

JANUARY 11 - SATURDAY

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Vigil Readings: *See Sunday*

4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Fr. Joe Robinson*

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

JANUARY 12 – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Sunday Readings:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Frank Lienhart*

12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

JANUARY 13 – MONDAY

Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

JANUARY 14- TUESDAY

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

7:00 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

JANUARY 15– WEDNESDAY

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

9:30 AM – *English*– Fr. Samuel – *Alberta Schubert*

JANUARY 16 - THURSDAY

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

JANUARY 17 – FRIDAY

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – *Fr. Joe Robinson*

JANUARY 18 - SATURDAY

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

Vigil Readings: *see Sunday*

4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Ed Merritt*

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

JANUARY 19 – SUNDAY

Sunday Readings:

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Manfred Scherzinger*

12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

English Mass Ministry Schedule: January 18-19

Lectors: 4:00 PM – P. Wessler

11:00 AM – K. Gillespie

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – L. Ashbrook/H. Wessler

11:00 AM – S. Orth

Servers: 4:00 PM – Z.&M. Nintrup

11:00 AM – M. Crosby

Offertory Family:

4:00 PM: LeSaint

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$8,755
Offerings received to-date: \$220,081
Amount needed to catch up: \$20,919
Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Carlos Zapata (11), Mary Kramer (12), Remmy Dsouza (12), Joyce Appel (13), Gloria Sanchez (13), LuAnn Beiderbeck (14), Christopher Mulvaney (14), Connie Smith (15), John O'Bryan (15), Al Stigler (16), Mary Wehby (16), Ashley Erwin (16), Nora Young (17).

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 20 winners: Our week 20 winners: Dolores Wedig, Rolf Obrecht, and Beth Pettigrew. Each won \$25.

Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information contact Jenni Lindgren at 513-541-1563, ext. 151.

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:

In a small church filled with light streaming through stained glass windows, a family gathers around the baptismal font. A priest pours water over the head of a tiny infant while he prays, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The baby stirs but remains peaceful, as though soothed by the sacred moment. Family and friends smile, some with tears in their eyes, marveling at the miracle of this child being brought into God's divine family. It's a moment of joy, a moment of transformation, a moment where heaven meets earth.

This scene, so familiar to us, echoes the profound and extraordinary moment of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River. In Luke's Gospel, we see a strikingly different setting: the wilderness, a rugged prophet, and the River Jordan, its waters flowing with ancient significance. John the Baptist, a voice crying out in the desert, baptizes Jesus, not to cleanse Him of sin—He is sinless—but to reveal His divine mission. As Jesus emerges from the water, the heavens open, the Spirit descends like a dove, and a voice proclaims, "You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased." This is no ordinary baptism; it is the revelation of the Trinity and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

The Greek word for baptism means "to submerge" or "immerse." It symbolizes death and rebirth. In baptism, we die to sin and are reborn in Christ, receiving the gift of *zoe*—divine, immortal life—over mere *bios*, our earthly existence. This sacrament is not just a symbolic act but a profound transformation. Through the waters of baptism, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in our souls, and we are united with the Father, Son, and Spirit in a divine relationship. We are no longer merely children of flesh but children of God, members of Christ's body.

When Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan, He transformed baptism from a sign into a sacrament. The water became a means of grace, a cleansing and renewal not just of the body but of the soul. The Holy Spirit, who descended upon Jesus, now

descends upon each baptized Christian, bringing the fire of divine love. This fire purifies, burning away sin and igniting within us a passion to live as Christ lived—with love, mercy, and zeal for God's kingdom.

This Sunday, let us reflect on the immense gift of baptism and renew our commitment to live as God's beloved children, aflame with the Spirit's love.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: Thank you to everyone who brought items to the pantry baskets in December. This month we are asking for cereal – all flavors welcome. Baskets are in church. Thanks again for your generosity.

BEING PREPARED IS EVERYTHING:

Learning, planning and being prepared is a part of life. Gate of Heaven Cemetery, owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is here to help you understand Church teachings, so that planning end of life decisions can be made with peace of mind. Preplanning is truly a gift to your loved ones. Attend a Complimentary Pre-Planning Seminar on Saturday, January 18, 10:00 a.m. or Tuesday, January 21 at any of the times offered: 1100 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m. Please RSVP to 513-489-0300 or community@gateofheaven.org

"IRENA'S VOW": THE INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY OF

IRENA GUT OPDYKE: Experience the harrowing true story of a courageous 19-year-old Polish Catholic woman who risked her life to hide Jewish families in the house of her employer, a high-ranking German officer, during Nazi occupation. With suspenseful storytelling and enrapturing dialogue, Irena's Vow is more than a play; it is a testament to the moral courage of a young woman who saved a generation of Jews. Produced by local Catholic apostolate The Angelico Project - <https://angelicoproject.org> -

Irena's Vow will have three show times at the Aronoff Center, downtown Cincinnati: Friday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 18 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at this link: <https://www.cincinnatiarts.org/> Click on Tickets and Events and scroll to Irena's Vow.