

# Sunday, January 11, 2009: Baptism of the Lord

## FAITH CORNER



### HERE IS MY CHOSEN ONE

**Our baptism, like the baptism of Jesus, anoints us for our mission.**

Today's feast ends the Christmas season and begins the unfolding of the mystery of Christ week by week through the year. Jesus began his public ministry by asking for baptism by John the Baptist. Jesus received his Father's affirmation. He will now take up the task he was sent to do.

Jesus' baptism recalls our own baptism. At baptism we are claimed as God's beloved sons and daughters. We are sent forth to continue the mission of Jesus.

### National Catechetical Directory

*Christian initiation is celebrated in Baptism, Confirmation or Chrismation, and Eucharist. Through these visible actions a person is incorporated into the Church and shares its mission in the world. (#115, see also #116)*

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

*Through Baptism the Christian is sacramentally assimilated to Jesus, who in his own baptism anticipates his death and resurrection. The Christian must enter into this mystery of humble self-abasement and repentance, go down into the water with Jesus in order to rise with him, be reborn of water and the Spirit so as to become the Father's beloved son in the Son and "walk in newness of life":*

*Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him.*

*Everything that happened to Christ lets us know that, after the bath of water, the Holy Spirit swoops down upon us from high heaven and that, adopted by the Father's voice, we become sons of God. (#537)*

*On the threshold of the public life: the baptism; on the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration. Jesus' baptism proclaimed "the mystery of the first regeneration," namely, our Baptism; the Transfiguration "is the sacrament of the second regeneration": our own Resurrection. From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body." But is also recalls that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God":*

*Peter did not yet understand this when he wanted to remain with Christ on the mountain. It has been reserved for you, Peter, but for after death. For now, Jesus says: "Go down to toil on earth, to serve on earth, to be scorned and crucified on earth. Life goes down to be killed; Bread goes down to suffer hunger; the Way goes down to be exhausted on his journey; the Spring goes down to suffer thirst; and you refuse to suffer?" (#556)*

## Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. Jan. 10 5:00 p.m.+ Alvin Leiker  
 Sun. Jan. 11 9:30 a.m.+ Alfred 'Luke' & Greg Honas  
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 Wed. Jan. 14 7:30 a.m. NO MASS  
 Fri. Jan. 16 7:30 a.m.+ Pauline Walters, Benita Kuhn,  
 Francis Walters, Jr. &  
 Dwight Walters  
 Sat. Jan. 17 5:00 p.m.+ Maurice 'Mory' Pfeifer  
 Sun. Jan. 18 9:30 a.m.+ Vernie Mermis  
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

**Many thanks** for the lovely poinsettias. Contributing to our "Christmas Flower" Fund were: Wilma Augustine (Dick Augustine), Charles and Rose Ann Giebler, Virgil and Amelia Jacobs (Adam and Mary Jacobs, Otto and Odillia Brungardt), Duane Klein (Edna Klein), Howard and Arlene Rome (Joe and Helen Steckline, Pete and Rose Rome), Florine Sanders (Alvin Sanders), Jean Schueler (Eddie and Regina Zimmerman family), Esther Wasinger (Edward and Greg Wasinger), Don and Norma Weimer (Weimer and Dreher families), Linda Wood, Linda Braun (Don Braun), Imelda Flax (Frank Flax), and Edward & Anita Karlin (Martha Karlin Culbreath and deceased family members).

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WILL BE TAKEN DOWN

on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2pm as we return to the celebration of Ordinary Time on our church calendar. Your help would be appreciated as we end the Christmas season.

## FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**ADULTS:** What meaning does your Baptism have for your everyday life?

**YOUTH:** You were baptized as a member of the Christian community. What does it mean to you to belong to this community? How is it a support in your life?

**CHILDREN:** Why does Baptism make you special?

## Church Repairs

To Date \$49,790

## Tithing: Your Gift to God Our 2008/2009 fiscal year started July 1, 2008

Week Collection of Jan. 4	\$ 14,652
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$356,286
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$326,564
As of Jan. 4, 2009 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 29,722

## MONEY COUNTERS

Jan. 11	Richard & Trina Gottschalk
Jan. 18	Laura Hertel & Lucy Hutchison
Jan. 25	Melvin & Karen Bruggeman
Feb. 1	Neil & Sondra Klaus

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## Readings for First Week in Ordinary Time

### Monday, January 12

Hebrews 1:1-6; Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9;  
Mark 1:14-20

### Tuesday, January 13 (St. Hilary)

Hebrews 2:5-12; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Mark 1:21-28

### Wednesday, January 14

Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9;  
Mark 1:29-39

### Thursday, January 15

Hebrews 3:7-14; Psalm 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11;  
Mark 1:40-45

### Friday, January 16

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Psalm 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8;  
Mark 2:1-12

### Saturday, January 17 (St. Anthony)

Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mark 2:13-17

### Sunday, January 18

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19;  
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a and 9a);  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

## Faith Formation News

Classes in session,

-- Wednesday, Jan. 14

-- Wednesday, Jan. 21



**Sunday, Jan. 18** – First Eucharist

Retreat 1:30 to 3pm at IHM for all First Communion Candidates and parents.

## CYO News

**Next Meeting** – Sunday, Jan. 18, 6:30 to 8pm in the Parish Hall; Enchilada sales begin.

## Jr. CYO News

**Jan. 25:** Our Jr. CYO members will be getting together to help plan for the upcoming parish Stewardship Fair. We will be designing our Jr. CYO display board and creating items to be distributed during the fair. Fun and games will follow.

## Catholic Websites

Adults – Catholic Online

<http://www.catholiconline.org>

Families – Catholic Exchange

<http://catholicexchange.com>

Children – Holy Spirit Interactive Kids Zone

<http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids>

Teens - PhatMass

<http://www.phatmass.com>

**CLERGY RENEWAL DAYS:** The diocesan priests of the Salina Diocese will be gathering this week in Wichita for Clergy Renewal Days. Pray that they will have a restful and spiritual filled week. There will be no Mass on Wednesday of this week as Fr. Daryl will be in Wichita.



**St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus** is again sponsoring the Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower. A playpen will be available in the gathering space of church to collect baby and young mother items. These will be presented to the Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home in early February. Contact Bill or Teresa Heimann at 623-4737. Many thanks for your generosity!

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Through the blood and water of Jesus Christ, we are born anew and are worthy of becoming sons and daughters of God. The victory of faith is ours.

If you struggle with your faith – believing God cannot forgive you, we can help.

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

*Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time*

Next retreat: Jan. 30-Feb. 1

877-I-GRIEVE (877-447-4383)

[rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org](mailto:rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org)

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**D of I** will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan 13, in the IHM Activity Center at 7pm. All members are encouraged to attend. Any member who has not paid their yearly dues can pay them at the meeting.

## St. Joseph's Food Pantry

-- 180 boxes were distributed on the Dec. 20, Pantry Day!

-- Item for the month for January: Cereal Items! Hot & Cold cereals, Pancake Mix...All are appreciated!

-- Medium-sized boxes that can be closed are also needed. ***NOTE: Due to the directives from the Fire Marshal's recent visit, boxes are no longer to be left in the East Stairwell of the Parish Service Center. Also, please DO NOT leave boxes outside the East Door. Boxes will now be collected in the space office down the hall from the Religious Education Office.***

-- Volunteers are needed for the Jan. 17, & Feb. 7, pantry dates.

-- Please call (628-8434) or e-mail ([michauds@ruraltel.net](mailto:michauds@ruraltel.net)) Renee for details if you are interested in volunteering on a pantry day.

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## Holy Family Elementary

Jan. 12 - Home & School Mtg., 7pm, Little Theatre

Jan. 18 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Eucharist Retreat, 1:30 to 3:00, IHM

Jan. 22 - January Birthday Mass & Dinner

Jan. 25 - Annual Chili Supper, 4 to 7pm, Little Theatre/Activity Center

Jan. 25-30 - Catholic Schools Week

Jan. 27 - 2009-2010 Preschool/Kindergarten Information Night; Preschool 7pm, Little Theatre; Kindergarten, 7:30pm, Activity Center.

-- Holy Family is supporting the Hays High School DECA project to collect can tabs for Ronald McDonald House in Wichita. Should you wish to participate, please turn your tabs into the office.

-- Thank you for collecting Box Tops, Campbell UPC's, Nestle Water Labels, McDonald Receipts, and recycling aluminum cans for HFE. Every label counts at our school and benefits our students. All school label collection day is Wednesday.



-- Catholic School's Week is being celebrated around the nation the week of Jan. 25 through Feb. 1.

-- TMP-Marian will be offering a summer driver education program. There will be a meeting on Sunday, March 8, in the school dining room.

-- Feb. 19, High School for a day for all local and surrounding 8<sup>th</sup> Graders from 8:30am until 1:30pm. Transportation will be provided. Please RSVP to your school secretary and they will let us know.

**Dillons Coupons will be available after all Masses this weekend, Jan. 10 & 11.**



**Are you looking for some good reading, but aren't interested in another magazine subscription? We have a solution!!** Take a look at the new **Catholic Reading Center** located on the south side of the gathering space. Assembled there are a variety of wonderful reading resources. On the table are free reading items and in the rack are items to purchase. Use the handy envelopes on the rack for your donations. St. Nicholas Parish will keep 20% of all sales. So you get quality reading with no hassle and help the parish at the same time. Contact Kathy in the parish office if you have suggestions for other titles.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 17 & 18

### Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

<b>EM</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Sr. Vivian Kleinsorge	Jeanie Munsch	Ryan Hagans
John Allen	Jason Mayers #2	

Darlene Arnhold	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Sacristan</b>
Mike Konz	Alayna Arnhold	June Allen

Laurie Konz	Alysia Arnhold	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Gracemary Melvin	Raeleann Weigel	Eugene Zimmer

### Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

<b>EM</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Joel Dreiling	Terry Lang #1	Bill Montgomery
Deb Kraus	Bill Weber #2	

Darlene Kroeger	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Sacristan</b>
Rick Rajewski	Jenna Lang	Paul Kraus

Brad Unrein	Grace Volker	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Lisa Unrein	Morgan Weber	Eric Moeder

### Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

<b>EM</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Mary Braden	Patty Stull #1	John Hertel

Randall Braden	Mary Hickman #2	<b>Sacristan</b>
Sara Humphrey		Kathy Jacobs

Galen Pfeifer	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Cathy Pfeifer	Tara Hertel	Troy Hickman

Kathy Taylor	Brett Hertel	
Jorge Vazquez	Emma Humphrey	

**FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE**—On Jan. 31, 2009, a Family Life Conference: "Responding to God on the Spiritual Journey." will be held at St. Andrew's Parish and is sponsored by the Diocese of Salina Family Life Commission and Immaculate Conception, Solomon; St. Michaels, Chapman; St. Andrews, Abilene. Dr. Phillip St. Romain, a notable speaker, spiritual director, and author will give the keynote presentation, "The Five Consents." A youth keynote and break out sessions for grades 7-12 are being offered. Childcare is available for younger children. This is an outstanding opportunity for the entire family. Please help us promote it to Catholic families in our Diocese. Information about the conference may also be accessed on the web at: [www.catholiccharitiessalina.org](http://www.catholiccharitiessalina.org), [www.smchapmanparish.org](http://www.smchapmanparish.org), & [www.salinadiocese.org](http://www.salinadiocese.org).

### Catholicism: Responding to the Call

Jesus not only calls people to him but also forms them and sends them out in his service. Being sent on a mission is a consequence of being a disciple. Whoever wants to follow Jesus will have to do work on his behalf, spreading the Good News and serving others. Jesus' call is urgent. It is at this moment in these circumstances. But a person can say "No" to Jesus. Attachment to possessions is always, more or less, a problem for both individuals and the faith community. The rich young man went away sad. (Matt 19:22). Stewardship heals this attachment to unimportant things.

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## St. Nicholas Whole Parish Meeting

Please mark your calendar for the *St. Nicholas Whole Parish Meeting* which will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 7pm. More information will be forthcoming as the date gets closer.

## Roe vs. Wade Memorial Service & Procession – Saturday, Jan. 17

The annual prayer service and procession lamenting the abominable Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision and begging God's forgiving grace will be Saturday, January 17 at 9am, at St. Joseph Parish. After the approximately one-half hour service, we will proceed to and pray at the Ellis County Courthouse and Planned Parenthood, then return to St. Joseph's. It's been 35 years and approximately 50,000,000 abortions since that ungodly ruling was made law by the U.S. Supreme Court. Only prayer, fasting, and acts of repentance will overturn it.

## Introducing Seniors Sharing Card Bingo, Jan. 23

The Seniors Sharing ministry is introducing "Card Bingo". This, as all our events, is for people of all ages. You are welcome to invite family members and friends, Catholic or non-Catholic. Our participants have enjoyed all the game events we have held. Join us, at the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall, Friday, Jan. 23, from 2:30 – 4:30pm. There will be prizes. Desserts and refreshments will be served. For more information contact Laura Sadeghi 635-3323.



## Next Seniors Bunko, Thursday, Feb. 12

The next Bunko party will be Thursday, Feb. 12, at 2:30pm, in the St. Nicholas of Myra parish hall.

## Next First Friday Respect Life Mass – Feb. 6

Our next monthly Respect Life Mass will be Friday, Feb. 6, at 5:30pm, at St. Joseph Parish. It is preceded by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary starting at 5pm. Immediately following Mass is a meatless potluck in the parish service center.

## Please Help Us Increase Vocations

Increasing vocations to the priesthood and religious life is at the very center of the needs of our Church. The Heartland Vocation Commission welcomes anyone interested in serving on the commission to call Pam Windholz at 625-9712. Meetings are quarterly. We continuously seek new and creative ways to bring young men and women (and older men and women) to serve our Church as priests and religious. Should you want to help financially, contact Mark Roberti 625-7356.

**IRA Charitable Rollovers Have Returned for 2009 –** Legislation President Bush signed into law in Oct. 2008 has extended opportunities for IRA owners aged 70-½ to make direct, tax-free transfers to our parish – up to \$100,000 through 2009. These must be direct transfers from the IRA to the parish. Your transfers may be designated (ministry, renovations, construction, schools, etc.). Such transfers can also be used to fulfill your annual stewardship pledge. These IRA charitable rollovers will qualify – in part or whole – for the yearly required minimum distribution for persons 70-1/2 and older. While IRA donors cannot take an income deduction for this transfer, neither will they have to realize it as taxable income. Plan wisely beginning now. Contact Mark Roberti 625-7356 [stjstewardship@eaglecom.net](mailto:stjstewardship@eaglecom.net) for more information.

## Catholic Faith Sharing Opportunities for the New Year– Get Involved!

**Women of Joseph Faith Sharing Group:** Saturday mornings at 7:30am, in the St. Joseph Parish Center Conference Room. We read the Sunday Scriptures and share.

**Men of Myra Faith Sharing Group:** Saturday Mornings at 7:30am, in the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall. We read the Sunday Scriptures and share.

**Jesus Through Mary Prayer Group:** Tuesdays at 9am, in the St. Joseph Parish Conference Room. We pray, share Scripture, discuss Catholic topics and devotions, etc.

**Disciples of Christ Young Adult Group:** Wednesday evenings at 7pm, We share our faith through Scripture, movies, and a variety of church and non-church activities. Join us in the St. Joseph Parish Center Conference Room.

**Wednesday Evening Rosary for Families:** Wednesday evenings at 9pm, in the Adoration Chapel. We pray for our families, all families, our Church, civic leaders and families of the world. You are in and out in 20-25 minutes.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the Adoration Chapel. Come anytime.

**Knights and Daughters:** We proclaim Christ through prayer and action. Contact your parish office for times.

## THE DAYS AHEAD

**Jan. 11** Fraternal Order of Eagle #3061 Food Bingo, 1:30pm, Eagles Lodge, 121 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Everyone Welcome!

**Jan. 12** Blood Drive, 1 to 5pm, Parish Hall  
– Religious Education Meeting, 7pm, Conference Room

**Jan. 13** St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm

**Jan. 14** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm

**Jan. 15** RCIA, 7pm

**Jan. 17** Men of Myra, 7:30am

**Jan. 18** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am