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OFFICE HOURS (Except Holidays)

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

For Holy Days & Weekdays consult bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/ RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m. and by appointment

BAPTISM

Parents, please call office for
Sacramental preparation

MARRIAGE

Please call office to begin preparation at
least 4 months before your proposed
wedding.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call office (or rectory 436-4000)

For Scripture Groups, special needs, etc.

Call 436-2290

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308-672-2334

BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY, 10:00 A.M.

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1) For special needs, Prayer Tree,

Gina Mattley 436-2388

Carol Lopez 436-5778

2) Eucharistic Holy Hour, Fridays, 6:00 a.m.

3) Eucharistic Prayer Day, First Fridays.

APOSTOLIC

Legion of Mary Mary Klemp

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY of COMMUNION

Call the Parish Office if you or someone you
know needs added to this ministry.

Call Marah ~ Shai 436-4008

CATECHUMENATE

For those interested in the Catholic Faith
or for an upgrading, September thru Easter
information call 436-2290

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

Church Etiquette: Priest Should be last in, and first out of Church

DAILY MASSES ~ INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan. 10
7:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, Jan. 11
7:00 a.m. Alice Didier

Wednesday, Jan. 12
5:15 p.m. Dee Berg †

Thursday, Jan. 13
7:00 a.m. Betty Robinson †

Friday, Jan. 14
5:00 p.m. Cletus & Lori Stevens ††

~ **2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** ~

Saturday, Jan. 15
9:00 a.m. Wynne Buehler †

Sunday, Jan 16
10:30 a.m. Domingo Sr. & Teresa Palomo ††

OFFERINGS FOR WEEK OF DEC.25TH—DEC. 31ST

Envelopes \$23861; Plate \$230.; Youth \$179.....Total \$24,270

Christmas \$17,091; Other \$442

<u>December Goal</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Amount Needed</u>
\$95,000	\$56,693	\$38,307

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Envelopes \$3985 ; Plate \$363 ; Youth \$36Total \$4384

On-line \$5039; Christmas \$465; Holy Day \$960; Other \$106

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' " (LUKE 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS JAN. 15TH & 16TH

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Methius & Zoey Gonzales
10:30 a.m.Katie Beth Soule/ Jay Bookman

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

5:00 p.m. (H) Joyce Kosel
10:30 a.m. (H) Barb O'Boyle

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m.Bob Gifford
10:30a.m.Gary Rimington

MUSICIANS:

5:00 p.m.Shelly, Casey & Renee, Shelly P.
10:30 a.m. Choir

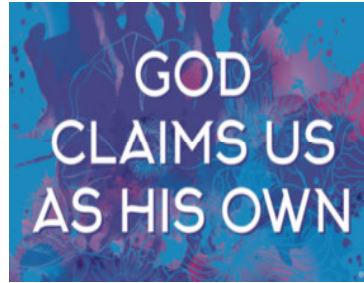
USHER LEADERS:

5:00 p.m.Ron Bordeaux
10:30 a.m.Joe Sanchez

TIMES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS FROM 3:00—4:00 P.M.

OR BY APPOINTMENT



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.

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11


Observances for the week of January 09, 2022

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

~ NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME...PLEASE COME BY OR CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER, 436-2290 ~

2022 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS COMPLIMENTS OF CHRIS & JIM REYES, "PRINT BROKER". MAY BE PICKED UP IN THE GATHERING AREA. BE SURE AND THANK THEM FOR THIS KINDNESS.



WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND STUDY. Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the Chapel to pray the Rosary followed by a study of the upcoming Sunday readings in the church basement. Everyone is welcome!


Provide warmth for children in need during cold winter months. The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season. Through the dedication of councils across the United States and Canada, hundreds of thousands of new winter coats have been distributed to children since program inception. Our Council has coats for boys and girls in various sizes and colors. These coats are brand new and available at no cost to any child who needs a coat. Point of contact is Grand Knight Alphonso Hernandez at 308-765-0129.



Faith Formation
Elementary Grades

Today, Sunday, January 9– Class Grades P-5, 9:10-10:15 a.m.
NEXT Sunday, January 16, 2022

1st Communion Parents **MANDATORY** parent meeting, 9:15 a.m. Ed Center Basement



Today, Sunday, January 9– Class 6:00-7:15 p.m.
NEXT Sunday, January 16, Class 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Once again, we are having a Sunday night meal after Mass for our youth. Can you take a turn to cook and serve a meal?

Calendar Change... There will be NO Religious Education Classes, LifeTeen or Edge on Sunday, January 23rd.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for dinner last Sunday!

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

LEGION OF MARY Not meeting at this time.
FRIDAY HOLY HOUR before the Blessed Sacrament this week at 6:00 a.m.. This hour is dedicated primarily to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for the return of lapsed Catholics to the Church.
STATUE OF OUR LADY The statue of Our Lady in the home of: Ed & Ann Connelly, 1230 M St., Gering. January escorts are: David Klemp & Neal Johnson.
If you would like to schedule a time to have the Statue in your home, please call Neal Johnson at 672-0535

If you would like the Vocation Chalice in your home please call the office, 436-2290

\$\$\$ Year end Giving... As you take into account your blessings for 2021, and if you are in a position to make an extra financial offering, would you, so that your parish may take care of it's obligations? It will also give you credit for your 2021 giving. If you haven't discovered it, then experience it for yourself that you can't out do the Lord's generosity. Books will remain open until January 15 for year end giving. Thank you for your continued support.



A very special thanks to the Knights of Columbus through their members Ed Connelly, Juan De Los Santos, Dominic Murillo, and Rodney Ybarra, who donated their time and expertise to help us professionally with our urgent need. May God bless them.

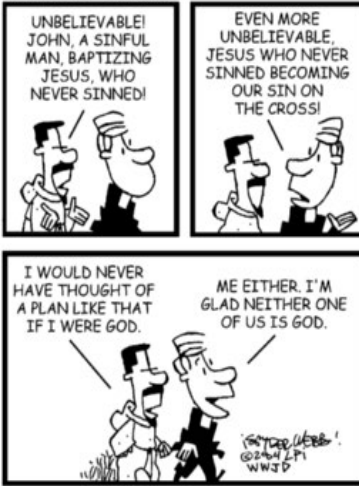
~ David & Christina Magdaleno

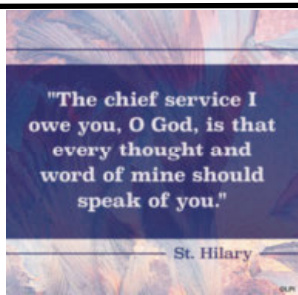


You're Invited to enjoy laughter and spiritual renewal at our Parish Mission February 6-9 at 6:30 p.m. each evening. "60 Minutes for Jesus" presented by Rev. James Sichko Papal Missionary of Mercy

NOT WILLING TO LET GO OF YOUR MARRIAGE? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope. **Retrouvaille** is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. **Retrouvaille** is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. For more information about a **Retrouvaille** Weekend program. February 11-13 2022 to register call 1-800-470-2230 Or www.helpyourmarriage.org, www.retrouvaille.org last day to sign up January 30th, 2022

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS:**

I Hope I Am Like Him! “Who is this Christ? Is he like you?” Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ. “He is

nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.” Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it. Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah. But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God. Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

THOUGHTS ~

“Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom.”

~ Isaiah 40 ~

“O bless the Lord, my soul.”

~ Psalm 104 ~

“The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires, to live temperately....”

~ Titus 2 ~

“You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased.”

~ Luke 3 ~

“We live our faith when we are open to God’s coming, when we persevere in His advent.”

~ St. John Paul II ~

“Wages cannot be considered as a gift, because they are due to work, but God has given free grace to all men by the justification of faith.”

~ St. Hilary ~

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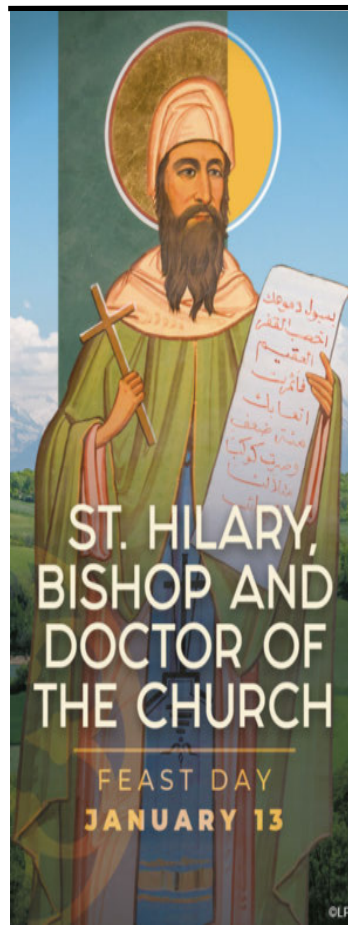


SMALL CHANGES... A new year signifies a fresh start for many people. How about a new take on different resolutions that can not only improve health but also be followed for life?

Sleep is essential to overall health and sleep deprivation can lead to serious consequences such as increased weight gain, heart disease, and depression. It's important to focus on your schedule and lifestyle

to determine how best to improve sleep habits. Try to decrease screen time before bed, reduce light pollution in your bedroom, cut back on caffeine and go to bed at a reasonable hour. **Pray** The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us "In the New Covenant, prayer is the living relationship of the children of God with their Father, his Son and the Holy Spirit." It may have more benefits than you realize; it promotes humility, [strengthens your heart, increases life span, improves attitude, relieves stress, gives hope ...](#) **Move** Even small movements can have a significant impact on your physical health such as muscle strength, bone density, joint flexibility, brain pathway regrowth, heart health and increased lung capacity. Mental health benefits of movement include mental sharpness with aging, reducing risk of depression/anxiety and increasing serotonin levels to improve mood and energy. Implementing small changes with consistency can make a positive impact on your life, not just 2022.

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ST. HILARY, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

FEAST DAY
JANUARY 13

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.



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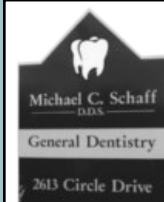
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