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## The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord

On Sunday, our faith community celebrated the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. This blessed feast day brings to an end the Catholic liturgical season of Christmas and a return to Ordinary Time. For most of us, the Christmas season probably ended weeks ago. With the decorations likely packed away, and perhaps even some of your children's toys may already been broken, it may seem peculiar that Christmas officially ended on Sunday. However, the Catholic Church uses this feast day as the occasion in which to recall our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany, which occurred on the event of His baptism in the Jordan River.

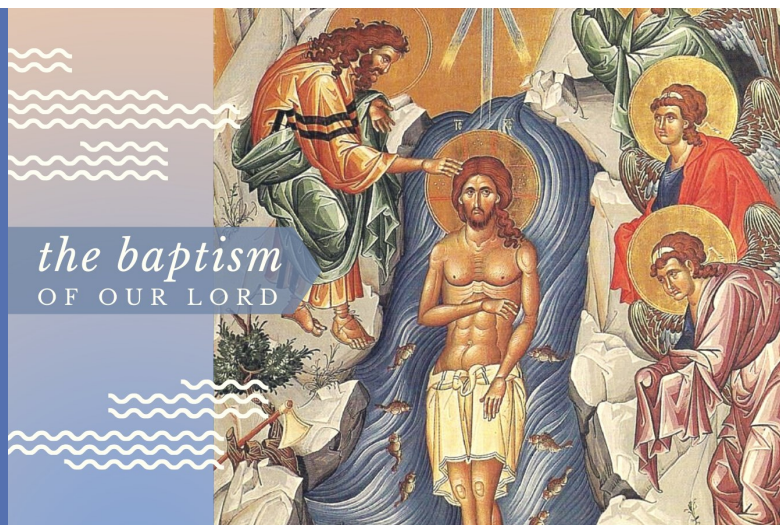
"Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our own Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism, Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons and daughters of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin."

### Quote of the Week

*"I believe our failure comes from having too much."*

**Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys**

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2020-01-12>



<https://redeemeranglican.com/new-events/2020/1/12/baptism-of-our-lord>

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# Things You Need to KNOW:

## Trimester 2 Interim Reports—1/17

As we quickly approach the mid-point of Trimester 2, please note that this Friday, January 17, we will send home a copy of the Interim Reports.

As a reminder of our school policy, any family who is not current with their tuition, extended care fees or other required payment is not eligible to receive a copy of their child's Interim Report until which time the account becomes current.

## Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday—1/20

Please note that school will be closed on Monday, January 20 in honor of Dr. King's "Day of Service".

## Early Dismissal Day—1/24

In order to accommodate our Trimester 2 Parent Teacher Conference meetings, please make note that we will follow an early dismissal schedule (12:10pm) on Friday, January 24. However, extended care services will be available on this day. As reminder, you must contact Mary Sites if you want to register for this day.

## Leadership Saint of the Week

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys serves as our Leadership Saint of the Week. Born in France in 1620 into a family with 12 children, Marguerite began her early life taking care of many of her brothers and sisters after her mother died when she was 19. The governor of Montreal, Canada, traveled to France looking for teachers willing to come to the New World and live in the Canadian wilderness. The challenges of hardship and danger of the wilderness inspired Marguerite. While there, she chose to serve the Native Americans and the settlers and convinced the governor of Ville Marie (Montreal) to let her open a school. When Marguerite first arrived in Ville Marie, she realized that children did not live to an age old enough for school. Therefore, she went to work in the hospital in helping children to survive in the harsh New World. She made several trips back to France to recruit more teachers, and these women joined her in forming the Congregation of Notre Dame. St. Marguerite was canonized in 1982 as Canada's first female saint and serves as the patron saint for the poor and impoverished.

## Leadership Words of the Day

- 1/13 **Thriftiness**: the quality of being careful with money or resources, especially by avoiding waste
- 1/14 **Tolerance**: willingness to accept feelings, habits, or beliefs that are different from your own; the ability to accept and endure something unpleasant.
- 1/15 **Truthfulness**: Habitually honest and honorable by both words and actions. Not willing to cheat or defraud for self benefit.

## Catholic Schools Week

Each year during the last week of January, Catholic Schools across the nation celebrate the unique blessing of our faith filled educational communities. And at St. Agnes, we use *Catholic Schools Week* as an opportunity to honor all those who make BEAR NATION such a special place to live, learn and love within the light of Christ. Please click [HERE](#) to review the festive and celebratory events that are planned during the week of January 26.

## Nurse's Notes

There has been a higher percentage of hospitalizations involving individuals diagnosed with "RSV" Respiratory syncytial virus. Early symptoms of RSV may include: runny nose, decrease in appetite, cough, which may progress to wheezing. RSV season occurs each year, so take extra precaution by doing the following: Wash your hands often; Keep your hands off your face; Avoid close contact with sick people; Cover your coughs and sneezes; Clean and disinfect surfaces; and Stay home when you are sick.

# Things You Are Asked to DO:

## H.S.A. Notes

### **Volunteer Hours:**

Please be advised that you will be notified during catholic week with your updated volunteer hours. Please enter all updated hours no later than Jan 17, 2020.

### **Student Appreciation Day Volunteers Needed:**

The HSA will host a Student Appreciation luncheon on Tuesday, January 28. Please sign-up to help prepare and serve the hot dog lunch meal. Families are needed to make this event a success. We need grillers, servers and clean-up assistance. Please click [HERE](#) . As many of our former “grilling” parents have students who have now moved on to high school, your assistance is greatly needed. Show your love for our students...volunteer today!

### **H.S.A. Parent Meeting:**

As a reminder, please join us for our winter H.S.A. meeting that will be held in the school cafeteria and will begin at 6:00pm. Included with this event will be an art showcase, a tour of our new Science Lab, as well as information regarding the 2020-2021 tuition rates. And don't forget, you earn one volunteer hour for attending this function!

## Collection for the Maryland SPCA—Due 1/24

Our Third and Seventh grade prayer-partner team is sponsoring a school wide collection in support of the animals without homes who are cared for by the SPCA. From today through January 24, please consider bringing in any of the following items:

*Dog and Cat Foods (bag of dry food and cans) - any size; Dog and Cat Treats; Dog and Cat Toys; Clean T-shirts, Blankets, Towels; Cleaning Supplies: Bleach, Hand Sanitizer, Scrub Brushes, Latex Gloves, Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Trash bags*

## Trimester 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences—1/24

As reminder, our Trimester 2 conference day is scheduled for next Friday, please click [HERE](#) to schedule a 20 minute time slot from 1:00pm to 5:40pm on Friday, January 24. Should you be unable to schedule an appointment on this day but would like to arrange a meeting, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a conversation at a different time.

## Classroom Visits—1/27

As part of Parent Appreciation Day during Catholic Schools Week, we invite you to catch a glimpse of the wonderful world of learning that engages our students each day. If you are interested in visiting your child's class, simply click [HERE](#) to register your attendance. Please note that you are asked to sign up for only one class period per child. This will allow us to balance the number of attending parents in any one particular class period. And also, the available time slots will serve to ensure that the parents of each family that desire to attend, are provided an opportunity to do so.

## School Nurse Substitute Needed

Are you a nurse or know of one who might be willing to serve as an on-call substitute for Mrs. Anna Conaway. Please know that this substitute position can either be used to fulfill volunteer hours or may serve as a paid substitute position. Please contact Anna at [aconaway@stagnesschool.net](mailto:aconaway@stagnesschool.net) if you might be interested in this role.

## Mark Your Calendar

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| January 16 | Fire Drill                               |
| January 20 | No School—Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday |
| January 22 | N.U.T. Day                               |
| January 23 | Talent Show Rehearsal Day                |
| January 24 | 12:10pm Early Dismissal                  |
| January 24 | Parent-Teacher Conference Days           |
| January 26 | Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week   |
| January 27 | Classroom Visit for Parents              |
| January 27 | HSA Meeting                              |
| January 28 | Hotdog Lunch for Students                |
| January 28 | 8th grade vs. Faculty Basketball Game    |



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