

Fr. Bruce Richards

A couple of weeks ago, I attended the opening Mass for the Jubilee Year of Hope at the Cathedral of St. Paul, celebrated by Archbishop Hebda. It was a beautiful liturgy where the Archbishop explained the Jubilee Year of Hope and how we, as a local Church, can participate.

WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

A Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church is a profound celebration of God's mercy, forgiveness, and restoration, traditionally observed every 25 years. Rooted in the Jewish tradition described in Leviticus 25, the Jubilee reflects themes of liberation, reconciliation, and renewal. In ancient Israel, it occurred every 50 years and was marked by freeing slaves, forgiving debts, and restoring ancestral lands—a time of social and spiritual restoration emphasizing God's justice and mercy.

The Catholic Church adopted this tradition in 1300 under Pope Boniface VIII, introducing the "Holy Year" as a time for the faithful to renew their commitment to Christ and receive special graces through pilgrimages, prayers, and reconciliation. A central symbol of the Jubilee is the opening of the Holy Doors in Rome's major basilicas: St. Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls, as well as a fifth door at Rebibbia Prison. These doors symbolize Christ as the door to salvation.

THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

Proclaimed by Pope Francis, the 2025 Jubilee Year focuses on Hope, a virtue encouraging trust in God's promises and inspiring action toward a just and compassionate world. This theme resonates deeply in our times, offering a beacon of renewal.

Key Elements of the 2025 Celebration:

- **Pilgrimage:** Travel to Rome to pass through the Holy Doors, reflecting on your spiritual journey. If unable to travel, visit a local pilgrimage site, such as the Cathedral of St. Paul or the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis.
- **Sacraments:** Go to Confession and attend Mass to receive Communion.
- **Acts of Mercy:** While in a state of grace, perform a work of mercy, addressing poverty, injustice, or ecological stewardship.

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"The Baptism of Christ" by José Ferraz de Almeida Júnior, 1895

MASS TIMES
Mon: 6:30 pm | Tues, Wed, Fri: 8:15 am
Sat: 5:15 pm | Sun: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION
Mon: 5:30 pm | Sat: 4:00 pm
or by appointment

ADORATION
Mon & Thur: 5:00pm - 9:00 pm
Tues: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Wed: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

ROSARY
Half hour before every daily Mass
Sat: 4:45 pm
Sun: 8:00 am

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(Fr. Stan's message continued...)

- **Prayer:** Pray for the Pope's intentions.

A Tradition of Renewal: The Jubilee Year reflects the essence of the Jewish Jubilee: recalibrating lives toward God's will and emphasizing freedom and restoration through His mercy. The 2025 Jubilee calls all to be bearers of hope, living as instruments of God's love and healing in a world longing for renewal.

The Baptism of the Lord and the Jubilee Year: The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season, deepens the Jubilee Year's message of hope and renewal. In the Gospel, Jesus' baptism reveals Him as the beloved Son of God and inaugurates His public ministry. This moment highlights themes of restoration central to the Jubilee Year.

Through baptism, we are called to live in grace, hope, and mission, echoing the Jubilee's invitation to turn our lives toward God. The sacrament reminds us of our identity as children of God and strengthens our call to share His love and mercy. Just as the heavens opened at Christ's baptism, the Holy Doors of the Jubilee symbolize an open path to salvation and a profound opportunity for spiritual renewal.

Plenary Indulgence: During the Jubilee Year, the Church grants plenary indulgences to those fulfilling the "Key Elements of the 2025 Celebration," provided they meet the following conditions:

- Detachment from sin, even venial sin.
- Confession within about 20 days.
- Receiving Communion and praying for the Pope's intentions (e.g., an *Our Father* and *Hail Mary*).

Each indulgence requires a separate Communion and prayer, ideally on the day of the indulgenced act. Only one plenary indulgence can be obtained per day, with a second possible if applied to souls in purgatory.

The Jubilee Year of Hope is not merely an event but a profound call to live as instruments of God's restorative justice. It echoes the eternal rhythm of His mercy and love, inviting us to embrace and share His hope with the world.

Take a closer step to heaven everyone, and don't go alone! Have a blessed week!



NEWS & EVENTS

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family and friends of Ken Mays. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.*

DECORATE the CHURCH

Help is needed to put the Christmas decorations away and put up the green decorations for Ordinary Time. Come on Monday, January 13 at 9:00 am to assist! *Thank you!*

RESPECT LIFE BREAKFAST

The KC's are serving breakfast at the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 19 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm!

KC FREE THROW CONTEST

Calling all parish boys and girls ages 9-14 years to participate in the Knights of Columbus "Free Throw Contest" in the St. Joseph School Gym on Sunday, January 26 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

WE'RE HIRING

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Seeking qualified candidates for our Parish Administrative Assistant position. Consider joining our team! We are looking for applicants who are friendly, detail-oriented, computer proficient, and have a heart for the Faith. To learn more, please contact Chris Parker at [952-442-3702](tel:952-442-3702), cparker@stjosephwaconia.org, or email Fr. Stan at frstan@stjosephwaconia.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	JAN 13	6:30 pm	Gordon & Alice Wickenhauser †
TUE	JAN 14	8:15 am	Phyllis Schmitz †
WED	JAN 15	8:15 am	<i>Collective:</i> Living & Deceased Members of the Francis & Theresa Poppler Family Steve Ebert † Harlan Lemke †
THU	JAN 16		<i>No Mass</i>
FRI	JAN 17	8:15 am	Mick Giesen †
SAT	JAN 18	5:15 pm	<i>Collective:</i> Living & Deceased Members of the Walter & Veronica Johnson Family Isadore Wald † Carol Stahlke †
SUN	JAN 19	8:30 am	St. Joseph Parishioners
		10:30 am	<i>Collective:</i> Leo Gelhar † Pat & Kenny Kautz †

* Indicates the family has requested to take up the Gifts.

PRAY

Please pray for the following:

Mia G, Joyce J, Shawn S, Julie W, Art W, Paul T, Joan H, Rene F, Jeff E, Chuck P, Nathan D, Stella W, Jeremy P, Marilynn P, Marilyn B, Diane V, Rick S, Barbara S, Jake W, Theresa L, Sandy M, Brian N, Sarah R, and Ryan P.

And for St. Joseph loved ones in the Military:

Airman Riley M, Sergeant Ryan H, Sergeant Allyna S, PFC Dalton W, Sergeant Robin L, Staff Sergeant Weston H, Staff Sergeant Sean W, Tech Sergeant Michael S, Major Leah M, First Lieutenant Samuel M, Col. Mitch D, Lieutenant Commander Philip L, and SPC Justin S.

And for those in Law Enforcement:

Logan H, Adam M, Alex W, Andy F, Dennis F, Fred R, Tyler S, Eric W, Adam H, and Cory W.

And for those Discerning a Religious Vocation:

Seminarian: Mónico H.

LOOKING AHEAD

JAN 26	KC Free Throw Contest 4:00 pm-6:00 pm in the School Gym
FEB 1	Saints Gala
FEB 7	Family Valentine Dance 6:00 pm-7:30 pm in the School Gym
FEB 17	KC Blood Drive 11:00 am to 5:30 pm in the Parish Center

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 am: Decorate the Church
5:00 pm-9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
5:30 pm-6:15 pm: Confession
6:00 pm: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
6:30 pm: Mass
7:15 pm: School Board Meeting (*Media Center*)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:45 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:15 am: Mass
9:00 am: Scripture Study (*Parish Center*)
9:00 am - 9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)
7:00 pm: OCIA/Catholicism (*Parish Center*)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
8:15 am: Mass with the School
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
6:00 pm: Family Formation (*Church*)
6:00 pm: Confirmation (*School*)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

No Mass | Fr. Stan's Day Off
4:00 pm: Holy Hour (*Chapel*)
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

7:45 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:15 am: Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

2nd Grade Reconciliation Retreat
8:00 am-11:00 am: 2nd Grade Reconciliation (*Church*)
12:00 pm: Funeral (*Judy Bailey*)
4:00 pm-5:00 pm: Confession
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
5:15 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 am-12:30 pm: KC Respect Life Breakfast (*Trinity Lutheran*)
8:00 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:30 am: Mass
10:30 am: Mass
12:00 pm: Baptisms

Know

Love

Serve



TEKTON
STRONG HANDS
 TRANSFORMING SPACES

TRANSFORMERS
BIG HEARTS
 INSPIRING SOULS

TEKTON TRANSFORMERS

A Hands-On Ministry!



Saint Joseph was a **tekton**. So was Jesus. This Greek word translates to artisan, craftsman, carpenter, woodworker, or builder. The word **architect**, for instance, is the **arch** (chief) **tekton** (builder). This makes Jesus the Chief Tekton of the universe.

Are you a tekton? If so, our growing parish campus could use your skills. **St. Joseph Tekton Transformers** is a new, proactive group being formed to help parish staff with improvement projects. As a **Tekton Team** member, you will be asked to choose **2 to 4 projects** per year from an updated list which will be shared monthly via email and posted in the Narthex. With a goal of 40 members strong, this **hands-on ministry** will complete over 100 improvements to our campus every year. Each project, large or small, will help to **transform** our parish into an even more welcoming place, and **inspiring** souls to be drawn closer to Christ.



TEKTON TRANSFORMERS

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Our **St. Joseph campus** includes a beautiful **church**, an excellent **school**, an **old rectory** (which will be transformed this year with the help of the Tektons), a lovely **new rectory**, a wonderful **food shelf**, storage **garages**, expansive **grounds**, plus a **rental home** on Main Street. Our excellent parish staff work hard to maintain these buildings. But the **St. Joseph Tekton Transformers** are needed for special improvement

projects. You will have a flexible window, allowing you to work at your own pace with no ongoing commitment after the project is done. Get in there and get it done! Maybe you will be drawn closer to Christ yourself in the process. Hope to see you on the 15th.

Are You Skilled in a Trade?

Do you have professional or advanced technical experience in fields like plumbing, electrical work, carpentry, painting, flooring, or other skilled trades?

We invite you to prayerfully consider sharing your talents with the Tekton Transformer Team, a hands-on ministry dedicated to projects that enhance our parish and community spaces.

**Join us on January 15
from 5:30-7:00 pm
at 4 S. Pine St.**

At this meeting, you'll learn about current and future projects, how to get involved and select projects that fit your expertise, sourcing materials, and more!

Bring your expertise and make a lasting difference.

We look forward to meeting you and working together on meaningful projects!

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity.
Questions? Text or call Dale at 952-715-2926.





2024 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

A special thank you to the following people who made a donation toward the purchase of the beautiful flowers and decorations displayed in the church during the Christmas season. Donations received beyond the amount used will be put toward altar needs and improvements throughout the year.

IN LOVING MEMORY/HONOR OF:

- **Jerome & Phyllis Wagener** by *George & Mary Boll*
- **Gerald Poppler, Barbara Larson, and Sister Mary Ann Poppler SCC** by *Geraldine Poppler*
- **John, Bertha, and Ben Kunze and Leo & Mary Hundski** by *Jim & Virgie Kunze*
- **Donald Laumann and Marguerite Laumann** by *Mark & Lisa Laumann*
- **David Laumann and Duane Laumann** by *Mark & Lisa Laumann*
- **Ron Dressel, Herman & Elizabeth Dressel, and Simon Boll** by *Susan Dressel*
- **Angela & Dick Happ** by *Paul & Melissa Furhman*
- **David Schmitt and all the deceased and living members of the Ray & Eugenia Family** by *Gary & Donna Schmitt*
- **Patrick, Carol, Mike, Steve, and Tom Smithwick** by *Anne & Jon Walton*
- **Frank Klepperich** by *Phyllis Klepperich*
- **Rueben & Verna Goetz and Charles & Emma Kelzer** by *Wilfred & Jean Kelzer*
- **Clarence Brown and Jerome Brown** by *Karen Brown*
- **George Della Paolera, Gertrude Stacken, Jerry M.V.** by *Robert & Roseann Della*
- **Howard Swiers** by *Heidi Basil-Niccum*
- **Georgiana, Ben, Loretta, and Gordon Johnson, George, Florence & Mike Techam Family** by *Charles & Donna Johnson*
- **Roger Thompson and Joyce Heglans** by *Diana Thompson*
- **Colin Stanley Coxall** by *Annette Coxall*
- **Robert Tryon** by *Therese Rademacher*
- **Tom & Annette Williams** by *Todd & Amy Williams*
- **Mildred Waldoch, Bonnie Waldoch, Maurice Waldoch, Ian Waldoch** by *Jerry & Dee Thew*
- **The Radde Family** by *Barb Radde*
- **Don & Katy Dehning** by *Christopher & Mara Dehning*
- **Dwayne & Judy Rademacher** by *Judith Rademacher*
- **Deceased Members of Simons and Laumann Families** by *Denis & Bonnie Laumann*
- **Harlan Lemke and all the living and deceased members of the Lemke and Simons Families** by *Donna Lemke*
- **Michael Magner and Lauren Daniels** by *Teresa Boll*
- **The living and deceased family members of the Ray Steinhagen** by *Marlene Steinhagen*
- **Ray Hilgers Family and Carl Rademacher Family** by *Earl & Mary Rademacher*
- **Neil Kirsch** by *Diane Kirsch*
- **Arloa Molstad** by *Ronald Molstad*
- **Judy Weiland** by *Ken Weiland*
- **Kevin & Kathy Anderson** by *Naomi Erickson*
- **The deceased members of the Hucky and Schuler Families** by *Mary Schuler*
- **In memory of our parents: Paul & Esther Reinitz and Clarence & Lucille Thurk** by *John & Marlene Thurk*
- **Gerry Bailey and Addison Wade** by *Judy Bailey*



2024 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

(In Loving Memory/Honor... continued)

- Ray & Eugenia Schmitt Family, Richard & Mary Ann Wirtz Family by Larry & Janice Wirtz
- Earl & Bernadette Klein, Willmer Schuette by Mark & Jean Schuette Family
- Leo & Vangie Schneider Family, Jerome & Phyllis Wagner Family, Marcel & Laverne Vos, and Fr. Tom Vos by Dan & Bonnie Wagener
- Dorothy & Edwin Swalboski, Sharon Falk, Mary & Joseph Swalboski, baby girl Swalboski by Terrence Vos
- The Rolf and Wickenhauser Families by Delora Rolf
- Allan Lamkin by Janet Lamkin
- Irvin Menden, Pearl Menden, Marie Kohout, Robert Kaufhold by Dan & Theresa Niesen
- Kyle & Sue Gustafson by Bruce Gustafson
- Dennis Pfouts by Davis & Brianna Pfouts
- Richard & Darlene Hoffman, George & Barbara Hoffman, Ione & Thomas McPhillips, Clara Haider, Frank & Arlene Nelson, Aaron Davis by Thomas & Michelle Nelson
- Corrine Thieslen, Bob Tschida, Leonard Drietz, Diane Drietz by Bill & Karen Tschida
- Marilyn Kelzer by Denis Kelzer
- Anthony & Rosella Weinzierl, Francis & Myron Whittaker, Charles & Myrtle Whittaker Families by Frances & Myrene Whittaker
- Jerome Cafferty by Sarah Franke
- Russell Whittaker, John Whittaker, Winifred Whittaker, Damien Roth by Victor & Sandra Schreiner
- Wessbecker and Buesgens Family by Elaine Buesgens
- Ray Krautbauer and Jeff Kratbauer by Shirley Kratbauer
- Othmar & Elvera Kirsch and Alois & Rose Storms by Ken & Marie Kirsch
- Tom & Clara Kocer Family and Herman & Bertha Loxtercamp Family by Ken & MaryAnn Loxtercamp
- Mr. & Mrs. Henry Braunworth, Mr. & Mrs. Archie Larson, Steve Braunworth, Sandy Larson, and Steve Larson by James & Joyce Larson
- Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Zwack, Christ Niesen, and Sophia Kipnuth by Joseph & Rosemary Niesen
- Noah Joseph Parker by Chris Parker
- Al Wirtz and Robert Wirtz by Marie & Lance Groeneveld
- Elmer & Caleria Geis, Fary & David Geis, Sandy Phillips, Al Klingelhutz by Brian & Lou Ann Klingelhutz
- Honor of our sons: Tim, Ted, & John along with their families by Tom & Lenn Keefe
- Millie and Floyd Werner, Marie and Ted Welz by Mike & Joann Werner
- Harold Stacken by Adeline Stacken
- Harold & Gertie Kelzer, Harold Stacken by Donald & Joann Stacken
- Herb Ackerman and Barbara Barrett by Melinda Ackerman

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS:

- Freddy Villegas & Flormira Garcia
- Sandra & Rory Jones
- Jim & Darlene Goetz
- Isaac Phelps
- Jan Ebersviller
- Frank & Patricia Mazzuca
- Thomas & Theresa Leshner
- Virginia Hanes

ST. JOSEPH CSTEM SCHOOL

The Ripple Effect of Catholic Education

At St. Joseph Catholic STEM School, we witness daily the transformative power of faith and education. Serving 220 students from preschool through 8th grade, we are reminded that the impact of Catholic education extends far beyond the classroom.

Each child formed in faith, virtue, and knowledge carries those gifts into their homes, communities, and every life they touch. Over a lifetime, one individual encounters thousands of people. A Catholic education equips students to make those encounters opportunities to share kindness, leadership, and the Gospel message of love and hope.

Now, imagine the influence of 350 students—the full capacity of our school—carrying their faith into the world. From family dinner tables to STEM careers, from parish ministries to leadership roles, they become disciples of Christ, spreading His light wherever they go.

This is the mission of Catholic education: to form students not just for success in this life, but for eternal life with God. At St. Joseph Catholic STEM School, we embrace this mission with conviction, knowing that every child we educate will touch countless lives and spread the values of faith, service, and excellence far and wide.

Let us pray for our students, families, and educators, that they may continue to live as true witnesses of God's love, bringing hope and transformation to a world in need.

We invite families to explore the possibility of a Catholic education at St. Joseph Catholic STEM School.

Join us for our Preschool and School Open House on Thursday, January 30, from 6-7:30 pm. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Tim Jantzen at tjantzen@stjosephwaconia.org or call [952-442-4500](tel:952-442-4500) to learn more.



IN THE AREA

Events in the Archdiocese!

MARCH for LIFE

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 10:30 am, On January 22 at 10:30 am, please join the Annual Prayer Service for Life with Bishop Michael Izen at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul. The Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life's March for Life at the State Capitol will follow. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome. The St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards will be presented during this prayer service honoring those who work tirelessly for life. Find more information at archspm.org/prayer-service-for-life.

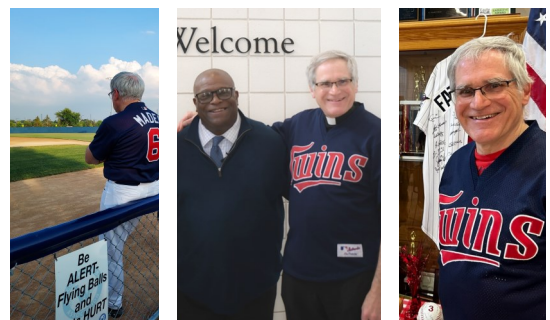
LIFE in the SPIRIT SEMINAR

On January 24-25, at St. Therese in Deephaven, plan to attend a two-day seminar beginning about living in the Spirit and allowing Jesus Christ to establish, restore or deepen a relationship with you. A \$25 donation is asked to cover the cost of the seminar and lunch. Find more information and registration at archspm.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars. *Flyers are in the Narthex!*

NOTE from FR. STAN

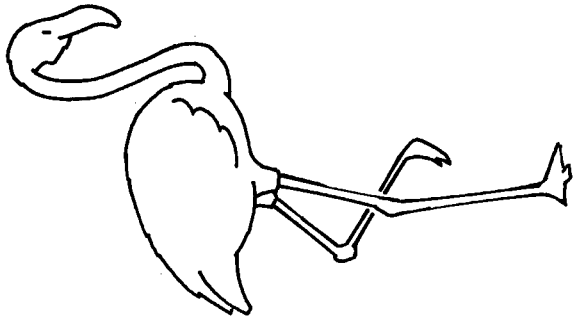
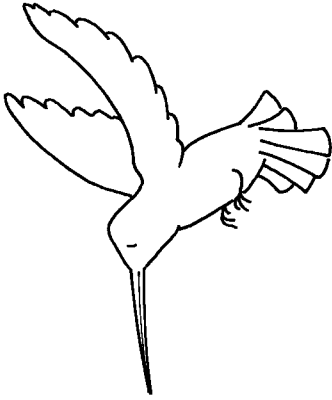
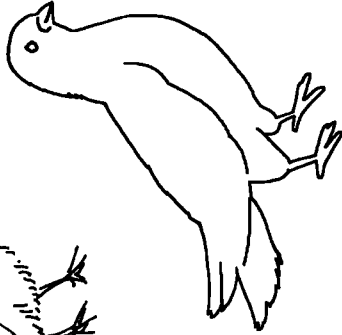
Greetings from Baseball Camp!

Hello from Florida! I'm excited to share that one of my coaches this year is Al Newman, who some of you may remember as a speaker for the KC's Faith & Family event at St. Joseph on April 30, 2023. My other coach is Juan Berenguer. While our current record as of Tuesday is 1-3, I've been contributing as a pinch runner and have scored a couple of times. If we win our next few games, we'll make it to the playoffs. Wish us luck, and I'll see you on Sunday!



While Jesus was praying, heaven opened.
The Holy Spirit came like a dove.

Circle the picture of the dove.



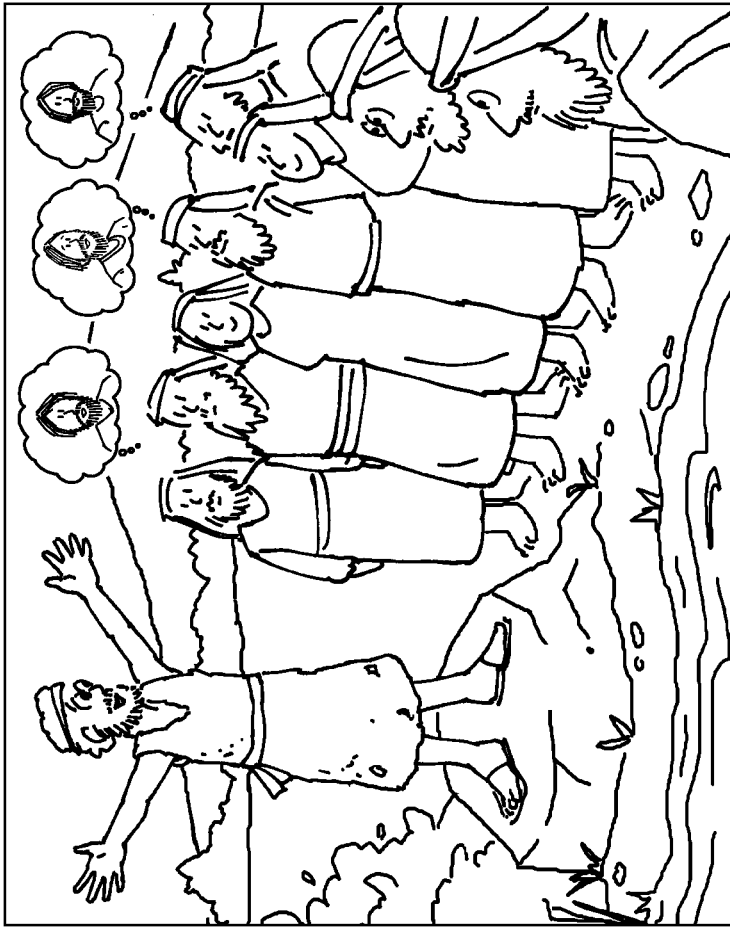
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January 12, 2025 • Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jesus Is Baptized

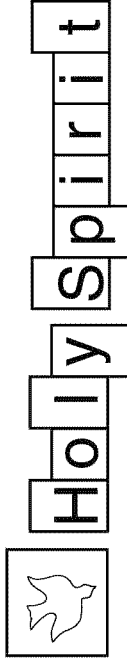
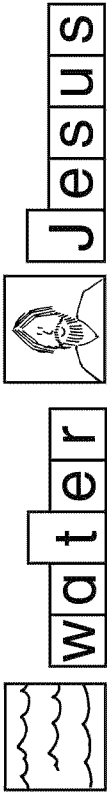
The people wondered
if John might be the Christ.

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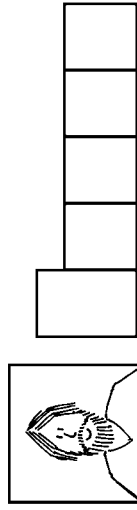
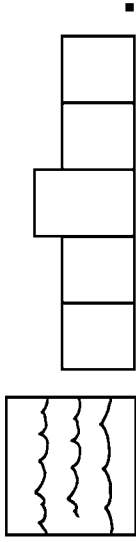


John answered them saying,

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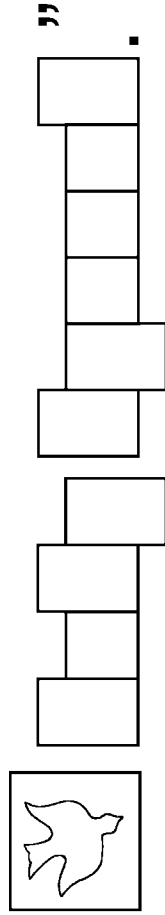


“I baptize you with



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Jesus was also baptized that day.
God said, “You are My Son, Whom I love;
with You I am well pleased.”

Connect the dots. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

