

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2005
“THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD”

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: January 10, 2005

MON, 8:00 AM Virginia Garrett
 TUES, 8:00 AM Minnie Allen
 WED, 8:00 AM R. K. Boyer
 THURS,
 FRI, 8:00 AM Bernard & Helen Courtois
 SAT, 5:30 PM Betty & Patty Mercille
 SUN, 8:00 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Terry Aubuchon

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES FOR WEEK OF:
 JANUARY 15TH & 16TH**



SAT, 5:30 SUN, 8:00 SUN, 10:00
 C. Jeannie DeGonia Marvin Wright Diane McGirl
 L. Ken Missey Geraldine Skiles Robert Mills
 R. Connie Scott J. D. Robart Phyllis Partney

LECTORS

SAT, 5:30 SUN, 8:00 SUN, 10:00
 Jeannie DeGonia J. D. Robart Robert Mills



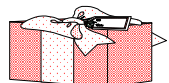
SAT 5:30-Chala Short
 SUN 8:00-Rebecca Richards
 SUN 10:00-Anita Govero



SAT 5:30-Madison Smith & Lindsey Logsden
 SUN 8:00-Mary Beth DeClue & Ashley Thompson



DRIVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
 SATURDAY: Aaron East
 SUNDAY: Lindell Coleman

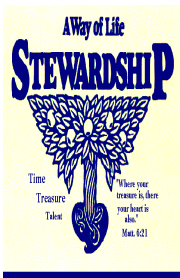


GIFT BEARERS
 5:30 Mr. & Mrs. Brett Dickey
 8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Harold Echoff
 10:00 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas DeGonia



HEAVENLY DUSTERS
 Laura Partney & Phyllis Partney

ST. JAMES GIFT SHOP OPEN
 1st Sunday of Every Month
 SUZANNE SHORT 438-4787



ENVELOPES\$2,338.00
 LOOSE.....\$176.88
 CHRISTMAS \$105.00
 VOTIVE LIGHTS.....\$29.55
 Seminary \$10.00
 Immaculate Conception ... \$10.00
 Solemnity of Mary \$264.00
 St. Louis Review ... \$46.00
 Tsunami Relief \$291.00
 ST. VINCENT DEPAUL.. \$78.00

**FOR THE WEEK OF:
 Jan. 2, 2005**

**NEEDED for Expenses \$2300.00
 RECEIVED: \$2,717.00**

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PARISH COUNCIL

The St. James Parish School of Religion will meet this Wednesday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please remember to listen to KYRO for cancellation of classes due to bad weather.

The regular meeting of the Parish Council will be this Tuesday Jan. 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory basement.

This is the last week for our **TOUCHDOWNS WITH ST. JAMES**. We want to thank everyone who played along with the games and are looking forward to playing again next year. Mark your calendars for next year.

TOUCHDOWNS WITH ST. JAMES
THIS WEEK WINNERS ARE:
 High Score: Amy Branstetter (91)
 Low Score: Fannie Black (26)

READINGS:

Monday: Heb. 1:1-6 Ps 97:1,2b,6,7c,9 Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb. 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb. 2:14-18 Ps 106:1-4,6-9 Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb. 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-11 Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb. 4:1-5,11 Ps 78:3,4bc,6c-8 Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb. 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mk 2:13-17
 NEXT SUNDAY: Is 49:3,5-6 Ps 40:2,4,7-10 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

SCRIPTURE STUDY CLASS
“Passion of Christ”
Matthew 26-28

A new class will start on Feb. 10, 2005. If you are interested please call Sharon Forrester (436-1936) or Gail at the Rectory (438-4646). We need to order books (\$7.00), please call before January 12, 2005 so we can order the books.



ROSES FOR LIFE

The weekend of January 15th & 16th you will find roses in the pews, please everybody who is of voting age please complete the information on the rose and the ushers will be collecting them after church. We must let our elected officials know that we want them to support all **prolife** legislation that protects the unborn.

Your faithful source for Catholic news
St. Louis Review Subscription Sunday: January 16

The St. Louis Review is the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. For \$23.00 a year, your weekly copy of the Review will keep you in touch with the Church in St. Louis, across the nation and around the world.

Please use the subscription renewal envelope packet (or write your check for \$23.00 to the parish – mark it “Review” - include your name and mailing address) and return it in the Sunday collection.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

For every little child, that as we celebrate The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan, they might be led through the waters of Baptism to a life of holiness and love through him; We pray to the Lord.

A Mute Appeal

We wait silently at the doors of the church. We wait and hope, as do the needy, for a share of your of your coins. We are the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please don't pass us by.

Good News
 Baptism of the Lord
 Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17
 John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

The private believer is a public servant. Because of separation of church and state, we North Americans may choose to make faith entirely personal and in no way communal. But today's readings tell a different story.

The vocation accounts in today's readings are not accounts of specially chosen people who experience a calling merely for themselves. Rather, these people are inextricably bound up with the needs of the community.

Around 540 B.C. an anonymous prophet (whom we call Second Isaiah) exhorts his exiled community in Babylon to respond to God's call to return to the land of Israel. He speaks of the Servant, that is himself, and all those believers who are willing to participate in this new but daring challenge. It is the task of this prophetic royal Servant to demonstrate Yahweh's power to Israel and indirectly to the entire world.

Luke, the author of Acts, points out that salvation is for everyone. Luke then substantiates this by citing the early Christian proclamation concerning Jesus who, like the herald of Isaiah 52:7, brought good news to Israel. Luke demonstrates Jesus' exercise of his calling by noting his good works and healings.

Matthew makes Jesus' baptismal scene a public event. For Matthew, Jesus is clearly the Servant of the Lord, who has received God's Spirit to provide for the needs of the people. In the baptism, Matthew shows not only the intimate relationship between Father and Son but also the consequences of that relationship. The private believer is a public servant.

In receiving the life of the Church, the Christian is called upon to sustain the life of the Church. Faith, therefore, implies concern for others. Like the Servant in Second Isaiah, the believer is to replace darkness with light. Like the Servant in Matthew, the believer is to replace pain with healing. Far from being purely a private gift, faith is a public responsibility.