



January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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**DAILY MASS: TUES-FRI 8AM**  
**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30PM**  
**SUNDAY MASS: 8:30AM & 10AM**  
**EUCARISTIC ADORATION: WEDNESDAYS 8:30AM-4PM**

## THIS WEEK:

### Monday, January 12th

No Scheduled Events

### Tuesday, January 13th

8:00 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. KC District Meeting at Little Flower

### Wednesday, January 14th

8:00 a.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00 p.m. CGS

### Thursday, January 15th

8:00 a.m. Mass

### Friday, January 16th

8:00 a.m. Mass

### Saturday, January 17th

4:30 p.m. Mass

### Sunday, January 18th

Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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# GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 11, 2026  
The Baptism of the Lord  
Matthew 3:13-17

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called "Behind the Mac – Greatness." It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, "There's a certain kind of person who doesn't wait for greatness. They make it." It's a compelling message.

There's beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can't anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today's Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn't preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." It's not a reward for success. It's not earned. Before he does anything "great," Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: "You are my beloved." That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— Father John Muir

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2026

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Tuesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Saturday: St. Anthony, Abbot  
Next Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASS INTENTIONS

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH

+Carolle Bartsch by Karen Liefson

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH

+Paul & Verdeen Sander by Varden Lang

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH

+Isabell Klein by Suzanne Watne

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH

+Murphy Family by Janet Murphy

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH

+Tomi Vennes by Jon Vennes

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

8:30 a.m. +Bob McDonald by Karen McDonald

10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

+Indicates Deceased



### CORRECTION:

We apologize that our January list of deceased members of our parish had not been updated from last year. Please also keep in your prayers the members of our parish who passed away in January 2025: **Greg Keller and Robert Schempp**

## EASY OFFERTORY GIVING WITH ACH

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**Solemnity of Mary:** Active 12-28-2025 through 1-11-2026

## DIVINE INTIMACY BOOK STUDY 2026

The Divine Intimacy book study at Little Flower with Fr. Phillips is meeting on Sundays following the 10AM Mass. Upcoming class dates: January 11; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1. All are welcome!

### STAFF:

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## UPCOMING SCHEDULE NOTES:

Father Phillips will be going on vacation following the 10 a.m. Mass on January 18<sup>th</sup> through January 30th.

***During that time, there will be no:***

- Daily Mass and Confession
- Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration
- Divine Intimacy Book Study (1/18)

Father Bruce Krebs will be filling in for Father Phillips for weekend Masses on January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep Father in your prayers for a restful and enjoyable vacation!

**Thank you!**

Thank you to our Environment Committee for decorating our church so beautifully for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Thank you, also, to those who volunteered their time to assist the committee.

## ATTENTION MASS MINISTERS!

We will be working on Mass ministry schedules for March/April 2026.

Please let the office know if you have any dates that will not work for you. Again, thank you for your stewardship and support.



We have a particular need for altar servers for the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass. This is a great way for children to become more connected to Mass. Children and adults are encouraged to serve in this ministry. Contact the parish office to learn more about server training.

## MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR JANUARY 17 & 18

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
<b>Rosary</b>	Janet Murphy	Dione Bohl	Barb Johnson
<b>Greeters</b>	Varden Lang	Ron & Korie Huettl	Arlene Fiedler Bonnie Brunner
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Max Stenberg Paul Kalamaha	Harper Miller Stella Miller Crosby Miller	Kirstin Brunner Dane Brunner Maizey Brunner
<b>Lector</b>	Dan Christen	Steve Miller	Jaimie Brunner
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Lou Ann Fleck	Karen McDonald	Deacon Stephen Young
<b>In-Home Ministry</b>		Deacon Stephen Young	
<b>Scrip Sales</b>	Tracy Christen	Sally Brown	Jaimie Brunner

## ANointing of the Sick

If anyone is preparing for surgery or is hospitalized or wishing to receive the anointing of the sick, please call the parish office (701-838-1520) or rectory (701-837-5943) to set up an appointment. You can receive this sacrament more than once. Please notify Fr. Phillips upon admission of a family member to the hospital.

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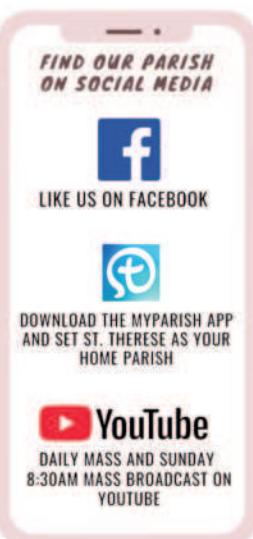
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TUES-FRI: 7:30AM-7:50AM

SAT: 3:15PM-4:15PM

SUNDAY: 7:30AM-8:15AM; 9:30AM-9:50AM

Confession can be heard anytime outside of listed times by appointment: 837.5943

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Materials on the life of Jesus Christ and his teachings help to make the mystery of God concrete for the child. The geography materials establish Jesus as a real person in time and space and Israel as the land through which God realized salvation for all. The Infancy Narratives announce the Incarnation of God moving from Annunciation to Mary, to the Birth of Christ, to the Presentation in the Temple. Models of a map of the city of Jerusalem and the empty tomb engage the child in the Paschal Narratives which the child experiences in a special way through the celebration of the Liturgy of the Light.



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## Family, Friends, & Brother Knights

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great and joyous season, enjoying time with family & friends with Christmas traditions and more importantly, celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we head into the New Year we are all excited to start off on the right foot and have new resolutions that we want to take on and accomplish, but it seems that after a few weeks we tend to fail and give up. I pray that you don't take on these challenges alone, keep Jesus and the saints in your heart and mind, with deep faith and daily prayer and you will realize that you can achieve your new goals while you grow in your faith!

I want to thank everyone who trekked through the snow and cold to join us and show their support for the Our Lady of Grace food pantry at our last breakfast. Everyone had such Christmas fun with good food, fellowship, and Christmas goodies and treats that our knights gave away. Our first fundraiser breakfast of the year will be benefiting our seminarians on January 11th from 8:30-noon and will be serving French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, muffins, juice, and coffee. We hope to see you there!

Also we want to give big thanks to all our knights who participated at the St. Leo's blood drive this past month and thanks to Jim Olson at our St. Leo's KC council for putting it together. It was a great joy to see all our brother knights come together and show their support at other KC council events.

This month instead of individual selections from our parish, our group would like to say thank you to everyone in our church as a whole this past year and recognize the great parish family we have. We are truly blessed for all the support we have from our families, knights group, and all others who help out in our everyday parish life. Know that we will be praying for all of you and hope that this year is full of blessings!

Thank you, Merry Christmas, & Happy New Year!  
Luke Audet, Grand Knight

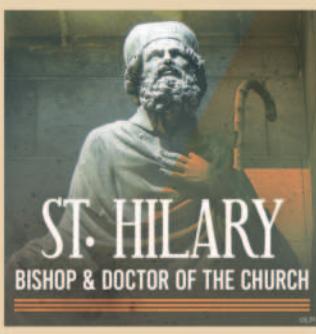
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**St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | January 13**  
Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.



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