



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday, January 12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord



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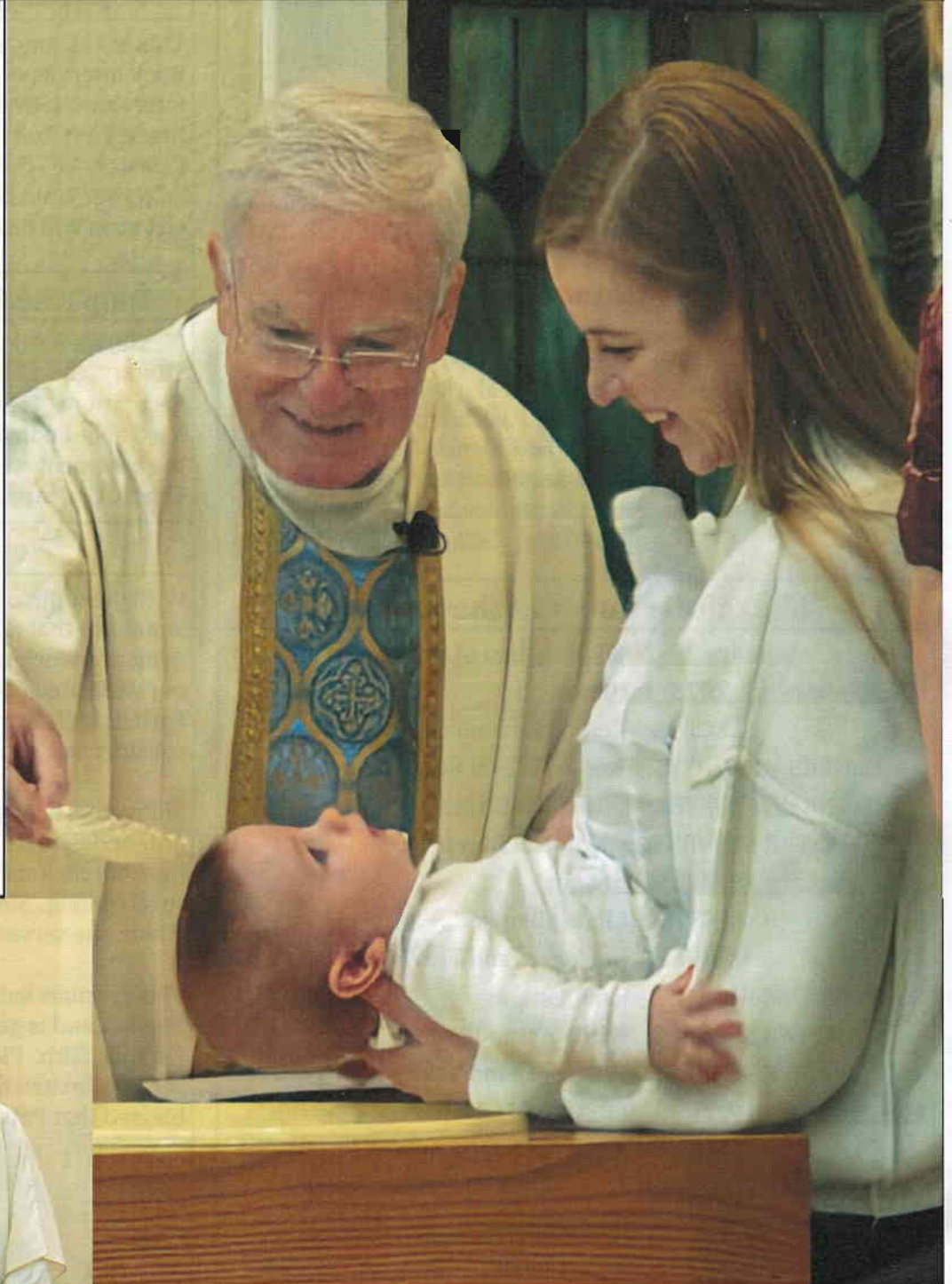
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On January 4th through Holy Baptism, we warmly welcomed Rory James Blank into our church family! Rory is the son of Phillip and Kayla Goodwine Blank, and little brother to Emma.

Mass Intentions and Schedule

Sat. Jan. 11	4:30pm	Debbie Nichols by Steve and Geri Ezell
Sun. Jan. 12	7:15am	Tom Huss by Kaye and Dave Holscher
LOLO	9:00am	Sharon Coffman by Keith and Rita Wirey
	10:45am	Albert Fehrenbacher by Sharon Skaggs
Mon. Jan. 13		NO Mass
Tues. Jan.14	Noon	Randy Hatten by Gloria Schwartz
Wed. Jan.15	11:00am	Tom Huss by Clarence Schutte and Helen Decker
Thur. Jan.16	Noon	Becky Roth-Nightengale by Eileen Hartrich
Fri. Jan. 17	Noon	Sofia Rodriguez by Maria Szigethy
Sat. Jan. 18	4:30pm	Kathy Eden-Sheary by Cindy and Mark Grimm
Sun. Jan 19	7:15am	For all our Parishioners
LOLO	9:00am	Mildred and Francis Schmidt by Bob and Kourtney Coffman
	10:45am	Albert Fehrenbacher by Patti and Keith Buercklin

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

January 19, 2025, Baptism of the Lord

Sat., January 18, 2025, 4:30pm

LECTOR: Keith Buercklin

USHERS AND GIFTS: Ken and Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MINISTER: Susan Goodwine

ALTAR SERVERS: Gavin and Dawson Tuel

Sun., January 19, 2025, 7:15am

LECTOR: Linda Sikorski

USHERS : Jim Jaeger and Travis Rich

COMMUNION MINISTER: Janet Jenkins

ALTAR SERVERS: Nathaniel and Natalie Arkenberg

GIFT BEARERS: Jim Jaeger and Travis Rich

Sun., January 19, 2025, 9:00am, LOLO

LECTOR: Anita Kocher

USHERS & GIFTS: Chris and Donna Keller

COMMUNION MINISTER: Bob Coffman

ALTAR SERVER: Emma Davis

Sun., January 19, 2025, 10:45am

LECTOR: Robb Sparks

USHERS: Karen Carter and Ken Deters

COMMUNION MINISTER: Missy York

SERVER: Will Schutte

GIFT BEARERS: Sicily Rawlings and Karen Carter

PSR and PSR Fellowship Dinner

With the cancellation of PSR last week, we hope to see you all at the next PSR class on Wednesday, January 15th. The next PSR fellowship dinner is moved to Wednesday, February 5th, 5:45-6:30pm.

PSR—Second and Third Grades

This is a reminder of the upcoming Silver and Gold Book interviews. Second Grade Reconciliation interviews (Silver book) will be February 12, and Third Grade First Communion interviews (Gold Book) will be February 26. Please continue working on these and help your child be prepared for their interview. Parents, you soon will be contacted about interview times.

Help Needed: Removing Decorations

Please, we need your help! **After the 10:45 Mass next Sunday, the 12th**, we change-out the sanctuary decorations. "Many hands make light work." Please, we need able-bodied folks to assist, including navigating the basement steps. A few of the decorations are heavy. Can YOU please help us?

New Co-Office Manager

With great pleasure and thanksgiving to God, we announce that Kandle Dart is our new co-office manager, working part-time in the parish office with our dedicated other co-manager Patti Buercklin. Like Patti, Kandle brings a great work ethic, kindness, and considerable experience to the position.

Motivated, not by monetary compensation, but by an ardent desire to "get closer to God," and to serve Him in the Church, Kandle and her husband Les Dart live in rural Oblong. She attends at Our Lady of Lourdes, where she serves on the rotation as a joyous cantor.

This gracious lady, born in Vietnam, speaks fluent English, and is genteel and caring, and loves our Catholic faith. Please warmly welcome Kandle as she gets acclimated to our office. We are profoundly blessed that Patti and Kandle are with us!



Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, January 13, 2025.

Hebrews 1:1-6 / Gospel Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Hebrews 2:5-12 / Gospel, Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Hebrews 2:14-18 / Gospel, Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Hebrews 3:7-14 / Gospel, Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 17, 2025

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 / Gospel, Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Hebrews 4:12-16 / Gospel, Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, January 19, 2025.

(2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading I - Isaiah 62:1-5

Reading II - Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel - John 2:1-11

Sock-Tober Mention

Our Sock-Tober event was mentioned in a reflection on the USCCB's website recently, a mark of distinction. In a sharing about the multiplication of the loaves and fishes reading, the writer (a deacon) singled-out the Sock-Tober charity project. Like the loaves and fishes incident, Sock-Tober grew from humble beginnings into something truly special, touching many lives. We once again thank Janet Jenkins and her volunteers in both churches for spearheading this successful effort. Now with the recent arctic weather, think of all the folks benefiting from these warm items of clothing! Well done!

Message Prompts on Phones

We still have an individual or two (in both churches) who allow "message prompts" to ding and ping during Sacred Liturgy. (They possibly don't even hear the prompts themselves, but their pew neighbors do.) Dinging phones have no place in Holy Mass, as we remember Christ's sacrifice on Calvary's cross. We excuse crying babies, the precious future of our Church (unless the infant is having a complete "meltdown," in which case the Cry Room should be used.) Dinging phones, however, are controllable. One need only adjust the message-prompt setting before Mass, and then readjust the setting later, an easy process. Let us maintain the dignity of Holy Mass!

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth

(1-1-25 Solemnity of Mary)

Solemnity envelopes: \$ 285.00 / Loose: \$ 128.00

First Offering: \$ 250.00 / Total: \$663.00

(Week ending Sunday, 1-5-25)

Envelopes: \$ 2910.00 / Loose: \$ 297.50

Building fund: \$ 85.00 / First offering: \$ 10.00

Catholic times: \$ 30.00 / Christmas: 35.00

Pushpay Online: 255.44

Total Deposit: \$ 3622.94

Our Lady of Lourdes

(Christmas Vigil, December 24, 2025)

Christmas envelopes: \$ 455.00

Weekly Offertory: \$ 60.00 / Christmas Loose: \$ 50.00

Total deposit: \$ 565.00

Week ending 12-29-24

Weekly envelopes: \$ 572.00 / Weekly Loose: \$ 144.00

Dependent Children, envelopes: \$ 170.00

Dep. Children, Loose: \$ 157.00/ Total Deposit: \$ 1043.00

Week ending Sunday, 1-5-25

Weekly envelopes: \$ 535.00/ Weekly Loose: \$6.00

Building Fund: \$ 100.00 / Catholic Times: \$ 20.00

Total Deposit: \$661.00

Prayer List

Jessica Andruch	Fr. Steve Arisman
Anne Batzloff	Howard Beagles
Tony Bierman	Joe Bierman
Paul Berger	Megan Burton
Ryan Calvert	Annie Calvert
Sara Casburn	Scott Chapman
Nancy Conrad	Angela Day
Linda Dillingham	Kristen Eagleson
Eileen Fabris	Edward K. Hartrich
Tim Hinterscher	(Genie) Huss-White
Marcia Lawhead	Huong Que Le
Jeff Monrone	Gregg Mossman
Carol Marshall	Larry Mette
Michell's Dad	Henry Miles
Jocelyn Ramsey	Ellen Rees
Chuck Reinoehl	Margo Riker
Jennifer Sadler	Fr. Suresh & his family
Karen Sanders	Fr. Carl Schrage
Judy Schiller	Amy Slover
Raymond Smith	Rodney Smith
Chelsey Steeno	Linda Stewart
Jeremy Warren	Nina Watts
Nicholas Williams	Chary Wilson
Kathy Wojkovich	Ralph Worman

All in the Armed Forces, and all our First Responders.

Marian Quote

Mary's role of Mother of God places her in a unique position to aid us in our salvation, bringing us closer to her Son.

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

Rory James Blank's Baptism, January 4th



From Left to right: Fr. David, Keith and Pam Blank, Philip, Emma, Kayla, and Rory Blank, Susan and Scott Goodwine



Godparents:
Elizabeth Kessler and
Riley Blank



From Father David

Rory James Blank entered our church family last Saturday in a joyous celebration of faith. This six-month-old has big-as-saucers blue eyes, and loves to smile. Rory had everyone wrapped around his little finger! Surrounded by love, he was the center of a dozen pictures in various post-baptism family photos.

Witnessing this display of family-life and faith on the Feast of the Epiphany, I was struck by some insights. First, like The Holy Family on that Egyptian pilgrimage, little Rory is on a pilgrimage of his own, blessed now with divine protection and grace. It is up to his parents, grandparents, and godparents (and his big sister Emma as her own faith grows) to aide Rory's journey. We, too, as members of Rory's church family, play our part through supportive prayer, and in our extensions of congratulations and joy!

Secondly, Rory's big sacramental moment came very shortly before the arctic blast of cold and snow. As we anticipated the brutal weather, we were reminded of baptism's qualities of renewal and rebirth, just as on winter's coldest days we anticipate the promises of spring.

A quieter baptism, yet one also memorable, was held earlier in the week after a weekday Mass. Mitchell "Mitch" Thacker entered our church family, with George and Jane Bohman as his godparents, and with Jane's smiling sister Edith in attendance. Mitch preferred a more low-key approach. While no photos are available for the bulletin, all of us there that afternoon will treasure the memory of Mitch's baptism. He has worshiped often with us at Masses, attended RCIA classes, and been a helpful volunteer at the parish. Strong as a moose, he has unloaded fish fry trucks, helped stack tables, shoveled snow, and performed many other acts of parish volunteerism. He is prayerful and loves to ponder Sacred Scripture. Congratulations, Mitch! We are glad you are with us!

Sisters and brothers, we continue to add new members to our vibrant caring parish. In this Holy Year dedicated to hope, we hope and pray Mother Mary tenderly smiles on Rory and Mitch and their families, helping guide them along life's way.