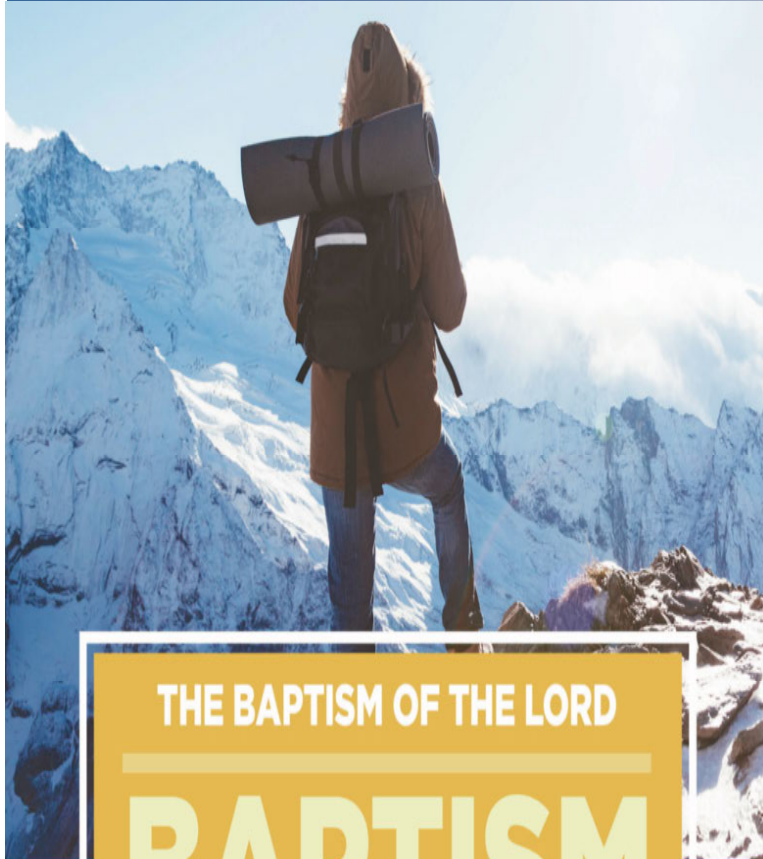




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JANUARY 9, 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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BAPTISM

"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

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Pre-Baptismal classes are on the first Tuesday of every **even month**, at 7pm in the Parish Center. Contact Parish Center Office or Theresa Dykes 760-1122.
Marriage: Please begin preparation at least 4 months in advance. Contact Parish Center Office.
Reconciliation: Saturday 4pm Holy Rosary, Sunday 7:30 am St. Bridget's

Website: www.bbccatholic.com



Knights of Columbus Council 975: Meets every second Wednesday of the month 7 pm in the lyceum meeting room.

Weekend Mass Schedule: (HR—Holy Rosary, SB—St. Bridget)

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. HR
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. SB
10:00 a.m. HR
2nd Sunday: 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass HR
*See inside for weekday mass schedule.

COLLECTION BASKET (903 Big Horn) 762-3343 New Hours

Mondays and Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.



We invite each new family and/or individual to register with us by calling the Parish Center Office. Registration enables the parish staff to assist you at the time of Baptism, Marriage, Illness or death. All 18 and over please register at the parish office.

PASTORAL VISITS: Contact the Church office for pastoral visits at home or in the hospital. 762-2009

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

We enter a time of transition not just of a new year, but a new liturgical season marked by the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. The season of Christmas has been such a blessing, and I am so thankful for the great generosity you have shown to me personally and to the parish. In the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord we see the beginning of Jesus ministry, and in our baptism in the Lord, we find the call to minister in our world. What do you feel the Lord calling you to in this new season? How has your journey with the Lord helped you to hear a new call to service and love of neighbor?

~ Fr. Matt

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the generous contribution to the Advent baby shower. Over 50 items were collected and will help local families in need.

VALENTINE BOXES

Family Life Committee will be packing Valentine Care Boxes this year for 2021 graduates from Holy Rosary. Please bring non-perishable items to the Parish Center office only during regular hours. For more information call Theresa Dykes 760-1122. If you have a 2021 graduate please call Theresa with your graduates' name and current mailing address to ensure they receive their package. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Week of January 10

Monday, January 10

- Communion Service, Marian 7:15 AM
- Bible Study, PC Library 9:30 AM
- Faith Formation Board Mtg, PC Library 7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 11

- Mass, Marian 7:15 AM
- St. Agnes Foundation Mtg, PC Conf Room 5:30 PM
- Stewardship Council Mtg, PC Library 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 12

- Mass, PC GYM 9:00 AM
- K-5th Grade FF Class, PC 4:00 PM
- 6-10th Grade FF Class, PC 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 13

- Mass, Marian 7:15 AM
- RCIA, PC Library/Chapel 6:30 PM

Friday, January 14

- Mass, Marian 7:15 AM
- Mass, Highland Park 10AM

Saturday, January 15

- Confessions, Holy Rosary 4:00 PM
- Mass, Holy Rosary, 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 16

- Confessions, St. Bridget's Church 7:30 AM
- Mass, St. Bridget's Church 8:00 AM
- Mass, Holy Rosary Church 10:00 AM

Community/Regional

In celebration of World Marriage Day, Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt will be presiding at an Anniversary Mass on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 4 p.m., at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. All married couples in the Diocese of Grand Island whose anniversary is divisible by 5 in the years 2021-2022 will be honored at the Holy Mass. Please RSVP to St. Mary's Cathedral, 308-384-2523, or email secretary@stmarysgo.com; or Glenda Stittsworth, 308-379-9325, email glenarch@charter.net, by February 7, 2022.

In addition, the Cathedral Ladies will be serving a lasagna dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on February 12th at Cathedral Square. The meal includes lasagna, garlic bread, salad and dessert. The meal is dine-in or carry-out. A free will offering is requested. Everyone is invited.

THANK YOU!

"Thank you for your generosity supporting the community Christmas food boxes. Together we served close to 200 families including 632 individuals ensuring they have nutritious food well into the Christmas season. Thank you for all your support both monetarily and collecting the food donations. The youth group was a huge help sorting all the donations of food! Thank you! ~ Karen Benzel, United Way

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 23rd, 6:30 PM United Methodist Church –and the Alliance Ministerial Association is hosting this gathering for great singing (guitar accompaniment) and scripture reading **in the context of praying together**. Please come for this meaningful time of community united in Christ.

 * January 2nd 2022 *
 * In marriage, communication is more than just talk- *
 * ing. At some point, did you stop sharing about the *
 * things that were important to you? Did your spouse? *
 * Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort *
 * to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a mar- *
 * riage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a *
 * marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow *
 * closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your *
 * heart and soul to everything you do, between your *
 * work and your family. Are you giving your heart and *
 * soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance be- *
 * tween a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it *
 * cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program *
 * designed to bring couples closer together. For more *
 * information about a Retrouvaille Weekend Program *
 * February 11-13 2022 to register call 1-800-470-2230 Or *
 * www.helpourmarriage.org, www.retrouvaille.org last *
 * day to sign up January 30th 2022 *
 * *
 * Russ & Iva Bolling *
 * Retrouvaille of Nebraska Coordinators USA *
 * 1012 West 13 Street Grand Island NE 68801 *
 * 308-382-9112 *
 * nebraskaretrouvaille@gmail.com *
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Parish Support

COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS & DECEMBER 26th, 2021

Adult	\$	3,078.00
On-line Giving	\$	1,405.50
Youth	\$	336.01
Plate	\$	195.00
Candles	\$	15.00
Building	\$	200.00
Building Insurance	\$	235.00
Christmas	\$	49,368.67
Immaculate Conception	\$	20.00
TOTAL	\$	54,853.18

Haiti	\$	292.00
Religious Retirement	\$	40.00

2021-2022 weekly budget	\$	11,538.46
Amount needed YTD	\$	299,999.96
Total Amount rec'd YTD	\$	299,903.17

COLLECTION OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Adult	\$	7,218.00
On-line Giving	\$	1,115.00
Youth	\$	33.00
Plate	\$	383.00
Candles	\$	24.00
Building	\$	790.00
Building Insurance	\$	100.00
Christmas	\$	500.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	983.00
TOTAL	\$	11,146.00

Haiti	\$	25.00
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2021-2022 weekly budget	\$	11,538.46
Amount needed YTD	\$	311,538.42
Total Amount rec'd YTD	\$	311,049.17



Holy Rosary Parish/Alliance

Parish Goal:	\$41,375
Total Raised:	\$31,090
Total Received:	\$27,653
Donor Goal:	120
Current No of Donors:	100



We have begun our weekly sessions of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) with our candidates. We meet Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center Library. Please keep our candidates in your prayers. They are: Seth and Leslie Hulquist, Melody White, Jeff Maddox, Tracey Hamilton, Dianne Marstellar.

January 13 The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation
Erin Armstrong

ST. BRIDGET'S NEWS

Parish Support

January 2, 2021

Envelopes	\$	2,260.00
Plate	\$	5.00
Youth	\$	21.00
Building	\$	71.00
Solemnity	\$	2,681.00

TOTAL: \$ 5,038.00

2021-2022 weekly budget	\$	1,650.00
Amount needed YTD	\$	41,250.00
Actual Amount rec'd YTD	\$	56,062.87

Diocesan Appeal	Goal:	\$9,435.00
	Received:	\$2,995.00
	Needed:	\$6,440.00



Morning Prayer Service with Communion

Services on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.

January 12	Kathey Andersen
January 19	Jeannine Gasseling
January 26	Kathey Andersen
February 2	Jeannine Gasseling



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JANUARY 16, 2022

LECTORS:	Celena Varga, Marie Cervantes
GREETERS:	Bruce Winten family
ALTAR SERVERS:	Libby Sorensen, Anthony Haas
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:	Joel Cullan

Altar Server Training

There will be a server training on January 19. Please plan to attend if you would like to serve at Mass.

Faith Formation/CYO

There is a Snack/Meal Sign up by the door for Faith Formation/CYO. If you are able, please pick a date to help.



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MONDAY, 7:15 am	JANUARY 10 Marian – Communion Service
TUESDAY, 7:15 am	JANUARY 11 Marian –Garcia Family
WEDNESDAY, 9:00 am	JANUARY 12 PC GYM– Diane Cottrell
THURSDAY, 7:15 am	JANUARY 13 Marian –Sr. Paula Archuleta
FRIDAY, 7:15 am 10:00 am	JANUARY 14 Marian –John Magdaleno Highland Park –Janet Williams
SATURDAY, 5:00 pm	JANUARY 15 Holy Rosary -Rebecca Bicak
SUNDAY, 8:00 am 10:00 am	JANUARY 16 St. Bridget's –Betty Stoner & family Holy Rosary –People of the Parish

++ WEEKEND ++ MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 15th & 16th, 2022

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Lectors

5:00 pm Sheila Schmeits, Larry Snyder
10:00 am Joni Sautter, Polly Magdaleno

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Cheryl Kusek
10:00 am Dale Collins

Altar Servers

5:00 pm Kenna Montes, Mikayla Seebohm
10:00 am Abigail LeMunyan, Morgan LeMunyan

Greeters

5:00 pm Jeremy & Karen Benzel
10:00 am Anita Olvera, Rizzi Curtiss

Music

5:00 pm Choir
10:00 am Klochs

Outreach Ministers

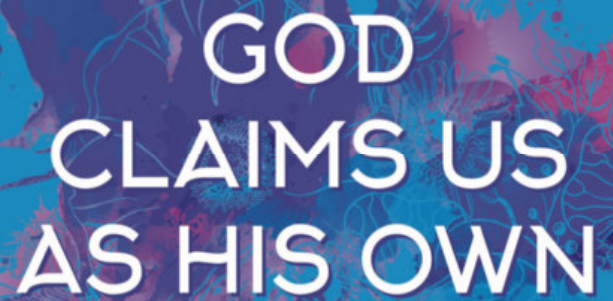
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GOD CLAIMS US AS HIS OWN

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."


— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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