



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

*A voice came from the heavens,
“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”*

Mark 1:11

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When we go to a pop music concert, there is often an opening act. Usually they are a young group on their way up, or older musicians who are past their prime and still hanging on in the business. This is indeed a hard job. In the comedy world it is the same thing. You have to warm up the crowd. You are not who they are coming to see, and audiences may be unresponsive, come in late, or not pay a lot of attention. Yet John had no problem being the opening act, the messenger, the harbinger of faith for Jesus. He was very devout in his faith and knew what his role was. Many Jews were actively seeking a messiah, and he was quick to let them know that he was not the one for whom they were waiting. “I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Yet he conducted his ministry with faith and hope.

BEING THE MESSAGE

As John humbly carried out his mission and Jesus accepted this simple baptism by John, the Holy Spirit indeed came down upon Jesus, and God proclaimed for the first time, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Thus Jesus

began his formal ministry. There must have been much that he already knew, but also much that he uncovered each day in his encounters with the disciples and the crowds. As he responded “yes” to the Father over and over, his thirst was quenched and his spirit strengthened.

How many times do we witness baptisms in the parish? The priest ministers with simple elements of water and oil, but the Spirit is called down each time. Every time we participate, we are experiencing the message, experiencing the call again. How many times have we blessed ourselves with holy water, or participated in a sprinkling rite? Yet in these days, when church fonts are empty due to safety precautions, we need to remember those other times, trust in God, and sing the prayer of Isaiah in our hearts about drawing the water joyfully. We must trust in the message. We must become the message of God’s saving action through our baptism and our lives.

Today’s Readings: Is 55:1–11; Is 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; 1 Jn 5:1–9; Mk 1:7–11

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

8:45 a.m. St. Joseph, Flush

10:45 a.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. on Wednesday at St. Bernard

4:00 p.m. on Saturday at St. Bernard

7:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. Joseph

or call for an appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call for appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Must notify pastor at least

6 months in advance.

Shut-Ins

Call Joanne Burgos 785-456-7869

for Holy Communion

ST. BERNARD – WAMEGO

Mon Jan 11: 8:00 am Liv/Dec Emil Ebert Family
 Tues Jan 12: 8:00 am +Mary Ann Umscheid
 Thurs Jan 14: 8:00 am Liv/Dec Members of Bill Pope Fam
 Fri Jan 15: 8:00 am +Maxine Eichem
 Sat Jan 16: 8:00 am Evelyn Eakes
 Sat Jan 16: 5:00 pm Jill Peterson & Family
 Sun Jan 17: 9:00 am +Bill & Ruth Ronnebaum
 Sun Jan 17: 10:45 am Parishioners

+deceased

Confession: Fr Mike will be having confessions inside St. Bernard's at below times.

Wednesday (January 13)-4:45-5:30 pm

Saturday (January 16)-3:00-4:00 pm

Donations		Budget	
Last Week	Year To-Date	Budget	(Deficit) or Surplus
\$33,529	\$265,960	\$202,500	\$63,460

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ST. JOSEPH - FLUSH

Sat Jan 9: 5:00 pm No Mass
 Sun Jan 10: 8:45 am No Mass
 Sun Jan 10: 5:00 pm Floyd Peters
 Tues Jan 12: 6:00 pm No Mass
 Thurs Jan 14: 6:00 pm No Mass

+deceased

Stewardship last Sunday: \$ Thank you

Mass Schedule: There will be a 5:00 pm mass this Sunday, January 10. Next weekend (Jan 16 & 17), there will be no mass at St. Joseph's. The 65+ crowd is welcome to attend St. Bernard's Saturday night mass at 5:00 pm. Families are welcome to attend St. Bernard's Sunday 10:45 am mass.

Collection Envelopes: There are still quite a few boxes of collection envelopes to be picked up.

K of C Pro Life Baby Shower: The Flush K of C will be holding a Pro Life Baby Shower the entire month of January. A baby crib will be set up at the back of the church for baby items and monetary donations, or contact Richard Dugan, Gary Fike, Donny Umscheid, or Kevin Heptig with your donations. Thank you!

K of C: Meeting Monday, January 11 at 8:00 pm.

Religious Education: Resumes this Sunday, January 10 from 9:00-10:15 am.

MASS TIME & DATE	PRECIOUS BODY	PRECIOUS BLOOD	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS/GIFTS	CANTOR/MUSICIANS
Sat. Jan 16: St. Joseph 5:00 pm	No Mass					
Sun. Jan 17: St. Joseph 5:00 pm	No Mass					
Sat. Jan 16: St. Bernard 5:00 pm	Gene Scherer		Carole Conwell		Barb Lippman Karla Rosell	
Sun. Jan 17: St. Bernard 9:00 am	Chris Nolte		Dee McKee		Janet Vance Dave Vance	
Sun. Jan 17: St. Bernard 10:45 am	Doug Hermesch		Mary Ewing		Joe Haug Adam Magette	

BOTH PARISHES

**The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021**

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

— *Isaiah 55:1*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 55:1-11*.

Psalms — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Isaiah 12:2-6*.

Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) or *1 John 5:1-9*.

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Join us for a Virtual Weekend Experience, Feb. 26th - 28th, 2021. To sign up visit www.wmme4youandme.org or call Deacon Tony 816-741-4066.

ST BERNARD

Mass this weekend (Jan 9) will be Saturday night only at 5:00 pm. Next weekend (Jan 16 & 17) will be full mass schedule.

Pro-Life Baby Shower: Sponsored by K of C will be the month of January. A crib will be placed in the narthex to receive items new or in very good condition. Ideas for babies are newborn or preemie clothing, receiving blankets, diapers, bottles, lotion & powders, bibs, or baby towels & wash cloths. For monetary donations please contact Gene Scherer 316-530-4985.

Memory Poinsettia Flowers For: Bud & Ruth Keating, George & Eleanor Jueman, Louis & Bernadine Stegeman, Felix & Elsie Stegman, Joe & Patricia Ward, Doyle Diederich, Clem & Mary Waskowick, Eddie Wilburn, Skip & Michael Kane, Leo & Peg Wilburn, Earl Daylor, Calvin & Gladys Magnett, Clarence & Eileen Ziegler, Mike Ziegler, Carla Ziegler, Jean & Eugene Prockish, Mary Jo Hageman, Margaret Annan, Travis Prockish, Eugene & Jean Prockish, Louis & Cleona Weixelman, Vincent & Rose Marie Schletzbaum, Raymond & Lola Mae Scherer, Ron Dean, Robert & Kathryn Stallbaumer, Harold & Marty Fund, Rudy & Connie Elizondo, Jack Deweese, Gary Deweese, Mary Riat, Bill Pope Family, Bernard Peterson Family

Religious Education: RE for Jr High and High School will start back up this Wednesday, Jan 13 at 6:30 pm.

First Communion: Parents please be watching for First Communion info to be coming out soon!

K of C Free Throw Contest: The K of C will host their annual free throw contest on Sunday, January 17th in the gym at Wamego Middle School. Due to Covid restrictions, the boys and girls competitions will be held separately. Registration will be from 1:00-1:15 pm for boys and 1:45-2:00 for girls. All boys and girls ages 9 through 14 are invited to participate. Participants will compete in their own age and gender divisions. Winners will be issued a Knights of Columbus basketball. There is no charge to participate. For additional information contact Nick Cahoj at 913-620-2363.

Be the reason someone smiles today!

BOTH PARISHES

Mass, March & Rally for Life Events:

In recognition of the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn and the 48th anniversary of Roe vs Wade, please join the Bishops of Kansas in prayer via the Livestreamed Kansas Mass for Life on Jan 21 at 10:30 am. Link www.livestream.com/ArchKCK/KSMassforLife. All are welcome to join the Kansas March for Life in person beginning at 12:00 pm in front of the Topeka Performing Arts Center, 214 SE Eighth Ave, Topeka. The march will end at the Capitol steps for the Kansans for Life Rally.

9 Days For Life:

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE! JANUARY 21-29, 2021

9 Days for Life is novena for the protection of human life. Each

day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Please visit www.9daysforlife.com to join the novena (either via text or email) and for additional information.

Ignite Pro-Life Event:

Keynote speaker: Shawn Carney, Mass with KS Bishops, and music by “All Things I Am”. Program starts at 9:00 am. Link www.livestream.com/archkck/ignite2021

Mark Your Calendars for 2021 Parish Auction:

St. Bernard’s Auction is scheduled for February 20, 2021. It will be a virtual auction, and masquerade theme!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



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