

Blessings and Peace,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the final celebration of the Christmas season. At the 9am Sunday mass we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming for those who are preparing for the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

We have two who have requested entrance into the Church and will celebrate Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation - Janice Dziewit and David Walton, three who will be received into the Church from other Christian communities and will receive Confirmation and Eucharist - Mark Somerville, Brian Hofmann and Alicia Steaverson, and two who were baptized Catholic and will complete the Sacraments of Initiation of Confirmation and/or Eucharist - Diane Black And Sarah Frame. Please pray for these catechumens and candidates as they prepare to enter these sacraments. It's important to remember that we are called to witness to them through our lives of prayer and works of charity.

On Tuesday Frank Budde, father of Msgr. John Budde (former pastor), will be buried from our parish at 1100. Fr. John mentioned that the family was together in prayer and anointed him in preparation for his final journey to the Lord. Please keep him in your prayers that the Lord welcomes him into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Pray also for the family, and for all who mourn the death of a loved one.

Remember that the Homeless Shelter ministry will be taking place at the parish from 23 to 30 January. This is a large undertaking and the team would welcome any and all assistance. Please see the bulletin and also stop by for signup for assistance during the week in the Activity Center after each of the masses.

REFLECTION ON THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD FROM ST. GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS  
"Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exists. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven."

Let us continue to pray that we will be open to the wonders of God's love for us and share that message of peace with those whom we serve.

God bless you  
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