ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

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Parish Council

Karen Croft - President
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Joe Fignar, Angela Roman, and Doris Nolte

Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 12: 00 p.m. (Noon)

Confession Times

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.
Sunday: After Noon Mass or Anytime by Appointment

New Parishioners: Please fill out a blue card, on the table in the vestibule by the guest book.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel Reading: Matthew3:13-17

Readings can be found in the Blue Hymnal #804

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 p.m. 1/3/26	+Living and Deceased Members of the Gartner Family Req. by Marianne Gartner
Sunday 12:00p.m. (NOON) 1/4/26	+George Hann Req. by Joe & Janice Wolfe
Saturday 4:00 p.m. 1/10/26	For The People
Sunday 12:00p.m. (NOON) 1/11/26	Teresa Meszaros Req. by Terri Booth
Saturday 4:00 p.m. 1/17/26	+George Hann Req. by Joe & Janice Wolfe
Sunday 12:00p.m. (NOON) 1/18/26	For The People
Saturday 4:00 p.m. 1/24/26	+John & Julia Meszaros Req. by Terri Booth
Sunday 12:00p.m. (NOON) 1/25/26	For The People
Saturday 4:00 p.m. 1/31/26	+William and Jean Fisher Req. by Eric & Donna Fisher
Sunday 12:00p.m. (NOON) 2/1/26	+Vincent Joyce Req. by Marlene Joyce

Lector Schedule

1/10	**Saturday**	Brent Pistner
1/11	**Sunday**	Joe Wolfe
1/17	**Saturday**	Carol Babinsack
1/18	**Sunday**	Father Fairman
1/24	**Saturday**	Kathy Lake
1/25	**Sunday**	Joe Wolfe
1/31	**Saturday**	Brent Pistner

Counter Schedule

1/11	Deb Leese & Marlene Joyce
1/18	Ed & Karen Leisinger
1/25	Deb Chafardon & Erin Swope

Sunday Offering	**1/4/26**
Weekly Collection	$1,561.00
Energy	$25.00
Building Maintenance	$65.00
Christmas Flower Offering	$0.00
Initial Offering	$60.00
Christmas Offering	$30.00
Solemnity of Mary	$336.00
Immaculate Conception	$10.00

January Birthdays

1/3 Peggy Hoffman	1/3 Krizysztof Miskowski
1/4 Janice Wolfe	1/6 Steve Roman
1/11 Jennifer Jansen	1/14 Deb Chafardon
1/14 Mary Monninger	1/24 Robert Snyder
1/26 Terri Booth	1/30 C. J. Hammond

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PRAYER LIST

Rick Chafardon, Kathy Kendall,
Jeremiah Murphy, Dan Myers,
Robert Torsky, Kevin Joyce,
Susan Cubbage, Dennis Cubbage Jr.,
Peggy Hoffman, Jerry Monninger,
Maureen Willoughby, Cynthia Souders, and
Jim Babinsack

Please call to add or remove a name once the person is recovered or no longer in need of special prayer.

If you are placing someone other than a family member on the list, please be sure to have their permission first.

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Stewardship Reflection

The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus's baptism is a story we've heard before, so it is easy to lose sight of just how incredible it is – that Jesus wished to be baptized in the Jordan River by His cousin, John. We just spent the last two weeks marveling at the fact that this Savior of ours was born as a baby in a crude stable for our sake, and now this! Stop and contemplate our Lord, in all His perfection, waiting quietly and patiently in line with a bunch of sinners (like us) in order to "lead by example." His love and humility in serving and self-giving are beyond all telling.

And just in case there was any doubt about the extraordinary actions of Jesus that day at the Jordan River, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father. Who, immediately after the baptism, opens the heavens and sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form and says audibly, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased!" Wow!

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Thinking of You Cards

Our long-time parishioner, Peggy Hoffman, celebrated her birthday on January 3rd! Since she hasn't been able to attend church recently, let's brighten her day with a shower of "Birthday or Thinking of You" cards.

Please drop your cards in the basket located in the vestibule.

2026 Together We Stand Raffle

(Northern Deanery Raffle)

Ticket sales have started!

You may purchase your tickets after Saturday and Sunday Masses

Cost of Ticket is $20.00 each.

Drawing is May 31st, 2026

Prizes

1st Place Grand Prize: $25,000.00

5 Winners: $1,000.00 each

10 Winners: $100.00 each

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Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m.

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Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are needed for the months of February, March, and April

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Pie Lady Lunch
Friday, January 23 at 11:30 am
Plum Crazy Barbecue
At Great Cove Golf Course,
Cito Road, McConnellsburg

Discussion will be about pie baking in March

Please RSVP to Deb Leese by Jan. 21
717-816-9361

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How You Can Help Our Parish Thrive This Year

Lectors: Read the Scriptures during Mass.

Liturgy Committee: Help us prepare for Mass and special occasions, setup, and music.

Gardening Committee: Help with landscaping and maintaining the church grounds.

Family Life Committee: Support the vitality of our parish by helping organize and execute key events that help to support our Parish.

Take a moment to reflect: How is God calling you to get involved this year?