

**Shepherd's Thoughts (January 12, 2025)**  
**On Feast of the Baptism of The Lord**  
**God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church beautifully explains to us the necessity of the Sacrament of Baptism as it states, "Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children also have need of the new birth in Baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God, to which all men are called. The sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifested in infant Baptism. The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth." (CCC # 1250).

As the birth of Jesus gives us certain hope for God's promise of salvation, the Baptism of Jesus opens up for us the door towards the fullness of our redemption. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed (Is 40:1-5, 9-11).

Our Responsorial Psalm for today puts us in awe of God's immense goodness. "O bless the Lord, my soul! How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have wrought them all" (Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30). God, indeed, from His work of creation to the fullness of our redemption, He has shown us His outpouring love and mercy by saving us in Christ through the water of Baptism.

Even in the Letter of Paul to Titus, it is beautifully explained to us that God has shown us His mercy and love by giving us His only begotten Son, Jesus to save us from the slavery of sin. In this manner, Jesus has sanctified and gave us new life by virtue of our baptism. As it is written, "He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life" (Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7). And because of this, we are urged to cooperate with His grace by living out our lives in a way pleasing to God.

Moreover, the Gospel for today clearly reveals to us the identity of the Blessed Trinity: God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. "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. "And a voice came from heaven, You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Lk 3:15-16, 21-22).

This unfolding of God's identity accentuates that Jesus, indeed, is His beloved Son, the promised Messiah, His incarnate Son by the power of the Holy Spirit, Whom He has sent as a vessel of His love for us to conquer death and sin.

May we always remember that in our baptism we received the indelible spiritual mark imprinted into our souls that serves as our unique identity as children of God, and we can make this even more precious by acting upon it through our actions that speak of our love and fidelity to God.

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we pray that we may be more enlightened to deepen our faith in God. We also ask that the graces of our baptism may fortify our persistence and strengthen our will to live up to our faith. Let us therefore always take to heart that through our baptism we have been saved! And that because of Jesus Christ, we have been redeemed!

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya  
Administrator

**January 12, 2025**  
**The Baptism of The Lord**

**Mass Intentions**

† Deceased

**Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Jan 11th, Mass**

† Gary & Karen Guelette

**Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Jan 11th, Mass**

**Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Jan 12th, Mass**

**Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Jan 12th, Mass**

† Agnes Fameree, James Fameree, † Andy Barta

**Sunday, 11:15 AM, Lincoln, Jan 12th, Baptism**

**of Franklin Henry Brunette, son of Alicia & Trevor Brunette**

**Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Jan 14th, Mass**

**Wednesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Jan 15th, Mass**

**Thursday, 8:00 AM Lincoln, Jan 16th, Mass**

† Mel & Arlene Beaurain

**Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Jan 17th, Mass**

† For the People

**Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Jan 18th, Mass**

† For the People

**Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Jan 18th, Mass**

**Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Jan 19th, Mass**

**Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Jan 19th, Mass**

† For the People

**Sunday, 11:15 AM, Lincoln, Jan 19th, Baptism**

**of Cynthia Amelia Hanna, daughter of Tyler & Jannie Hanna**

**Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Jan 21st, Mass**

**Wednesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Jan 22nd, Mass**

**Thursday, 8:00 AM Lincoln, Jan 23rd, Mass**

† For the People

**Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Jan 24th, Mass**

† Kim Riedy, Lisa Baudhuin



**Sanctuary Light**

**Jan 5-11:** In mem. Sharon Thayse

**Jan 12-18:** In mem. Mel & Arlene Beaurain

**Sacrificial Offerings**

Dec 24-30, 2024: \$2,477.00



**St. Peter & St. Hubert Scrip**

Dec 30-Jan 5 Sales: \$975.00

Gross profit: \$58.80

FYTD profit: \$3548.29

For scrip information, call Sue Havel at 920-493-2789 or email at [Havel27sm@gmail.com](mailto:Havel27sm@gmail.com).

## Liturgical Ministers:

### January 11th, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Char Everard

Communion Distributors: Wendy Vlies, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta & Caleb Everard

### January 12th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Mary Fameree

Comm Distributors: Julie Pinchart, Jessica Pinchart

Servers: Clayton, Chase & Landon Barta

### January 18th, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Chriss Daubner

Communion Distributors: Chriss Daubner, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta & Caleb Everard

### January 19th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Amanda Barta

Comm Distributors: Sandy Maccoux, Jason Jandrin

Servers: Lainey Barta, Natalie Brunette, Carlene Pribek

## Parish News

**Poinsettia:** If you purchased a poinsettia flower(s) for Christmas – you may take the poinsettia(s) home.

**Father Rex's Shepherd Hours in Rosiere:** on Thursday & Fridays from 9:30am-noon except the fourth Thursday & Friday of each month.

**Interested in Sharing your Talents:** We currently have an opening for a pianist/organist at our Lincoln site. This is a paid position. Please contact the parish office with any questions 920-837-2852.

### **Cemetery Maintenance – Trimming/Weed**

**Eating:** We have an opening for Trimming/Weed eating at our Lincoln site starting in Spring. This is a paid position. Please contact the parish office with any questions 920-837-2852.

**RE Classes:** K-11: Classes on January 15, 22, and 29, 2025.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation Candidates for St Peter & St Hubert; St Francis & St Mary; Holy Name of Mary – Please pray for our youth!

Ethan Alexander	Brandon Charles	Caden Pierre
Charley Anderson	Lucas Conard	Danielle Schinktgen
Marissa Annoye	Drew Dauost	Jacob Staats
Braylen Berg	Ethan DeNamur	Blake Werner
Devin Buhr	Kelsey Johnson	Will Verhagen
Tyler Challis	Mason Paye	

Special thanks to Sue Johnson & Al Shefchik for helping prepare the candidates for Confirmation. Thank you to our Parishioners for their prayers and support. Confirmation is **Sunday, Jan 19**, 4:00 pm at St Mary Church, Luxemburg.

**BINGO, BINGO, BINGO!!!:** Future Bingo dates are: January 26, February 16, March 2 and April 13.

**Scrip:** Thank you for using scrip gift cards for some of your Christmas gift giving but don't forget you can also use gift cards for your own everyday expenses.

**The Wisdom of the Saints:** January 12: "If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." -St. Teresa of Calcutta

## Area News

### **Casco American Legion & Auxiliary meeting:**

January 13 at 6:30 pm at the Casco Village Hall – Lower Level.

**WinterFest:** St. Thomas the Apostle Parish-Humboldt, Saturday, Jan 25 at Eddie Whipp's Dining Hall, 5073 WI-29, Poland. Doors open 3 pm; Chicken Dinner 5:30 pm; Dinner Tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door; Dinner Tickets available at St. Thomas the Apostle–Humboldt before or after Masses or at the Parish Office; Live Auction 6 pm; Raffle Drawing 8 pm.

**Pope Francis' Intention January 2025:** FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

## Parish Contacts

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## Parish Office

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**Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday**

**8 – 11 am & 12 – 4 pm**

**Parish email: lincolnrosiere@gmail.com**

### **Gospel Readings for Week of January 12, 2024**

Monday, Jan 13: Mark 1: 14-20 (St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor)

Tuesday, Jan 14: Mark 1: 21-28

Wednesday, Jan 15: Mark 1: 29-39

Thursday, Jan 16: Mark 1: 40-45

Friday, Jan 17: Mark 2: 1-12 (St. Anthony, Abbot)

Saturday, Jan 18: Mark 2: 13-17