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MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE MISAS

Saturday/Sábado
5:00 pm English

Sunday/Domingo
10:00 am English
12:30 pm Español

Tuesday-Thursday / Martes-Jueves
8:15 am English

First Friday/Primer Viernes
10:00 am English

CONFESION/CONFESIÓN:
Saturday/Sábado
4:00-4:45 pm or by appointment. O con cita

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY/
SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the Parish Office for appointment (6 months of marriage preparation required).
Favor de hablar a la oficina para una cita (6 meses de preparacion requerida).

BAPTISM/BAUTISMOS

Please call the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIÓNES PARA LAS MISAS

Please visit the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

CONFIRMATION/CONFIRMACIÓN

Confirmation is every year with a 2 year preparation. La confirmacion se realiza cada año con una preparacion de 2 años.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Grades K-6/Grados K-6:
Sundays/Domingo 11:00 am -12:15 pm
Grades 7-12/Grados 7-12:
Wednesdays/Miércoles 7:00 pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION/PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

Children in first grade must be enrolled in the Parish School/Parish School of Religion (PSR) to receive the sacrament in second grade. *Los niños en primer grado deben estar inscritos en la Escuela Parroquial/Escuela Parroquial de Religión (PSR) para recibir el sacramento en segundo grado.*

EMAUS: Invites you to pray the Holy Rosary every Saturday at 7:50 am. *Se les invita a rezar el Santo Rosario cada sábado a las 7:50 am.*

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Welcome to the Catholic Community of
St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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Parish Office 417-235-3286 Parish School 417-235-3721 405 7th Street, Monett, MO 65708

Digital bulletins available at www.stlawrencemonett.com

Office Hours/Horas de Oficina: Monday-Friday/Lunes-Viernes 9:00am-4:00pm

Please remember St. Lawrence Church and School in your will.

Parish Mission Statement/ *Misión Parroquial*

"We children of God and the Catholic community of St. Lawrence parish are committed to the worship of God and the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through education and our living example of love and concern for all the people of our area."

"Los hijos de Dios y la comunidad Católica de la parroquia de San Lorenzo estamos comprometidos con la adoración a Dios y la difusión del Evangelio de Jesucristo a través de la educación y nuestro ejemplo vivo de amor y preocupación por todas las personas de nuestra área".

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Due to weather concerns, we will not have first Friday adoration during the months of February, March and April 2026. There will still be a mass, but no adoration following.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Pictures will be taken on January 23-24. If you had your pictures taken in 2023, you do not HAVE to retake unless you want a recent picture. To schedule online at www.ucdir.com, click on Photography Session Sign-Up on the right side, enter MO257 in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. For assistance in setting your appointment please call 816-501-8652. **Sign-up sheets will also be available at masses in January leading up to picture days.** Universal Church Directories works hard regarding not applying pressure to buy photos. While we want to give everyone the opportunity to purchase pictures, we also respect your wishes and work hard at making your experience with us professional and hassle free.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 4, 2026

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$4,230.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$1,239.02
Solemnity of Mary	\$940.00
Children's Collection	\$32.00
Votive Candles	\$47.00
Mass Offerings	\$610.00
School Support	\$949.00
Outreach	\$9.00
Memorial (Al Fiffe) - Maintenance Fund	\$150.00
Religious Goods Store	\$82.00
Parish Hall Rental	\$300.00
Wedding Donation	\$200.00
Seminary	\$50.00
 Total	 \$8,828.02

ATTENTION

All seniors in high school and older. Applications for seminary for Fall 2026 school year are being accepted now. Please contact your pastor or vocations promoter for more information.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- Jan. 25th—Church in Latin America

Parish Council of Catholic Women

The purpose of the PCCW is to UNITE ALL the WOMEN of our parish to assist in material and spiritual projects of our church. All Catholic women within the parish are automatically members. Our regular meetings are on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month. You can follow our Facebook page: St Lawrence Parish Council of Catholic Women. We are now collecting dues of \$10. Dues can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked PCCW dues. Please include your name and contact number. PCCW is beginning the process of updating our Circles. Circles are groups of women who work together to provide assistance for projects such as funeral dinners, Fall Feast dinner, Salad Luncheon fundraiser. If you have never been contacted by a Circle Leader, that means that we do not have your info! Please contact the parish office so that we can include YOU on our updated Circle lists. Thank you.

SCHOOL NEWS

The second semester has begun at St. Lawrence Catholic school! On Monday the teachers had lots of training on our virtue program and nailed down details for Catholic School Week which is at the end of January. On Tuesday our students marched back into school to resume their studies and we had Father Rahab administer the Epiphany blessing and mark our school door with blessed chalk. It is safe to say we all returned with some mixed emotions—Christmas break is a wonderful time! It is a good thing we have so much to look forward to in the second semester. We are still in need of a long term sub to cover 1st and 2nd grade (combined classroom) from March through at least mid-April! This is a paid opportunity that goes from February to mid April or thereabouts. Please contact the school if you or someone you know could help cover the 1st and 2nd grade classroom for that time. Thank you and may God bless you!

PSR ANNOUNCEMENTS

PSR fees need to be paid as soon as possible!

- First Communion will be on Saturday, April 11 during the 5:00pm Mass.
- Confirmation retreat will be on Saturday March 21 at 9:00am. Confirmation will be on Wednesday, May 13 during Mass at 7:00pm. The bishop will speak with the students at 6:00pm.
- **Sunday Classes are now at 11:15AM to allow time for those attending the 10:00 mass.**

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Gathering

Registration for The Gathering is open! If you minister with youth in 7th-12 grades, this "gathering" is for you! This year, Pat Millea, of the Martin Center for Integration, will be addressing the modern-day struggle with mental health issues through sessions on "Ministering to Mental Health Struggles" and "Being a Healthy Minister to Lead a Healthy Ministry." Come with your questions and concerns so that we can discuss practical solutions and encourage each other in this most important area of ministry. **The Gathering will be held February 27-28** at the Landing, Van Buren, MO.

The 2026 Missouri Catholic Summit

The Diocese of Jefferson City is inviting young adults Catholics (18-25 years old) to attend the Missouri Catholic Summit (MCS) on February 28. The MC, which will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City, aims to bring college-aged Catholics from all over the state to encounter Christ in a community setting. The event is themed "Sheer Goodness," inspired by the description of God's plan for creation outlined in the first paragraph of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The MCS will feature talks from Catholic speakers, live music, a vigil mass, Eucharistic adoration, and more. Registrants can purchase coffee and t-shirts at the summit, but registration for this event is 100% free (including lunch and dinner). Any young adults interested in this opportunity to celebrate the Catholic faith with their peers in Missouri are encouraged to learn more about the Missouri Catholic Summit and register at the official webpage: <https://diojeffcity.org/mo-catholic-summit/>

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 31 in the Cathedral of St. Agnes, Springfield

Eucharistic Reflection

During this Eucharistic Revival, Fr. David Coon offers the following quote for reflection on the Eucharistic: *"Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease."* —Pope St. John Paul II

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request, please call Joan McNerney (417) 235-3836 or Marlene Hayes (417) 235-5524

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Alvarez; Sarah Sylvain Isidor(Father's Mom); Maria Padilla; Juan Cecenas; Maria Rueda; Parker Laning; Rosemary Schmidt; Kenneth Wrobleksi; Bob DeGraff; Irene Cavazos; Loretta Hurlbut; Debbie Erwin; Corey Sandwisch; Regina Peterson; Erin Hunt. To put a name in the bulletin or arrange a visit for sick or homebound parishioners, please call the parish office.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES AUXILLARY



- ◆ Meetings held every 1st Sunday of the month at 6:00pm in the church basement.
- ◆ Join us in praying the rosary, every Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm and before Mass on the 5th Sunday at 9:30am.
- ◆ **4th Degree Meeting January 18th at 2pm in Neosho. For more information please contact Ed Velten at 417-235-9638**

PARISH MAINTENANCE

We are in need of upgrading 2 of the office computers and a printer - Father's desktop is still on Windows 7!!! and the primary office computer is on Windows 10 and not upgradeable. Thank you for your support of our parish and school needs!

FINANCIAL CORNER

Financial Corner	Nov 2025	Nov 2024
Regular Operations		
Sunday Contributions	\$ 32,828.80	\$ 21,605.74
Other Income*	\$ 2,013.01	\$ 2,385.50
Endowment/Cemetery/School Support	\$ 1,613.00	\$ 569.00
Collections for Diocese projects	\$ 3,325.70	\$ 5,256.10
2nd Collections/Non-revenue/Other	\$ 75.27	\$ 2,256.57
Total Operational Income	\$ 39,855.78	\$ 32,072.91
 Expenses		
Operational Expenses	\$ 28,820.79	\$ 26,660.86
School/Parish Education Expenses	\$ 13,573.75	\$ 11,999.22
Payouts to Diocese/2nd Collections	\$ 4,080.31	\$ 6,061.60
Total Expense	\$ 46,474.85	\$ 44,721.68
 Net Income (Net Loss)	\$ (6,619.07)	\$ (12,648.77)

*Masses/Stole fees, Votive candles, Religious goods, Advertising

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

ENGLISH LECTORS

Saturday 5:00pm

- **January 10th.....**Nikki Pierce
- **January 17th.....**Patricia Randall
- **January 24th.....**Jim Haston

Sunday 10:00am

- **January 11th.....**Youth
- **January 18th.....**Sonie Probstfield
- **January 25th.....**Lynda Velten

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 5:00pm

- **January 10th—**Jim Haston, Marilyn Ceselski, Jason Ceselski, Ashley Ceselski, Geri Carey
- **January 17th—**Jim Haston Teresa Verhoff, Aaron Holmes, Al Dohmen, Kirk Verhoff
- **January 24th—**Jim Haston, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Patty Allcock, Marilyn Ceselski

Sunday 10:00am

- **January 11th—**Youth
- **January 18th—**Jay Jastal, Emma Outhouse, Jerry Hudson, Judy Hudson, Ann Saunders
- **January 25th—**Ed Velten, Lynda Velten, Cathy Velten, John Velten, Suzie/Tim Curry

SERVERS 10AM MASS

- **January 11th—**Youth
- **January 18th—**Alex Apostol, Francisco Salas, Fernando Salas, Uriel Marcos
- **January 25th—**Joseph Velten, Sydney Garcia, Brooklyn Garcia, Jordan Garcia

January 11, 2026

1st Read: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; **Psalm:** Psalm 29:1-4,9-10; **2nd Read:** Acts 10:34-38; **Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17

January 12, 2026

1st Read: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; **Psalm:** Psalm 116:12-19; **Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20

January 13, 2026

1st Read: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; **Psalm:** 1 Samuel 2:1,4-8; **Gospel:** Mark 1:21-28

January 14, 2026

1st Read: 1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20; **Psalm:** Psalm 40:2,5,7-10; **Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39

January 15, 2026

1st Read: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; **Psalm:** Psalm 44:10-11,14-15,24-25; **Gospel:** Mark 1:40-45

January 16, 2026

1st Read: 1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22; **Psalm:** Psalm 89:16-19; **Gospel:** Mark 2:1-12

January 17, 2026

1st Read: 1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19; **Psalm:** Psalm 21:2-7; **Gospel:** Mark 2:13-17

WEEKLY CALENDAR/ CALENDARIO SEMANAL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH

4:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Flora & Albert Schmidt

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 am Mass - Verona
10:00 am Mass - Monett +Sara Schad; Rita & Charlie Drake
11:15 am PSR - 1st-6th grades
12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish

MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH: 1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00 pm Prayer Group

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH: ST. HILARY

8:15 am Mass - Monett +Jane Saunders
6:00 pm Rosary (Spanish)
7:00 pm OCIA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH

8:00am Mass - Verona
6:30 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm PSR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH

8:15 am Mass - Monett +Jerry Monto

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH

8:00 am Mass - Verona
1:00 pm Dominoes/Puzzles - Church Basement

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH: ST. ANTHONY

4:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Dolores & Melchor Apostol; Barbara & Glenn Monto

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Mass - Verona
10:00 am Mass - Monett +Olen & Berneice Morris
11:15 am PSR
12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish

****The Parish Office will be closed January 19th to observe Martin Luther King Jr Day.****

ATENCION

Para todos los estudiantes de ultimo año de secundaria y mayores. Ya se estan aceptando solicitudes para el seminario para el año escolar de otono de 2026. Para obtener mas informacion, comuniquese con su parroco o con el encargado de las vocaciones.

¡El segunda semester ha comenzado en la escuela catolica St. Lawrence! El lunes, los maestros recibieron mucha capacitacion sobre nuestro programa de virtudes y ultimaron los detalles para la Semana de las Escuelas Catolicas, que se celebra a finales de enero. El martes, nuestros alumnos regresaron a la escuela para retomar sus estudios y el Padre Rahab impartio la bendicion de la Epifania y marco la puerta de nuestra escuela con tiza bendecida. Podemos decir que todos regresamos con sentimientos encontrados: ¡las vacaciones de Navidad son maravillosas! Menos mal que tenemos tantas cosas que esperar con illusion en el Segundo semester.

Todavia necesitamos un maestro sustituto a largo plazo para cubrir el primer y Segundo grado (aula combinada) desde marzo hasta al menos mediados de abril. Esta es una oportunidad de trabajo remunerado que abarca desde febrero hasta mediados de abril, aproximadamente. Si usted o alguien que conoce puede ayudar a cubrir el aula de primer y segunda grado durante ese period, comuniquese con la escuela. ¡Gracias y que Dios los bendiga!

ADORACION DEL PRIMER VIERNES

Debido a las condiciones climaticas, no tendremos la adoracion del primer viernes durante los meses de febrero, marzo y abril de 2026. Habra misa, pero no habra adoracion posterior.

11 de Enero de 2026

Primera: Isaias 42:1-4,6-7; **Salmo:** Salmo 28:1-4,9-10; **Segunda:** Hechos 10:34-38; **Evangelio:** Mateo 3:13-17

12 de Enero de 2026

Primera: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; **Salmo:** Salmo 115:12-19; **Evangelio:** Marcos 1:14-20

13 de Enero de 2026

Primera: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; **Salmo:** 1 Samuel 2:1,4-8; **Evangelio:** Marcos 1:21-28

14 de Enero de 2026**ANUNCIOS DE PSR**

Si aún no ha pagado las cuotas del PSR de su(s) hijo(s), por favor hágalo lo antes posible.

La Primera Comunión será el sábado 11 de abril durante la Misa de las 5:00 p.m.

El retiro de Confirmación será el sábado 21 de marzo a las 9:00 a.m. La Confirmación será el miércoles 13 de mayo durante la Misa a las 7:00 p.m. El obispo hablará con los estudiantes a las 6:00 p.m.

CUANDO LAS CLASES SE REANUDEN EL DOMINGO, 4 DE ENERO, COMENZARÁN A LAS 11:15 A.M.

MANTENIMIENTO DE LA PARROQUIA

¡Hemos recibido varias donaciones para el fondo de mantenimiento! Por favor, tengan en cuenta que los árboles dañados al sur de la iglesia ya han sido retirados y están listos para el desbroce de tocones. ¡Pronto habrá más información!

¡Gracias por su apoyo a nuestra parroquia y a las necesidades de la escuela!

DIRECTORIO PARROQUIAL

Las fotos se tomarán del 23 al 24 de enero. SI YA SE TOMARON SUS FOTOS ANTERIORMENTE EN 2023, NO NECESITA VOLVER A TOMARLAS, la empresa aún las tiene.

Para programar su cita de fotografía en línea, vaya a www.ucdir.com, haga clic en Photography Session Sign-Up en el lado derecho, ingrese MO257 en el campo Church Code y escriba photos en el campo Church Password. Siga las indicaciones para programar la cita de su familia. Si tiene 5 o más miembros en su familia, por favor use 2 franjas horarias consecutivas. Para obtener ayuda para programar su cita, llame al 816-501-8652. Las hojas de inscripción también estarán disponibles en las misas en enero antes de los días de fotografía.

Primera: 1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20; **Salmo:** Salmo 39:2,4,7-10; **Evangelio:** Marcos 1:29-39

15 de Enero de 2026

Primera: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; **Salmo:** Salmo 43:10-11,14-15,24-25; **Evangelio:** Marcos 1:40-45

16 de Enero de 2026

Primera: 1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22; **Salmo:** Salmo 88:16-19; **Evangelio:** Marcos 2:1-12

17 de Enero de 2026

Primera: 1 Samuel 9:1-4,10,17-19; **Salmo:** Salmo 20:2-7; **Evangelio:** Marcos 2:13-17



CENA DE CHILI CON TODO LO QUE PUEDAS COMER

DONDE: 405 7TH STREET MONETT MO 65708

SALON PARROQUIAL DE SAN LORENZO

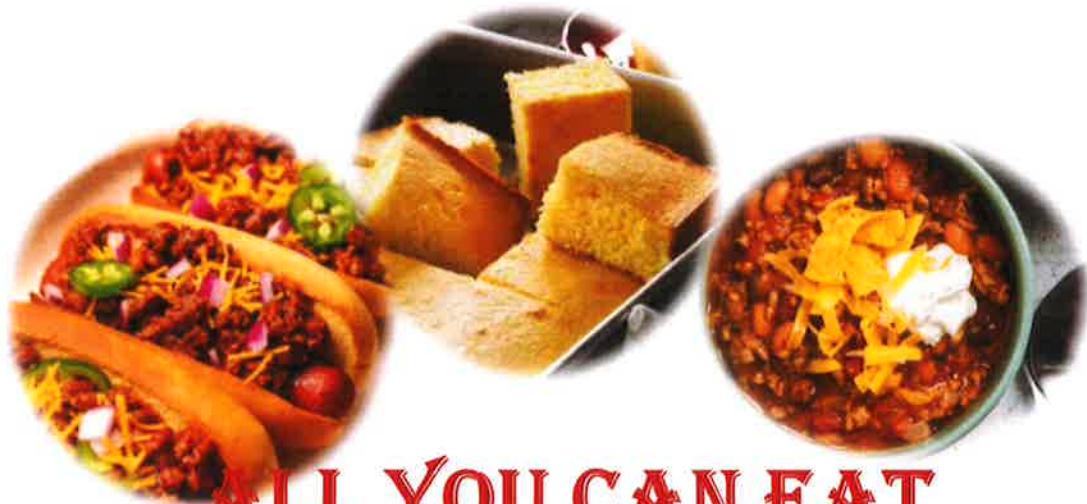
CUANDO: 21 DE FEBRERO DE 2026

5PM-7PM

**PRECIOS: MENORES DE 5 ANOS GRATIS
DE 6 A 11 ANOS Y MAYORES DE 65 ANOS: \$8.00
DE 12 A 64 ANOS: \$10.00**

QUE: CHILI DE TERNERA, CHILI DE POLO, PERRITOS CALIENTES/ PERRITOS CALIENTES CON CHILI, PAN DE MAIZ, ADEREZOS, CONDIMENTOS, ROLLOS DE CANELA, AGUA, TE Y KOOL-AID

POR QUIEN: AUXILIAR DE DAMAS DE KOC #1075



ALL YOU CAN EAT CHILI DINNER

Where: 405 7th Street Monett MO 65708

St. Lawrence Parish Hall

When: February 21st, 2026

5pm-7pm

How much: Age 5 and under free

Age 6-11 & 65+ \$8.00

Age 12-64 \$10.00

What: Beef chili, Chicken chili, hot dogs/chili dogs, corn bread, toppings, condiments, cinnamon rolls, water, tea, & kool-aid.

By whom: KOC Ladies Auxiliary #1075

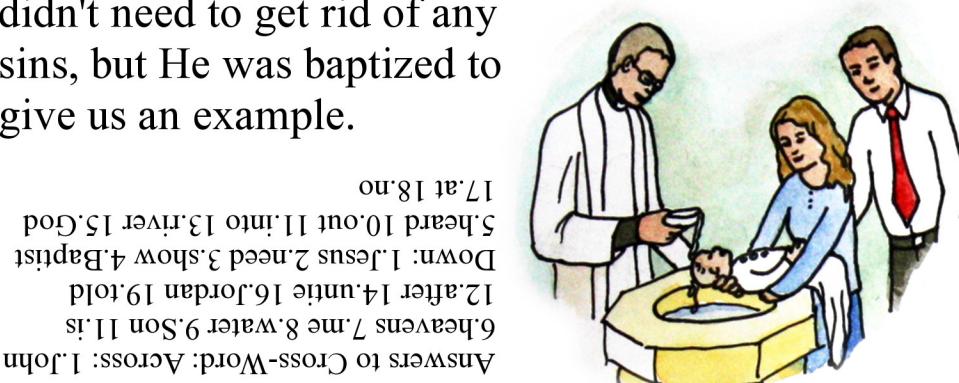
A Bit About... Baptism



A sacrament is an outward sign of a grace that God gives us in our soul. When we are baptized, water is poured on our head as a symbol of the sin being washed out of our soul.

You might be wondering if babies need to get baptized when they haven't even done any sins yet. But baptism also takes away original sin, which comes to us from Adam and Eve. Baptism also gives us the grace we need to live a good Christian life. Of course babies can't sin when they are very young, but Baptism will give them grace when they need it.

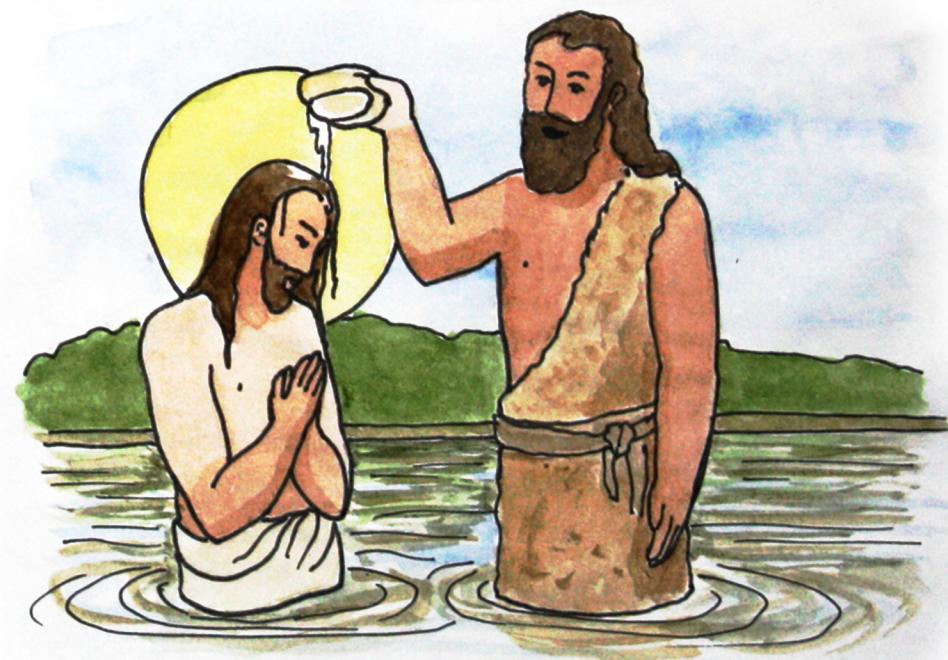
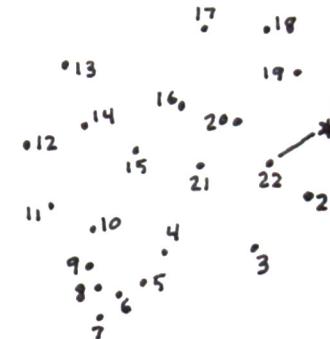
Why do you think that Jesus got baptized, since He didn't have original sin or actual sins? Jesus didn't need to get rid of any sins, but He was baptized to give us an example.



Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 1. John
6. heavens 7. me 8. water 9. Son 11. is
12. after 14. unite 16. Jordan 19. told
Down: 1. Jesus 2. need 3. show 4. Baptist
5. heard 10. out 11. into 13. river 15. God
17. at 18. no

The Kids' Bulletin

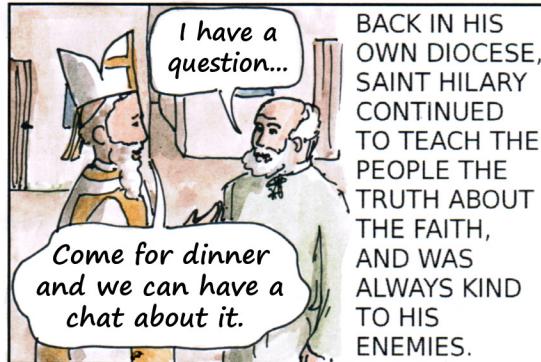
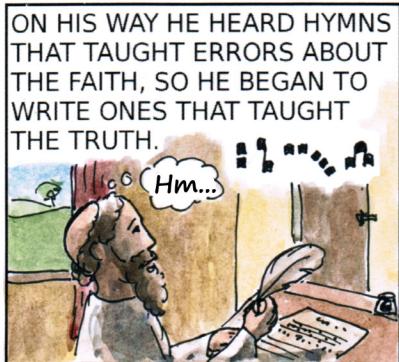
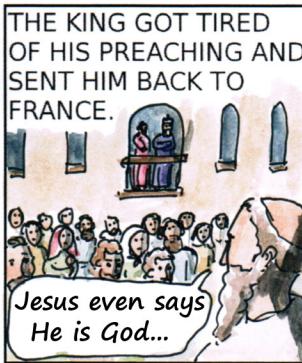
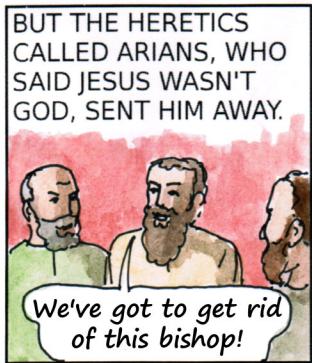
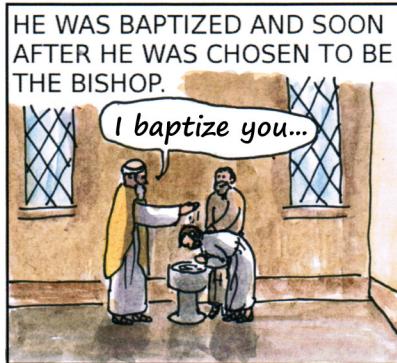
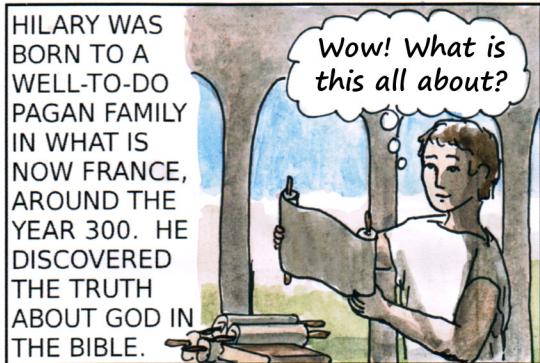
Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday January 11th, 2026



What did Saint John the Baptist see
that showed him that Jesus was the Son of God?
Connect the dots to find out!

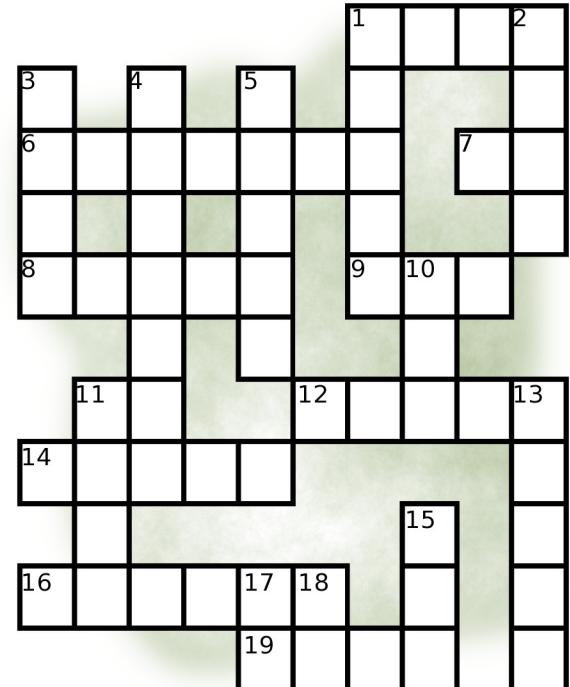
Saint Hilary of Poitiers

January 13



SAINT HILARY DIED AROUND THE YEAR 368. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT IT IS GOOD TO STUDY THE FAITH AND LEARN ABOUT GOD IN HARD TIMES. WE CAN ALSO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE BY SPEAKING THE TRUTH EVEN WHEN PEOPLE BOTHER OR PERSECUTE US BECAUSE OF IT.

Jesus' Baptism Cross-Word Puzzle



See if you can find all these words relating to Jesus' baptism and fit them into the puzzle:

Across:

- What was the name of the man who baptized Jesus?
- The _____ opened and the Holy Spirit came down.
- John said to Jesus, "You should baptize ____!"
- John baptized with _____.
- "This is my beloved _____ with whom I am well pleased."
- "This _____ my beloved Son..."
- Jesus was baptized He came out of the river.
- Once John had said about Jesus, "I am not worthy to _____ His sandal!"
- What was the name of the river where Jesus was baptized?
- Jesus _____ John that it was fitting for Him to be baptized.

Down:

- Who had never done a sin but was baptized anyway?
- John said, "I _____ to be baptized by you!"
- Jesus did this to _____ us how important baptism is.
- The John in this story is called John the _____.
- They _____ a voice from Heaven.
- John came _____ of the desert to preach and baptize.
- When we are baptized, the Holy Spirit comes _____ our soul.
- Jesus was baptized in a _____.
- The Heavens opened and the Spirit of _____ appeared.
- Jesus came from Galilee to John _____ the Jordan.
- Jesus had _____ sins even before He was baptized.

