

Archbishop Naumann's Annual Appeal Homily

In the preface for today's Mass, the celebrant prays: "For in the waters of the Jordan you revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism, so that through the voice that came down from heaven we might come to believe in your Word dwelling among us, and by the Spirit descending like a dove we might know Christ your Servant has been anointed with the oil of gladness and sent to bring good news to the poor."

John the Baptist, a great prophet and preacher, is drawing tremendous crowds to repent from their sins and to be baptized in the muddy waters of the Jordan. The people are excited by the possibility that John might be the long awaited Messiah. John immediately squelches the rumors that suggest he is the fulfillment of Jewish Messianic dreams.

Instead, John prophesies that the actual Messiah is so much more impressive and powerful, and that the Baptist is not even worthy to do the task of a slave, loosening the sandal thongs of the Christ's dusty feet. Luke's Gospel describes Our Lord in prayer after being baptized

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by John, when the Holy Spirit descends upon Him, and the voice of the Father declares Jesus to be His Beloved Son. You and I have been blest beyond what our minds could imagine to be recipients of this New Baptism about which John had prophesied — a Baptism not only capable of cleansing and liberating us from the mud and grime of this sin fractured world but actually imparting to us the very life of God and making us temples of the Holy Spirit. Through the waters of Baptism, Jesus gave us His life and made us beloved adopted daughters and sons of our Heavenly Father. We have been baptized with Fire and the Holy Spirit, empowering us to continue the mission of Jesus to bring good news to the poor.

Through Jesus the Christ, the Anointed One, we have been anointed with the Oil of Gladness to proclaim the Joy of His Gospel to a sin saddened and despairing world.

It is our privilege as well as our responsibility to proclaim the Joy of the Gospel of Jesus. As Christians, we believe in a God who loves us despite our sin and disloyalty. We believe in a God who pursues us and loves us even in our weakness and unworthiness. We believe in a God who desires to cleanse us from the filth and muck of sin and to place rings on our fingers and clothe us with the cloak of gladness, the protective shield of His love. As beloved daughters and sons of the King, we are on a mission to infect the world with the Joy of God's love.

The world offers us many pleasures but is incapable of providing us with authentic Joy. Pleasures addict and enslave us. They leave us empty and unsatisfied, always craving more.

Jesus instead gives us the Joy of experiencing God's love for us. This Joy is not dependent on material things and the external circumstances of our lives. The source of the Joy of Jesus is the truth of our identity as princesses and princes of the King of Heaven.

Recently, the mortal remains of Father Emil Kapaun were discovered and brought home to Kansas. He grew up in Pilsen, Kansas and was a priest of the Diocese of Wichita. Chaplain Kapaun died in the 1950's in a prisoner of war camp in Korea. Father Kapaun posthumously received from our nation the Medal of Honor, and his cause for canonization is underway.

When the Korean War ended, the liberating forces noticed that there was something different about the survivors of the prisoner of war camp where Father Kapaun died. They had a hope about them and a spirit of camaraderie unlike what they had witnessed in the survivors of other camps.

When questioned about the source of this spirit of hope and concern for one another, the survivors attributed their unusual esprit de corps to their Chaplain, Father Kapaun. By his example, Father Kapaun taught his fellow prisoners that they were still free. Even in the harsh circumstances of the camp, they were still free to love and praise God. They were still free to care for and support each other. They were still free to love even their enemies, the guards who treated them at times with merciless cruelty.

This is the Joy that our Catholic Faith offers us. A joy that the world cannot give nor can it steal from us. A joy that is not dependent on the external circumstances of our lives but is the fruit of our identity as beloved sons and daughters of the Heavenly King. It is a Joy that we can still experience in a prisoner of war camp or in the midst of life's normal adversities or even during the perils of a pandemic.

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Each year after we ring in the New Year, Archbishop Naumann begins his Annual Appeal: A Call to Share (ACTS). The planning for this annual appeal is a year long process of people coming together and looking at the needs of the people that we are called to serve as the Church of Northeast Kansas. The year long planning process is not about how to increase the amount of dollars secured by the appeal, but rather a constant look at the needs that are present among the people that are served by our parishes and by the offices of the Archdiocese that work tirelessly in ministry with children and the elderly; with people of color and those with disabilities; with young couples preparing for a life together and all those who find themselves marginalized in our society. This was Christ's

call to all disciples.

Our call to Stewardship each year in the parish's annual drive is a reminder to all of us that we are responsible for the gifts that God has bestowed on each of us. And as stewards of God's gifts we are called to return a portion of them. Our annual Stewardship drive asks all parishioners to work toward a five percent return of your financial gifts to the parish itself, to offer another one percent toward the annual appeal by the

Stewardship Goal: 10% of our gifts returned to God

- •5% to your parish
- •1% to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal (ACTS)
- 4% that can be used for parish capital needs or other charities (i.e. United Way, St. Jude's, American Cancer Society, William's Fund, etc.)

Archbishop through ACTS, and to use the remaining four percent toward the charities that are also close to your heart. This is what Stewardship as a disciple of Jesus calls us to: a life of trust and relationship with the God who has bestowed these gifts. It is not a simple request, but one that demands a look inside of ourselves to find the trust and the faith to respond when we are called upon.

It is easy, and often a favorite pastime, to look at anything that comes with the Archdiocesan name tacked onto it as something outside of who we are. An "us" versus "them" mentality sometimes guides our thoughts when we are asked for dollars or time at the Archdiocesan level. "I would rather keep my dollars here," is often a thought, or "I don't know what they do with all that money." I always address this thinking by telling people, "We are "them!" There is no Holy Family Catholic Community without the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. And the dollars that we offer to this annual appeal benefit all of us in two ways. First, I am a priest of the Archdiocese and was educated in part by the funds that come from this annual appeal. Right now we are educating seminarians that will in the future serve this parish, or other parishes that you may find yourself part of in this Archdiocese. Second, many of the programs and ministries funded by this annual appeal directly affect hundreds of our families. The Office of Evangelization supports our Children's Religious Education program. Marriage and Family Life helps in setting our young couples on the path of marriage, the Youth Office oversees the work done at Prairie Star Ranch, our youth camp. In the same light, all those other offices and ministries do the work that we are all called to do, and they do it in our name.

aybe it is indeed the fact that the appeal comes from another place that doesn't sit right with us. If that is the case, let me bring it down to a local level: I am asking that you prayerfully consider a gift to this annual appeal! It is an important part of our ministry and our call to follow Christ. As you read Archbishop Naumann's message on Call to Share on page 3, know that we will all receive a letter asking for financial support for his annual appeal. Please respond quickly by mailing your gift or bringing it directly to church and placing in the collection basket. All gifts are greatly appreciated, and everyone can offer something. Thanks for your gift and for being such an important part of our parish family!

-Fr. Mick & Deacon Bill

2020 ACTS Goal \$36,614 2021 ACTS Goal \$40,003 2022 ACTS Goal \$35,000

2020 Holy Family Pledges \$34,204 2021 Holy Family Pledges \$30,640 2022 Holy Family Pledges



STEWARDSHIP:

RETURNING GOD'S GIFTS



Regular Collection

January 9, 2022	\$8,801.00
'21-'22 Income to Date	

New Church Construction

Cost	\$3,578,947.39
	\$3,114,206.45
Loan Balance	*\$464,162.96
Principal Balance	\$432,866.72
	\$7,641.93
*Includes interest on loan	. ,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

IT TAKES ALL KINDS

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself

and give encouragement to follow God's word?



Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

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Each year at this time, I invite you to participate in the annual Call to Share campaign that funds so many of our pastoral, educational and charitable ministries. This is truly a Catholic moment when we pool our resources, from Marysville to Atchison from Wamego to Topeka from Lawrence to Kansas City from Overland Park to Emporia, in order to do something truly beautiful together that none of us individually or no single parish can do on its own.

Your gift to Call to Share helps fund the formation of our heroic Catholic School teachers, the youth camps at Prairies Star Ranch, the Catholic Education Fund's efforts to provide scholarships to students, Catholic Charities resettlement of refugees from Afghanistan, the provision of food, energy and housing for those adversely affected by the pandemic, marriage prep for engaged couples, enrichment experiences for those already married, financial, medical and emotional support for those with a difficult pregnancy, exceptional care for the elderly at Villa St. Francis and so much more.

Your sacrificial gift to Call to Share is one of the ways that we make tangible the love of Jesus and proclaim the Joy of His Gospel. Each year, this is a moment when the goodness of our Catholic Community shines brightly, bringing hope and help to thousands. I ask you to pray over this invitation to support generously Call to Share and give what the Holy Spirit inspires you to give.

St. Catherine of Siena said: "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." God desires each of us to be His Beloved Sons and Daughters. If we live our identity as Princesses and Princes of the Heavenly King, we will again this year set the world on fire with God's love and shout out boldly the Joy of His Gospel.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

An acolyte is a person who serves in a ministry "that assists the deacon and priest during liturgical celebrations." It is a ministry that historically has been known as 'altar servers' in many parishes. An acolyte serves an important role in the community and in the weekly



Eucharistic celebrations. The ministry is open to anyone 4th grade on up. We like to have High School/College Age or adults acolyte for the biggest liturgies of the year, or when the Archbishop is present. We will have a training for all current acolytes on Sunday, January 23rd following the Sunday liturgy. And any NEW acolytes can also be trained that day beginning at 11:00 am. If you are enrolled in the Religious Education program, you will be excused for the session that you need to attend.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH

Sunday Liturgy at 9:30 am Sunday Coffee at 10:30 am Religious Education Classes at 10:30 am

MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH

Women's Bible Study at 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18TH

Daily Liturgy at 9:00 am Finance Council at 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19TH

Daily Liturgy at 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH

Daily Liturgy at 9:00 am Choir Practice at 6:30 pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21ST

Daily Liturgy at 9:00 am

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND

Reconciliation at 3:00 pm Liturgy at 4:00 pm The Chosen after 4:00 pm liturgy in Fr. Riley Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD

Sunday Liturgy at 9:30 am
Sunday Coffee at 10:30 am
Acolyte Training at 10:30 am
Religious Education Classes at 10:30 am

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Please pray for...Susan Pelzel, Veet Cleveland, Bernice Born, Tina Jinkens, Al Miller, Tom Pyle, Tony Schwager, Carolyn Miller, Allan Beck, Karen Heinen, Catherine Eggers, Tim King, Bill Miller, Henrietta Juneman, Joyce Weis, Carol Moore, Tim Mulvany, Ray Cates, Meta McInroy, Jan Benz, Linda Bruce and Deacon Chris Allen.

If there is someone that is need of our prayer, please email angiem@holyfamilyeudora.com and we will add them to the list of those in need of God's healing.

in paradisum

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Karen Heinen, wife of Bob Heinen and Ray Cates, brother-in-law of Brock Miller. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Tuesday, 1/17 St. Anthony 9:00 am † Ramona Wilson

Wednesday, 1/18 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am † Judy Godell

Thursday, 1/19 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am † Nathan Montgomery

Friday, 1/20 St. Agnes

9:00 am † Theresa Winters

Saturday, 1/21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, 1/22 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am † Mary Ann Schopper

JANUARY 22/23, 2022

Time	4:00 pm	9:30 am
Music Ministry	Candy Wilson Tristan Greeno	Maureen Brogren Debbie Kirschner
Sacristan	Meghan Barlow	Cheryl Devillier
Greeter	Vicki Gloshen	Michelle Lown
Acolytes	Hanna Keltner Aaron Stadler	Ryan Osburn Brody Wenger
Lectors	Dave Durkin Amy Stadler	Aly Harris Eric Magette
Eucharistic Ministers	Beth Crutchfield Ed Maschler	Bob Heinen Mark Schieferecke
Gift Bearers	Kendal Johnson	Joe Pyle
Ushers	Steven Brown Donald Weis	John Conrad Ken Keiter



TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

Add to the uptick in new COVID cases that it is now cold and flu season in Kansas. Please do the responsible thing and stay away from all church activities while you are active with either the cold or the flu. We need to



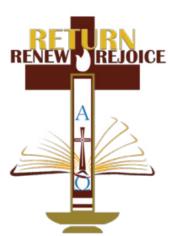
do all we can to keep each other safe and watch out the for the most vulnerable among us. If you are assigned a ministry but are ill, please put in for a substitute. If your child has a fever or has been ill, please keep them home from RE and email the DRE. Masks will be available in the narthex throughout the winter season for your use.

THE CHOSEN

The Chosen series, all of Seasons 1-2, will be shown in Fr. Riley Hall every Sat. night Jan. 15 - Feb. 26 after the 4 pm liturgy. FREE PIZZA! Please bring a side dish. Sign up in the Narthex Jan. 1-2, or phone or text Betty Thoennes (785-542-2984 or 785-615-1247) by noon of each preceding Thursday. Please join us if you can.

IF GLUTEN IS A MEDICAL ISSUE

The church does order low gluten hosts that can be added for consecration. Please know that is each person's responsibility to place the low gluten host into the ciboria where the offertory gifts are placed so it will be included. Please go to Fr. Mick if you are receiving low gluten during communion.



PARISH MISSION

Mark your calendar now for our parish mission, Return, Renew, Rejoice on Sunday, February 27th-Tuesday, March 1st at 6 pm each evening. Each night we will celebrate the proclamation of the Word of God, preaching and reflections, singing and praying together. It will be a grace-filled opportunity to experience in a special way the wonderful and incredible presence and love of God. Our mission preacher is Fr.

Tom Donaldson, a Redemptorist Catholic priest. He spent his early years as a parish associate and then 12 years giving parish missions, as well as retreats for priests, deacons, and religious. Since then he has served as a pastor in two different parishes that are staffed by his Redemptorist community. Fr. Tom will invite you to a deeper relationship with the Lord. You will be amazed to discover hos putting aside an hour each evening will create a lifetime of enrichment for your faith!

GOSPEL MEDIATION: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes t h e with expression of



great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

RE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

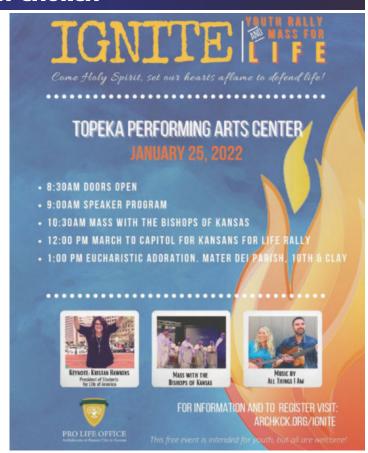
The RE Christmas Program has been rescheduled to January 30th directly following the conclusion of liturgy. RE Classes K-6th will perform in the program. Please have your child/children go up the front of the church after the liturgy and have them wear their Sunday best.

KANSAS MARCH & RALLY FOR LIFE 2022

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for IGNITE for LIFE January 25th, 2022 in Topeka! IGNITE for LIFE is the Catholic Youth Kick-Off Rally for the Kansas March for Life. It is an inspirational morning of praise & worship music, motivational speakers, and the celebration of the liturgy with the Bishops of Kansas. Following IGNITE, all are invited to join in the Kansas March for Life to the capitol for the Kansans for Life rally. This year as we defend life, we will also show our support for the Value Them Both Amendment! IGNITE is sponsored by the Archdiocese of KCK and is geared toward youth, but all are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, visit archkck.org/ IGNITE. "if anyone would like to carpool to either the Ignite event or the march and rally at the Capitol, please contact Tina Jinkens at 785-615-8373.

LIVING WITH CHRIST

There will be a limited number of *Living With Christ* books available through January 2022. After this month you may purchase your personal subscription to this service by going to https://bayardfaithresources.com/collections/living-with-christ. If this was a help to your spirituality during COVID you can continue to have them sent directly to your home.



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PARISH OFFICE

SACRAMENTS

- Baptisms: Celebrated the 2nd weekend of each month except for the season of Lent. Register on the parish website or by calling the parish office.
- First Reconciliation & First Communion: Celebrated each year for our 2nd graders. Contact the DRE to register.
- Confirmation: Is a 2 year program for our 7th & 8th graders. Please contact the DRE to register.
- RCIA: Contact the DRE to register for the RCIA program to join the Church and receive the sacraments..
- **Weddings** need to be scheduled at least 10 months in advance to complete the necessary paperwork and engaged classes. Call parish office to set up meeting.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered each Saturday from 3:45 to 4:30 pm, or call the office to set up an appointment.
- Anointing of the Sick: You may receive at the morning liturgy the 1st Friday of each month, or by calling the parish office to schedule.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 am, and the 1st Saturday of each month at 8:00 am in the Old Church.

Weekends

Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 9:30 am



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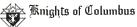
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