JANUARY 12, 2025

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

BULLETIN

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Pastor:
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Parish Office:
Hours:
Wed. 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm &
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620-475-3326
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diana@sjolpe.org
620-475-3784 or 620-794-1914

Mass Schedule:
Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am
Wed., Thurs., & Fri., - 7:25 am
The rosary is recited before weekend Masses @ 4:35 pm on Saturday evenings and 8:05 am on Sunday mornings

Confessions:
Saturday - 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Upon Request

Adoration:
Wednesdays: 8:00 am-7:00 pm in the Church

Other Sacraments:
Contact Parish Office

Parish Contacts:
Funeral Dinners: Linda Dieker, (620) 475-3567
Cemetery: Steve Redeker, (620) 475-3255
K of C: Doug Schmidt, (620) 343-0319
Family Life: Kay Schmidt, (620) 475-3767
Outreach: Arlene Redeker, (620) 475-3414
Finance Council: Kevin Flott, (620) 412-3275
Pastoral Council: Kim Irwin, (620) 475-3295
Religious Ed: Lindsey Ratcliff, (214) 732-3813

Check us out on Facebook:
St. Joseph Catholic Church

Sacristan 01/13/25 - 01/19/25
Arlene Redeker

Weekend Servers
01/11: Lilly & Alisa Skalsky
01/12: Volunteers Needed
01/18: Reece & Brylee Johnson
01/19: Sawyer McGee
01/25: Taitlyn Cole
01/26: Brailey Schmidt

Offertory Gift Bearers
01/11: Skalsky Family
01/12: Volunteers Needed
01/18: Johnson Family
01/19: McGee family
01/25: Volunteers Needed
01/26: Volunteers Needed

Weekend Lectors/Ministers
01/11: Jana Redeker
01/12: Dan Schneider
01/18: LeAnn Eberle
01/19: Greg Markowitz - Lector
Trish Markowitz - Minister
01/25: Jana Redeker
01/26: Michael Ratcliff

St. Joseph Prayer List
Linda Barnard
Bruce Bidwell
Sara Bidwell
Leon Brown
Alex Conley
Jeanette Reed Copeland
Dana Dengler
Vicki Dickson
Susan Haag
Sylvia Haag
Ginny Kiser
Kenneth Langley
Debbie Markowitz
Brian Martin
Shea Mueting
James Nunley
Olivia Pimpl
Jana Redeker
Mrs. Ken Redeker
Carolyn Satterfield
Richard Scheve
Danny Schmidt
Jackie Schmidt
Greg Schonhardt
Mike Wecker
Scott Wendling
Sonny Wendling
United States Army:
SGM Matthew S. Richter, Sgt. Austin Burenheide, Grant Fath, Pvt. Cory Owen
Major Jacob Haag
Marines:
Lt. Col. James Bechtel
Air Force:
Megan DePauw
Army National Guard:
Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	01/11:	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun.	01/12:	8:30 am	+Gary Trear
Mon.	01/13:	7:25 am	The Penning Family
Tue.	01/14:	7:25 am	+Charles Lutz;
Wed.	01/15:	7:25 am	+Kenny & Imogene Schmidt
Thu.	01/16:		NO MASS
Fri.	01/17:		NO MASS
Sat.	01/18:	5:00 pm	+Herb & Lorene Haag
			+Alfred Redeker
Sun.	01/19:	8:30 am	For the Parish

This Week's Daily Mass Schedule Changes

Weekday masses this week will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:25 in the morning. There shall be no masses on Thursday and Friday.

What Goes Up Must Come Down!

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas! You did a beautiful job! Christmas decorations will be taken down this Sunday, January 12th immediately following Mass. All helping hands are welcome and will be appreciated!

Knights' News

January Biscuits & Gravy Sundays, 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.:
January 12, 2025
January 26, 2025
Please join us for a warm delicious breakfast for a free will donation that benefits our charities.

The Knights of Columbus Annual Stag is only 2 weeks away on January 25th! Tickets may be purchased by contacting Doug Schmidt, Steve Kuhlmann, or Eric Schreiner. Ticket cost is $30 ahead of time or $35 at the door.

Thank You!!!

Remember all those wonderful recipes that were served for St. Joseph School lunches? Thanks to many past students' suggestions and the passion and organizational skills of Mary Flott, a cookbook of favorite meals was published and sold over the past year. We have received a check for $1,700 to be used to place a bench at the parish life center in memory of all the cooks that blessed the children of St. Joseph's School and to celebrate the volunteers of the many St. Joseph's festivals, and in memory of John Dieker.

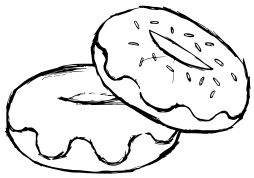
Last Week's Collection:

Plate	$ 436.43
Capital Improvements	105.00
TOTAL:	**$ 541.43**

Happenings around the Diocese

COMING UP

Stuck in the late winter doldrums, men? Join the regular guys at F.I.R.E. (Fellowship, Inspiration, Renewal, Engagement) at the annual Prairie Star Ranch retreat Feb 8-9. The retreat delivers fire in a variety of forms, inspiring talks, Mass, quality time with Jesus, and creates new opportunities for friendship and purpose.



Hole-y Doughnuts and Crockpot Saturdays

Reminder! The first Hole-y Donuts of 2025 will be next Sunday, January 19th!

Please help us continue with our Hole-y Donuts Sundays the 3rd Sunday of each month and our New Crock Pot Saturdays beginning after the New Year. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the back of church! It is encouraged that 3 or 4 families share in the Hole-y Donut Sundays and that all families bring a dish to share for the crock pot Saturdays.

Let's renew our community spirit in 2025 by joining with fellow parishioners for this time of good conversation and friendship!

We will supply the plastic tablecloths and tableware and cups. We will try it out and see how it goes! Please feel free to give suggestions or input!

Hope to see you all for fellowship each month this winter and spring.

Questions or suggestions?
Kay Schmidt- Family Life Ministry
620-350-5638

Parish Life Center Lottery Tickets

These lottery tickets make great birthday, anniversary, "thank you," or "just because" gifts. The proceeds support the Parish Life Center.

Thanks to the generosity of many, 483 of the 999 tickets have been sold. We have a few more weeks to complete sales in time for the new season, which begins March 2025 and goes through February 2026 with 365 chances to win! **Thank you!** to all who have sold and/or purchased tickets.

We sold out last year and hope to do the same this year! If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Kim Irwin (520-237-5188) or the Parish Office.

Pastoral and Finance Council Changes

We have a couple of changes, both in the pastoral and finance councils: Diana Kuhlmann is stepping down as the chair, while Aubrey Arnold and Lindsey Ratcliff are stepping down as members of the pastoral council; while Kim Irwin is replacing Diana Kuhlmann, Trish Markowitz, Kathy Stevenson, and Machelle Nuessen are joining the council effective today.

As for the finance council, Brian Schmidt is stepping down as chair while Kevin Flott is stepping up to his position. Laurie Schmidt, Melanie Kerwin, and Lynette Schreiner are joining the finance council effective today.

We sincerely thank the outgoing members for their service, welcome the new members and wish them all the best in their quest to serve our parish.

Pastoral Council Members:
Kim Irwin, Chair
Michael Dieker
Trish Markowitz
Machelle Nuessen
Mike Skalsky
Kathy Stevenson
Derek Temeyer

Finance Council Members:
Kevin Flott, Chair
Angela Blankley
Dave Kehres
Melanie Kerwin
Laurie Schmidt
Lynnette Schreiner
Carol Soyez

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Introduction:
The Baptism of the Lord is the great event celebrated by the Eastern churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the **Holy Trinity**, and the official revelation of **Jesus as the Son of God** to the world by God the Father. Hence, it is described by all four Gospels. It marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

Scripture lessons summarized:
The turning point: His baptism by John was a very important event in the life of Jesus. First it was a **moment of identification** with us sinners. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify himself with his people who realized for the first time that they were sinners. (As given in the anecdotes, St. Damien, St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), Gandhi, and Mandela identified with the people whom they served). Second, it was a **moment of God's affirmation** of His identity and mission: that He is the Son of God and His mission is to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation and to atone for our sins by becoming the "*suffering servant*." God the Father's words, "*This is my beloved Son*," (prophesied in Ps 2:17), confiirmed Jesus' identity as God's Son, and the words "*with whom I am well pleased*," (prophesied in *Isaiah 42:1*; referring to the "*suffering servant*"), pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by His suffering and death on the cross. Third, it was a **moment of equipment**. The Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending on him in the form of dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing. Fourth, it was a **moment of decision** to begin public ministry at the most opportune time after receiving the approval of his Heavenly Father as His *beloved Son*.

Life messages:
(1) **The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity**. It reminds us of who we are and Whose we are. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit.

(2) **Jesus' baptism reminds us also of our mission**:
a) to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them, and serving them in all humility;
b) to live as the children of God in thought, word, and action;
c) to lead holy and transparent Christian lives and not to desecrate our bodies (the temples of the Holy Spirit and members of Jesus' Body), by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy, or hatred;
d) to accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness; and
e) to grow daily in intimacy with God by personal and family prayers, by meditative reading of the Word of God, by participating in the Holy Mass, and by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

(3) **It is a day to thank God for the graces we have received in Baptism, to renew our Baptismal promises** and to preach Christ's "*Good News*" by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service, and forgiveness.