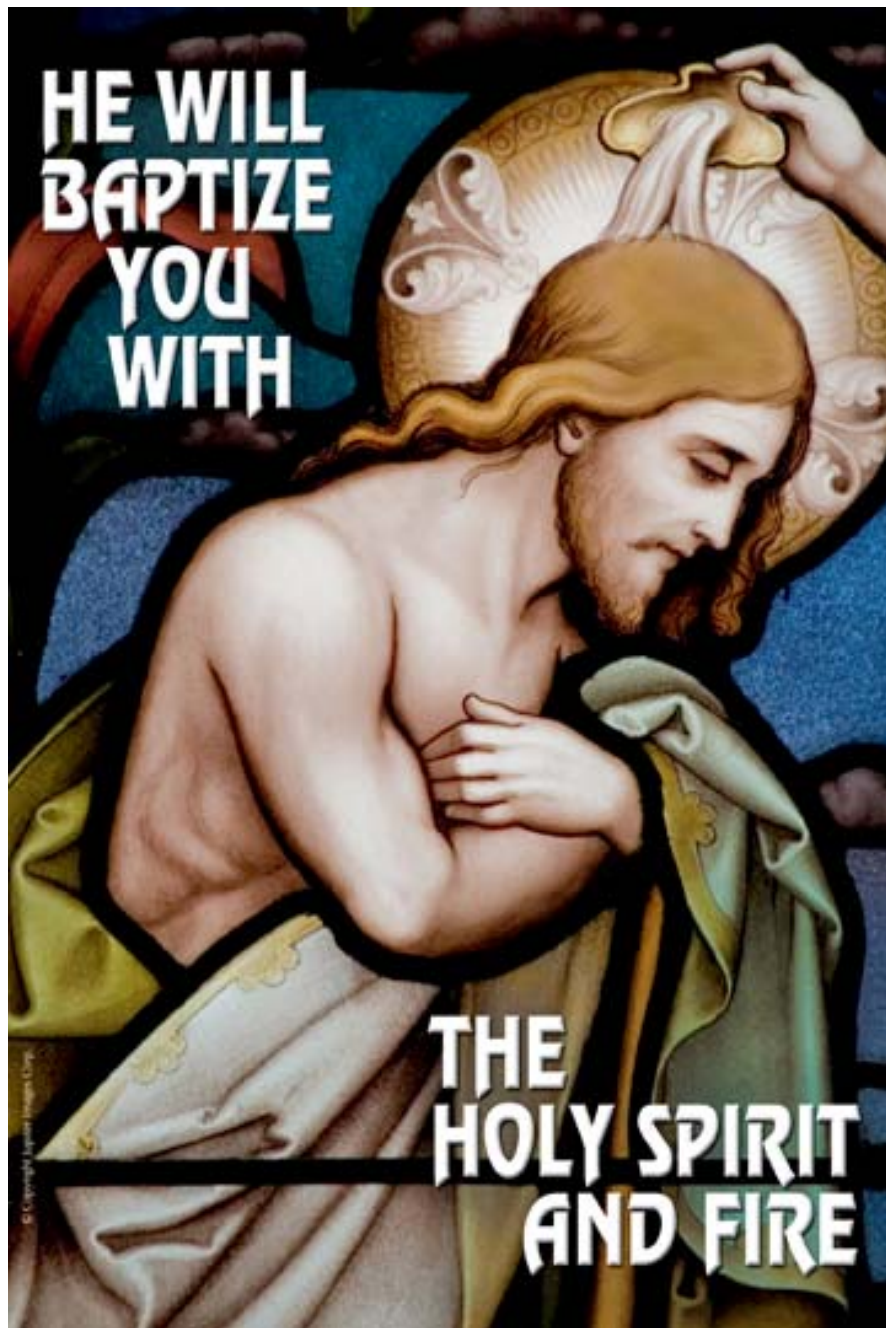
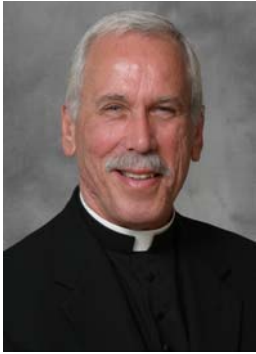




January 10, 2010
The Baptism of the Lord





Reflections From the Pastor

*You are my beloved Son
in whom I am well pleased.
- Luke 3.22*

Today the Church brings to an end the celebration of Christmas with the Baptism of the Lord. It is in this moment one hears a voice from the heavens affirming that Jesus is the one sent by God to redeem the nations. But He is not merely another prophet, He is more. He is the Son of God sent from the Father to redeem humanity. The Lord God in the prophet Isaiah (42.1-4) identifies Jesus as the Servant of God: *“Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; He shall bring forth justice to the nations.”*

Last Sunday in celebrating the feast of the Epiphany the Church noted that Jesus was not simply savior to the house of Israel but to all the nations. As Peter says in Acts: *“I see that God shows no partiality”* (10:34). The Magi represent the nations of the world. The word *epiphany* means *revelation*, that which was unknown or understood becomes known or manifested. Unfortunately, the understanding of for whom the Messiah is sent became narrowed. Israel lost a sense of her vocation to be God’s instrument of salvation (Mosaic Covenant). It had become parochial in its vision of redemption. The Epiphany reveals the *catholicity* of the mission of the Messiah: *He shall bring forth justice to the nations* (Isaiah 42:2).

Some may question why, if Jesus is God, He submits to being baptized by John. After all He was not subject to original sin. Reflecting upon this feast, it would seem that it highlights a deeper sense of what baptism is about. Not to deny the matter of original sin, I think sometimes our understanding of Baptism has been reduced to the removal of original sin. Keep in mind that the concept of original sin comes from St. Augustine responding to Arius’ claim that man in and of himself could be saved. What Jesus did was not necessary for our salvation – *secular humanism*. Baptism, then, surely reminds us that it is God’s grace that offers us the possibility of attaining goodness.

But worth noting in the scene of Jesus’ baptism the presence both of the Father and the Holy Spirit. The words spoken from the heavens reminds one that Baptism is *relational*. Through baptism one enters into relationship to the Father (*adopted sons and daughters*). The Church is the family of God into which one enters. In the early Church the relational aspect of Baptism was given great emphasis through the Catechumenate. Catechumens (usually adults) would be received into the Church after a number of years of preparation. It was on the night of one’s baptism (Easter Vigil) that one for the first time joined the community (family) for Eucharist.

One also observes the role of the Holy Spirit at the baptism of the Lord. The Spirit not only makes holy, but also empowers. The Spirit empowers the baptized to do and fulfill the mission for which one has been anointed: *“The Lord has anointed me to proclaim Good News to the poor...”* (Luke 4). The baptism of the Lord is not only about affirming the divinity of Jesus but also about His mission. Through Baptism we come to share both in Christ’s sonship but also his mission. We too have been anointed.

- Fr. Bill



On Tuesday, December 29, at a special baptism service, Elise Jacqueline Sara was welcomed into the Divine Savior Parish family and the family of God. Elise's parents are Michael and Elizabeth (Farnaus) Sara. Elise's Godparents are Scott Farnaus and Jennifer Vanhoutan.



With Deepest Sympathy

We would like to offer our deepest sympathy to the following families:

Ronald Rickard who passed away on December 18, 2009 and whose funeral mass was celebrated on - December 23, 2009.



Rose Cervenka who passed away on December 27, 2009 and whose funeral mass was celebrated on December 31, 2009.

Please remember all of them in your prayers and pray also that their families may receive the Lord's consolation in their time of need.



Committee Needed

The Divine Savior Finance and Administration Council in seeking to form a Building and Grounds Committee to act as advisors to our Parish Staff as well as the Council and Fr. Bill. This committee would be comprised of people familiar with the building trades, skilled trades people, facilities and maintenance management and contractors. etc.

If you would be willing to donate a few hours a month to "walk" the buildings and grounds and help make recommendations and assist with the prioritizing of projects, please contact Sue Hartig (sue@divinesavior.net or 630-969-1532 ext. 23). Our facilities are aging and all the needed repairs cannot financially be accomplished at once.

Please note, we are not seeking people to do the work only to advise on what needs to be done and the time involved.

If you have any questions, please see Sue or Fr. Bill.

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. — Lk 3:21-22a



THANK YOU!!

GIVING TREE

Thank you to all of the parishioners and volunteers who helped make our annual Giving Tree a huge success! We were able to provide gifts to 425 low-income children and 115 seniors living in Du Page County this Christmas. The outpouring of gifts and monetary contributions to purchase gifts was absolutely overwhelming once again!

A BIG THANK YOU to the many volunteers who helped with this project in so many ways. We would like to acknowledge the following:

Fr. Conway
Tracy O'Brien
Linda Burke
Sue Hartig
Dee Sinclair
Daniel Garcia
Mark Hoffmeyer

Joanne Pfeifer
Dave Pfeifer
Rachel Pfeifer
Amy Pfeifer
Marie Winckowski
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Luke Bondi
Shaun Compton
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Ginny Munson
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Eileen Gabry
Dave Gabry
Ann Kolar
Jim Kolar
Dan Kolar
Lois Kolar
Mary Ellen Walker
Nicole Nowak
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Christine Lanciloti
Scott Picharski
Amy Rubel
Brad Moore
Donna Clavey
Roy Clavey
Lori Ritzert
Abby Armato
Megan Clavey
Mark Clavey
Patty Kempker
Matthew Kempker
Ryan Kempker
Tom Skowronski
Jan Skowronski
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Andrew Heneghan
Kate Beirne
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Tom Peiffer
Allie Witt
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**THE GIVING TREE COMMITTEE
AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Divine Savior's
2010 Mardi Gras Ball
is almost near!**

**Do you have your
Tickets yet?**



**We're blowin' our
trumpets
and tootin' our
horns!
hopin' to see you in
N'awlins!**

Take a trip with us,

Saturday, February 13th, 2010

**where once you step through the doors of
Seven Bridges Signature Events Room you'll be
on Bourbon Street!**

Tickets on Sale for \$50/person

Ticket includes appetizers, dinner, 4-hour Unlimited Open Bar, dessert, music, dancing!

\$25 Split-the-Pot Raffle Tickets will pay out 4 ways! Support your Parish and purchase a book of Tickets today!





St. Mary of Gostyn Parish will offer a
Rainbows Support Group beginning
February 1st, 2010
6:00-6:45 p.m.

St. Mary of Gostyn
Religious Education Office
445 Prairie Avenue
Downers Grove
630-960-3565 X 219

The Goal of Rainbows is "Healing"

The **Rainbows** Program is for all children who have experienced some loss - either through divorce, the death of a parent, a grandparent, or even the loss of a friend who moved away.

When something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. Even though death, divorce or loss appears to be only grown-up problems, they have a profound effect on the children touched by these experiences. Children can find it extremely difficult to verbalize their feelings.

Participants are involved in weekly meetings structured in such a way the participant's story can be shared in a loving and accepting environment. The obvious goal is healthy resolution and healing of the loss experience. Since each person's healing is unique to them, they may participate year after year, for as long as they choose.

Let Someone You Care About Know About Rainbows

This past year, more than 30 families benefited from the Rainbows Program at St. Mary's. If you know of a family who is hurting, please consider passing along this information.

*There is no fee for the Rainbows program.
Please call 630-960-3565 X 219 for further information.*

MANIFESTANDO AL ESPÍRITU

El tiempo de Navidad finaliza este domingo con el Bautismo del Señor. Esta fiesta es hermana de la fiesta de la semana pasada, la Epifanía. Cada una ellas celebra una “epifanía”, o manifestación del Espíritu de Dios en Jesús —primero en su nacimiento y ahora en su bautismo.

El Espíritu Divino se manifiesta en todas las lecturas bíblicas de la fiesta. El Salmo 104 destaca al Espíritu de Dios que crea y renueva la tierra, mientras que la lectura de Isaías describe a Dios restaurando a Israel. En el relato de Lucas del bautismo del Señor el Espíritu Santo desciende sobre Jesús. Y la carta a Tito nos recuerda que el Espíritu Santo también “derramó con abundancia” sobre nosotros, el “baño de regeneración” (Tito 3:5, 6).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Miren a mi siervo, en quien tengo mis complacencias (Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7) o *Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11.*

Salmo — Te alabamos, Señor (Salmo 29 [28]) o *Salmo 104 (103).*

Segunda lectura — Dios ungió con el Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret (Hch 10:34-38) o *Tito 2:11-14; 3:4-7.*

Evangelio — Después del bautismo de Jesús, el cielo se abrió (Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22).



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SAN HILARIO DE POITIERS (c. 315-367) 13 de enero

Nació en Poitiers (Francia) y durante su juventud abrazó el cristianismo junto con toda su familia. Gracias a su ejemplo cristiano, su misma gente lo eligió como obispo en el año 353. Como obispo destacó por su formación intelectual y su firmeza en la defensa de la fe, especialmente contra los arrianos, un grupo de cristianos que negaban la divinidad de Cristo. Fue desterrado a Frigia (Asia) en el año 356, pero esto no le impidió defender a la Iglesia de los ataques, debatiendo incluso, a los obispos arrianos. Debido a la firmeza y conocimiento de causa con que combatía a sus interlocutores, los mismos arrianos pidieron al Emperador que lo regresara a casa, a su Iglesia, donde se habían mantenido fieles a sus enseñanzas. Con los obispos que habían cedido a los arrianos fue firme para hacerles ver sus errores, pero compasivo en su trato con ellos. Su celo por la fe, así como sus escritos le valieron el título de “maestro de las Iglesias”. En 1851 el Papa Pío IX lo declaró Doctor de la Iglesia.

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CAMBIO EN LA MAREA

Cuando todo va en contra tuya, al punto que parece que ya no puedes asirte ni por un minutos más, no te des por vencido entonces, porque en ese lugar y en ese tiempo es cuando la marea cambia.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe



Weekly Envelopes 1/3/10	\$11,233.50
Loose	1,644.04
Total Weekly Contributions	12,877.54
Children Envelopes	41.12
Blue Envelopes	125.00

We would like to thank everyone for their generosity during the year and particularly with the Christmas collection. To date Christmas offerings have totaled \$42,942.38. Statements of contributions will be mailed to all households after the 15th of this month. Please remember these statements reflect only amounts received prior to January 1, 2010. Again, thank you for your contributions of time, talent and treasure.

Please remember the good works of our Parish in your will. Contact Fr. Conway for information on how you can accomplish this.

Each of us has received the Baptism that John sought – a Baptism into the Church of Jesus. The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one simple gift that we need to give to Jesus. The only gift God wants is a complete offering of ourselves.

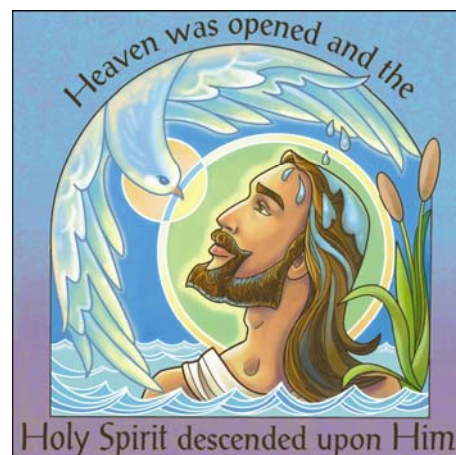


As we say goodbye and thank you to Bunny Harmon, Divine Savior Parish will have many mixed feelings. While we are all happy that Bunny is moving to a warmer climate to be with her family (Florida), we are certainly going to miss her lovely voice and smiling personality.

Bunny joined Divine Savior almost six years ago as our Director of Music. She has worked hard during these years taking on many other responsibilities including funeral planning and providing a sympathetic ear to staff and parishioners.

Of course our 8:30 and children’s choirs will miss her leadership.

We want to ask the Lord to bless her on her new adventure and ask that she not forget her Divine Savior Parish Family. God love you and keep you in the palm of His hand!



				
Saturday, January 16 5:00 PM	Father Tapper	Nicole Nowak Michelle Nowak Taylor Serna	Beth Svetich Bev Goste Sally Thomas Norma Jean Wall David Brockmann	Karen LaFleur
Saturday, January 16 6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)				
Sunday, January 17 7:00 AM	Father Sum	Carolyn Heinrich	Barbara Fidanza Joan Wash	Ginny Munson
Sunday, January 17 8:30 AM	Father Sum	Christopher Neumann Allison Hietpas Hayley Stankiewicz	Janice Walters John Sheehan James Guzzaldo Ralphine DiProspero Frank Frodyma	Frank Stec
Sunday, January 17 10:00 AM	Father Tapper	Luke Dosen Rachel Pfeifer Jack Loris	Traci Leach Susan Larson Janet Orr Margaret Panatera Fe Asuncion Paul Day Marie Day	Confirmation Class
Sunday, January 17 11:30 AM	Father Tapper	Michael Dizon Jack O'Sullivan Marissa Cervantes	Lynn Thomas Bridget O'Sullivan Eric Dizon Eric Alvarez Mary O'Sullivan	Gary Dhein

***Come on, continue your
Baptism by baptizing
others in the
Holy Spirit and fire.
"You are my beloved
child," says the Lord!***

Holy

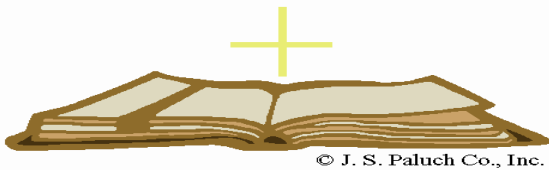
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7; 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: 1 S 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Mass Intentions



Monday, Jan. 11-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Roy Putlack

Tuesday, Jan. 12-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Rita Forrest
† Bonnie O'Toole

Wednesday, Jan. 13-St. Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church

8:30 AM— † Herman R. Lukow

Thursday, Jan. 14-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Robert Schulze
† Jerry Gawrluk

Friday, Jan. 15-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Vince Klepetka
† Jim Mulqueeny

Saturday, Jan. 16-Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM— † Tim Cochrane
6:30 PM— For the People of God

Sunday, Jan. 17-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM— † Phyllis Cozzola
8:30 AM— † Anthony Guzzaldo
10:00 AM— † Dennis Fox
11:30 AM— † Dennis Fox

Monday, January 11, 2010

Senior Social Meeting	1:00 PM	PC
Lay Apostle Prayer Group	7:00 PM	PC
Legion of Mary	7:30 PM	A

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

RCIA	7:00 PM	PC
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Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Religious Ed. B [8]	4:00 PM	PC
Religious Ed. B [8]	6:30 PM	PC
10:00 Choir	7:30 PM	C

Thursday, January 14, 2010

Religious Ed. C [8]	4:00 PM	PC
Religious Ed. C [8]	6:30 PM	PC
8:30 Choir	7:30 PM	C

Friday, January 15, 2010

Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:00 PM	PC
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Saturday, January 16, 2010

Our Lady of Peace School		
Recruiting		N
Pro-Life Weekend		N

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Our Lady of Peace School		
Recruiting		N
Pro-Life Weekend		N
Confirmation [8]	9:30 AM	PC

Key: C=Church; N=Narthex; M=Mass; A=Away;
PC=Parish Center; MSR=Mother Seton Room;
CR=Conference Room; G=Grounds



Contacting the Parish

The Parish Office is open Monday-Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM, Thursday from 9:00 AM -4:30 PM. Friday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:30 AM
SATURDAY: 5:00 PM
6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)
SUNDAY: 7:00 AM
8:30 AM
10:00 AM
11:30 AM

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Mass of anticipation the
Evening before 7:00 PM
Holy day 7:30 AM
12:00 Noon

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 3:30-4:40 PM and by appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION

Stop in the Parish Office during regular business hours to register as a Divine Savior Parishioner.

BAPTISMS

Once a month at special Baptism Service. Arrangements must be made two months in advance. Parental preparation requires registration in the Parish, active Saturday or Sunday participation in Parish Worship and attendance at a Baptismal Preparation meeting. Please call the office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements for celebration of marriage must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Weddings are not scheduled on Sundays.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call Parish Office.

RCIA

Anyone seeking information about becoming a fully participating member of the Catholic Faith should contact the Parish Office. Classes begin in September.