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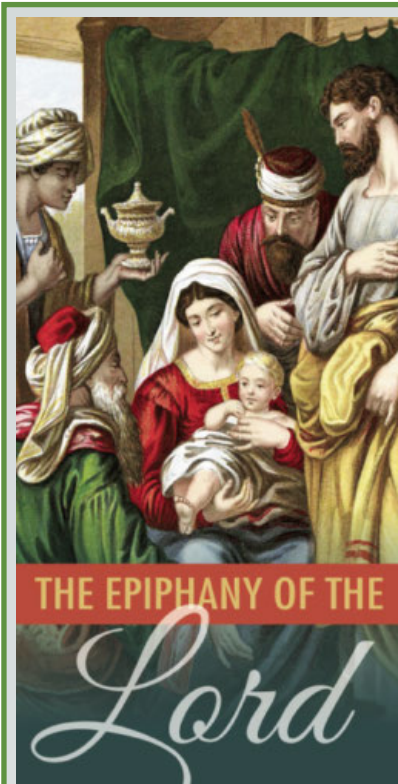
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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022**

# **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



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**January 2, 2022  
The Epiphany of the Lord**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are

liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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**MATER DEI PARISH MASS TIMES**

**DAILY MASS**

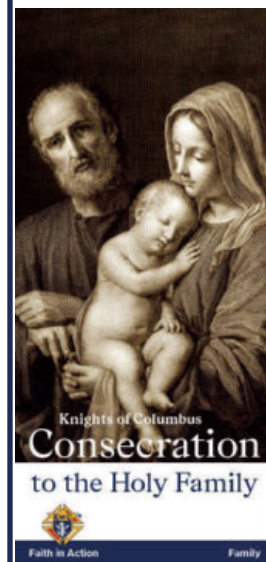
Mater Dei Holy Name  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8:00 am  
St. Matthew's  
Tuesday & Thursday - 8:05 am  
Mater Dei Assumption  
Monday - Friday, 12:00 pm

**WEEKEND MASS**

Mater Dei Holy Name  
Saturday - 5:00 pm  
Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

**RECONCILIATION**

Mater Dei Holy Name  
Saturday - 3:30 pm



Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through the personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles — and partly as a result of conquering them — families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ.

To assist families in living out this joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family.

**December 26<sup>th</sup>**, the Knights of Columbus invite every family of our parish to engage in the Consecration to the Holy Family at the **10:30 am Mass**. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass.



## We Remember at Christmas 2021

The donations to the Church, in memory of your families and friends are greatly appreciated. The Christmas flowers and decorations are living testimony to your loving remembrance.

Walt & Hazel Callender  
Davie Harris  
Joe & Genevieve Kolde  
John Kolde  
Troy Minge

Melinda Oberhelman  
Chet Poell  
Fr. John Poell  
Harold & Lorene Rippe  
Clayton Siefert



### OBSERVANCE FOR THE WEEK OF January 2, 2022

**Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church  
**Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
**Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious  
**Wednesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop  
**Thursday:** St. André Bessette, Religious  
**Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest  
**Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord



Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – Mater Dei School, Christmas Break  
Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – PTO Board Meeting, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm, MDS  
Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – RCIA, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Parish Hall  
Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Light of the World, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Parish Hall  
Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – Boy Scout Training & Banquet, 7:00 am – 10:00 pm, Parish Hall

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**CHANCERY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** - The Chancery Offices currently have several employment opportunities: • Administrative Assistant, Office of Marriage and Family Life • Administrative Assistant, Office of Human Resources • Consultant, Office of Human Resources • Consultant for Student Services/Special Education, Schools Office • Housekeeper (Temp), Prairie Star Ranch.

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### LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

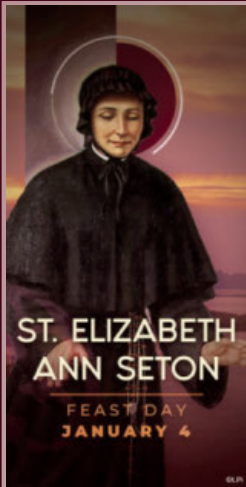
Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

### SPECIAL APPEAL FOR AID FOR TORNADO RELIEF--BISHOP'S EMERGENCY DISASTER FUND

**January 9<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection to help assist recovery efforts in the wake of devastating tornadoes that ripped through six states including Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee. Funds will be distributed through the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund for the humanitarian, long-term recovery and Church needs arising from the devastating tornadoes that ravaged these states and claimed many lives. Donations to the BEDF will support the emergency responses of our partners at Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as well as the pastoral and reconstruction efforts of the United States bishops.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the civic and faith communities affected by natural disasters.

## Saint of the Week



### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a

young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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**OUR RCIA PROGRAM MEETS WEEKLY** and is a great opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith. There is no obligation to attend every week, but you may be interested in the different subjects discussed. **Classes are Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Following is the

upcoming schedule:

- Jan. 5, 2022 – The Creed
- Jan. 12 – The Sacraments
- Jan. 19 – Baptism
- Jan 26 – Confirmation



Prep Classes are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Parish Meeting Room.

Baptisms are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month after the 10:30 a.m. Call the Parish Office, 785-232-7744, to schedule Baptismal Prep Classes and/or Baptisms.

### Evangelization Committee

Come join us on the Mater Dei Parish Evangelization Committee. New members and new ideas are welcome and encouraged. Help us to bring Jesus's mission for all of us to our parish family, to our local area and the country. To take a look for yourself either come to a meeting on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month** (6:00 pm in the school basement) or contact one of our members: Gabe Hillebert, Theresa Wicker, Ann Leiker, Deacon Bob or Diana Ortiz, Justin McLuckie, Terry Marlin, Kevin or Karen Mead and Andrea Hillebert.



### MONDAY NIGHT BINGO AT HAYDEN SPONSORED BY OUR PARISH

Come and play Bingo. It is a fun, inexpensive night of entertainment. You may even win some money while supporting our parish. Bring your family and friends. The more people participating, the more it benefits our Parish. Early Bird starts at 6:30 pm with Regular Bingo starting at 7:00 pm.

Thank you to those who have volunteered one Monday a month. We are still in need of a few more consistent volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Corey Everett at 785-414-0946 or [corey715@gmail.com](mailto:corey715@gmail.com). You can also sign up online at [www.materdeischool.org](http://www.materdeischool.org) and click on the "Bingo Volunteer" link. Thank you for giving your time to this essential parish fundraiser.

### Lighter Side

#### Divine Delivery

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain.

"It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"

### Job Opportunities



**Mater Dei Child Care Center is looking for a Full-time Toddler Teach Float.** Send resume to [materdeiccc@materdeischool.org](mailto:materdeiccc@materdeischool.org) or call Ms. Virginia, 232-1603.



**Mater Dei Parish** has a part-time janitorial position. The position is a minimum of 15 hours per week with the possibility of 25 hours. For more information, please contact the Parish Property Coordinators at 785-380-8777.

# IGNITE

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LIFE

*Come Holy Spirit, set our hearts aflame to defend life!*

## TOPEKA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

**JANUARY 25, 2022**

- 8:30AM DOORS OPEN
- 9:00AM SPEAKER PROGRAM
- 10:30AM MASS WITH THE BISHOPS OF KANSAS
- 12:00 PM MARCH TO CAPITOL FOR KANSANS FOR LIFE RALLY
- 1:00 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. MATER DEI PARISH, 10TH & CLAY



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*This free event is intended for youth, but all are welcome!*



Schuylor Baum - Navy  
 Jacob Crawshaw - Air Force  
 Ethan Figgs - Navy  
 Ryan France - Navy  
 Christopher Jones - Army  
 Joseph Immenschuh - Army  
 Mike Liotta - National Guard  
 Mark Lojewski - Army  
 Eddie Lyons - Navy

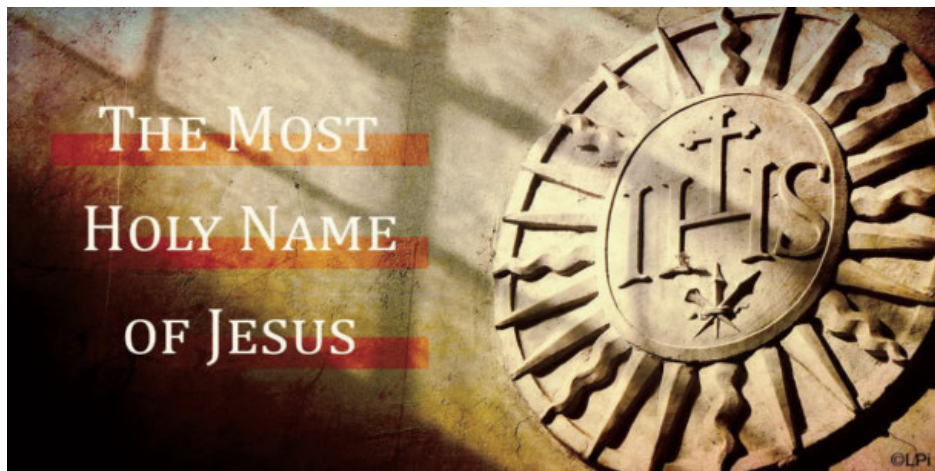
Jared Koopman - Army  
 Clayton Mettleton - Air Force  
 Benjamin Metzger - Army  
 Peter Oberle - Navy  
 Mason Pakerson - Air National Guard  
 Isaac Schreiner - Navy  
 Dylan Treadwell - Army  
 Garrett Wilson - Navy  
 Tyler J. Wilson - Air Force



Keith Adams	Ora Lee Gish	Cheryl Ness
Marge Barr	Betty Glettig	Daniel Osborn
Kenny Bennett	Joyce Green	Kay Payne
Rick Bloomquist	Pat Hanrahan	Karla Rodehorst
Marlene Gatesman Boboige	Kathy Hestand	Celia Rodriguez
Bill Bond	Scott Holmes	Nellie Rodriguez
Marcy Bowen	Erin Hutton	Josulyn Salsbury
Toni Brown	Delina Jones	James Shirey
Robin Burns	Larry Johnson	Troy Slusser
Mindy Darling	Michaela Lake	Del Smith
Mark Dechand	Kathe Langer	Susie
Mary Denise Dexter	Adriana Luna	Mellanie J Sutphen Strafford
Becky Boboige Egan	Jesus Luna	Tracie K. Sutphen Thornton
Jackie Erwin	Omelia Luna	Ren Valdivia
Kent Evans	Tim McCarthy	Austin Vail
Joe Frederick	Melinda Mitchiner	Deborah Weaver
Jeremy Frey	Lindsay Miller	Vena Willingham
Janice Gill	Royce Muller	



COLLECTION REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022		
Receipts for Dec. 4 to Dec. 10, 2021		Fiscal Year to Date
White Envelopes	\$8,307.00	\$185,963.37
Banking	\$6,313.00	\$113,260.78
Plate	\$816.19	\$18,550.32
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$15,436.19</b>	<b>\$317,774.47</b>
Amount Budgeted for Collections	\$15,000.00	\$345,000.00
Income Over/-Under Budget	\$436.19	-\$27,225.53



**PARISH RESOURCES COUNCILS, COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS**

**Finance Council**  
 Kevin Schmidt, Chairperson.....232-7744

**School Business Team**  
 Deacon Bob Ortiz, Chairperson  
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 Candice Schulz, President.....554-7104  
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**Knights of Columbus**  
 Doug Holmes, Grand Knight.....817-6936

**Altar Society**  
 Merrill Befort, President.....232-7744

**PARISH PRAYER CHAIN**  
 Erin Storrer.....224-6163  
 Gail Johnson.....286-1350

**Funeral Dinners**  
 Doris Estes .....224-8537  
 Mary Simnitt .....608-8192(c) or 234-6115(h)

**Event Coordinators**  
 Candice Schulz or Darian Hillebert .....380-8777  
 or email [events@materdeiparish.org](mailto:events@materdeiparish.org)

**URGENT LIFE RESOURCES**

**Pregnant? Need Help?**  
**Gabriel Project**.....913-602-0306  
 or gabrielproject.com

**Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline**.....877-558-0333  
 or AbortionPillReversal.com

**Post-Abortive Help – Project Rachel & Project Joseph:** Archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care

**National Catholic Bioethics Hotline:**  
 215-977-2660

**Suicide Hotline**.....800-273-8255 | 913-602-0030  
 |suicidepreventionlife.org

**Domestic Violence:**  
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 Warm Line.....800-922-8189  
 Valeo.....785-233-1730  
 Family Service & Guidance Center.....785-232-5005  
 Christ First Counseling.....785-272-0788



# Mass Intentions

## Monday, January 3, 2022

8:00 am Phyllis Simoneau & Family  
12:00 pm John Koerner †

## Tuesday, January 4, 2022

8:05 am St. Matthew  
12:00 pm Kathe Langer †

## Wednesday, January 5, 2022

8:00 am Wanda Osborn †  
12:00 pm Raymond Hafner †

## Thursday, January 6, 2022

8:05 am St. Matthew  
12:00 pm James Martin †

## Friday, January 7, 2022

8:00 am Donald Broxterman †  
12:00 pm Vena Willingham †

## Saturday, January 8, 2022

5:00 pm Deceased Members of the Martinek & Bond Families

## Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:00 am Nadine Seitz †  
10:30 am Zachary Zweig  
5:00 pm Mater Dei Parishioners



## Parish Directory

Administrator .....Fr. John Torrez  
Deacon Chris Seago.....232-7744  
Deacon Bob Ortiz.....232-7744

PARISH OFFICE.....232-7744  
Bookkeeper.....Amanda Kincaid  
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SCHOOL.....233-1727  
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Secretary.....Monika McCaffrey

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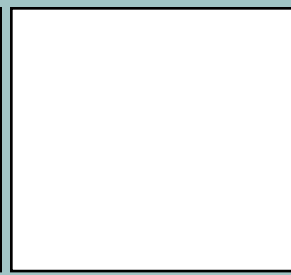
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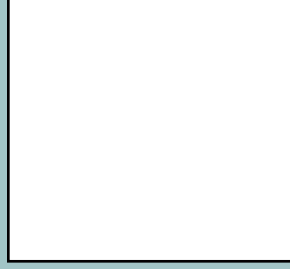
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