

JANUARY 12, 2025

**Baptism of
the Lord**

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SACRED HEART -LOON LAKE ST. ANTONINUS-PIERCELAND ST. BONIFACE -GOODSOIL

	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION	DONOR
Mon Jan 13			No Mass Scheduled	
Tues Jan 14	7:00 pm	Pierceland	+Lucille Martin	Darin, Pam, Jean Johnson
Wed Jan 15	10:00 am	Care Center	+Christine Himmelsbach	Larry & Barb Nachbaur
Thur. Jan 16	9:00 am	Goodsoil	+Laurent Aubin	Ted Stremick Family
Fri Jan 17	9:00 am	Goodsoil	+Gerald Zerr	Darby & Linda Zerr
Sat Jan 18	5:00 pm	Loon Lake	+Herb & Helen Klarenbach	Marg Klarenbach
Sun Jan 19	9:00 am	Goodsoil	For All Parishioners	
	11:00 am	Pierceland	+Leonard Niedermaier	Bernadette Puffer

ST. BONIFACE

MINISTERS LIST—Jan. 19

ST. ANTONINUS

Commentator- Gail B.

Readers- Bob R. Yvonne R.

Greeters - Wes & Lorraine D.

Gift Bearers - Leo & Louise H.

Eucharistic Minister— Brian S.

Rosary— Barb N.

Servers— Nadyne Charlotte Mary

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Eucharistic Minister— Trisha

Readers - Audery Debbie

Music- Anita **Mono**— Shannon

Gifts - Pam Leona

Servers— Marla

Greeters— Leona

A Vocation View: "You are my beloved child," says the Lord! Continue your Baptismal call by baptizing others in the Holy Spirit and fire.

Prayer: That during this week, all Catholics will deepen their responsibility to foster vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life among our young people, through prayer and by inviting them to consider that call, we pray to the Lord.

Action: A STUDY of Catholic young people in the United States and Canada showed that 75% feel they were never encouraged to pursue the religious life.



In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the **first Jubilee**, also known as a "**Holy Year**," since it is a time in which God's holiness transforms us. The frequency of Holy Years has changed over time: at first, they were celebrated every 100 years; later, in 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap to every 50 years, and in 1470 Pope Paul II made it every 25 years. It was intended to be marked as a time to **re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields.**

There have also been "extraordinary" Holy Years: for example in 2015 Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of Mercy as an extraordinary jubilee. The way in which Jubilee Years are marked has also changed through the centuries: originally the Holy Year consisted of a pilgrimage to the Roman Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, later other signs were added, such as the Holy Door. **By participating in the Holy Year, one is granted a plenary indulgence.**

GOODSOIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CWL Memberships are DUE—Please place your envelope with your name and CWL membership fee \$40 into the Sunday collection basket or give to Yvonne Sonntag, or Barb Nachbaur. Thank you.

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal—This is an update and is not the final total, we have received 30 pledges.

The amount pledged is: \$9,140.00. **Due to the postal strike, donations will be accepted until Jan. 31, 2025**

Please consider the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal as a choice for your donations for 2024.

Warm Coat Drive for the Door of Hope —Clean gently used items .. Jackets .. Mitts .. Toques .. Scarves ..

Drop off at **Larry's Place**

Cleaners for January—**Reynold/JoeAnn B.** Morgan/Laura K. Carol R. Tony/Joanne S. Joe/Jeanette M Pat/Carey S. Tim/Cindy L.

PIERCELAND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cleaning for January—**Racquel Rawlake-Parker 306-839-4868** Audery Grundner, Shirley Grundner, Myrna Gonie, Rhonda Schleibinger

17 January: Feast of Saint Anthony “the Great” and the “Father of Monks”- he was born in Egypt around the year 250 to distinguished parents. After their untimely deaths, he dedicated himself wholly to acts of mortification. One day in church (around age 18) he heard the words of the Gospel: *“If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor”* (Matt. 19:21). Anthony felt as if Christ had spoken to him personally, giving a command he must obey. Without delay he sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and went into the desert. He chose an inaccessible place in the wilderness where he dedicated his life to God in manual work and continual prayer. He lived in solitude for over 20 years. His bed was the hard ground. He fasted rigorously, ate only bread and salt, and drank only water. He often spent whole nights in prayer.



In his older age, he imparted wisdom to a group of disciples and encouraged them to lead a monastic life. Because he was the first Christian to retire to a monastic life, he is considered to be the first monk and also the father of all monks. Anthony suffered repeatedly from diabolical attacks, but these merely made him more steadfast in virtue. He would encourage his disciples in their struggle with the devil with such words: *“Believe me; the devil fears the vigils of pious souls, and their fastings, their voluntary poverty, their loving compassion, their humility, but most of all their ardent love of Christ our Lord. As soon as he sees the sign of the Cross, he flees in terror.”* He died in 356 on Mount Kolzin by the Red Sea, at the age of 105

Jesus also had been baptized. (Luke 3:21)

If you haven't already done it, it's time to put away those Christmas decorations. Today, we celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord**, and it's traditionally considered the end of the Christmas season. That's because, at His baptism, Jesus leaves behind His “hidden years” and launches into public ministry.

And He doesn't do it with a stirring speech or an impressive display of power. Instead, He asks His cousin John to baptize Him. But why is this an important event? Because at His baptism, Jesus publicly embraces our human condition. The One who is without sin humbly accepts being *“counted among the transgressors”* (Isaiah 53:12). Of course, in His Incarnation, Jesus became fully man. But in His baptism, He made it clear that He was identifying Himself with our full humanity, even our sin.



As Pope Benedict XVI explained in his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, *“Jesus inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners.”* By accepting baptism, Jesus accepted His coming death for the sins of all mankind. He anticipated His submission to His Father's will during the agony in the garden, and He pointed us toward His suffering and death on the cross. Just as He would in those more painful moments, Jesus began His ministry by saying yes to His mission as the Savior of the world.

And what a Savior He is! He didn't hold Himself aloof from us or save us from a position of power and glory. He emptied and humbled Himself and submitted to a baptism He didn't need in order to bring us the salvation we did need. And by doing so, He sanctified the waters of our Baptism. Because of His humility, our sins can be washed away, and we can receive the grace to live as children of God.

So don't just put away your Christmas decorations today. Make sure you celebrate your salvation as well!

“Thank you, Jesus, for embracing my humanity!”