

Our Lady of the Snows Parish

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The Baptism of the Lord

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Bulletin Submission Deadline

E-mail articles to olosparish@gmail.com

Deadline: Tuesday's at 9:00 am

Our Lady of the Snows School (Pre-K to 8)

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Daily Masses: Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am

HOLY DAYS: 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Prayer Line: 498-3446, if no answer call 498-3550

Baptism - Contact Parish Office for appointment.

Marriage - Contact The Pastor at least six (6) months in advance.

RCIA - Contact the Parish Office if interested in attending class.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, 7:30 am and by appointment

***Seeking Christ for Our Nation Mass
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 @ 6pm***

Bishop's Prayer Intention for January:

“For an increase in Christian unity, racial harmony, and respect for the dignity of all human life; that Christians everywhere may work together to promote peace in our homes and communities throughout the world.”

Please add this intention to your private prayer this month.

Parish Pastoral Council (Meeting: 4th Tuesday @ 7pm): **President:** Becky Schwaller, **Vice-President:** Aaron Wood, **Secretary:** Karen Schulte, **Members:** Bill Abbott, Bryan Evers, Paula Evers, Jacob Akin

Finance Committee (Meeting: 3rd Tuesday @ 7pm): **President:** Andrew Haslag, **Vice-President:** Brad Adrian, **Secretary:** Wanda Borman, **Members:** Jerry Hogg, Janet Buschjost

School Advisory Board (Meeting: 3rd Wednesday @ 6pm): **President:** Glenn Backes, **Vice-President:** Monica Bittle, **Secretary:** Joan Doerhoff, **Members:** Shannon Lage, Jeremiah Schulte

Knights of Columbus #3267 (Meeting: 1st Thursday @ 7:30pm): **Grand Knight:** Mark Borman, **Deputy Grand Knight:** Andrew Haslag, **Chancellor:** Herschel Schulte, **Recorder:** Justin Musick, **Financial Secretary:** Chuck Berendzen, **Treasurer:** Brett McKenna, **Advocate:** Bruce Berendzen, **Warden:** Delbert Wilde, **Inside Guard:** Darryl Love, **Outside Guard:** Aaron Sandbothe, **Lecturer:** Russ Kempker, **Chaplain:** Fr. Alex Gabriel
4th Degree K of C (Meeting 4th Thursday)

Building & Grounds Committee (Meeting: 2nd Wednesday @ 7pm)

Anyone homebound needing communion brought to them or have someone in the hospital and would like a visit, please contact Deacon Steve or the Parish Office.

ONLINE Catholic Missourian: www.catholicmissourianonline.com or www.cathmo.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Jan 11	6:30 pm	+Lynn Thein
Sun. Jan 12	8:00 am	+Rosemary Kempker
Tues. Jan 14	6:00 pm	Mass of Thanksgiving
Wed. Jan 15	8:00 am	+Anthony "Tony" Kempker
Thurs. Jan 16	8:00 am	+Ruthie Wright
Sat. Jan 18	6:30 pm	+Otto & Bernice Kirkweg
Sun. Jan 19	8:00 am	+Ray Bax

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Mon. Jan 13	Quilting 8am-12noon
Tues. Jan 14	Mass of Thanksgiving 6pm followed by Appreciation Potluck Dinner (details below)
Wed. Jan 15	Senior Dinner 11:00 am, Youth Ministry 6:30 pm, School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 pm
Thurs. Jan 16	Quilting 9am-3pm & 6pm-9pm, RCIA Class 6:30 pm (parish mtg. room)
Fri. Jan 17	AA & Al Anon Meeting 8:00 pm
Sat. Jan 18	Liturgical Ministry Orientation 10-11:30am, OLOS Shiloh Dance 7:30 pm
Sun. Jan 19	PSR 9:00

Our Lady of the Snows Parish will host an **Appreciation Potluck Dinner** on **Tuesday, January 14, 2020** starting with a **Mass of Thanksgiving at 6:00 pm** to recognize the efforts of parishioners who volunteer for our community, school, and parish in various ways. Please bring a side dish to complete our meal. Meat, drinks, and tableware will be provided.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Offertory 7/1/19 - 6/30/20	\$472,563
Budgeted Monthly Goal - December	\$39,380
Weekly Collections:	
Dec 1-6	\$15,026
Dec 7-13	\$6,363
Dec 14-20	\$7,583
Dec 21-27	\$10,943
Dec 28-31	\$8,657
Monthly Total To Date	\$48,572
Budgeted Monthly Goal - January	
Jan 1-3	\$3,451
Actual Offertory YTD: 7/1/19-1/3/20	\$220,268
Budgeted Goal YTD: 7/1/19-1/3/20	\$245,376
Difference	(\$25,108)



Please Pray for our Sick Loved Ones

Nancy Boatman	Alvin Jr (June) Koetting
Dale Buechter	Chris Markway
Connie Clarkston	Kathy Miller
Margaret Evers	Jim Morgan
Kari France	Kevin Morff
Beth Hale	Betty (Kempker) Nally
Jim Hale	Ethan Nevins
Gary Herigon	Elias & Marilyn Otto
Jim Holtmeyer	Theresa Rush
Alice Hutschreider	Rodney Schaben
Cletus Kempker	Faythe Scheulen
Konlee Kempker	Josephine Schwaller
Kris Kempker	Karla Bax Sitzes
Rose Marie Kempker	Lexi Staats
Tom Kempker	Curt Stockman
Don Kesel	Bob Stuenkel
Jane Kesel	Remy Wagner
Nathan Klindt	Ashley Wilbers

Please call the Parish Office to have a name added or removed from our prayer list or to advise us of hospitalizations. We would like to keep the list as current as possible. Thank you.

Liturgical Ministers Orientation Program has been scheduled for **Sat., January 18, from 10 am to 11:30 am** by Lisa Fender and team from St. Peters, JC. **The ministers will include all ushers, lectors, communion ministers and choir members.** This date and time has been given by the team suited to their convenience. **Please mark it on your calendar in bold letters and attend it without fail.**

Congratulations, Baptized in Christ here at Our Lady of the Snows

Eve Renae Lepper

Please pray for Eve, her parents Brad & Tara, and Godparents Natasha Keilty and Denise Lepper.

THANKS ~ Thank you for your donation of \$141 and 226 lbs. of food.

Eldon Food Pantry

Church Christmas decorations will be taken down on Sunday, January 12th, after Mass.



Catholic
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

"As each one has received a gift, use it to **SERVE ONE ANOTHER** as good stewards."

We are near the end of this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal. For those who have not yet joined your fellow Catholics in support of the CSA, we urge you to pray about it. You can also make a pledge by going on line to diojeffcity.org and clicking the "Donate Now" button.

CSA 2020 Parish Goal Update
Parish Goal: \$15,000
Collected: \$10,095

OLOS Liturgical Minister Schedule

If you are not able to fulfill your liturgical assignment, please find a replacement. Thank you for participating in the Liturgical Ministries.

Time & Talent forms can be found in the vestibule of Church or on the Church website.
 Contact list for replacements for liturgical assignments: <http://olosmaryshome.net/mass-liturgy/>

January 18 - Saturday, 6:30pm	January 19 - Sunday, 8AM
Rosary Leader – Need a volunteer (start at 6:10 pm) Mass Greeters – Need 2 volunteers Ushers – Dave Berendzen, Bill Braun, Rex Buechter, Daniel Hagenhoff Lectors – Need 1-2 volunteers Eucharistic Ministers – Dave & Karen Berendzen Servers - Leah Koetting, need 2 volunteers	Rosary Leader – Dorothy M. Berendzen (start 7:40 am) Mass Greeters – Chad & Colleen Abbott Family Ushers – Chad Abbott, Allen Doerhoff, Len Kempker, Russ Kempker Lectors – Colleen Abbott, Joan Doerhoff Eucharistic Ministers – Delbie & Janis Evers Servers - Isaiah & Wyatt Abbott, Austin Doerhoff
January 25 - Saturday, 6:30pm	January 26 - Sunday, 8AM (CSW KICKOFF)
Rosary Leader – Need a volunteer (start 6:10 pm) Mass Greeters – Need 2 volunteers Ushers – Garrett Rush, need 3 volunteers Lectors – Need 1-2 volunteers Eucharistic Ministers – Donnie Doerhoff, Garrett Rush Servers - Deanna Backes, Alex Hagenhoff, need 1 volunteer	Rosary Leader – Agnes Love (start 7:40 am) Mass Greeters – school students Ushers – school students Lectors – school students Eucharistic Ministers – school teachers Servers - school students

From the Pastor: As we are celebrating the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the following passage given by Fr. Anthony Kadavil will give us some understanding of Jesus’ baptism. **Introduction:** The Christmas season, celebrating the Self-revelation of God through Jesus, comes to an end with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Christmas is the feast of God’s Self-revelation to the Jews, and Epiphany celebrates God’s Self-revelation to the Gentiles. At his Baptism in the Jordan, Christ reveals himself to repentant sinners. The Baptism of the Lord Jesus is the great event celebrated by the Eastern Churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. It is also an event described by all four Gospels, and it marks the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. The liturgical season of Christmas comes to a conclusion this Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. **Exegesis: Origin of baptism:** Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent to our Confession. Until the fall of the Temple in 70 AD, it was common for Jewish people to use a special pool called a *Mikveh* — literally a “collection of water” — as a means of spiritual cleansing, to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men took this bath weekly on the eve of the Sabbath; women, monthly. Converts were also expected to take this bath before entering Judaism. The Orthodox Jews still retain the rite. John preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continuing ritual into the one single, definitive act by which we begin our life of Faith. In effect, He fused His Divine Essence with the water and the ceremony. **A couple of questions:** 1) Why did Jesus, the sinless Son of God, receive the “baptism of repentance” meant for sinners? 2) Why did Jesus wait for thirty years to begin his public ministry? The strange answer for the first question given by the apocryphal book, *The Gospel according to the Hebrews*, is that Jesus received the baptism of John to please his mother and relatives. In this humble submission, we see a foreshadowing of the “baptism” of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus’ baptism by John was the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God’s suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father’s will. Out of love, He consented to His baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Many Fathers of the Church explain that Jesus received baptism to identify himself with his people, who, as a result of John’s preaching, for the first time in Jewish history, became aware of their sins and of their need for repentance. The Jews had the traditional belief that only the Gentiles who embraced Jewish religion needed the baptism of repentance, for, as God’s chosen people, the Jewish race was holy. Jesus might have been waiting for this most opportune moment to begin his public ministry. The Fathers of the Church point out that the words which the Voice of the Heavenly Father speaks are similar to Psalm 2:17, revealing Jesus’ identity (“*This is my beloved Son*”) and to Isaiah 42:1 referring to the “suffering servant” (“*with whom I am well pleased*”), revealing Jesus’ mission of saving mankind by His suffering and death. **The turning point:** Jesus’ baptism by John was a mystical experience that Jesus felt deep within his soul at the crucial turning point of his life. The opening of the Heavens with Holy Spirit, descending as a dove upon Jesus, and the Voice declaring of Him, “This is My beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased,” are God’s revelation to mankind of the Mystery that He is Triune. The presence of the Triune God at this baptism reveals Jesus’ true identity and mission. The Heavens’ opening also indicates that this was a moment of God’s powerful intervention in human history and in the life of His Son. His baptism by John was a very important event in the life of Jesus. First, it was a moment of decision. It marked the end of Jesus’ private life which had prepared him for his public ministry. Second, it was a moment of identification with his people in their God-ward movement initiated by John the Baptist (quality of a good leader). Third, it was a moment of approval. Jesus might have been waiting for a signal of approval from his Heavenly Father, and during his baptism Jesus got this approval of Himself as the Father’s “beloved Son.” Fourth, it was a moment of conviction. At this baptism, Jesus received certainties (assurances) from Heaven about His identity, a) He was the “Chosen One” and the “beloved Son of God”; and the nature of His mission: b) his mission of saving mankind would be fulfilled, not by conquering the Romans, but by becoming the “suffering servant” of God, i.e., by the cross. Fifth, it was a moment of equipment. When He descended on Jesus in the form of a dove (symbol of gentleness), the Holy Spirit equipped Jesus with the power of preaching the “Good News” (that God is a loving Father, Who wants to save all human beings from their sins through His Son Jesus), in contrast to the “axe” and “fire” preaching of John the Baptist about an angry God’s judgment on sinners.

Transfer: Perhaps, it was a surprise for all of you to learn that I am on transfer to Tipton. It would have come through in some day or other. But it came in at this time. It is part of my priestly life. I believe that in a parish, priests come and go but the people therein keep the parish and its activities going by their wonderful voluntary services. It is indeed an amazing blessing given by God. I know that it is God who inspires everyone to work for the good of His people. Keep up all the good works and my prayers will be with you. I also wish and pray that you all keep **JOY** as the center of your life – Jesus first, others next and yourself last which I am sure will bring down abundant blessings in the midst of all trials and tribulations. Finally, it has been a wonderful experience of working together with you all for the good and growth of the parish for two and half years. We had both pleasant and unpleasant times, understanding and misunderstanding but still we got along. This is really a blessing, too. As we are humans, we do step in the toes of others but when it is taken in the context of working together, it becomes a learning experience. It is a practice followed in North India among the tribal people, at the time of parting, they would say, please forgive all the commissions and omissions I have done and go with a clean heart. Joining with them, I request you all to forgive me for the times I have hurt anyone in any way. As the saying goes that it is human to error and divine to pardon. Truly and really, it is wonderful gift given by Jesus to seek forgiveness and offer forgiveness which is the basis for our happiness. My last Mass will be at the weekend of January 25th and 26th. Meanwhile, I will run all the programs that I have planned.

Successor: As per the decree given by the Bishop on December 27, 2019, Fr. Callistus C. Okorji has been appointed as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Eldon and OLOS Parish in Mary’s Home to be effective on January 28. Father hails from Nigeria and has been in the diocese nearly 7 years. He is man of gentleness and kind heart. I extend him a warm welcome to our Parish and wish him well in his new assignment.

Upcoming Events (flyers on website/back of Church):

Let's Talk Faith: Please join local women for a night of faith-filled companionship and conversation on **Tuesday, January 14** from 6:30-8pm at the Westphalia Knights of Columbus Hall. LeAnn Korsmeyer, Director of Women's Ministry for the Diocese will be speaking on the topic of Angels. The night includes music, fellowship and embracing our amazing Catholic faith together. Questions, call Nancy Massman at 573-418-8295, or visit <https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry>

Saturday, January 18 - Our Lady of the Snows Dance, Live Music by Shiloh, located in school gym from 7:30-11:30 pm. Must be 18 to attend. \$15/person, \$25/couple. Concessions will be available for purchase. BYOB (cups & ice provided)

Saturday, January 25 - Mary's Home K of C Cornhole Tournament starting at 11am at OLOS Parish Center. \$40 per team. Register in advance, spots will fill up quickly. Food available. BYOB. Contact Mark Borman 573-338-7966 or mgborman@gmail.com.

Come visit Helias for our **annual Open House on Sat., Feb. 1 from 11-1**. Take a look at our facilities, meet teachers, coaches and administrators, explore our activities and clubs, learn about how we are building Saints and Scholars. Incoming Freshmen/Parent meeting is at NOON during the Open House on Feb. 1. We will also have Freshmen Registration nights on Feb. 11 and 13 (pick one) from 4-6 pm, where incoming Freshmen admission process will be explained and paperwork can be filled out. All are welcome! Please contact Helias with questions...635-6139.

JEFFERSON CITY PRE-CANA

2020 Dates: March 28, April 18, July 25, October 3

Classes are held at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, 2505 Mission Drive, Jefferson City. Cost is \$50 per couple. Online registration or questions: jcprecana.org or email: jcprecana@gmail.com

July & October classes held at the Diocese of JC Chancery

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER Weekends—(Moberly)

2020 Dates: March 6-8, May 1-3, Aug 7-9

Registration form, weekend information: <https://diojeffcity.org/our-church/life-and-marriage/engaged-encounter/>

Marriage Encounter *Jefferson City*

2020 Dates: February 15-16

Marriage Encounter is a weekend opportunity for spouses to recognize reasons to celebrate and areas to improve their marriage. For more info. visit <https://www.jeffcityme.com/>. Check out marriage resources and opportunities that will strengthen your marriage at <https://diojeffcity.org/our-church/life-and-marriage/marriage-resources/>.

Couple-to-Couple League Natural Family Planning

Engaged or married couples are welcome to attend.
www.midmonfp.org / email: midmonfp@gmail.com

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