

January 6, 2019 – The Baptism of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 "Comfort, give comfort to my people." Isaiah prophesies that "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 O bless the Lord, my soul.

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Through the grace of God's appearance, we have been saved "through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit...through Jesus Christ our savior."

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Your Gifts to God and Parish

December 29 & 30: \$ 8,875.20
Youth Collection: \$ 4.50

Seminarian Formation & Priests Retirement
(Total collected to date) \$ 3,167.00

From Deacon Mike's Desk

PSR: Class resumes today, January 6, following 9:30 Mass.

Grade School PSR: Class resumes Wednesday, January 9, from 3:15 - 4:30 p.m..

FORMED: To sign up for Formed please visit www.formed.org and use Parish code: R8YRMG. This service is free to our parishioners so please use it as much as you would like.

Small prayer group study options: These subjects are available from Deacon Mike for small groups – "Catholicism", "Conversion" and "Priest, Prophet, King", all by Bishop Robert Barron and "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" by Jeff Cavins.

A Piece of History

There is still a pallet of bricks from the original Holy Rosary School behind the church near the air conditioners. Please feel free to take a brick as a memento at Christmastime.

School News

Holy Rosary Sports Banquet will be held on Wednesday, January 9 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Meat, drinks and tableware will be provided. All families are asked to bring *two dishes to share*. Grandparents may bring *one dish to share* but it is not required.

Report Cards will be sent home with all students on Thursday, January 10.

Student Liturgy at 8:20 a.m. on Friday, January 11 will be led by various students from different classes.

Lucky Hearts tickets are available for sale! They can be purchased at school, from Sr. Sue, or from Loree Quinn at Alliant Bank. Lucky Hearts will be on Saturday, February 9, 2019.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal – Parish Goal Progress

Parish goal -- \$24,000.00
As of December 28, 2018:
Amount received: **\$25,716.25**
Over our goal by \$1,716.25
Percentage of goal: 107.15%
Number of donors: 112

Perpetual Adoration Hours Available

Sunday: noon-1 p.m., 11-midnight

Monday: 7-8 a.m. (for winter only)

Tuesday: 6-7 p.m.

Thursday: 3-4 p.m.; 11-midnight, every other week

Friday: 6-7 p.m., 7-8 p.m., 8-9 p.m., 9-10 p.m., 10-11 p.m.

Saturday: 7-8 a.m., noon-1 p.m., 2-3 p.m.

***Friday's available hours are the result of snowbirds and the Committee is covering 2 hours at a time in their absence. This would be a good Advent opportunity for a family or single person to take an hour at least for one week. Many, many blessings have come to us through our constant vigil in our Adoration Chapel. Don't deny yourself the experience!

Please contact **Phyllis Campbell**, 573-795-2290 or **Howard and Linda Willard**, 573-735-4552

Scripture Service – Monroe City Manor

January 6, 2019 – Mark and Cathy Yager
January 13, 2019 – Howard and Linda Willard
January 27, 2019 – Jim and Sheryl Underhill

Knights of Columbus News

The Knights of Columbus business meeting -- Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m.

ROSES FOR LIFE: The Knights of Columbus will be passing out roses on Saturday, January 12 and Sunday, January 13. Please take a rose and sign the attached form. You may keep the rose again this year, but please place the signed form in the baskets at the doors of the church. These forms will be sent to various legislators to show our support in our fight against abortion. Thank you!

Please pray for...

Connie Kendrick
William P. Smith, Sr.
Rose Shinn
Sue Gilbert
Margaret Hughes
Natalee Amos
Kyndal Underwood
Kimberly Spalding
Jackie Ryan
Gerry Spalding
Jan Thompson
Pauline Quinn
Troy Ritter
Mary Smith Sprague

Trent Zeiger
Jenine Zeiger
Rosemary Evans
Nick Hays
Deanna Buckman
Bill Janes
Bonnie Ess
Anna Pennewell
Don Davis
Logan Maher
Baby Jordyn Painter
Charlotte Schneider
Lindsay Ritter

*For all who are ill, especially those who are awaiting, or recovering from surgery, or seriously ill and for their care-takers & their families; and for those who have died.
We pray to the Lord.*

"Like" us on Facebook!

Visit the Holy Rosary Church Facebook page (it has a picture of a rosary resting on an open Bible at the top) for your daily dose of gospel reflections, wisdom from the saints, Saint of the Day, weekly Bible trivia questions and more.

Please remember during the remainder of the Christmas season our parishioners who are in the nursing home at Monroe City Manor Care Center, 1010 Highway 24 and 36 East, Monroe City, MO 63456:

Juanita Yates
Tina DeLuca
Jeanette Price
Julie Leake
Juanita Pfanner
Rita Jo Kendrick
Kathy Wilper
Totty Burditt
Shirley Lorenson
Eddie Watson
Mary Mudd

Daughters of Isabella – Bits 'n Pieces

***Annual dues in the amount of \$20 may be sent to Tara Elliott, 40537 Hwy. W, Monroe City, MO 63456 or you may put them in an envelope marked "D of I dues" and place them in the collection basket at Mass. **Please remit before the end of January.**

***Our next business meeting will be February 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. An audit will be conducted prior to the meeting at 6:30.

***Our March 14 business meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a carry-in dinner. Fr. Greg and Janet Kolton, our State Regent, will be joining us. **This is a very important meeting as we have some decisions to make. Please plan to attend.**

***Msgr. Connolly Circle #105 100th Anniversary Celebration – October 12, 2019.

Mark your calendars...

Tuesday, January 8 Knights of Columbus meeting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 9 Holy Rosary Sports Banquet at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 10 Parish Council meeting at 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 9 Lucky Hearts

Thursday, February 14 Daughters of Isabella meeting at 7 p.m.

8 Spiritual Resolutions for the New Year

1. Increase your Marian devotion. St. Louis de Montfort reminds us that Mary is "the easiest, the shortest, the most perfect means of approaching Jesus Christ." Our Lady wants us to love her Son, and she will lead us to Him in a deeper way this New Year!

2. Make more time for spiritual reading. If you want to make progress in your walk with God in 2019, spiritual reading should be high on your list. Your best bet is to stick to the classics written by saints known for their practical spiritual wisdom.

3. Make good stewardship a lifestyle. We live in a world of materialism and greed. Let's keep in mind that we are called to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us. Spend your time, talents and treasure for God.

4. Witness your Catholic faith. You don't have to be obnoxious or overbearing when sharing your faith. Just focus on doing simple things like being joyful in your walk with Christ or inviting people to come to Mass with you.

5. Bring back regular penances. Many Catholics don't know that Fridays outside of Lent are also days of abstinence and fasting. What small penitential practice can you adopt for Fridays in 2019?

6. Go to Mass one extra day of the week. Mass is the source and summit of our faith. Think of ways you can arrange your schedule so that you can make it to Mass one extra day each week. (Remember that daily Masses are usually only 25 minutes long!)

7. Pray the rosary. No Catholic list of New Year's resolutions would be complete without a daily rosary added in. If you already pray the rosary daily, that is fantastic. Maybe invite someone to pray it with you!

8. Pick a new saint buddy. Choose a patron saint whose virtues you would like to emulate in this year, and entrust 2019 to their special intercession. This is a great way to guard against the typical two-week lifespan of New Year's resolutions. With a saint to walk with you and inspire you, it will be easier for you to attain your goals!