

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2016

March for Life

Please call Cathy asap at 652.7170 if you are interested in participating in the March for Life January 21 and 22!

Book Group Gathering

The book group is celebrating the Christmas season & welcoming 2016 at CuGinos 11:30 am Sunday the tenth.

Catholic Home Missions News

The Catholic Home Missions collection addresses challenges here in the States. A critical need was met in the Diocese of Helena in Montana:

Madison County (two parishes within its 3,600 square miles) had no resident priest or even a visiting priest living there. A grant funded by the collection enabled the Diocese to cover costs for a priest to travel 160 miles a week to celebrate Mass as well as provide Eucharist in care centers & homes.

The faith of the people of Madison County has blossomed with having Mass every Sunday with the same priest. There also has been an increase in Mass attendance as well as at bible studies and religious education classes. They feel that the larger Church recognized and made them feel important enough to provide a priest for them.

Thank you for your support which provides grants for needy dioceses.

OFFERINGS

| | <u>Offertory</u> | <u>Fuel</u> |
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| St. John: | \$2,424 | \$609 |
| Holy Family: | 144 | 166 |
| St. Peter: | 1,562 | 543 |

Offertory Envelopes

Please write your offertory amount on your envelope ~ it helps reduce the counters' time. Thank you.

Baptism of the Lord

Jesus joins the people going out to John the Baptist in the gesture of repentance, not because there is sin in Him, but in order to model for us the only authentic way to approach the Father. He goes to the Baptist as a beggar because the Mystery is mercy. Jesus surrenders to mercy by submitting Himself to baptism in order to invite us to share in His relationship with the Father announced from the heavens.

The Lord Jesus lowers Himself in His baptism and, as Nothingness, acknowledges His Father so that we will never hesitate to do the same.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

*You are my beloved child;
with You I am well pleased.* Luke 3:22

Such words are music to a child's ears. Find an authentic way to say this to your own child today.

Marriage Moments

Susan Vogt

I'm very neat. My wife is messy. I cured myself from my annoyance with her by imagining that she was not in my life and then asking myself, "If you could bring her back but she'd still be messy, would you still want her back?" "Yes, for sure!" It cured me. Whenever I get annoyed with her mess, I rerun the script. ~Sam Bradley

This could work with many annoyances.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

In the Gospel Jesus was publicly **affirmed** by His Father:

*You are My beloved Son,
with You I am very pleased.*

As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed **affirmation** and so do our children.

Alpha Course This Thursday

Alpha begins this Thursday, January 14, at the Red Brick Church, 58 East Street in Walton with two sessions: lunch at 11 am & dinner at 6 pm.

For information or to reserve your spot for either session, contact Charlie at 865.5024 or by email: Charliemays@alphausa.org. Come experience and share the Gospel message!

Food Banks

Don't forget to bring donations with you when attending Mass to keep those shelves stocked!

The Lord Jesus, in whom there is no guile,
came into the world.

By His setting forth of heavenly teaching,

He calmed the depths of human hearts

and poured forth tranquility

upon the passions of every man.

~Saint Ambrose

Year of Mercy

On April 11 last year the Holy Father announced an historic event: an extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. This is only the fourth time in Church history of such an event. By calling for the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has underscored the signature message of his pontificate~mercy.

"Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy," the Pope says in his papal bull *Misericordiae Vultus (The Face of Mercy)*, and "Merciful like the Father" is the motto he has chosen for this Jubilee Year.

Dominican Retreat Center 518.393.4169

February 12-17: Silent Retreat for Women & Men: *Deepening in the Experience of Centering Prayer*. Centering prayer is a path of healing, purification, & transformation. Come & sink deeper into the mystery of God's Presence -- closer to us than we are to ourselves. \$425.