



FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2025



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MISSION OF THE PARISH

We are a welcoming Catholic Parish
Embracing its African American culture,
Empowering its members
And sharing its love of Christ
Through service to the community.

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St. Aloysius—St Agatha School

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Pastoral Staff

Sr Mary Jean Raymond OSU..... Parish Life Coordinator
Fr. Andrew Morkunas.....Presbyteral Moderator
K Frank Jones.....St. Aloysius School Principal
Carol Bunn.....Hunger Center Director
Kim JamesPreschool Director

Parish Leadership

Gregory Clifford.....Pastoral Council
Joe Harbert..... Finance Council
Belinda Sims Liturgy-Spiritual Life Committee
Carol Bunn..... St. Vincent dePaul Society
Marguerite Strickland.....Choir Representative
Chris Sledge..... Men’s Club President
Beverly Berry.....Evangelization Committee

Community Services

Project HopeAndrea Wasdovoich-Duffner
Connecting Seniors to Services.....Carol Bunn

Eucharistic Celebration

Sunday Mass:.....10 am

Reconciliation: Before Sunday Mass or by appt.

Marriages: Arrangements made at the Parish House at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: Contact the Parish House.

First Communion, First Reconciliation: Contact the Parish House.

Anointing of the sick and Hospital Visits: Contact the Parish House.

Funerals: All arrangements must be made at the Parish House before publication in Newspapers.

Registration: Everyone should be properly registered in the Parish. New parishioners should contact the Parish House. Those moving in or out of the Parish are asked to notify the Parish House.

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Sr. Mary Jean's Reflection

Some food for thought-

Fr John McKenzie on modern urban Catholic evangelization

The Black Catholic Messenger show is back in 2025!

Our first episode of the year is an interview from December with Fr John McKenzie of Detroit, one of the nation's younger African-American Catholic priests. He serves *in solidum* with a team of priests who administer five inner-city parishes, including McKenzie's role at Christ the King Catholic School, one of the last remaining Black Catholic educational institutions in the region.

In his conversation with Nate Tinner-Williams, McKenzie recounts his journey from Missouri to Rome and back again stateside, after years as a Benedictine monk in Italy. In Michigan, he is an advocate for a revival in Black Catholic outreach.

"That is the mission of our school, which, as Sister Thea Bowman said, is how the evangelization of the Black Community happened. It was primarily through the Catholic Schools," said McKenzie, noting the successes and challenges seen in recent years with Christ the King, which has served the McNichols Evergreen neighborhood for nearly nine decades.

"I realized how quick we had to make a turnaround for our school and we did it."

The school, however, is just one aspect of McKenzie's ministry. Like many Catholic priests, young and old, he is tasked with ministry in a number of parishes in a historic diocese that has seen reduced Mass attendance and giving since the late 20th century.

Schools and parishes have shuttered, especially in the Black Catholic community, and McKenzie sees his mission in part as helping to stem the tide.

"In our Black Catholic urban environment, it ain't just being pastor. It's being fundraiser, (and) it's first and foremost making sure people have basic needs, right?" he said.

"So the time that I wish I had to then actually do the real evangelization, as they want to say, it's time-limited because we're kind of spread thin."

McKenzie says the current initiatives of the Church at the global level –e.g., Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality–have given signals that the poor and marginalized remain the focus of Catholic outreach at the macro level.

Even so, the local level in America is a different story.

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Ministers for January 19, 2025

LECTORS

Anita Easterling	Deidre Whitted
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Belinda Sims Greg Clifford	Rosemarie Egensperger Noel Egensperger
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COUNTERS TEAM 2

Kevin Ford	Dana Baker China Brown
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MASS INTENTIONS JAN 12—19, 2025

Sunday	10:00 am	Mary Lucas
Wednesday	11:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10:00 am	Ronald Redmond

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Trudy Payne	Sterling Uitenham
Toni E Payne	Marlene Jones
Henrietta Broadus	Michelle Triska
Barbara Williams	Miles Frierson
Paulette Jones	Ann White
Keli Harland	Dorene Gantt
Jermaine Harland	Jerri Evans
Jaxon Peck	Jordyn Peck
Clarice & Reginald Rucker	Mary McCombs
Madelyn Harland	Denise Brewster
Cezzanne Whittington	Victoria Harden
Melissa Kennedy	Cleo Nettles
Angela Comedy	Deborah Howard
Vermonte Wright	Rosetta Mackey
Eugene Jones	Eben Anderson Jr

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES

Mary Ann Melton	Ruby Gibson
Jackie Reese	Margaret Atwell
Alvin Payne	Evelyn Davis

"I believe that the preferential option of the poor, which is what the Church officially teaches, is just as clear as what we believe that Jesus is both God and man. (It) is housed in the Christological faith," said McKenzie.

"Anything that doesn't see those most in need first at the decision-making table (is) not from God."

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	Jan 12	10:00 AM Mass OCIA Meets
Monday	Jan 13	
Tuesday	Jan 14	No Community Meal
Wednesday	Jan 15	11:30 AM Mass
Thursday	Jan 16	
Friday	Jan 17	School Mass—9:45
Saturday	Jan 18	125th Anniversary Committee meets 11:00-1:00
Sunday	Jan 19	10:00 AM Mass OCIA Meets

*** Upcoming Dates to Add to Your Calendar ***

Today – Jan. 12 – Sr. Jane Nesmith talks to the OCIA group about the Eucharist. All are welcome to join them in the guild room.

Friday, January 17 – School Mass at 9:45.

Saturday, January 18 – 125th anniversary committee meets to sort memorabilia from 11-1 in the rectory basement.

Sunday, January 19 – South Euclid Irish Hibernians visit St. Aloysius for Mass and a continental breakfast. Speaker will share history of the parish. We will also have a speaker from St. Aloysius sharing our story.

Monday, January 20 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. John’s Cathedral Bishop Woost presiding and homilist Fr. Carl Gales, SVD from the Archdiocese of Chicago

Saturday, January 25 – Finance Council Meeting – 10-12 in the rectory

Sunday, January 16-Friday January 31 – Catholic Schools Week

Mr. Jones and I are planning to schedule classes for a 30 minute tour of the church throughout the week. Parishioners are welcome to join us. I will let you know specific times as soon as they are arranged.

January 31 – School Mass at 9:45

COLLECTION SUMMARY

	1/5/25
Offertory	\$1,396.00
Renovations	\$229.00
Special Collections	\$292.00
Collection Target	\$49,950.00
Collections Year to Date	\$41,649.00

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading - Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 The servant of the will establish justice.

2nd Reading - Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7 That being justified by his grace, we may be heirs, according to hope of live everlasting

Gospel - Luke 3:15-16,21-22 Jesus is baptized and filled with the Spirit

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Mon Jan 13 - Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

Tue Jan 14 - Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wed Jan 15 - Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thu Jan 16 - Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Fri Jan 17 - Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

SCHOOL NEWS

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 27-31. This will include themed days for our faculty, staff and scholars as well as assemblies to recognize their outstanding achievements. Please stay tuned for a schedule of events. Plan to join us if you are available. **Go Tigers!**

Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

May the grace

Of the Jubilee

Reawaken hope in us.

-Pope Francis

December 29, 2024 - December 28, 2025

Candles can be purchased after Mass in the sacristy. Cost is \$5

Now is the time to remember family members with intentions at Mass. Sunday and Wednesday Mass dates are available. See Sr. Mary Jean for requests.
