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The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Behold my servant with whom I am well pleased.

Reading 2: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 God anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	8	5:00 p.m.	ML	Parishioners		Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	9	8:30 a.m.	SH	Jerry Ricke	✠	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	9	10:30 a.m.	KW	Sally & Boyd Forester	✠	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday	11	8:30 a.m.	ML	Gary Miller	✠	1 st Tuesday in Ordinary Time
Thursday	13	8:30 a.m.	KW	Mike Lynch	✠	1 st Thursday in Ordinary Time
Friday	14	8:30 p.m.	SH	Joyce Ditgen	✠	1 st Friday in Ordinary Time
Saturday	15	5:00 p.m.	ML	Evan Withrow	✠	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	16	8:30 a.m.	SH	Roberta Lampe	✠	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	16	10:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: In the Sight of Such Love

You are my beloved . . . with you I am well pleased."

I find, even among people of faith, a certain reticence to being told they are God's beloved. We often sidestep the issue: "Well, God only loves Jesus like that, not me."

Even now, as you're reading this, you might be squirming a bit. It all feels a bit *soft*, a bit too *lenient*, a bit too *intimate*. After all, John the Baptist preached judgment, repentance, a little fire and brimstone—and the people were "filled with expectation" that he was the Christ. And then out of obscurity and into the water walked Jesus, meek and humble of heart, breaking not "a bruised reed"—and *he* was revealed to be God's Beloved Incarnation.

And from this bountiful sense of belovedness, Jesus heals the sick, forgives sinners, eats with outcasts, and spreads the Good News to all he encounters. He shares this sense of being God's beloved with us too, for we are baptized *into Christ*.

There's a wonderful icon, often called the "Harrowing of Hell," where the newly risen Christ breaks down the gates of hell and pulls Adam and Eve out of their graves. Below him, baptismal water flows, sanctifying the realm of the dead and despairing. Are Adam and Eve, dead for centuries, sunken in their sin, squirming at the sight of such love? No, they grab the hand of their beloved, who restores to them their own original belovedness. Today, in light of our own baptism, let's take Christ's hand, and follow their lead. Michael J. Sanem

Word of Life

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Build a Culture of Life"

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Kathy Dohm, Lennes Rankin, Mark Huffles, Greg Pennock, Adalynn Amerin, Myra Dick, John Dohm, The Ringer Family, Earl Kuhn, Cortlyn Hill, Ella Rundle, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Pete Eck, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Betty Schmidt, Jerry Blevins, Mary Contrell, Phillip Simpson, Mike Lynch, Dennis Larkin, Joyce Ditgen, KaSondra Mantey, Mabel Boor, Amari Allen, William "Bud" Becker, Gwen Spade, Vernon Rinke, Joe Hrencher, Gerard Ricke, Evan Withrow, Gladys Christensen, Victor Blick, Roman Blick Jr, Eulanda(Butch) Criser, Steve Eck, Ernest Young, Deven Leis, Art Junger, Ted Hauser, Jim Ricke, Laura Seiler, Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Triston Boor, Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

A New Ministry for Young, Married, Catholic Men

Mark your calendars for **6:00 AM, Wednesday, January 12th at Holy Rosary Parish in Medicine Lodge** for the initial meetup of a new ministry. This ministry, called *Into the Breach*, is designed to challenge young married men to develop a stronger Catholic faith and identity. We live in a time of crisis for religious faith and family life. Husbands and fathers are challenged to protect their families from a culture that has contempt for religious faith and values. Come hungry. Breakfast will be served. We'll be done by 6:45 AM, in plenty of time to get to work. For more information contact Brian Withrow at 620-213-0391 (cell).

Topeka March for Life

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.

New Daily Mass Schedule

We have added daily Masses to our schedule. Beginning January 4th, daily Masses will normally be: Tuesday in Medicine Lodge (followed by the Rosary), Thursday in Kiowa, and Friday in Sharon. All daily Masses will begin at 8:30 a.m. Please check the bulletin and website for updates and changes.

Ministry Schedule January 15th – 16th

Week 3	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Marilyn Traffas	Pam Malone	John Hagood
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Cheri Dohrmann
Lector 2	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	John Hagood
General Intercessions	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Ricke Darrin Hern	Marlene Kruckenberg Rick Hitchcock Cindy Summers	Brandon Warner Barbara Hagood Susan Ricke Jerome Ricke Kathleen Pennock
Servers	Rachel Fischer Cole Fischer Branden Fischer	Volunteers	Jhayla Alojacin
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Roger and Twila Angell
Sacristan	John & Kathy Dohm	Bev Miller	Brandon Warner
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke