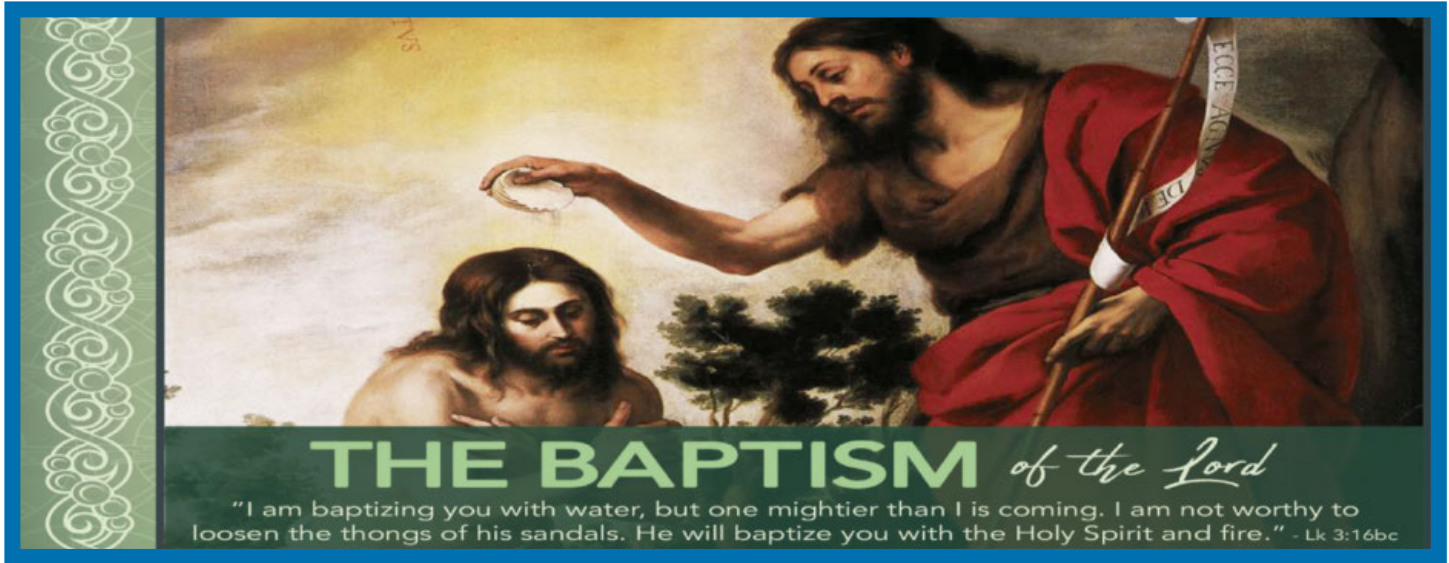


Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

GOSPEL MEDITATION: "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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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Penance: Saturday at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8a.m. Baptism: Contact the church office at 672-6352

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires a minimum of a four month preparation period. Please make early arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment.

IMPORTANT DATES

9th: CGS at 10am to 12pm
2pm take down church decorations
12th: All PSR/CGS classes meet normal
13th: 9:30am Helping Hands Sewing Circle
14th: 8:00am Mass/ 7pm Spanish prayer
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Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
[11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4,
24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

VISION STATEMENT: As Disciples in Christ, we are called to know, love, and serve God and each other in celebrating and living the message of the Gospel.

MISSION STATEMENT: We are a faith community who recognizes and acknowledges individuals' gifts and talents, encouraging spiritual growth.

Bulletin Entries

The deadline for bulletin submissions is Monday at noon for the following week's bulletin. If your submission is not on time, it will be held for the following week's bulletin. Please carefully proofread your entries for the bulletin, as they will be published exactly as received. Do not send attachments. All submissions must be emailed to: sacred_heart_bulletin@live.com

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following:

Rita Haen (sister in law of Ruth Menzer),
Madison Hunt-continue prayers for health,
Doug Will – health concerns; Michelle Jochems-
anemia, Lyola Hatfield-health issues; Elton Bow-
man-health issues; Barbara Agnew - health issues;
Dawnetta Park (Linda Johnson cousin)-health issues,
Tom Wenrich, Ann Souza-health issues, Teri Simpson's
twin granddaughters, Chandler and Chloe: in hospital
with RSV, Jim Kiley-healing from surgery, Becky El-
lis-cancer/health issues, Matthew Egging-heart issues,
Tristin McDonald-loss of child, Larry Conkle, Jeff
Jochems-prostate

Stewardship of Treasure for the Weekend of Dec. 26, 2021 Number of Envelopes -90

Envelopes	\$17,780.00
Offertory	565.75
Flower Fund	40.00
Total	\$18,385.75
Required Budget	\$7,200.00
Net Surplus	\$11,185.75
	Year to Date
Total Receipts	\$214,288.87
Required Budget	187,200.00
Net Surplus	\$27,088.87

We are still in need of more servers, Eucharistic ministers, Rosary leaders, and ushers on Saturday. Thank you.

THANK YOU Kim Evert, Linda Fletcher, Molly Webb, Donna Huff, Marilyn Alberg, and Susan Pixler for helping with the January Newsletter.

Reminder: We plan to take down Christmas Decorations, Sunday January 9 at 2:00 pm. All are invited to help.

Pictorial Directory in February

Feb. 23-26th we are making a new pictorial directory and you can easily make your appointment to be photographed by going to the church website and clicking the link. Please plan on an hour for your appointment. You will have a chance to review your pictures. You can also click the link in the newsletter, or the church Facebook page. You will need to go to February on the calendar to see the days to sign up.

<https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=3534502&typId=63945&step=2>

If you do not have computer access, you can make your appointment today. Just stop at the parish office. Be photographed for the new directory and receive your copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait of your family at no charge. To get your copy of the directory you must be in the directory. Make your appointment and do your part to make this the best directory ever!

The Diocese of Dodge City will be making a pilgrimage to Topeka for the annual IGNITE-Mass, Rally, and March for Life. We will leave on January 24th on a bus, spend the night, participate in the rally, then be back in Dodge City around 10:30 p.m. on January 25th. To register, please visit dcdiocese.org/offices/respect-life. Contact Emma Showalter at 620-227-1540 or dcyouth@dcdiocese.org for questions.

Sympathy: Please keep Pinki Liska and her family in your prayers, her sister, Judy Barker passed away recently.

Sympathy: Manuel Rivera Perez passed Dec. 30, 2021. He is survived by his wife Erika Delgadillo Rivera and two daughters. The funeral was held January 4, 2022 at 5pm with Fr. Floyd McKinner presiding. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Fr. Charles would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, and prayers he has received. Please continue to keep him in your prayers while he is on vacation.

The parish office will be closed Jan. 21st, Erin will be out of town that weekend to a family event.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God’s presence?

Second Reading: Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called “to live temperately, justly, and devoutly.” How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

Gospel: We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God’s words from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?

Calendar of Events
January 2022

Mon. 10

Tues. 11

No Mass in St. John

Wed. 12

NO Mass

4 – 6pm CGS class

6 – 7pm 2nd-6th PSR class

7 – 8pm 7th-12th PRS class

Thurs. 13

No 8:00 Mass

9:30am Helping Hands Sewing Circle

Fri. 14

8am Mass

7pm Spanish prayer/rosary

Sat. 15

4:30pm Confession

5:30pm Mass

Sun. 16

8:00am Confession

8:30am Mass

10am-12pm CGS class

10:45am Mass in St. John



January

11-13 No Mass

14 Cheryl Weese by Jeanette Gaider

15 (Sat. eve.) Pro populo

16 (Sunday)

Pratt – Robert Doolittle by Judy Doolittle

St. John – Fr. Jim Baker

New to the Parish?

We would like to welcome you to Sacred Heart. Please fill out this short form and drop it in the collection basket or in the mail slot at the rectory. Someone will contact you to help you complete your registration.

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Thank you for helping us include you here at Sacred Heart.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 2022

Week 3

SATURDAY, Jan. 15th, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Cecilia & Frank Jarmer
Commentator: Kim Evert
Servers: Daniel Ellis
Michelle Jochems, Eve Fields
Euch. Ministers: Don Hommertzheim
Gifts: Kim Evert & Family
Ushers: Roger & Kris Adelhardt
Sacristan: Erin Sluss
Rosary Leader: Pam Ellis

SUNDAY, Jan. 16th, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Joyce Temanson, Scott Stucky
Commentator: Josie Conkle
Servers: Adrian Tresner
Sarah Lamatsch, Lena Hampton
Euch. Ministers: Rick Stegman
Gifts: Lamatsch Family
Ushers: Gerald Bowman, Harold Voss
Sacristan: Robin Langford
Rosary Leader: Kay Jean Bowman
EM to the Sick: Not at this time

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