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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

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.

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Jesus never sinned. So why did he get baptized?

To be close to us. Instead of the waters cleansing Jesus from original sin, we can think of Jesus's submersion into the river Jordan as Him baptizing the water. By taking part in this ritual, Jesus elevates it. He raises it to the level of a sacrament, a moment when we know that He will be present, through which we can encounter Him. That's what happened when each of us were baptized. We became Christ's brothers and sisters.

And if we're joined to Jesus in baptism, then what he hears after coming ashore also applies to us: "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased." Through baptism, we become sons and daughters of God. This is our true identity!

Reminding ourselves of this identity—for instance, when we make the sign of the cross with Holy Water—transforms the way we live. If God is Our Father, it means our life is a gift. And it means He's inviting us into his work of generosity and love. How does this change the way we think about helping our parish community? About volunteering our time and talents? About supporting the *Archbishop's Call to Share appeal*? Pray about it and see!

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 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.



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

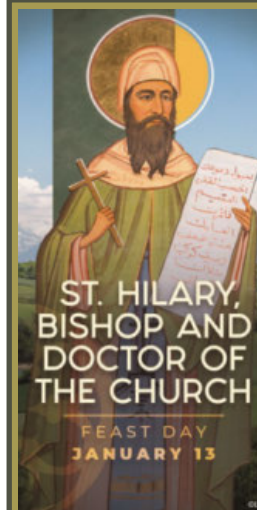
Mater Dei Assumption
Monday - Friday, 12:00 pm

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



St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | January 13

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353.

Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the

Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.



OBSERVANCE FOR THE WEEK OF January 9, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jan. 9th - RCIA, 9:00am – 10:30 am, MDS
Jan. 11th - K of C 4th Degree, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Rossiter Hall
Jan 12th - RCIA, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Parish Hall
Jan 12th - Liturgy Committee, 5:30 pm Parish Hall
Jan 13th - Light of the World, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Parish Hall
Jan 15th - PTO SK8 Away Skating Party, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

AFGHAN ASYLUM ASSISTANCE – VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY -

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas is hosting an Afghan Asylum clinic on the last Saturday of each month starting in January from 10:00AM-2:00PM. We are looking for attorneys, paralegals, or law students that could volunteer. Volunteers will assist with completing immigration legal documents and supporting clients in writing their story/need for asylum. Our long term goal is to also have attorneys and DOJ reps volunteer to be an Afghan Asylum Advocate that would represent the client at USCIS. The advocates would need to plan for at least 4-6 hours per client they are willing to support. If you are interested in volunteering, contact refugees@catholiccharitiesks.org.

TEACHERS WANTED - Are you looking for rewarding work in Catholic education? The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is looking for faith-filled Catholic school teachers at all levels from Pre-K thru 12th grade in our Catholic schools. The diocese has 36 elementary and 6 high schools. We have positions available for the right candidates. Applicants should hold a Kansas teaching or be eligible to obtain a license. For questions contact the school office at 913-721-1570. To complete the application, go to www.archkck.org/catholicschools/employment.

FIRE RETREAT FOR MEN - Stuck in the late winter doldrums, men? Join the regular guys at F.I.R.E. (Fellowship, Inspiration, Renewal, Engagement) at the annual Prairie Star Ranch retreat Feb 12 -13. The retreat delivers fire in a variety of forms, inspiring talks, Mass, quality time with Jesus, and creates new opportunities for friendship and purpose.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast following 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 16th in the Parish Hall



The Parish Office and Mater Dei School will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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 **3rd 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.



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. 12 – The Sacraments

Jan. 19 – Baptism
Jan 26 – Confirmation



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

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

"The chief service I owe you, O God, is that every thought and word of mine should speak of you."

St. Hilary



Baptismal Bib

Question:

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?

Answer:

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.

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Job Opportunities



Mater Dei Child Care Center is looking for a Full-time Toddler Teach Float. Send resume to 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.



Thank you to all the parishioners who donated to the Gifting Tree. The Parish collected enough to buy a \$50 gift card for each of the 43 Brighton House residents. We also purchased a whole car load of goodies for their Christmas party (Pop, chips and dip, guacamole, queso, candy, popcorn, etc.). They celebrated the holiday with a party on Tuesday, December 21st at 2:00. I was not allowed inside, but talked to the workers there and they were super excited to be thought of by the Mater Dei parishioners. A big Thank You to all the parishioners for their generosity! Fingers crossed that next year will be more normal and we can shop using the gifting tree tradition.

Kim Raines

Christian Widow and Widowers Organization (open to all faiths) will have a Potluck Dinner in the Culhane Room at Most Pure Heart at **1:00 pm on Sunday, January 16.** Bring a covered dish or dessert. Dime Bingo will be played after dinner. For more information, call Joann at 233-7350 or Doris at 273-2673.



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. You can also sign up online at www.materdeischool.org and click on the "Bingo Volunteer" link. Thank you for giving your time to this essential parish fundraiser.

Daughters of Isabella, Little Flower Circle - The next meeting will be held on **January 23, 2022 at 12:40 PM** in Yadrich Hall at Christ the King Parish, 5972 SW 25th St. A Rosary will be followed by the business meeting and social time. Masks are strongly encouraged. If anyone knows of a member or family member of Daughters of Isabella in need of the Circle's prayers call Diana Ortiz at 785-554-4256.

An invitation for all Parish members. Please join us on **Thursday, January 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm** in the school cafeteria. Michelle from **Formed.org** will demonstrate the services available for you, your family and parish. This is an ideal time to not only see how the program works, but also to ask whatever questions you may have.

MAGNIFY WOMEN'S RETREAT – MARCH 2022 - Looking for that perfect gift for the woman in your life? Desiring some time for self-renewal? Join us for a ladies' Lenten retreat at Prairie Star Ranch, March 18 - 20, 2022. The theme is Magnifying the Lord - in our own souls and also to others in the same way that the Blessed Virgin Mary models for us in her Immaculate Heart. Featured speakers include Fr. Edward Ahn, Kelsey Skoch and Fr. Andrew Mattingly, along with Katie Burton and Kaylene Brown. Take time to let the Lord speak to your head and fill your heart at this retreat that is for women thirsting for a deeper union with God while shutting out distractions of the current culture! More details and registration at mag90.com or email kaylene@mag90.com

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MASS FOR LIFE - 10:30 AM

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KANSAS MARCH FOR LIFE - 12:00 PM

March from TPAC to the Capitol; Rally on the
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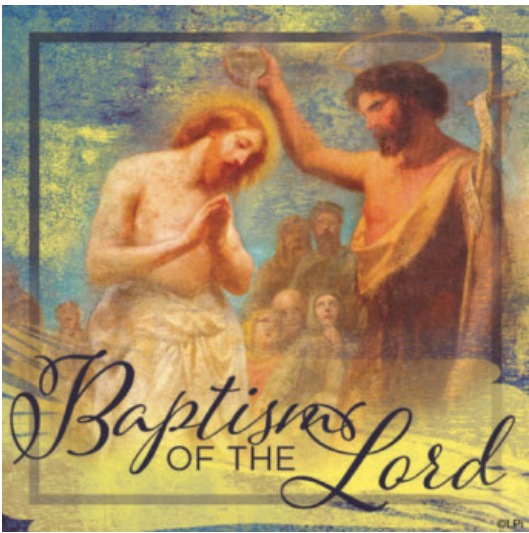


Schuyler Baum - Navy
Jacob Crawshaw - Air Force
Ethan Figgs - Navy
Ryan France - Navy
Christopher Jones - Army
Joseph Immenschuh - Army
Mike Liotta - National Guard
Mark Lojewski - Army
Eddie Lyons - Navy

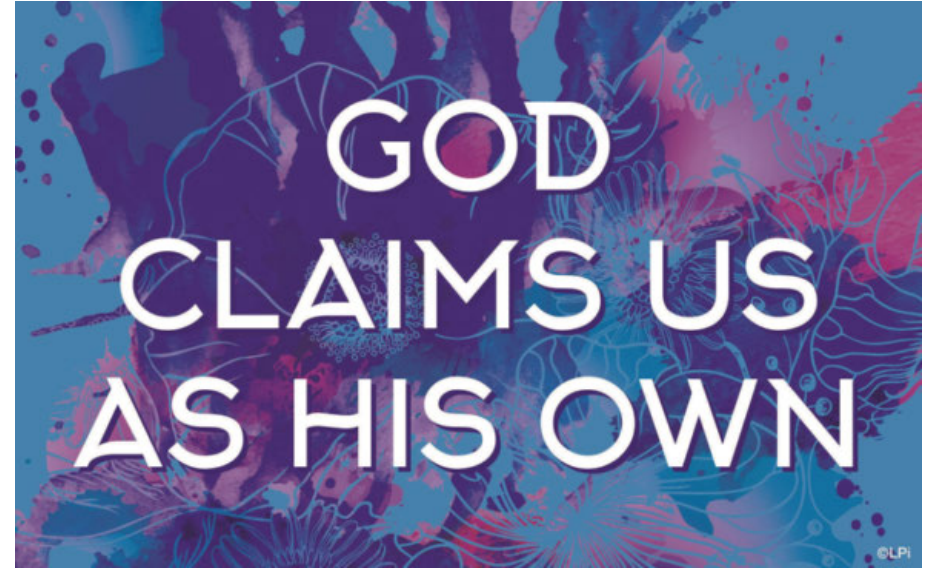
Jared Koopman - Army
Clayton Mettleton - Air Force
Benjamin Metzger - Army
Peter Oberle - Navy
Mason Pakerson - Air National Guard
Isaac Schreiner - Navy
Dylan Treadwell - Army
Garrett Wilson - Navy
Tyler J. Wilson - Air Force



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	Joselyn 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
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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	\$9,007.00	\$194,970.37
Banking	\$5,297.00	\$118,557.78
Plate	\$802.90	\$19,353.22
Total Collections	\$15,106.90	\$332,881.37
Amount Budgeted for Collections	\$15,000.00	\$360,000.00
Income Over/-Under Budget	\$106.90	-\$27,118.63



PARISH RESOURCES
COUNCILS, COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS

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

School Business Team
Deacon Bob Ortiz, Chairperson
ortizdiogm@gmail.com

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
Candice Schulz, President.....554-7104
or candice.d.schulz@gmail.com

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 Simnitt608-8192(c) or 234-6115(h)

Event Coordinators
Candice Schulz or Darian Hillebert380-8777
or email 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:
YMCA.....785-233-1750
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 10, 2022

8:00 am Charles Heideman †
12:00 pm Joyce Stallbaumer †

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

8:05 am Mass at St. Matthew
12:00 pm Agnes Feeney †

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

8:00 am # John Konrade †
12:00 pm Leo Ulrich †

Thursday, January 13, 2022

8:05 am Mass at St. Matthew
12:00 pm Dorothy Butler †

Friday, January 14, 2022

8:00 am # Charlotte Noland †
12:00 pm Vena Willingham †

Saturday, January 15, 2022

5:00 pm Gilbert & Gloria Leiker †

Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:00 am Gail Kaiser †
10:30 am Mater Dei Parishioners
5:00 pm Patricia Mahoney †

† Deceased # School Mass



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Deacon Bob Ortiz.....232-7744

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Receptionist.....Gail Munoz

SCHOOL.....233-1727
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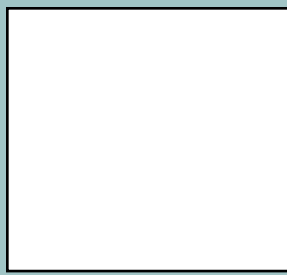
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