

# Parish Weekly Newsletter

January 12<sup>th</sup> 2025

Parish of West Thunder Bay  
Country Warmth in Christ

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I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word. Luke 1.38

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## Baptism of the Lord

Irene Wyrozub

Isaiah 43.1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8.14-17

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22



## WE OFFER SPECIAL PRAYERS

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of West Africa

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for those to be baptized on this day, and all preparing for baptism, particularly at The Great Vigil of Easter during the Three Days of Christian Passover.

**Parish Prayer Requests:** Jacob & Danielle, Edison, Adelaide Reszitnyk; Zachary & Ericka, June, Colton, Jackson Reszitnyk; Tracy Revell, Brooklyn Wilson; Donald & Cheryl, Keegan Richard; Ray & Betsy Ristimaki; Blair & Marlene Rogers; Brent & Betty, Morgan Sand; Russell & Erin, Rachel, Brooke, Aubrey Schweitzer

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Bonnie, Ian Perrier, Victoria Williamson; Dennis Perrier; Ken & Patty Perrier; David & Wendy, Alec, Anna Ratz; Doug & Robin Ratz; Karl & Evelyn Ratz; Carolyn Rea & Peter Wassenaar; Kevin & Sabrina, Keyanna, Juliana, Lucia Ree; Charlene Reed; Greg & Rachel, Drake, Kolby Reed

## Birthday Blessings To:

Gabe Paulmartin (January 6) Christina Dean (January 9) Meredith Cockerton (January 10)  
Izzy Cockerton (January 15) Jerry De Vries (January 16)

Request forms for a home or hospital visit from Rector Jonathan.

Forms will be available at both churches and you are requested to fill them out, and fold them and place them into the collection plate.

As you plan to attend the annual Vestry meetings for the Parish, here are some things to ponder.

Your voice, presence and prayers are vital. Together, we can ensure that our Parish continues to be an important part of our community.

Be sure to join us as we come together to plan and pray for the year ahead and reflect on all the successes we enjoyed in the past year.

## Pews News

I received a bird feeder that is suction cupped to the window. Although it was meant as a winter entertainment for our cat, I find myself enjoying a 'Birds Eye view' of their activities. A stress free way to stay warm on these cold days, while I type up my reports!

Thank you to everyone submitting reports to our secretary for the vestry booklet. This is always a necessary job at the start of each year, and working together accomplishes the task. Getting this booklet completed, printed and available for all to read, allows us to review the past and prepare for the future. Please mark your calendars for February 2 and 16. Our vestry meetings need ALL of us to be there.



## Upcoming Vestry Meetings...

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025** combined service at St Marks, followed by **Parish** Vestry meeting, then **St Mark's** vestry meeting

**February 16<sup>th</sup> 2025** (after usual 2 church services) then **St James** Vestry meeting.

Please send in your committee reports to the office.

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## The Baptism of Jesus

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PLEASED  
 OPEN  
 JESUS  
 DESERT  
 DOVE  
 VOICE  
 LOVE  
 CONFESSED  
 THONGS  
 FORGIVENESS  
 RIVER  
 JORDAN  
 WORTHY  
 BAPTIZED  
 ONE  
 PREACHING  
 HEAVEN  
 POWERFUL  
 SON  
 NAZARETH  
 SPIRIT  
 WATER  
 WELL  
 SINS

Do the shorter days and long winter nights cause you to feel blue? Ecclesiastes 3 gives hope that those blues you are feeling now is just for this season:

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace, a time for war and a time for peace.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

