



Please Pray For: Jim Smith

Living Out our Baptism

In July 2010, I came across a news article about a group of atheists, who were formerly Christian and baptized, who were having a “de-baptizing” celebration. The article stated, “Leading atheist Edwin Kagin blasted his fellow non-believers with the hair dryer to symbolically dry up the holy water sprinkled on their heads in days past. The styling tool was emblazoned with a label reading “Reason and Truth.” As each member would come forward, Kagin would say, “Come forward now and receive the spirit of hot air that taketh away the stigma and taketh away the remnants of the stain of baptismal water.” After I read this article, I laughed at the idea, but also felt a little sadness for these people. I laughed because of the futility of this symbolic act. What they failed to remember was that the Sacrament of Baptism leaves an indelible mark (character) upon the soul, which can never be erased. Once a person is baptized they are forever a child of God, no matter what they do or the choices they make in life, which is the real Truth. But this is also what brought the feeling of sadness. How sad that these people were unable to recognize the great gift they had been given in baptism, to not only be called a child of God, but truly be a child of God. How sad that they had not recognized and taken advantage of the grace and life of Christ that had been poured into their souls at the moment of their baptism. How sad that they had denied their “inheritance” as sons and daughters of the Eternal King. But, perhaps, we must ask ourselves do we recognize and live out the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism in our own lives? Do we truly do our best to represent ourselves in both word and deed, as that child of God, following and living out His commandments? Do we truly take upon ourselves the mission of our Father to help spread the Good News? Do we find strength and courage knowing that even during those times of trial and suffering in our lives, whether self-inflicted or not, that we still have a God we can call Father? May we always live our lives in light of this Truth, that we are sons and daughters of God.

9 Days for Life...
Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Monday, January 14 – Tuesday, January 22. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Download a free mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily emails or text message. (A printable version is also available online.) Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!

ADORATION OF OUR LORD
At the time Jesus fed the 5000 (Mark 6:34-44), He was grieving the execution of John the Baptist. Jesus wanted time alone, but “His Heart was moved with pity” when He saw the crowd of people coming to hear Him teach. This says so much about the heart of Jesus. He wants to spend time with us. He will never dismiss us when we go to Him (Mark 6:36). And we can trust that Jesus will give us the gifts we need. He will pour out His grace and His peace. We just have to make time, just like the 5000 who were fed and satisfied, to come and sit with Him. Make a weekly Holy Hour with Jesus in our Adoration Chapel.



Stewardship Reflection
01/13/2019

As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership that is characterized by humility and leading by example. Certainly the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence. As a servant leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus, we, too, must “walk the walk” and not just “talk the talk.” If we want those we lead to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves. Immediately after His baptism, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form and says audibly, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased.” Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.

SPCS - PTO
Chili Feed / Basket Auction
All you can eat - Homemade Chili
JANUARY 26, 11AM - 7PM
SERVING IN THE PARISH HALL.
TICKETS ARE \$5.00. PURCHASE FROM ANY SPCS STUDENT, OR AT THE DOOR.

Parish Day of Prayer by the St. Patrick's Pro-Life Committee—Join us Tuesday, January 22nd at 8am for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lord will remain in repose in the church until Holy Mass at 5:30pm. Father Curtis will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass, from 6-7pm, or until all are heard. The Day of Prayer will end at 8pm with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The particular intention for this day is to offer prayers and sacrifices for the end to abortion and all sins against life and against the family. Pray also for the 60,000,000+ babies who have lost their lives to abortion over the last 46 years and for the mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers who have been wounded physically or emotionally from abortion. Thank you so much! Sonja

Welcome to St. Patrick's
Our Sunday Homilies are available on the parish website, from the Home page @ www.stpatricksparsons.org

JANUARY IS SANCTITY OF LIFE MONTH

Next Week Ministries - Jan.19th & 20th

Altar Servers:
Jan 19 —5pm J Cervantez/L Ortiz/D Ortiz
Jan 20—8am B Johnson/R Barger/C Westhoff
10am J Schibi/O Feess/E James

Extraordinary Ministers:
Jan 19 —5pm Bill Wheat
Jan 20—8am Jane Alexander
10am Harry Heppler

Lector:
Jan 19—5pm Nick Pfeifer
Jan 20—8am Allison Colson
10am Emma Feess

Offertory Gifts:
Jan 19—5pm Jesse & Donna Scoggins
Jan 20—8am Rob & Martha Westhoff
10am Keith & Leslie Keller

Ushers:
Jan 19—5pm Mike & Janell Carson / Jerry & Carolyn Waugh
Jan 20—8am Rod & Denise Fleming/ C & Sheryl Johnson
10am L Schibi / J Alexander/V & Mary Schibi

Money Counters:
Jan 19 & 20—David & Robie Martin/ Ray & Mary Feess

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:
JAN 5TH - JAN 6TH
NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$13,606.00
LOOSE CURRENCY / COINS: \$368.76
TOTAL COLLECTION: \$13,974.76

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER AN ADORATION HOUR, WHETHER WEEKLY, EVERY OTHER WEEK OR ONCE A MONTH ADORERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS.
MON. 1-2AM TUES. 6PM - 7PM
THUR. 1-2AM THUR. 8PM EVERY OTHER WEEK
FRI. 10PM -11PM FRI. 11PM - MIDNIGHT
FRI. MIDNIGHT - 1AM SAT: 9PM -10PM.

Thank You!!!—The Pro-Life Committee would like to thank everyone who helped fulfill the needs on the Adopt-A-Mom/Adopt-A-Family tree. We can only imagine the joy you brought to these moms and families during this Christmas season. May you continue to share the light of Christ as we enter 2019!

Reminders:
***Please pick up your 2019 Contribution envelopes in the Parish Hall. Make sure it's your NAME, on the box.**
***If you would like a Printout of your 2018 Charitable Contributions for tax purposes, please call or come by the rectory.**
***The monthly Prayer list will begin anew Feb 1st - with a clean slate. If there is a prayer intention you'd like to see remain on the monthly list, please call or come by the rectory so it can be added to the new list.**

St. Vincent de Paul
Is in need of large papers sacks with handles (e.g Braums bag)
Please, drop off at St. Vincent's 1122 Main.

MASS INTENTIONS Jan 12th - Jan. 20th
Saturday 5pm Mothers Day Novena
Sunday 8am †Sonny Johnston (Carl & Donna Treiber)
10am The People of St. Patricks Parish
Mon 8am †Jeanie Brazil Bilgere (Bill & Joan Pearson)
Tue 5:30pm Ralph & Viola Gouvion (Carolyn Gouvion)
Wed. 8am Fathers Day Novena
Thurs 8am †Charles Gouvion (Family)
Fri 8am †Mary Jean Martin (Helen Heady)

Next Weekend's Intentions:

Sat: 5pm †Esther Hernandez Dominguez (Joe & Julia Ponce)
Sun 8am †Charlie VanMeighem (Larry Gudde)
Sun 10am The People of St. Patricks Parish

This Week at St. Patrick's

Mon Jan 14	*Rosary	7:30am
	*Mass	8am
	*Ultreya	7pm
Tue Jan 15	*Mass	5:30pm
	*PTO Meeting	7pm
Wed Jan 16	*Rosary	7:30am
	*Mass	8am
	*PSR	5:30pm
	*EDGE	6pm
	*CYM	7pm
Thur Jan.17	*Mass	8am
Fri. Jan. 18	*Kapaun's Men	5:30am
	*Rosary	7:30am
	*Mass	8am
	*Day of Penance: abstinence from meat, prayer and works of mercy, reading of the Sacred Scriptures for an outpouring of God's mercy and the Holy Spirit's gifts of Holiness	
Sat Jan.19	*Rosary	6:30am
	*Cursillo	7am
	*Confession	3:30pm
	*Mass	5pm
Sun Jan 20	*Mass	8am
	*RCIA	9am
	*Mass	10am

MANY THANKS....
TO ALL WHO MADE THE TURKEY AND NOODLE DINNER POSSIBLE. IT WAS DELICIOUS AND HEART WARMING TO SIT AND HAVE DINNER WITH OUR AMAZING PARISH FAMILIES.
THANK YOU MIKE AND JANELLE CARSON FOR GIVING THEIR TIME AND TALENTS MAKING A NEW CABINET FOR THE CHURCH, IT LOOKS AMAZING, AND I FOR ONE, AM TRULY GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL.