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The Baptism of the Lord

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 "Behold my servant with whom I am well pleased."

Reading 2: Acts 10:34-38 "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	11	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	12	8:30 a.m.	KW	John Dohm	✠	The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	12	10:30 a.m.	ML	Charlotte Ringer	✠	The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday	14	8:30 a.m.	ML	Charlotte Ringer	✠	Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	15	6:00 p.m.	ML	Charlotte Ringer	✠	Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	16	8:30 a.m.	KW	Norman Fischer	✠	Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	17	8:30 a.m.	SH	Helen Eck	✠	Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	18	5:00 p.m.	SH	John Dohm	✠	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	19	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	19	10:30 a.m.	ML	Jaqueline Wood	✠	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

The Baptism of the Lord

As we celebrate the baptism of the Lord today, our scripture readings give us the opportunity to deliberate on the importance of our own baptism and re-discover its significance for our salvation. Little wonder that Jesus said: "**Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.**" (Jn. 3:5) Jesus' baptism confirmed Him as the beloved Son of the Father, who is to be listened to. It was for this reason that when the people were filled with expectation and were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ, John quickly directed their attention to Christ and said: "**I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**" (Lk. 3:16) The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus showed that He is God; and the truth of the Trinity is proven when the voice of his Father from heaven declared him as His beloved Son; with whom He is well pleased. (Lk. 3:22)

As people baptized into Christ and having been given the grace to do the will of God the Father through him, how much are we listening to Christ? We are called upon today to value and renew our baptismal vows daily. We are to listen to Jesus in all things. Our baptism demands that we seek the Lord now that He may be found and call upon Him now that He is near. This invitation warns the wicked to forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. All of us are called to return to the Lord in spiritual baptism by constantly renewing our baptismal commitments. -Father Emmanuel

From Father Emmanuel:

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all parishioners who have touched my life in a special way though your prayers and generosity, during the Christmas festivities and the celebration of my birthday. I pray and commit you all into the hands of God for His blessing. I wash all parishioners a blessed New Year.

CHURCH NEWS

St. Boniface Altar Society: Our next meeting is on Monday January 13th at 6:30 pm. Roll call is a book exchange. Come join us women in helping our church grow in our community.

All Parishioners:

- Holy Rosary welcomes EVERYONE to be a part of our Prayer/Announcement email chain! If you would like to receive the prayer request emails, as well as parish announcements, please send me an email with the email address that you want to be added to our contact list. My email is cdohrmann@usd254.org. MAY GOD BLESS US ALL ABUNDANTLY IN 2025. - Thanks, Cheri Dohrmann
- **“Tuesdays with the Diocese”** is an adult formation opportunity offered through the Diocese of Dodge City. Join other adults from the Dodge City and Salina dioceses to enrich your faith by attending one or all of these Zoom meetings on the following Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.:
“The Lord’s Day” February 18th – Fr. Ted Skalsky offers reflections on how to keep the Lord’s Day holy.
“The Synod is Done – Are We Done with Synodality?” March 4th – Fr. Robert Schremmer and Guests
“Second Vatican Council – The Universal Call to Holiness” March 25th – Fr. Frank Coady on how the laity can live out this call in prayer and practice.
To sign-up and receive the link to attend one or all of these meetings, go to dcdiocese.org/af
- **We are in need of Mass Intentions for all parishes.** These intentions are for the living and the deceased. It is requested that you donate \$10.00 per Mass Intention.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Edna Swayden, Karma Redgate, Isaac Venters, Theo Miller, Ken Ricke, Kelli Young, Lennes Rankin, Adalynn Amerin, Ralph & Myra Dick, Eileen Schmidt, John Eck, Juanita Ricke, Hugh Rankin, and Mary Eck.

For the Faithful Departed:

Charlotte Ringer, Rayann Rucker, Jacqueline Woods, Alicia J. Widdows, Kelly Capansky, Sandy Ricke, Bill Nittler, Londa Fischer, Beatrice Ricke, Ruth Blick, 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, Luke Fisher, Michael Castaneda.

Ministry Schedule for January 18th – 19th

Week 3	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Marilyn Traffas	Bev Miller	John Hagood
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Cheri Dohrmann
Lector 2	Randie Landwehr	Danny Archuleta	John Hagood
General Intercessions	Lane Crenner/Mason Eck	Danny Archuleta	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Schreiner Karin Traffas	Marlene Kruckenberg Rick Hitchcock Cindy Summers	Brandon Warner Barbara Hagood Jerome Ricke
Servers	Dexton Schmidt Lane Crenner	Volunteer	Jhayla Alojacin
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Roger and Twila Angell
Sacristan	Lawrence Smith	Bev Miller	Brandon Warner/Volunteer
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke

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