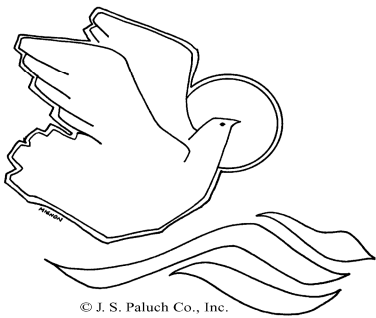


## THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

He will baptize  
with the  
Holy Spirit



When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently.

When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what

had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News. (c) Copyright, J. S. Paluch



Religious Education

**First Reconciliation session Jan. 11th**  
**Video of First Reconciliation**  
**January 18th, at 9:00am Confirmation**  
**Session in Holy Family Center**



**Bingo Prizes needed for Senior Luncheon.**  
**Please drop items off at the church office.**  
**Next Senior Luncheon: Feb. 5th at 11:00am**

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Scripture Study

**Come join us for Scripture/Reflection Study:**

The Breakfast Club meets every Sunday, 8:45am in HFC  
Small Church Comm. meets every other Tuesday after 6:45am Mass in HFC. Next mtg. is Jan. 20th.

## Parish News

- \*Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting
- \*Sunday, Jan 18th Prayer Vigil, Cathedral of St. Andrew, St Anne assigned time is Sunday morning at 3:00-4:30am
- \*Sunday, January 18th at 12:00 Mass and March for Life at 2:00pm we will meet at Capital and Louisiana Streets
- \*Saturday & Sunday, January 17/18 Pastoral Council Nominations
- \*Elections will be held in February

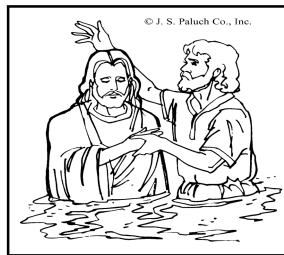


## OUR DEPLOYED TROOPS:

1. Jessie Spence, 2. Jeremy Spence, grandsons of Maggie Spence
3. Amy Carol Pestona, great niece of Mary Vales
4. Christopher York, Sgt. FC, Son-in-Law of Ray & Pat Buss
5. Brant Stephenson, son of Jack & Betty Scarbrough
6. David Ferricher, 7. Luke Ferricher, sons of Mike & Sharon Ferricher

## The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2009



**All you who are thirsty,  
come to the water!**

-- Isaiah 55:1

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20	A Light for all nations 
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28	
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39	
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45	
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12	
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17	
Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42	

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most ancient and enduring sites for baptism in Rome is the church of San Giovanni in Fonte. This church is in fact a baptistery, and houses the font for the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of Rome. The Emperor Constantine sponsored its construction in the year 315, and it is therefore the oldest baptistery in the world. It is the model for nearly all later baptisteries, including perhaps the font in your own parish church. In the fourth century, churches didn't contain baptismal fonts. Baptism was a once-a-year event, at Easter, and mostly for adults. Within a century, new practices soon masked the original purpose of Constantine, and later popes made additions, like a nave and altars, and even side chapels.

High above the place where the immersion baptism pool once stood, an inscription in mosaic tile is a lyrical expression of our baptismal tradition. It speaks of the font as the "womb of the church," and encourages the sinner not to be afraid of the water. "Though your sins be many and great, do not draw back afraid. Reborn from this stream, a Christian you shall be." The actual font is very old, but it is not the ancient flowing pool. As you often see in Italy, there are smaller pools carved into the marble railing of the font, just big enough to dip an infant. The present font has a carving of the baptism of Constantine, leading some to think that he was baptized here. That's not the case, since he waited until the last minute for a deathbed baptism, as people often did in the fourth century. It's not on the usual tourist path in Rome, but just a few steps from the Lateran Basilica is the best place in Rome to renew your baptismal vows and to marvel at the life-giving stream that has "washed the whole earth" over the centuries. -Rev. James Field, (c) Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



## WE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS:

Mary Bowren, Tommy & Carolyn Barron, Sam & Mary Berg, Pat Buss, Theresa Crowder, Else Greb, Beanie Eden, M J & Libby Escovedo, Catherine Ferricher, Gus & Jo Hess, Dc. Arnold Hernandez, Lawrence Koerd, Sylvia Lee, Herman Lensing, Charlie Mathis, Emma Mays, Norris Rader, David Sanders, Frances Sarna, Maggie Spence, Eugene Uekman, Herman & Thelma Uekman, Mary Vales, Anna Warrick, Regina Wellman, Robert West, Teresa Wellman, Veldonna Weaver, Martha Wilk, Martha Willard, Bonnie Woeltje, Phillip Wood, Tricia Wood, Corky Young.

**Family & Friends:** Msgr. Richard Oswald, Quentin Lauer, Betty Anne Dwyer, Joann Pfeifer, Raebelle Sartain, Sister dePorres, Michael Royal, Father Udo, Sister Vivian Luyet, Birdie Cassidy, Holly Bullock, Mike Gray, Kim Johnson, Janna Long, Kim McNeer, Amy McKay, Arthur Penney, Chris Schnebelen, Ruth Vaughn, Ida Uekman, Adela Dominguez, Aurelia Gomez Corona.



**Sat. Jan 17th, 4:00pm Sun. Jan 18th, 10:30am**

<b>EM/Body</b>	Susan Chamberlain	Ray Buss
<b>EM/Blood</b>	Tony Chamberlain	Irene Gangluff
<b>EM/Blood</b>	Mary Jo Dumboski	Charlsie Hum
<b>EM/Blood</b>	Charles Wirges	Charles Uekman
<b>EM/Blood</b>	Jan Brass	Greg Smith
<b>R1/Pet</b>	Bill Brass	Ben Engle
<b>Psalm</b>	Bill Brass	Eddie Engle
<b>R2/Announ</b>	Jo Ann Rodriguez	Carol Fleming
<b>Server 1</b>	Hunter Serbousek	Blake Shahan
<b>Server 2</b>	Abigail Groff	Vito Whitmore
<b>Server 3</b>	—	Melissa Thomas
<b>Usher 1</b>	Travis Jaworski	Robert Schnebelen
<b>Usher 2</b>	Lawrence Koerd	Gary Uekman

**JOB POSTING: PARISH SECRETARY**

St. Anne Church, NLR seeking parish secretary. Knowledge of Catholic Church necessary, friendly, mature, responsible. Computer: Word, Publisher. Speak/ read/ write Spanish and English. Forty hours. Please call the parish office at 753-3977.

**Pastoral Council:** We will nominate three (3) members of the parish January 10-11th and 17-18th. Please consider those parishioner whom you believe best qualified, then ask if they would accept to be nominated. The Council Members serve a tree year term and meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month, must be a registered member of the Parish. Election will be held in February.

**Catholic High School Open House for prospecting Parents and Students:** Sunday, January 25th, 12:30-2:30pm. Come to see all that Catholic High has to offer your son. **Catholic High School Entrance Exam:** Saturday, Feb. 14, 8:30am in the School Auditorium all the 8th grade boys interested in attending CHS must take this exam please dress in kaki pants dress shirt and tie. For Info. call 664-3939.

**Beginning Experience, a weekend retreat for those who are widowed or divorced, will be held at St. Scholastica Retreat Center, Fort Smith, February 20-22.** The program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Contact Jim Bolt, 479-544-3113 or Adrienne Charette, 479-531-1883.

**MASS FOR LIFE: Prayer Vigil at the Cathedral of St. Andrew** from 7:00pm Sat. Jan. 17th till 8:30am Sunday, Jan. 18th. Adoration and Rosary for Life begins at 11:00am. Mass for Life at 12:00 noon will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony B. Taylor at the State Convention Center, March for Life at 2:00pm beginning at Capital and Louisiana Sts, L.R. For more information on the Mass for Life call 664-0340, ext 357. For more information on the March call 662-4237. Bring a busload!!



**Married couples:** Have you made the resolution to start the New Year out right? We have a way to help you keep this resolution. Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Register NOW for the Feb. 13-15 Weekend at Subiaco: Space IS limited to register call: Don & Fran Donaldson 354-9045 [frandon@tcworks.net](mailto:frandon@tcworks.net) or JC & Debbie Finton 977-0295 [jcdcme@aristotle.net](mailto:jcdcme@aristotle.net) or visit: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

*Mass Intentions*

<b>Sat. Jan 10:</b>	4:00pm	William Faulk+ 1st Anniversary
<b>Sun. Jan 11:</b>	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Anne
	10:30am	Lorene Glancy+
<b>Tues. Jan 13:</b>	6:45am	Sister dePorres, Special Intention
<b>Wed. Jan 14:</b>	6:00pm	Willie May Croxton+
<b>Fri. Jan 16:</b>	6:45am	Word & Communion
<b>Sat. Jan 17:</b>	4:00pm	Elizabeth Womack+
<b>Sun. Jan 18:</b>	8:00am	Lorenza Palacios, Birthday Special Int.
	10:30am	Val Carithers+

*\*Happy Birthday\**

<b>Jan 10:</b>	Alirio Aguilar JR
<b>Jan 11:</b>	Grace Bates, Caroline Brannen
<b>Jan 12:</b>	Mary Berg, Sierra M. Clark, Alfreda Cruz, Juan Rodriguez, Jack Henry Thompson, Lukas William Thompson, Angela West
<b>Jan 13:</b>	Michael Ortner, Marion Perin
<b>Jan 14:</b>	Jolette Posadas, Maribel Reyes
<b>Jan 15:</b>	—
<b>Jan 16:</b>	Glenn Davies

*Weekly Collections*

<b>Gifts to God &amp; Parish:</b>	Jan 3rd and Jan 4th
<b>Regular Collection:</b>	\$ 5,147.30
<b>Special Collection:</b>	\$993.83
<i>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God</i>	
<b>Attendance:</b>	4:00pm 141
	8:00am 237
	10:30am 167



**Pre-Cana for couples planning to be married:** Sat., January 17th at St. John Center, L.R. Space is limited call Kathleen at 664-0340 or e-mail: [kmcnespsey@dolr.org](mailto:kmcnespsey@dolr.org)

**Troubled Marriages – Retrouvaille** is a program designed to help heal and renew troubled and hurting marriages. It is a relationship-building program with the main emphasis on communication between husband and wife. Separated and divorced couples are also encouraged to attend. The next Retrouvaille weekends are: St. John Center, L.R, AR: **Feb. 20-22**, call 835-7537 or visit: [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**Reader Appreciation Mass** Arkansas Catholic newspaper will host a Reader Appreciation Mass and reception at noon, Wednesday, Feb. 11 in Morris Hall Chapel at St. John Center in L.R. Join our staff in prayer at this Mass to mark Catholic Press Month, then celebrate with us at a reception in the diocesan newspaper offices at St. John Center. If you can attend the reception, please RSVP at 664-0125. Arkansas Catholic wants to join with our readers in prayer. Please submit your prayer intentions before Feb. 6 and they will be presented during this special Mass with Bishop Anthony B. Taylor. Send to: Reader Prayers, P.O. Box 7417, L R, AR 72217 or [mhargett@dolr.org](mailto:mhargett@dolr.org).

**POST-ABORTION SUPPORT GROUP:** Do you feel alone and hurting from a past abortion or feel you cannot be forgiven? Project Rachel support groups will begin the third week in February which can help you. The program lasts 11 weeks with small groups of 6-8 women. Groups will be formed in Little Rock, Hot Springs, Ft. Smith and Fayetteville. All names, meeting places, etc. will be strictly confidential. For details call 664-0340, ext. 357. All inquiries must be made by Feb. 16, 2009.