannot sleep under the same roof with a cow. The lawyer responds, "I'll go sleep in the barn, I've got no religion." He leaves. Five minutes later theres a knock on the door. The farmer opens the door and the pig and the cow are standing there.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES.

Father O'Kane, Fran Mitchell, Nainna Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Mike Franken, David Bogenrief, Linda Donnelly, Sue LaCroix, Bryson Harder, Justin Lamoureux, Sophie Helvey, Doreen Becker, O Roger Huot,,Tristan Parks, Colleen Ebner ,Bailey Cleveland, Christian Case, Brady Worrell, Cal Worrell ,Connie Wagner, Kathy Clayton, Helen Martin, Glenda Ullrich, Stella Serviss, Gerrie Lamoureux. Darrell Lux, Richard Hentges ,Paula Wagner.& Carol Lux. For all who travel, grieve, those in the military, veterans their families and our nations leaders. The candles burning on the Blessed Mother's altar are for the military serving in foreign lands.

PARISHIONERS TOGETHER AS ONE IS UNDERWAY, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT MORE NOW THAN EVER. EVERYONE NEEDS TO PITCH IN TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS, IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO PLEASE CONTRIBUTE EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS. THANK YOU!!!!!! Our goal is a Big One \$20,142.00 but we are up to it. If we succeed we will receive \$8681 dollars back to us. We have reached \$16,815.00 a little over 75% but we need more. Let's get this done.....Were getting closer we can do it just a little more!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE UPGRADES, For those of you not attending Mass on Saturday or Sunday, we are trying to do some repairs to the church, by replacing the basement windows which have deteriorated over the last 125 years and this project would help with the cooling and heating of the building. Also we would like to replace the floor in the Parish Center, it is very hard to maintain and keep looking nice and the new floor would not get scratched by the chairs or tables when moving them and would be very easy to maintain and look nice. Half the money is here, another \$20,000 would get both projects done. If everyone pitches in we can do this just send money in, drop it off at the office or put in collection box, mark your envelope for Special collection. Thank you in advance for whatever you can do. Make this your late Christmas Gift to the Baby Jesus. The Tabernacle Society has donated \$9,000 towards this project and the Jim Konz Memorial fund donated \$1,000.

TABERNACLE SOCIETY DUES are due at the First of the Year since we no longer have meetings or monthly Circles. Last year only 67 ladies paid their dues, this is not even 50 per cent of the Ladies in the Parish. For new parishioners the Dues are used for First Communion, Confirmation Funeral Dinner expenses, etc. They are only \$15 would be nice to see 100% cooperation from our ladies. Thank You in advance.

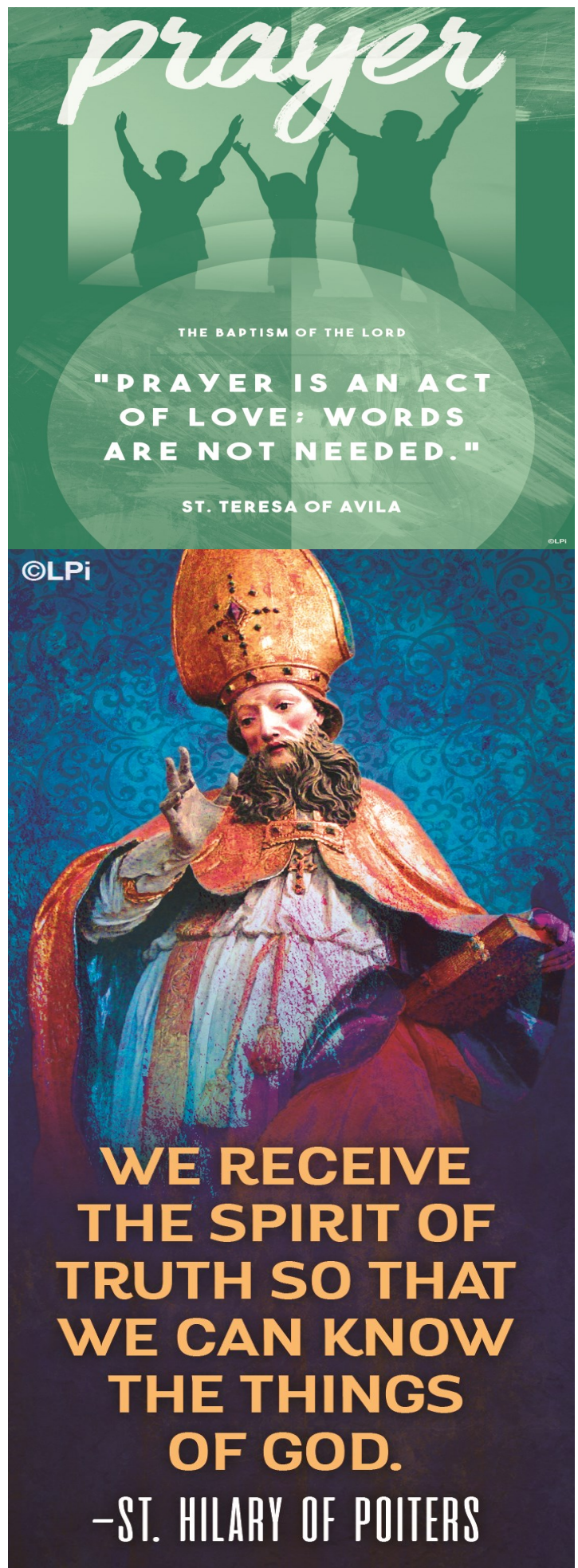
MEMORIAL FLOWERS in memory of Joel Menard Family, David Gehling, Gertrude Gehling, Erwin Gehling, Viola Bollig, Kenneth Bollig **CHRISTMAS TREE IS MISSING FROM THE CHOIR LOFT A NICE 7 FOOT ARTIFICIAL TREE, IF ANYONE KNOWS ITS WHEREABOUTS CONTACT THE OFFICE.** John Kluver has donated many of these trees over the past years and each year we seem to be missing one. They are huge and takes two to carry them down so please if anyone knows anything about their disappearance please let me know. Thank You.

Hilary was born at Poitiers either at the end of the 3rd or beginning of the 4th century A.D. His parents were pagans of distinction. He received a good pagan education, which included a high level of Greek. He studied, later on, the Old and New Testament writings, with the result that he abandoned his Neo-Platonism for Christianity, and with his wife and his daughter (traditionally named Saint Abra), was baptized and received into the Church.

The Christians of Poitiers so respected Hilary that about 350 or 353, they unanimously elected him their bishop. At that time Arianism threatened to overrun the Western Church; Hilary undertook to repel the disruption. One of his first steps was to secure the excommunication, by those of the Gallican hierarchy who still remained orthodox Christians, of Saturninus, the Arian Bishop of Arles, and of Ursacius of Singidunum and Valens of Mursa, two of his prominent supporters.

Hilary of Poitiers (Latin: Hilarius; c. 310 – c. 367) was Bishop of Poitiers and a Doctor of the Church. He was sometimes referred to as the "Hammer of the Arians" (*Malleus Arianorum*) and the "Athanasius of the West". His name comes from the Latin word for happy or cheerful. In addition to his important work as bishop, Hilary was married and the father of Abra of Poitiers, a nun and saint who became known for her charity.

His optional memorial in the General Roman Calendar is 13 January. In the past, when this date was occupied by the Octave Day of the Epiphany, his feast day was moved to 14 January.



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"PRAYER IS AN ACT
OF LOVE; WORDS
ARE NOT NEEDED."

ST. TERESA OF AVILA

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**WE RECEIVE
THE SPIRIT OF
TRUTH SO THAT
WE CAN KNOW
THE THINGS
OF GOD.**

—ST. HILARY OF POITERS