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January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

“ *He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.* ”
~ Titus 3:5

Parish Mission Statement

We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic Church community that recognizes God's presence in all through our love and service.

Parish Vision Statement

Build the Kingdom of God, individually and communally, by fostering discipleship and thanksgiving through:

- the celebration of Eucharist and other sacraments,
- prayer and lifelong Catholic formation,
- service with and for one another and the greater community.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 5 pm
Friday 9 am - 3 pm
Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekends & Friday at SJB MPR: Friday 8:15 am
Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7, 9, 11 am, 5 pm
Weekdays Mon-Thurs in Annex 2: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8:30-9:30 am, in Annex 1

Upcoming Events

For a complete calendar of events, please visit stbenedict.org/calendar

Monday, 1/10

8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 1/11

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | SVdP

Wednesday, 1/12

8:15 am | Mass

Thursday, 1/13

8:15 am | Mass
6:30 pm | Knights of
Columbus

Friday, 1/14

8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confession

Saturday, 1/15

8:30 am | Confession
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 1/9/2022

7 am | Shari Garner †
9 am | Jose Moreno †
11 am | Pete Sterkowitz †
5 pm | People of the Parish

M 1/10 | Mar Roque †

Tu 1/11 | Thanksgiving Mass

W 1/12 | Doug Jewell †

Th 1/13 | Priscilla Reyes †

F 1/14 | Cyrus Goldhair †

Sat 1/15 | Albert Lopez †



Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19;
1/10	Mk 1:14 20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
1/11	Mk 1:21 28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5,
1/12	7-10; Mk 1:29 39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11,
1/13	14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40 45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a;
1/14	Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1 12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a;
1/15	Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13 17
Sunday:	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10;
1/16	1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Presider Schedule*

*the Week of
Jan 10-16, 2022*

Monday	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
Tuesday	8:15 am - Fr. Wilfred
Wednesday	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
Thursday	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
Friday	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
Saturday	5 pm - Fr. James
Sunday	7 am - Fr. Manasseh
	9 am - Fr. James
	11 am - Fr. James
	5 pm - Fr. Manasseh

**Please note: this schedule is subject to change without notice.*

Parish Contributions

*A special thank you to those
who are faithfully contributing*

Regular Contributions for **November 2021**

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis
per fiscal year: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

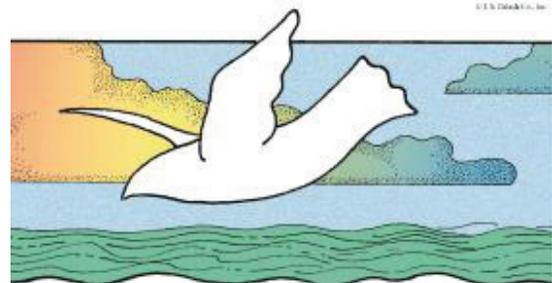
Actual: \$ 66,835*

Budget: \$ 74,375

* Faith Direct Online: \$ 49,157

Cash Contributions: \$ 4,296

Check Contributions: \$ 13,382



“Living Our Faith, Building Our Home” Capital Campaign

As of November 2021

Campaign Pledges: \$ 3,548,859

Collected Campaign Pledges: \$ 2,578,835

A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

“YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON, WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED.”

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord effectively brings to a close the liturgical season of Christmas and gives way to the very rich period of “Ordinary Time” within the Liturgical calendar for Christ Himself, His baptism marked the beginning of His public ministry. He would continue from where His precursor was and effect the establishment of the reign of God on earth.

The Gospel of St. Luke recounts how, at that time, the people filled with expectation, wondered if John might be the Christ. They had heard the prophets predict strange things that would happen around the Messiah, and John seemed to fit into the description given of the Messiah, but he refused to confirm any exaggerated opinion of his person and mission. He told the people the Messiah would come after him, that He (Christ) was mightier than him (John) and that He (Christ) would baptize them with the Holy Spirit and fire. Often when we achieve anything plausible, when we allow God to use us to touch the lives of others, the recipients of God’s providential benevolence through us may feel the natural urge to express sentiments of gratitude through a generous outpouring of encomiums and adulations. For many of us, it is almost an irresistible temptation to desire receiving obsequious flattery and to bask in the glory of our acknowledged benevolence. John teaches us simplicity, humility and honesty which are essential ingredients for a balanced spirituality. The realization that we are all uniquely blessed and loved by God, and that everyone is important in God’s ultimate plan, is a sure path to attaining peace of soul.

Again, after John baptized Jesus and as He was praying, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove while The Father confirmed His Sonship and mission by publicly declaring: “*This is my beloved Son, in you I am well pleased.*” Here we are treated to a sacred activity of the Triune God. God reveals himself as One, yet each person in the Trinity is distinct, and in unity the Trinity collaborates at the beginning of the public ministry of the Son. When we have the Trinity in us and stay connected through prayer and communion, it becomes notably easier to be what we ought to be: united children of God collaborating with each other to fulfill our Christ given mandate of proselytizing the world and ensuring a permanent duration to the reign of God on earth.

May we recall joyfully our own baptism and commit ourselves to our baptismal promises. May the grace of Humility be granted to us so we can witness to the truth without seeking vainglory, and may God be pleased with the sacrifice of our service to each other.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

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Ministries and More

“Gospel of Life” Appeal

Next weekend is the Gospel of Life collection. This collection supports the work of the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Phoenix which promotes clear teachings of the Catholic Church. Envelopes can be found at the back of the multipurpose room or you can write “Gospel of Life” in the memo section of your check. Thank you for your support.



Women’s Spirituality

The January meeting for Women’s Spirituality has been cancelled due to the New Year holiday. Please join us at our next meeting on **Saturday, February 5, 2022**, from 10 am to 11:30 am in Annex 1.



Catholic Women’s Conference

Announcing the 11th Annual Diocese of Phoenix Catholic Women’s Conference on **Saturday, January 29, 2022** at Xavier College Prep.

Featured speakers include Noelle Mering (author of *“Awake, Not Woke: A Christian Response to the Cult of Progressive Ideology”*), Kathleen Beckman (author of *“A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare: Strategies for Deliverance and Healing”*), and Cari Donaldson (author of *“Pope Awesome and Other Stories”*).

The theme this year is “One Life is All We Have” based on a quote from this year’s patron, St. Joan of Arc. Adoration and Reconciliation are all a part of this beautiful day. Vigil Mass with Bishop Olmsted will begin at the conclusion of the Conference.

For more information, call **602.471.1944** or email info@cwphx.org. Tickets are on sale now at cwphx.org/.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The parish office will be closed on **Monday, January 17** for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 am in the Annex 2 Chapel.

For emergencies requiring a priest, please call the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 7**.

Parish Welcoming Event



This weekend, on **Sunday, January 9**, the Parish Welcoming Event will take place in the St. John Bosco School courtyard outside of the MPR after the 9 am Mass.

Please join us as we enjoy a snack and meet some of the Parish Council members, Fr. James, staff members, and other parishioners. You will also find information about the future of our parish, ministries, school and more. Mark your calendar to attend and we look forward to seeing you!

Email and Text Alert

Some parishioners are receiving emails and text messages that suggest our priests or deacon are requesting a favor. These are “spam” and should be immediately deleted. We would never send an email or text asking for a favor. Unfortunately, we have no way to restrict or stop these emails or texts. Thank you for your understanding.



“The Lord will bless his people with peace.”
~ Psalm 29

Faith Formation and More

Faith Formation is Kicking Off the Spring Semester '80s Style!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, January 16** and get psyched for this totally awesome outside event on the St. John Bosco School field.

- Picnic-style Lunch from 12pm-1pm. Bring your own food and seating. We'll meet on the St. John Bosco field.
- Color Fun Run begins at 1pm. Be sure to wear a white t-shirt so your colors will show!
- Playground Challenges - Whacky Basketball Shoot, Relay Games, Jump Rope Contest and 3-legged race to be exact!
- '80's Lip Sync Battle - Get your band together, choose your '80s song and start rockin' that choreography!
- **Awesome Prizes!**



This event is geared toward older elementary kids, middle schoolers and high schoolers. We would especially love to see new faces that might be new to JAM (6th-8th), EPIC (9th-12th) or our parish, so bring a friend! Parents must stay and be part of the fun. (*Hey Parents, this is your chance to rock those neon accessories you wore in the '80s!*) Picnic-style lunch begins at Noon, following the 11am Mass. Bring your own food and seating and meet us on the St. John Bosco field. Color Fun Run kicks-off at 1pm. Please let us know you are coming! Signup on the parish website. All "bands" participating in the Lip Sync Battle, must sign-up in advance with your '80s song choice. Questions? Contact Clare or Heather in the Parish Office at **480.961.1610**.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Attention Children's Liturgy of the Word participants! Beginning this week, the Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held only on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month during the 9am Mass, twice per month. (Please see the schedule, below:)

January 9 & 23

February 13 & 27

March 13 & 27

April 10 & 24

May 8 & 22

If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please contact Heather Mooney at **480.961.1610 ext. 308** about becoming a Catechist.

Here's Your Officially Recommended New Year's Resolution for 2022

Make 2022 the year you finally allow the Word of God to transform your life!

I, Clare, (your Youth Minister) cannot recommend "The Bible in a Year" podcast by Fr. Mike Schmitz highly enough. There hasn't been a single episode that I didn't thoroughly enjoy! Also, most of the time I was disappointed that they were only 20 minutes long.

Fr. Mike is extremely engaging and thoughtful, and he provides intelligent and satisfying answers for some of the difficult questions everyone has about the Bible. This is the New Year's resolution you'll actually keep with your family! Found on Spotify or wherever you listen to podcasts.

Current Events & More

Catholic Men's Conference

On **Saturday, February 12, 2022** the Men of Christ, of the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Phoenix, present the 15th Annual Men's Conference featuring Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted, Super Bowl Champion Matt Birk, Msgr. James Patrick Shea, President of the University of Mary, Bishop Joseph Coffey, and more. For more than a decade the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Phoenix has striven to deliver content and speakers to assist the men of the Diocese of Phoenix in growing in their faith, discerning their vocation and leading their family. Please join us at Xavier College Prep!

For more information or to register for the Conference, go to cmfp.org/.

Knights of Columbus

As we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord this weekend, we give thanks for the New Year. With our world continually faced with viruses and crimes against humanity, let us ask Our Lord and His Blessed Mother to give us peace and solitude for our world. Allow our world leaders to act with justice to do what is right; ethically, morally and spiritually. We give thanks for our families, school, parish and priests.

Soon we will be announcing some of the events forthcoming this month and in the first quarter of the year such as the Blood Drive, Basketball Free Throw, Parish Picnic and March For Life. Have a safe and blessed week. Happy New Year.

Become a Knight at: www.kofc.org/joinus. Key in Council 12246, Code: TMOORE

Vivat Jesus,
Rudy Cavolina, Grand Knight
Fr. Bob Binta Council 12246
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St. Vincent de Paul



Thanks, again, for your continued donations to our on-site pantry. Please remember you can take your donations to the SJB multipurpose room on weekends (look for the wagon), or to the parish lobby during the week. Here is what is needed at this time:

- Oatmeal Packets
- Paper Towels
- Pasta Sauce (jars)
- Tissues

End of Year Contribution Statements

The parish is so grateful for the support we receive each week from our parishioners. It is your gifts that sustain the parish, allowing us to continue being the warm, inviting community that we are. If you would like to request a copy of your financial contributions for tax purposes, simply complete the form on our website, located by clicking on the "Contribution Statement" on the home page. (Please note, anyone who has made a single donation of \$250 or more will automatically receive a contribution statement in the mail.)

Beginning the week of **January 24** we will be fulfilling these requests. While we would love to have statements ready earlier than **January 24**, this would not allow enough time to ensure that all financial gifts be properly recorded in our system. If you have any questions, please call Mary Jane at the parish office at **480.961.1610, ext. 304**.

Marriage Encounter

Come and learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives! Sign up to attend an upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Phoenix on **February 5/6, 2022**. For more dates, more information, or to sign up, go to www.wwmearizona.com/.

More

Stewardship and Development - By Jennifer Sentz, Coordinator

"Time is what we want most, but what we use worst." - William Penn

Last week, I introduced giving to the Lord our gifts of time, talent and treasure. As we discern how the Lord is inviting us to grow deeper in relationship with Him in 2022, let us ponder a few scripture passages about time:

- "For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in; naked and you covered me; sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me...Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it for Me." (Matthew 25:35-40)
- "Offer to God the sacrifice of praise, and pay thy vows to the most High. And call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me." (Psalm 49:14-15)
- "The Lord has given me a learned tongue, that I should know how to uphold by word him that is weary; he wakeneth my ear, that I may hear Him as a master. The Lord God hath opened my ear, and I do not resist, I have not gone back." (Isaiah 50:4-5)

From loving Jesus by loving others, praising Him for all He has done, and removing distractions so we can hear His voice - these are all gifts of time we can give to God in 2022.

Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **John Greene** and **Barbara Lecza** who died recently. We pray that their families and friends will feel God's healing embrace through the prayers and support of our faith community.

Mass of Anointing

It has been quite awhile since we have had a Mass of Anointing. Save the date for **Saturday, January 22** at 11 am, in the St. John Bosco School Multi-purpose room. We invite those who are in need of healing in their lives, be it physical, emotional or spiritual, to come forward and join us. Please RSVP with the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 300**.

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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

As you read this, our students and staff have started back to school and completed a full week of their daily routines after a long winter's nap (16 days, to be exact). The first week back is the hardest; however, the children have made peace with their structured curriculum and are on their way to more exploring, discovery, and learning.

Now all the buzz is about Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month where we have the distinct honor of celebrating all the benefits associated with attending a Catholic school — and there are many. Not only were we able to celebrate Mary's "Yes" and the birth of Christ in classrooms throughout Advent and Christmas, but Lent will soon be upon us where teachers will integrate the ensuing story of Christ's life, death, and resurrection in the celebration of Easter.

Perhaps most of our SJB children take this study and celebration for granted because they attend a Catholic school, but they may soon learn that such privileges are not the norm in all schools. That's why we get so excited about Catholic Schools Week and want everyone to know the joys of Catholic Education! See our Open House invitation below:



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Jamie Bescak, Principal