

JANUARY 9, 2022 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:30pm SUNDAY: 7am | 9am | 11am 1:30pm (en español)

RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY: 11am-Noon SATURDAY: 3:30-4:30pm or by appt.

ANOINTED ONES: SCOTT HAHN REFLECTS ON THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jesus presents himself for baptism in today's Gospel not because He is a sinner, but to fulfill the word of God proclaimed by His prophets. He must be baptized to reveal that He is the Christ ("anointed one")—the Spiritendowed Servant promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading.

His baptism marks the start of a new world, a new creation. As Isaiah prophesied, the Spirit descends upon Jesus like a dove—as the Spirit hovered over the face of the deep in the beginning (see Genesis 1:2).

As it was in the beginning, at the Jordan also the majestic voice of the Lord thunders above the waters. The Father opens the heavens and declares Jesus to be His "beloved son."

God had long prepared the Israelites for His coming, as Peter preaches in today's Second Reading. Jesus was anticipated in the "beloved son" given to Abraham (see Genesis 22:2, 12, 26), and in the calling of Israel as His "first-born son" (see Exodus 4:22–23). Jesus is the divine son begotten by God, the everlasting heir promised to King David (see Psalm 2:7; 2 Samuel 7:14).

He is "a covenant of the people [Israel]" and "a light to the nations," Isaiah says. By the new covenant made in His blood (see 1 Corinthians 11:25), God has gathered the lost sheep of Israel together with whoever fears Him in every nation.

Christ has become the source from which God pours out His Spirit on Israelites and Gentiles alike (see Acts 10:45). In Baptism, all are anointed with that same Spirit, made beloved sons and daughters of God. Indeed, we are Christians—literally "anointed ones."

We are the "sons of God" in today's Psalm—called to give glory to His name in His temple. Let us pray that we remain faithful to our calling as His children, that our Father might call us what he calls His Son—"my beloved . . . in whom I am well pleased."



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RECONCILIATION Friday: 11am-Noon

Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

- † Indicates Deceased
- W Indicates Well-being

MONDAY, JANUARY 10 No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

7am	W	Morris & Janice Kosters	
8am	†	Mass at St. Martin	
12:10pm	†	Leo Zwetzig	
WEDNESE	DAY	, JANUARY 12	
7am	†	Robert Chleborad	
8am		Mass at St. Martin	
12:10pm	†	Joe Bowar	
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13			
7am	†	LeRoy Wolf	
8am		Mass at St. Martin	
12:10pm	W	Married Couples of Parish	
FRIDAY, JA	N	UARY 14	
7am	†	Rick Carlson	

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8am		Mass at St. Martin
12:10pm	†	Bob Klein

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30am	No Intentions

5:30pm † Rick Carlson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

7am	W	Parishioners
9am	†	Gerald Hansen
11am	†	Amy Munoz
1:30pm	W	No Intentions

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

OUR COMMUNITY

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SCOREBOARD

WEEKLY BUDGETED EXPENSE:	\$22,373.
WEEKEND:	DEC. 24-26, 20
COLLECTION:	\$48,068.
DIFFERENCE:	\$25,695.

DONATE ONLINE!

Our parish has been using an online giving system that strengthens stewardship and makes it easier for members to support the church. Using

the online giving system, members can give even if they are unable to attend Mass and change their contribution at any time. Please prayerfully consider making an offering to our parish through the Online Giving website. Your contribution supports the operation of Blessed Sacrament Church and its many ministries. Sign up today by visiting blessedsacramentcc.weshareonline.org.

PRAYERS & PASTORAL NEEDS

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED: Please pray for Bailey Schemp, daughter of David and Amber Schemp. Bailey was welcomed into the church on December 26th!

OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND: We pray for Cathy and Wilma Curtin, Russ Arnold, Dennis Amburn, Elke Kopriva, Maverick Mickelson Wagner, Bruce Anderson, Ron Drimmel, Madeline Giacoletto, Vern Johnson, and all those who are homebound, in assisted living, or chronically ill.

OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY: We pray for Joseph Matejcik, Tyler Ghents, Christopher Bradshaw, and all military members and their families.

PRAYER FOR THE HOME

We beseech You, O Lord, visit this home and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy. Let Your holy angels dwell therein so as to preserve us in peace, and let Your blessing be always upon us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



HOMEBOUND & LONG-TERM CARE MINISTRY

If you or someone you know are at home for an extended period of time or in a care facility and would like to receive Communion, pray the Rosary, or have a visit from a priest, please contact Dianne Aultmann at (call) 605.787.5637 (call/ text) 605.431.8125 if in a Long-term Care facility and Joan Brost at (call/text) 605.381.4478 if homebound. You can also email at homebound@blessedsacramentchurch.org. Please let us know if we can minister to you in any way.

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SCRIPTURE R	EADINGS Daily readings can also be found at: <u>usccb.org</u>
MONDAY:	1 SM 1:1-8; PS 116:12-19; MK 1:15; MK 1:14-20
TUESDAY:	1 SM 1:9-20; 1 SAMUEL 2:1, 4-8; 1 THES 2:13; MK 1:21-28
WEDNESDAY:	1 SM 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2, 5, 7-10; JN 10:27; MK 1:29-39
THURSDAY:	1 SM 4:1-11; PS 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; MT 4:23; MK 1:40-45
FRIDAY:	1 SM 8:4-7, 10-22; PS 89:16-19; LK 7:16; MK 2:1-12
SATURDAY:	1 SM 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; PS 21:2-7; LK 4:18; MK 2:13-17
NEXT SUNDAY:	IS 62:1-5; PS 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 COR 12:4-11; 2 THES 2:14; JN 2:1-11

PARISH SCHEDULE		
Monday, January 10		
8:45 AM	Room 107	Mothers' Bible Study
5:30 PM	Room 25	Art & Architecture Group
5:30 PM	Room 107	Corpus Christi Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Room 22	Art & Architecture Group
6:30 PM	Room 107	Art & Architecture Group
6:30 PM	Room 29	Cursillo
6:30 PM	Room 24	AA Meeting
Tuesday, January 11		
7:45 AM	Room 29	St. Ignatius Prayer Group
7:45 AM	Chapel	Flame of Love Rosary
9:00 AM	Theater	Women's Bible Study
12:45 PM	Room 107	Tuesday Women's Cursillo Group Reunion
6:00 PM	Room 107	Baptism Class (Class 2 of 3)
6:00 PM	Theater	RCIA Class
6:30 PM	Room 107	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, January 12		
7:30 AM	Room 107	BSC Prayer Group
9:30 AM	Room 107	Art & Architecture Group
12:45 PM	Room 107	Brown Bag Scripture Study
5:00 PM	Parish Hall	Wednesday Night Meal
6:00 PM	Church	Devoted Family Faith Formation
6:00 PM	Theater	EDGE Night: A Great Marvel
6:00 PM	Theater	Life Night: The Work at Hand
Thursday, January 13		0
6:00 AM	Room 107	Men's Cor Ad Cor
7:30 AM	Church	Dusting Angels
8:00 AM	Room 6	Quilters Group
10:30 AM	Room 29	Cor Ad Cor
10:30 AM	Room 107	Women's Cor Ad Cor
6:00 PM	Theater	The Bible Timeline
Friday, January 14		
12:45 PM	Room 107	Women's Cursillo
1:00 PM	Main Area	KC Blood Drive
6:00 PM	Jude Chapel	Lay Apostles Prayer Group
Saturday, January 15	*	
7:30 AM	Room 107	Men's Cursillo
10:00 AM	Church	Maria Munoz Bible Study
Sunday, January 16		·
12:15 PM	Theater	Town Hall Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BEATITUDES: STARDARDS FOR STORMY SEAS

Please join us at Terra Sancta Retreat Center for a mini retreat with Bishop Steven Biegler of Cheyenne on January 21-22. The retreat will include three conferences on the Beatitudes. We will reflect on the Beatitudes as a descrip-



tion of Jesus' spirituality, including how they express his relationship with the Father, his attitude toward and treatment of others, and his paschal perspective of the cross and resurrection. Intertwined with that reflection, retreatants will be invited to embrace the spirituality of the Beatitudes as the foundation of discipleship and apply them to their own lives. By living the Beatitudes, we can navigate the trials of life and keep a paschal perspective that the Lord is with us in our suffering and leading us to unsurpassable eternal joy. Register online at terrasancta.org/beatitudes.



Join Us for Our Annual

Friday, February 25, 2022 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall



THE BIBLE TIMELINE

Join Deacon Larry Kopriva for a walk through Salvation History. The Bible Timeline study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end, giving you the keys to understand the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. The Bible Timeline group will meet on Thursdays from 6-7:30pm in the Theatre, starting January 13th.

BELOVED MARRIAGE STUDY

BELOVED uncovers the mystery and the meaning of the sacrament of marriage. What if marriage is more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only



be fulfilled in your marriage? BELOVED invites all couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do." BELOVED begins on Wednesday, January 19th from 6-7pm in Room 107.



EDGE OUTING: GET AIR

Join us on Sunday, January 16th for an outing to Get Air! We will attend 11am Mass together, followed by lunch and air time. To sign up, call Matt Marchand at 605-342-3336.

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We are looking for members of our community to fill in as regular and substitute adorers of the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration. To sign up, contact Bridget at bridget@blessedsacramentchurch.org or call 605-342-3336.

RETURNING CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Catholics Returning Home is a six-week series for persons who are considering returning to the Catholic Church. The next series will begin Tuesday, January 11th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Therese parish. Contact Bob Wentz at info@ returningcatholics.net or call 605-939-0579 for more information.



DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PLAN MEETING

The Diocese of Rapid City is conducting a strategic plan for the next twenty years. Each parish is asked to hold a town hall meeting to introduce this process. Our parish meeting will be held on January 16th after the 11am Mass in the Theatre. In anticipation of this meeting, please review the following principles (see "Values as Proposed by the Committee" below) and be prepared to comment at the upcoming meeting.

VALUES AS PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE

- We believe that the Holy Spirit is leading the planning process.
- We will observe all relevant norms of Church doctrine and law.
- We will not presume that the way it has always been, is the way that it must be. Under the direction of the Holy Spirit, we will learn and be open to change as we engage this process.
- Every effort will be made to provide opportunities for all members of the parish to be aware of and involved in the planning process.
- The strategic pastoral plan should include proposals for the recruitment, formation, affirmation and support for priests, deacons, religious, and lay leadership for ministry and parishes.
- We acknowledge that not every part of the diocese, especially mission territory, functions according to the norms that typically govern parish structure and life. We will respect this diversity, and work as one body to meet the needs of all.
- The weekend Mass will remain central to our planning efforts.
- The support and nurture of healthy, viable parishes is paramount to our efforts.
- Parish priests should not say more than four weekend Masses (2 per day).
- Priests will not be asked or expected to serve beyond the canonical age of seventy-five.
- Considering the vast distances and small populations in much of our diocese, we will strive to balance the distance the faithful drive to attend Mass, the distance the priest drives to provide Mass, and the distances at which priests live from one another.
- If the parish church can accommodate everyone in one Mass unnecessary duplication of weekend Masses for the convenience of people will be avoided.



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