

JANUARY 9, 2022 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



# St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

mission statement: "We are disciples of Jesus building the Kingdom."

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Confession Saturdays 2:30-3:30,  
30 minutes before every weekday Mass  
or anytime at request.

\* Please call to set up an appointment  
for *any* of these listed below:

**\* Anointing of the Sick and  
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**\* Sacrament of Baptism:**

Parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal  
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Registered Parishioners need to contact the  
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preparation.

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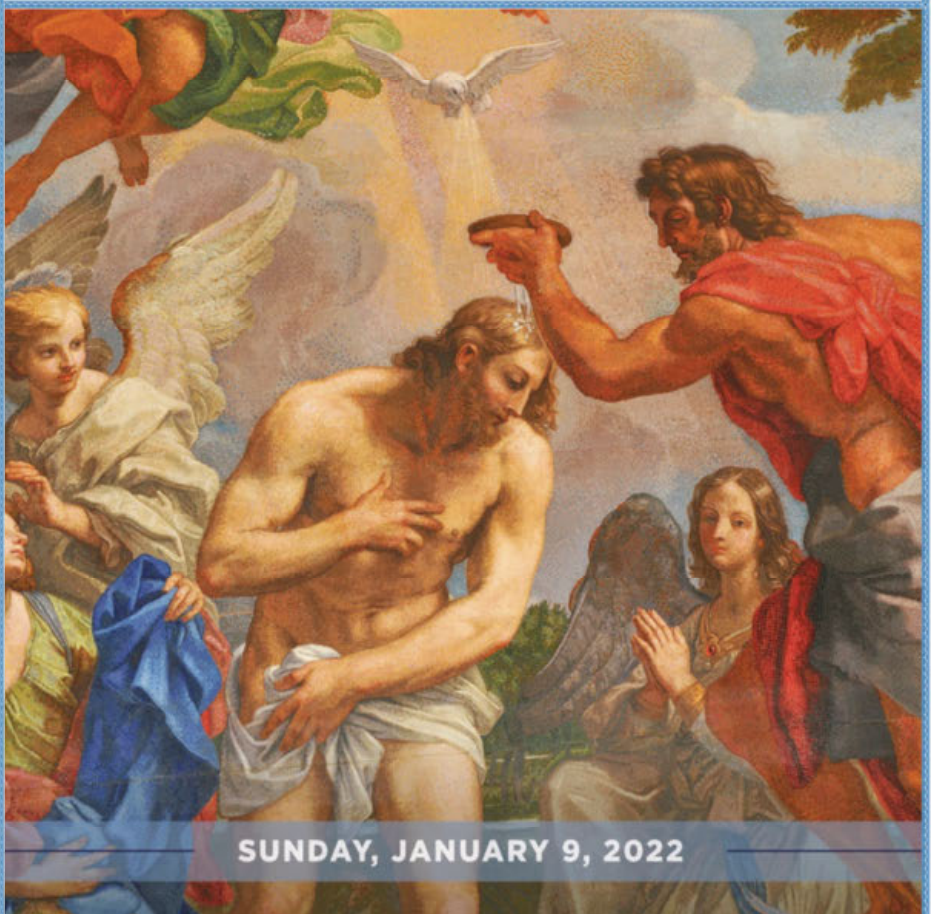
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Please email by 1pm on Friday,  
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Deadline before Holidays is 3 weeks!

~ MASS TIMES ~

• SAT. Vigil Mass 4:00pm • SUNDAY Masses 8:00am & 10:30am  
• MON. 7:00am • TUE. & WED. 5:30pm • THUR. 7:00am • FRI. 12:05pm



SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also  
had been baptized and was praying, heaven was  
opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in  
bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**  
Collections for Church Year  
July 1st, 2021 - June 30th, 2022

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

\$12,330.90

Collections Fiscal Year-To-Date  
\$287,622.30

Budget-Year-To-Date Collections  
\$271,490.19

\$ Collections Over (Under) Budget  
\$16,132.11



**Mass Intentions - Jan. 8 - Jan. 14**

**ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH**

Sat. Jan. 8	4:00pm	†	Loren Dreiling
Sun. Jan. 9	8:00am	†	Joan Cahn
Sun. Jan. 9	10:30am	SI	People of the Parish
Mon. Jan. 10	7:00am	†	Gilbert & Christina Ulbrich
Tue. Jan. 11	5:30pm	†	Wilma Schumacher
Wed. Jan. 12	5:30pm	SI	Todd Hamby
Thu. Jan. 13	7:00am	†	Julie Kidd
Fri. Jan. 14	12:05pm	†	Delores Wilson

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**[www.saintteresahutchinson.com](http://www.saintteresahutchinson.com)**

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~ St. Teresa thanks you for your stewardship of treasure ~

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Rosa Fast - Secretary,  
Bill Rumback, Lori Bird,  
Kay Dechant, Mark Maness,  
Connie Dillon

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"The Lord has ears to ALL who call on Him"  
**Prayer Requests for the St. Teresa prayer line**



To add yourself or someone you know to the prayer line contact:

**Kathy Wiens** - text or call: **316.778.8093**  
email: **wienskathy@sbcglobal.net**

**\* ATTENTION \***

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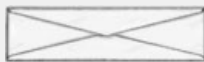
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A friendly reminder to please use your contribution envelopes when making your donations. This not only helps our money counters with their stewardship of time in counting in a timely manner, it will also insure your donations will be added to your end of the year statement for your tax records. *\*If you aren't receiving year end statements or tithing envelopes please call to verify that we have you listed as an active member.*

**Please use generic tithing envelopes in the vestibule...**

- If you forgot your tithing envelope
- If you are a guest and would like to give
- For school attendance envelopes
- For all your other giving needs



**\* You may also mail it or drop it at the Rectory.**

You can drop off your tithing envelope through our mail slot on the front door of the rectory anytime day or night.

**Want to become a member of St. Teresa Parish?**

To be added to the weekly tithing envelopes and mailing list, please fill out a registration form (on the front & back).

Forms are located in the vestibule of the church. Return these to the Rectory at 211 E. 5th Ave. Or fill-out and submit the form on our website.

**Dillon's Community Rewards**



We have a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the *upkeep of our St. Teresa altar.*

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**Do You Have 1-Hour Per Week to Give to Jesus?**



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**COMMUNION to HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES**

We are trying to reconnect with our parishioners that are homebound or in nursing homes since the pandemic. If you have a loved one or know someone who would like to visit with a priest and/or receive communion please call the parish 620-665-5163 to let them know. Thank you for your help.



**Holy Rosary Prayer Group**  
**1st Sundays @ 12 noon**

St. Teresa Parish - All 4 Mysteries  
*Let's Flood Heaven with Prayers!*

We've started showing season 1 of **"The Chosen"**  
Meet us in the Parish Family Center  
Wednesdays after 5:30 Mass





**WHY DO WE DO THAT? - Catholic Life Explained:**

~ *At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new? ~*

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.

**The Baptism of the Lord**

• *First Reading – Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7*

In service to others, a faithful steward gratefully accepts God's gifts, and willingly shares them in love and justice with those in need.

• *Psalm 29:1-4, 3, 9-10*

With praise and thanksgiving, Christian stewards give glory to God as Lord of all.

• *Second Reading – Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38*

Through His Son, Jesus Christ, God's gifts of faith and peace are within reach of all who follow His commandments.

• *Gospel – Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

John's Baptism of Jesus encourages us, as Christian stewards, to fulfill our Baptismal promises to believe in the Gospel, to reject evil, and use our God-given gifts in His service throughout the world.

• *Stewardship Thought – See Luke 3:22*

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We, who are baptized in Christ, must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.



**\* St. Teresa is now LIVE 24/7 on  YouTube \***

**You can now attend any Mass or event as it is happening live in the church!**

**Go to YouTube and search for: St. Teresa Catholic Church, Hutchinson Kansas**

Or You can copy and paste this link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoJyHIB\\_5noG2dVIWfdxI4Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoJyHIB_5noG2dVIWfdxI4Q)  
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*"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc*

Weekend	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Musicians	Ushers
<u>Saturday Jan. 8</u>	4:00 Ana Rumback	4:00 Don Miller, Billy & Shari Duarte	4:00 Brian Davis	4:00 Mark & Karen Maness Teresa Meyer, Bill Logsdon
<u>Sunday Jan. 9</u>	8:00 Audrey Bornholdt	8:00 Mary Sue Luebbers		8:00 Kay Dechant, Joe Hammersmith
	10:30 Victoria Graf	10:30 Joe Bribiesca Ron & Julia Hulsey	10:30 Jeanette Hermes	10:30 Bill H., Frank B. Belen D. Anita D.
<u>Saturday Jan. 15</u>	4:00 Mary Owen	4:00 TBD Mark & Karen Maness	4:00 Celeste & Tim	4:00 Mike J., Bob L. Gerl R., Darlene S.
<u>Sunday Jan. 16</u>	8:00 Joe Godina	8:00 Josh Carroll		8:00 Matt S., Karen B.
	10:30 Rosa Fast*	10:30 Paul Maldonado Frank Barron, David Theriot*	10:30 Bill Rumback	10:30 Joe O'Sullivan Ron & Julia, Jim Hovious

**STEWARDING OUR GIFTS:**  
 "Fully Alive as Missionary Disciples"  
*Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Lk 3:15-16, 21-22*

**Given in Baptism**

In baptism, Jesus is given his public mission and ultimately, his destiny on the cross. Today's Gospel should lead us to ask, then, what were you and I given in baptism? The most important answer is redemption, but there is much more. We were given our identity in Jesus Christ. We were given a place to belong in God's Kingdom. We were given an indelible mark, making us members of the Body of Christ. We were given the Holy Spirit, and the gifts that He blesses us with. We were given grace! Some people approach baptism for their children out of obligation, but if they understood all that it meant, they might approach this sacrament with more enthusiasm! Jesus' baptism signifies his deep devotion to God and His plan for Salvation. Take some time today to reflect on your own baptism and all that it means to you!

~ St. Teresa Stewardship Committee ~  
*mission statement: "We are disciples of Jesus building the Kingdom."*

**LIVE THE LITURGY-  
 INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**  
 Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

***I Hope I Am Like Him***

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?" Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ. "He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him." Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah. But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God. Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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*The Pope's Monthly Intention - January*  
**For true human fraternity ~**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family. ~ **Lord hear our prayer**

**VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS**  
**Holy Cross Grade School**

**ENGLISH - SAT. JAN 8th @10:00am**  
**ENGLISH - WED. MAR 9th @6:00pm**

- Those wanting to attend should pre-register to ensure a space at: [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).
  - Participants will need to enter the far northwest doors of the school building.
  - \* Please do not bring children to training sessions
- For info contact: Kim Griffith at 620-899-9453

**CYM (Catholic Youth Ministry)**

**Calling all high school youth.**

Come enjoy time with other local Catholic high schoolers from all 3 Hutchinson parishes!

\*See Facebook for updated info...  
 @ Hutchinson CYM



# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Announcements



Please feel free to call  
Tues-Fri ~ 10am-4pm  
620.662.7812



*“Truth suffers,  
but never dies.”*

~ St. Teresa of Avila ~

**ATTENTION**  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS,  
LECTORS, MUSICIANS, USHERS  
PLEASE LOOK TO SEE WHEN YOU  
ARE SCHEDULED TO SERVE . . .  
ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CHURCH,  
ON ST.T WEBSITE AND ON FACEBOOK.  
Please find a sub if you can't serve - Thank you!



## W E L C O M E

St. Teresa's is looking to re-form a  
**PARISH WELCOMING COMMITTEE**  
This committee would help new families get  
established and acclimated into our parish family.  
If you would like to be a part of this ministry,  
please contact the parish office at 620-662-7812.

### St. Teresa Restoration Project



As the restoration continues  
in the Church we would like to  
thank those of you who have  
and continue to support our  
Restoration Fund.  
Please remember all donations  
are tax deductible and will be  
added to your end of the year  
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If you have questions or need  
additional info please see  
Fr. Aaron or call the Rectory.

Bishop Kemme has declared this year the  
**Year of the Eucharist.**

Come join us as we start it off with a holy hour!  
Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - 6-7pm - Holy Cross Church.

*(Excerpt from the Catholic Diocese of Wichita webpage)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
At this time, I write to announce the observance of  
a special Holy Year of the Eucharist for the Diocese  
of Wichita beginning Jan. 1, 2022, through Dec. 31,  
2022. The Year of the Eucharist will coincide with  
the beginning of the three-year Eucharistic Revival  
project proposed by the United States Conference  
of Catholic Bishops. The Eucharist, with its many  
facets, will be the focus  
of our attention with  
special emphasis on  
believing, celebrating,  
adoring, and living the  
Eucharistic mystery.



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