

The Baptism of our Lord

January 7-8, 2023



The Baptism of our Lord is a manifestation of Christ's identity as the true Son of God, Redeemer of the world. He fulfills all righteousness in order to redeem His creation by taking on Himself the sin of the world. The readings and prayers of the day are designed to make the event of Jesus' Baptism also the occasion for teaching the doctrine of Baptism and applying it to our lives. The Introit articulates God the Father's eternal relationship with the Son that finds vocal expression at His Baptism: "You are my Son; today I have begotten you". Hear that voice of God in the Psalm!: "The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty" (Ps 29:3-4). Likewise the Collect: "Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit." But notice that it continues: "Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life." The Old Testament Reading, too, begins with the Father's endorsement of the Son, the Servant of Yahweh (and with the trinitarian affirmation), which we hear at Jesus' Baptism: "Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him". Then it also goes on to talk about what He means for us: "a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench." He comes "to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness". **The significance of Jesus' Baptism for us is His identifying with us, putting Himself in our place, so that in our Baptism we are put in His.** That's the point Paul applies in the Epistle: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his".

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Equipping the family of God to joyfully and boldly make disciples of Christ as we

KNOW Jesus and one another, **GROW** to be more like Him and

SOW His love in Word and deed.



Saturday 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Services

Dale Scheiderer – Organist

Remember your “Born on Date” - *Romans 6:1-11*

When Jesus was coming up out of the baptismal waters, the voice of the Father proclaimed Him as His Son, in whom He delighted. Those words would be repeated on the Mount of Transfiguration, but with this order to the disciples: “Listen to Him!” Those two events “framed” Jesus’ ministry of obedient service and His revelation of God’s great love even before His sacrifice on the cross. Seeing Him, we learn what it means to be “alive to God in Christ Jesus,” as Paul urges in the Epistle. We are also “framed”—considered God’s children through our Baptism. It is all grace, of course; we never achieve our Lord’s righteousness, but are given it as a gift. Today we listen again to the Gospel, respond with prayer and praise, and are given grace to tell our friends what Christ has done for us all.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Father Welcomes”

LSB 605

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

Romans 6:4; Matthew 3:17

- P** We were buried therefore with [Christ] by baptism into death,
- C** **in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.**
- P** This is My beloved Son,
- C** **with whom I am well pleased.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Romans 6:3, 10

- P** Isaiah wrote about God’s gracious Servant. It was a prophecy about Jesus, who, although He was righteous, exchanged places with us in Baptism and on to death. Let us confess our failures to reflect His obedient servanthood in our daily living. The Father put His Spirit upon His Servant.
- C** **We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sought to live by our own strength and will. In our sinful condition, we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.**
- P** Paul wrote, “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? . . . For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

HYMN

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

LSB 389 stz. 1, 4, 6-7

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life;**
- P** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

[Today's Bible readings found on page 11 of this worship program]

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

EPISTLE READING: *Romans 6:1-11*

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **WORSHIP PRESENTATION** by the SJLC First Review, "**Brightest and Best**"

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 3:13-17*

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

- P** Do you renounce the devil?
- C** **Yes, I renounce him.**
- P** Do you renounce all his works?
- C** **Yes, I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- C** **Yes, I renounce them.**
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- C** **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C** **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

CATECHISM - *Baptism, First and Fourth*

- P** What is Baptism?
- C** **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**
- P** Which is that word of God?
- C** **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."**
- P** What does such baptizing with water indicate?

C It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P Where is this written?

C St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

SERMON MESSAGE: Remember your “Born on Date” - *Romans 6:1-11*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P . . . Let us pray to the Lord,

C hear our prayer.

LORD’S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURERS

“Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.”

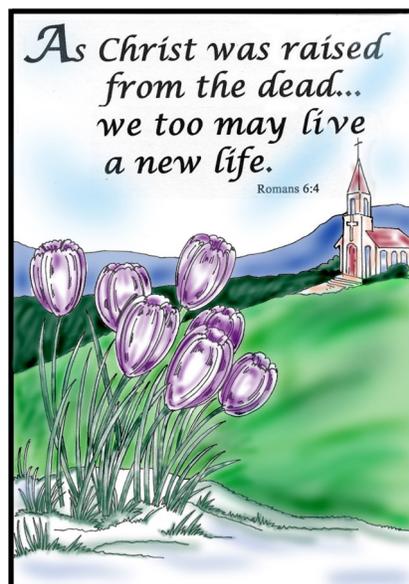
BENEDICTION

HYMN TO DEPART

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB 594

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Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Jon Lutz – Accompanist

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Pre-Service Music

Invocation

Opening Song: “Unfailing Love”

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

P: The Lord accepts those who love and fear Him and do right in His eyes.

C: We love the Lord, but we’ve done wrong. We’ve sinned and we need help!

P: The Lord shows no favoritism and forgives the repentant hearts.

C: Then we must repent and accept the forgiveness given through the Son, Jesus Christ.

By the cross we have been redeemed!

P: Let us walk in holy fear before our Maker, trusting Him with every step, and allowing Him to steer the course of our lives.

C: Lead us to You, Lord! Amen.

† We Hear God’s Word †

(Today’s Bible readings are found on page 11 of this worship program)

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

Epistle Reading: *Romans 6:1-11*

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 3:13-17*

Response Song: “The Heart of Worship”

Sermon Message: Remember your “Born on Date” - *Romans 6:1-11*

† We Respond to God’s Word †

Baptismal Remembrance

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† We Pray †

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

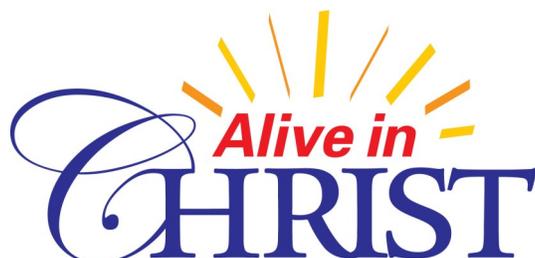
Offerings of Our Time, Talents & Treasures

"Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord."

† We Depart in Peace †

Benediction

Closing Song: "Forever Reign"

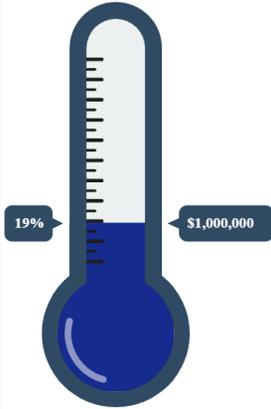


NOTES AND NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR - Growing Roots 2023!

2023 has rolled in and the campaign has hit a major milestone!! Over one million dollars is in hand a total of 1.5 million is committed to the Growing Roots School expansion campaign! Over 280 contributors and events have donated to the cause!

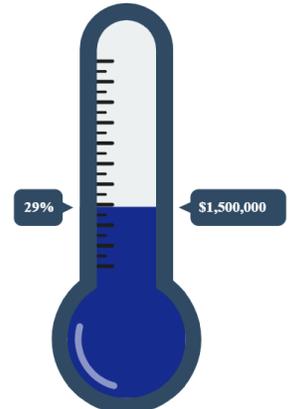
GOAL: \$5,200,000



In Hand Amount
as of 1.3.2023

Different ways to consider giving include: IRA gifts, grain donations, matching employer contributions, fundraising events (so many groups have come up with great ideas!) and the 100 for 100 for 100 campaign. The planning for expansion comes closer to reality and so many families continue to prayerfully consider the expansion campaign. This campaign is not reliant on a few large gifts but all of us coming together. The "100 for 100 for 100" is an example of how 100 families (or groups of families) giving 100 dollars a month for 100 months (just over 8 years) will raise the next million dollars for the building expansion. To join the 100 for 100 for 100 visit: <https://forms.gle/EVsdaSFu1t6uq7PM6> It is super easy to set up regular gifts of \$25, \$50, \$100 or whatever fits your family to regularly give to this ever so important campaign.

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Committed Amount
as of 1.3.2023

See our E-giving site or use the app!

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YWR4/home>

All of us together will be the success of our greatest mission: Our School!

Questions, commitments or help in setting up contributions email treasurer@sismarysville.org

All checks need to be made out to St. John's Church. Please place your contribution in an envelope and write, "Growing ROOTS" on the outside or place in a Growing ROOTS envelope. Scan the QR to GIVE to GROWING ROOTS!



CALL

COMMITTEE

Associate Pastor Call Committee Update

The Associate Pastor Call Committee is pleased to announce that we have narrowed our search to two candidates. Following many prayers, meetings, discussions and interviews we are confident in our recommendation. More information on our recommendation will be in the Voter's Packet, which will be available one week prior to the Voter's meeting. Please plan to attend the January 15, 2023, 1:30 pm, Voter's meeting. Any questions on becoming a voting member, please contact any Elder or Board member. Thank you, the Call Committee

ACES



Please join us for euchre this Wednesday at the Youth House at 1:30 p.m. Take time from your busy schedule and join in the fellowship, laughter, and fun. Cost is \$1.00 including prizes, drinks, and cookies. We finish a little before 4.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

Welcome to St. John's. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray that you will encounter Christ, the Living Word, and in a new way experience His mercy and grace today. We ask if you are a visitor, or a worship scholarship participant (SJ School), to please fill out the **blue card** located in the pew rack in front of you. Then drop the card in the offering box as you leave worship. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please call the church office at 937-644-5540.

Church Nursery: We welcome Newborns up to 2 yrs. old during the 9:00 am service in the church basement. Volunteers are still needed (2 per Sunday). Please see the sign up genius on the school website or email rcolumber@gmail.com. Our volunteers this morning are: **Cansas Clemans and Karen Legg**

The Lutheran Hour is on the radio Sunday mornings at **7:00am on WLW (700 AM)**. Log on to www.lhm.org for more information and channels. Jim Vandre, LHM Ambassador.

St. John's Radio Program airs Sunday mornings at **8:00am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are a few of the **62** poinsettias given to the **Glory of God and in honor or memory of loved ones.**

Chancel Flowers: A planter basket has been placed in the chancel in memory of **Glenn Brown** for his birthday on January 10, by his family.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S JANUARY 8-15, 2023

TODAY 9:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service (Live-Streamed)
 01/08/23 10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/
 Youth & Children Sunday School
 10:00 am 2022-23 Youth Catechism/Modulars
 11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service/Gym
6:00 pm Sr. LYF Gathering/Youth House

MONDAY 5:00 pm **SJS Girls/Boys BBall @ Home vs. Cypress**
 8:00 pm **Adult Open Gym Volleyball**

TUESDAY 11:30 am Ladies Aid Quilting

WEDNESDAY 1:30 pm **ACES/Youth House**

THURSDAY 12:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
 8:00 pm Dartball

FRIDAY 1:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting

SATURDAY 6:00 pm Sanctuary Worship Service: Communion

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 11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service: Communion
1:30 pm Quarterly Voter's Meeting/Gym
6:00 pm Jr. LYF Gathering/Gym

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

(Fall-Winter-Early Spring Schedule)

3 Years-Kindergarten—Church Basement

1st-5th Grades—Meet together in the gym with Teacher Mark Moran, and then move to school classrooms.

6th Grade—Mrs. Ashley Monroe's Classroom

7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—Mrs. Susie Miller & Mrs. Jayme Allen's Modular Classrooms.

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House:

Women's Bible Study—Mrs. Melissa Vollrath's Classroom

(below the school loft): **New Study - Starting TODAY**

Jan. 8: "Where Love Abides." An 8-lesson DVD Bible study based on John 15:1-17, written by Donna Snow. It takes an in-depth look at what it means to abide in Jesus, the True Vine, to bear lasting fruit.

Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria: **New Topic - Starting TODAY Jan. 8. A four week study titled "Called"**.

Weekly Church Attendance

Saturday 6:00 pm and 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday

New Year's Eve and Day: 182

Congregational Tithe—Third Quarter Mission

Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2022-23

Ohio District LCMS - 50%;

Youth Mission Outreach, Hearts for Jesus,

Food for the Poor, Kingdom Investments

International - 10% Each; Ebenezer Church

Mission Outreach, LAMP - 5% Each



Weekly Worship Bible Readings

For those of you who would like to study the Word ahead of the next weekends worship services, we are listing here in the N&N the Bible readings that Pastor Jack will be using.

January 15, 2023

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Holy Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42a

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

School Staff Position Openings

The school is currently accepting applications for Part-time tutors. Applicants must have a teaching degree. Interested candidates should email r-rausch@sjsmarysville.org or call 937-240-3003.



The St. John's JEC program is accepting applications for Full and Part-time positions in our extended Preschool and afterschool programs. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and should have prior experience in education or care although we will provide training for the right candidate. We are an ODE licensed facility. Interested candidates should email abalderson@sjsmarysville.org or call 937-240-3005.



Sr. LYF Fun & Fellowship...

TODAY, January 8th: Devotions and Games at the Youth House, 6pm

January 22nd: Snow Tubing at Mad River

Mountain: We'll meet at the Youth House at 3pm to carpool out to Mad River (or meet us at Mad River at 3:30). We'll tube for 2 hours, enjoy some hot cocoa, and plan to be back at the Youth House around 6pm. Bring along \$10 to tube, and friends are welcome! We hope to see you there!

February 5th: (First weekend this month instead of second) Devotions and Games at the Youth House, 6pm

The Saturday Morning Ladies Bible Study will be meeting again starting January 21 at 7:30 am at the Heritage House. We will be doing a study by Kelly Minter titled **Ruth**. This is a women's Bible study of Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy. This study delves into the virtuous character of Ruth, her unique relationship with her mother-in-law Naomi, and her blossoming love with Boaz. If you've ever felt devastated, struggled as a stranger, longed to be loved, or wept along the way, you'll find a loyal sister in Ruth. The other meeting dates will be Feb. 4 & 18, Mar. 4 & 18, Apr. 1 & 15. The cost of the book will be \$21.99. If you need more information or would like to join us, contact Lois Vollrath at lvollrath@yahoo.com or 937-243-2024 **by Jan. 9.**

Pastor Wilson's Bible Class Resumes January 15

Pastor Kevin Wilson will restart his "A Second Look" Bible study at 7 pm in the Heritage House on Monday, January 15, 2023. Designed to strengthen faith of participants, the class will take a deeper look at the readings from the previous weekend's worship services. Each class will explore the unifying theme of the readings, answer questions arising from the readings and seek to apply the Scriptures to daily life. The class will meet most Monday nights through May 22, 2023. If you have questions, contact Pastor Wilson at desertgilly@hotmail.com or 937-738-7553.

100 FOR 100 FOR 100

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www.sjsmarysville.org



Our Building Expansion Fund needs you! Consider joining our 100 for 100 for 100! This would equate to \$10,000 per family unit over 8 years time and together totaling \$1 million dollars split between the campaign and the future mortgage. Units can be split amongst multiple families (ex: 2 families giving \$50).

**100 families
100 dollars
100 months
= \$1 million**

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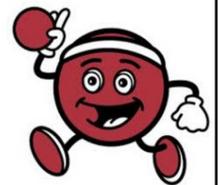
**SPLIT
your pledge
& give \$50
or \$25 per
month for
100 months!**

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Need more information before committing? Please contact treasurer@sjsmarysville.org

January Junior Youth

Event
January 15th
6-8 pm
In the Gym

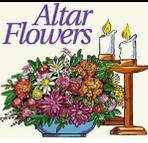


**Prison Ball, 4-Square Volleyball,
Sock Soccer and Devos!**

Join the Fun!

Bring yourself and a bag of chips to pass and maybe a friend!

MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



ALTAR FLOWER AVAILABLE DATES

The 2023 Flower Calendar is available. Most altar and chancel flower dates are open and can be reserved for the new year. Flowers can be from florists, garden centers, or personal flower gardens. If anyone would like to place flowers on the altar, please contact Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111 or (937) 537-0607 to reserve a date.

Chancel flowers are available almost every weekend.

2023 Flower Committee members: Clara Clevenger, Cheryl Leeds, Lori Reed, Carol Stillings, Angie Vollrath, and Charlotte Blumenschein

Weekly Notes & News Deadline

Please submit articles by no later than Tuesday at noon to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary. Call 937-240-3004, mail to the church office, or email to **rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org**

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



January 19
February 16
10:00 AM-12:00

(Please do not park before 8:30)
Our Lady of Lourdes
1033 W. 5th St., Marysville



In partnership with Mid Ohio Foodbank

For more information contact St. Vincent Depaul at 614-582-8204

Mount Vernon Nazarene University Collegians Chorale Mission & Ministry Opportunity

May 18-30, 2023, I've been given an opportunity to join Mount Vernon Nazarene University Collegians Chorale for a life-changing experience on a ministry/concert tour to Italy, Croatia, and Hungary. This trip is a unique blend of faith and learning which MVNU values highly. We will be making music and sharing the gospel by singing for local churches. This includes making contacts for the churches' outreach initiatives that wouldn't be possible without music groups like ours. We will also do service projects for these churches that may involve ministering to refugees. Finally, we will immerse ourselves in the culture as we see the sights in this part of the world.

I have been blessed to use my musical talents during my time at St. John's School and I've loved getting to continue this passion for music and Christ while attending MVNU. I want to give you the opportunity to be involved in our mission and ministry through prayer and possibly financial support.

I'm excited to see how God will use Collegians Chorale in this unique way and I'm expectant of what God has in store. Thank you for your consideration! **Megan Vollrath**

My information is as follows
phone: 937-707-9342
email: mvollrath4@gmail.com

Donations can also be given to the group as a whole at giving.mvnu.edu, select OTHER, and indicate Collegians Mission Trip 2023.



Thanks to the Sunday School children for their Christmas cards. Thanks so much to the carolers that came; Emily Anderson and her 3 children, and Amanda Moore and her son, John. Thanks to Steve and Kathy Bumgarner for their wonderful visit. Have a blessed New Year everyone.

Georgianna Alvarez

Thanks to everyone who sent me birthday cards and well-wishes. It was much appreciated. **David Rausch**



Packets Available

Applications and Fact sheets, along with an addressed envelope, are available and located on the visitor counter in the Marie Pfarr Room for those interested in the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio. Any questions, please contact Rich Rausch at 614-551-3003 or rtausch@stjohnsmarysville.org

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

The Lord promised to have covenant with His people through His sent son, Jesus.

The Lord keeps His promises through and through.

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: *Romans 6:1-11*

We are dead to sin and alive in Christ! So, let us stay dead to sin and be resurrected in Christ Jesus.

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 3:13-17*

John paused when he saw Jesus, the Messiah, awaiting to be baptized by him. Who was worthy to baptize the Lord?

John hesitated and asked Jesus. But Jesus knew that the proper time to fulfill the prophecies had come, and John must be the one to baptize Him.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

