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The Baptism of the Lord

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Is 60:1-6 "Behold my servant with whom I am well pleased."

Reading 2: Acts 10:34-38 "God anointed him with the Holy Spirit."

Gospel: Mt 3:13-17 "John the Baptist baptized Jesus at the Jordan."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	10	5:00 p.m.	ML	Souls in Purgatory	✠	The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	11	8:30 a.m.	SH	KaSondra Hern Mantey		The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	11	10:30 a.m.	KW	John & Martha Hoatson	✠	The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday	13	8:30 a.m.	ML	Thanksgiving for Fr. Emmanuel & all clergy		Tuesday of the First Week In Ordinary Time
Wednesday	14	6:00 p.m.	ML	Right guidance for Pope Leo		Wednesday of the First Week In Ordinary Time
Thursday	15	9:00 a.m.	KW	John & Frances Greiving	✠	Thursday of the First Week In Ordinary Time
Friday	16	8:30 a.m.	SH	Mollie & John Ditgen	✠	Friday of the First Week In Ordinary Time
Saturday	17	5:00 p.m.	ML	Parishioners		Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	17	8:30 a.m.	SH	Deceased K of C members and families		Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	18	10:30 a.m.	KW	Vickie Blevins	✠	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

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The situation of blindness referred to by Prophet Isaiah is not limited to physical blindness alone, but it also has to do with spiritual blindness which prevents us from seeing the greatness of God's love in our lives and responding to his invitation to always do his will. We are kept captives by the passion of the flesh and thereby do not have the freedom to tap from the spiritual gifts of God. It is in Christ that we are brought out from the dungeon of darkness in order to share in the light of God's grace. Peter speaks to us today, as he did to those who gathered in the house Cornelius in those days that **"God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."** (Act. 10: 34-36) God proclaims peace to us through Jesus Christ whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and power. As he did in the past for the Israelites, Jesus still goes about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil.

Baptism prepares us to accept Jesus and creates a conducive environment in our hearts to enable the Spirit of God to lead us into living a life of righteousness. As Jesus indicate, baptism is necessary for all the children of God for the fulfilment of all righteousness. It was upon this condition that Jesus accepted the baptism of John. It is in baptism that the heavens open for us and the Spirit of God descends on us, and we are declared true sons and daughters of God. "After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" This is the manifestation of the Triune God. In baptism, we truly share in the life of the Trinity.

PARISH NEWS

Thank you to everyone that has given me cards and gifts during this holiday season, birthdays, and throughout the year! It is greatly appreciated, and I wish the best for you and everyone in our Parish Community. Have a Blessed 2026 Year!
~ Father Emmanuel Kosikumah

Join **St. Boniface Altar Society** gals for our monthly meeting **January 12 at 6:30 pm**. We will be having our New Year party, so bring your favorite dessert! Roll call is a book exchange. See you there!!

St. Boniface Hall Reservations. Please contact Bonnie Belle @ 970-406-1981 to reserve the Parish Hall.

Please consider praying for a loved one with a **Mass Intention**. Medicine Lodge is needing more Mass Intentions.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The **4th annual Pilgrimage for Life** will be held on January 31st. This is an opportunity to pray for an end to abortion and respect for all life. We will begin at 10 a.m. with a presentation by Chuck Weber of the Kansas Catholic Conference. He will discuss the 2019 Hodes v. Nausser case that ultimately led to unregulated abortion practices in our state. After a 2-mile pilgrimage, we will have bilingual Mass with Bishop John and conclude with lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus. Please RSVP online at <https://www.dcdiocese.org/offices/respect-life>

From Soil to Soul: Parish Gardens as a Work of *Laudato Si'*. February 12, 12:10 PM via Zoom. Sign up at [dcdiocese.org/stewardship](https://www.dcdiocese.org/stewardship). In this 45-minute Lunch & Learn, José Germán-Gómez will share simple steps any parish can take to begin a community garden. Learn how to start small, recruit volunteers, organize a sustainable project, and use parish gardening as evangelization and creation care. All parish leaders and stewardship teams are welcome!

A Pilgrimage of the Heart. The Heartland Center for Spirituality invites you to embark on a transformative two-year program beginning on January 10, 2026, dedicated to restoring humanity to the likeness of Christ. For more information visit our website at <https://heartlandspirituality.org/a-pilgrimage-of-the-heart/>

Digital Discipleship: Bringing the Gospel to Social Media - January 21, 12:10 PM, via Zoom. Presenter: Sonya Cooksey Sign up at: [dcdiocese.org/stewardship](https://www.dcdiocese.org/stewardship). In this 45-minute Lunch & Learn, discover easy approaches to creating faith-filled posts, reaching more people, and turning everyday parish life into digital evangelization. All parish leaders are welcome!

The January 2026 Monthly Notes are now available @ <https://www.dcdiocese.org/diocesan-news/monthly-notes>.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Nathan Honas, Delmar Ricke, Susan Ricke, Ellen Young, Bob Randels, Carol Walker, Edna Swayden, Karma Redgate, Isaac Venters, Theo Miller, Ken Ricke, Kelli Young, Lennes Rankin, Adalynn Amerin, Ralph & Myra Dick, John Eck, Juanita Ricke, Hugh Rankin, and Mary Eck.

For the Faithful Departed:

JoAnn Rinke, Dick Austin, Brad Mantooth, Bob and Lori Schrock, Eileen Schmidt, Charlotte Ringer, Rayann Rucker, Jacqueline Woods, Alicia J. Widdows, Kelly Capansky, Sandy Ricke, Bill Nittler, 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, Michael Castaneda.

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	John Hern/Mason Eck	Danny Archuleta	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Lawrence Smith Scott Dohm	Marlene Kruckenberg Rick Hitchcock Cindy Summers	Brandon Warner Barbara Hagood Jerome Ricke
Servers	Volunteers	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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