

Dear Padre,

My fiancée was baptized in the Lutheran Church. If she becomes Catholic, will she be baptized again?

A person can be validly baptized only once, whether in or out of the Catholic Church. Catholics believe three things are necessary for a valid baptism: baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; flowing water; and the intention of the “minister” to baptize using the form (words of the Trinitarian formula) and matter (flowing water) needed for a valid baptism.

Orthodox and most Protestant baptisms are recognized by the Catholic Church. However, the Catholic Church does not recognize as valid baptisms performed by Christian communities that don’t believe in the Trinity—Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormons, for example. These communities may use the same matter (flowing water), but they don’t have the same form (Trinitarian formula) or intention in their baptism.

If your fiancée decides to become Catholic, she will need to attend Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults sessions, make her first Communion and reconciliation, and be confirmed, but she has already been validly baptized and will not need to be baptized again.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

To baptize a child is an act of justice toward them. Why? Because at baptism we offer a treasure, at baptism we offer a pledge: the Holy Spirit. Baptism endows the child with the strength of the Holy Spirit: the Spirit that will defend and assist each of them throughout life.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 12, 2020



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Calendar

Monday
JANUARY 11
Weekday
Heb 1:1–6
Mk 1:14–20

Tuesday
JANUARY 12
Weekday
Heb 2:5–12
Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday
JANUARY 13
Weekday
Heb 2:14–18
Mk 1:29–39

Thursday
JANUARY 14
Weekday
Heb 3:7–14
Mk 1:40–45

Friday
JANUARY 15
Weekday
Heb 4:1–5, 11
Mk 2:1–12

Saturday
JANUARY 16
Weekday
Heb 4:12–16
Mk 2:13–17

Sunday
JANUARY 17
Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 3:3b–10, 19
1 Cor 6:13c–15a,
17–20
Jn 1:35–42

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord (B)
Is 55:1–11
1 Jn 5:1–9
Mk 1:7–11

My Son, My Daughter

Who was not asked, at the dawn of young adulthood, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Today there are so many options for girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us, or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up, or did we just get older?

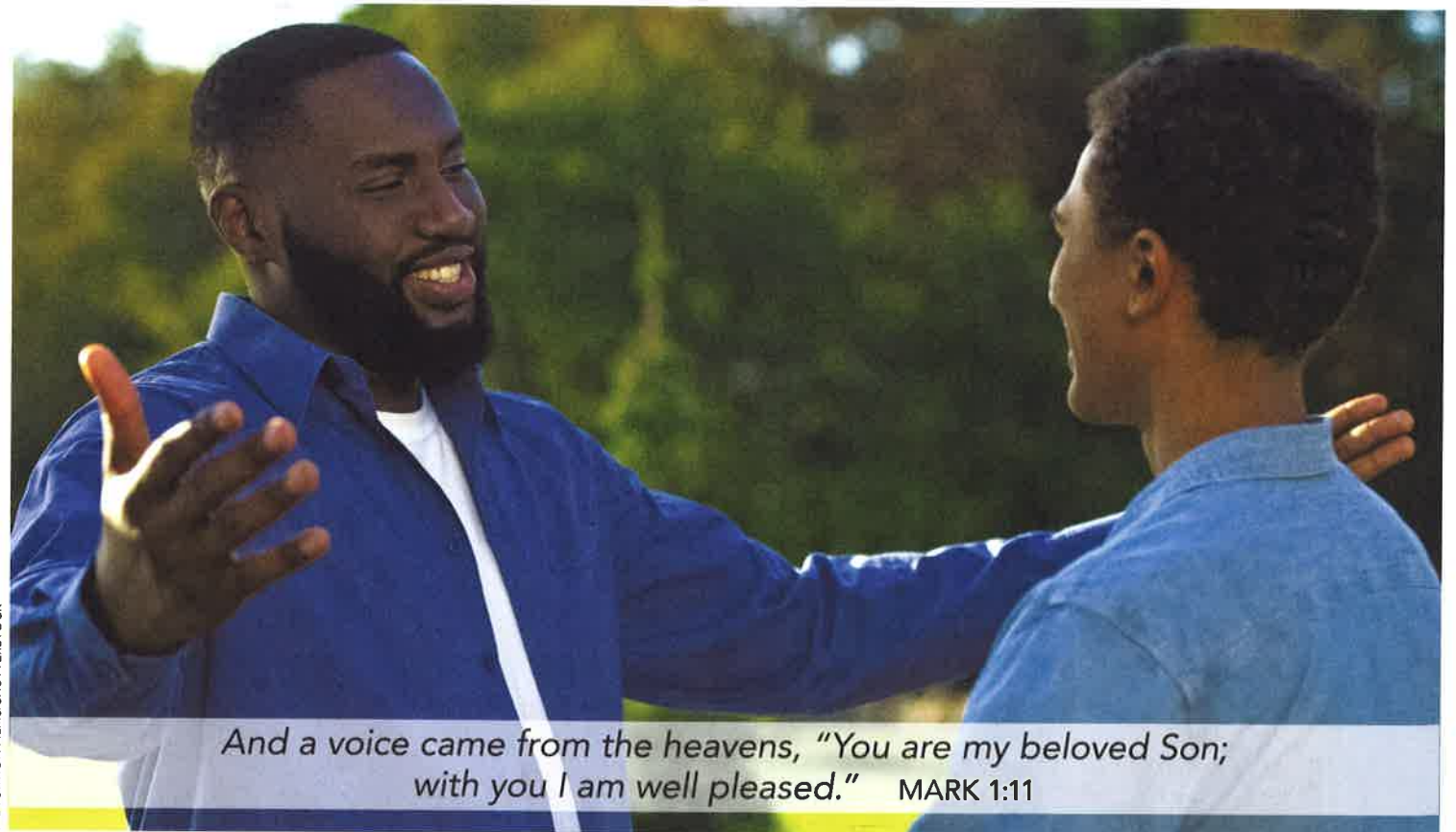
Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and into Ordinary Time, when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciple do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start

anew. Today’s Gospel passage places Jesus before us as a model to follow. He is at the threshold of his ministry. Stepping out of the waters of the Jordan, he is told: “You are my beloved Son.” As Son, his role is to bring God’s goodness to the world. Through baptism and profession of faith, we too are filled with God’s spirit. We too are beloved sons and daughters of God, called to bring God’s goodness to the world. What does this mean for us? To what kind of lives does this call us? What do we want to be when we grow up?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *What can you do to make your part of the world a better place?*
- ★ *Look deep within yourself. To what might God be calling you?*



And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” MARK 1:11

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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

The Baptism of the Lord 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. Hence, it is described by all four Gospels. This baptism marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

His baptism by John was an especially important event in the life of Jesus. First, it was a moment of identification with us sinners. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify himself with his people, who realized for the first time that they were sinners. Second, it was a moment of conviction about his identity and mission: that He is the Son of God and His mission was to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation and to atone for our sins by becoming the "suffering servant." God the Father's words, "This is My beloved Son," taken from Psalm 2:17, reveal Jesus' identity as God's Son, and the words "with whom I am well pleased," from Isaiah 42:1 (referring to the "suffering servant"), pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by His suffering and death on the cross. Third, it was a moment of equipment. The Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending on him in the form of dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing. Fourth, it was a moment of decision for Jesus to begin public ministry at the most opportune time after receiving the approval of his Heavenly Father as His *beloved Son*.

The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. It reminds us of who we are and Whose we are. By Baptism, we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of His Church, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' baptism reminds us also of our mission: a) to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them and serving them in all humility; b) to live as the children of God in thought, word and action. c) to lead holy and transparent Christian lives and not to desecrate our bodies (the temples of the Holy Spirit and members of Jesus' Body), by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy or hatred; d) to accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness; e) to grow daily in intimacy with God by personal and family prayers, by meditative reading of the Word of God, by participating in the Holy Mass, and by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. C. P. Varghese
Pastor

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
01/11	Monday	No Mass Today		
01/12	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	Don Loxterkamp
01/13	Wednesday	In person	CCD Classes	
01/14	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	Mary Alber
01/15	Friday	12.00 PM	Bayard	John & Eleanor DeFoe
01/16	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	Teresa Reilly
01/17	Sunday	800 AM	Bayard	Intentions of Ernest & Lucy Vera
01/17	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	Don Loxterkamp

ALL SOULS
617 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336

MASS TIME
Tuesday —6:00 PM
Sunday —10.30 AM

Online Evening Prayer:
January 12, Tuesday
at 8.00 PM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$335.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$50.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 385.00
MASS STIPEND	
UTILITIES	\$100.00
SOLEMNITY/MARY	\$35.00
TOTAL	\$ 520.00
BUILDING FUND	
HEAT/AC	\$20.00
DONATIONS	\$3,375.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,046.00
BALANCE	(\$2,671.00)

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



SACRED HEART
1003 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334

MASS TIME
Friday —12:00 PM
Sunday — 8:00 AM

Online Evening Prayer:
January 12, Tuesday
at 8.00 PM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$555.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$160.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 715.00
MASS STIPEND	
SOLEMNITY/MARY	\$35.00
TOTAL	\$ 750.00
BUILDING FUND	\$15.00
DONATIONS	\$2,915.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$4,907.00
BALANCE	(\$1,992.00)

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



SAINT MARY'S
718 FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131

MASS TIME
Thursday — 6:00 PM
Saturday — 5:30 PM

Online Evening Prayer:
January 12, Tuesday
at 8.00 PM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$965.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$100.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1,065.00
MASS STIPEND	\$20.00
SOLEMNITY/MARY	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$1,135.00
BUILDING FUND	
DONATIONS	\$3,086.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,136.00
BALANCE	(\$3,050.00)

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.

