

Sunday, January 10, 2010: Baptism of the Lord

FAITH CORNER

GOD'S CHOSEN ONE



We end the Christmas season and begin Ordinary Time with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Like the stories about Jesus we have been reading during the Christmas season, today's readings tell us who Jesus is. A voice from heaven tells us, "This is my beloved Son."

In Christian baptism we receive the Holy Spirit who transforms us from within, giving us the power to live as God's sons and daughters. With Jesus we are on a journey or a pilgrimage toward God. Throughout the liturgical year we will watch and listen as Jesus show us how to live as God's chosen ones.

National Catechetical Directory

By accepting Baptism into Christ's death and resurrection, people affirm their faith and are initiated and welcomed into the community of faith. Dedicated to and enlightened by the Spirit, made sons and daughters of God with a permanent relationship in Christ, and cleansed from sin through water and the Holy Spirit, they become a new creation.
(#116, see also #115)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The baptism of Jesus

Jesus' public life begins with his baptism by John in the Jordan. John preaches "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." A crowd of sinners – tax collectors and soldiers, Pharisees and Sadducees, and prostitutes – come to be baptized by him. "Then Jesus appears." The Baptist hesitates, but Jesus insists and receives baptism. Then the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my beloved Son." This is the manifestation ("Epiphany") of Jesus as Messiah of Israel and Son of God.
(#535)

Baptism in the Church

From the very day of Pentecost the Church has celebrated and administered holy Baptism. Indeed St. Peter declares to the crowd astounded by his preaching: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." The apostles and their collaborators offer Baptism to anyone who believed in Jesus: Jews, the God-fearing, pagans. Always, Baptism is seen as connected with faith: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household," St. Paul declared to his jailer in Philippi. And the narrative continues, the jailer "was baptized at once, with all his family."
(#1226)

"A new creature"

Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the neophyte "a new creature," and adopted son of God, who has become a "partaker of the divine nature," member of Christ and co-heir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit.
(#1265)

The Most Holy Trinity gives the baptized sanctifying grace, the grace of justification:

- enabling them to believe in God, to hope in him, and to love him through the theological virtues;
- giving them the power to live and act under the prompting of the Holy Spirit through the gifts of the Holy Spirit;
- allowing them to grow in goodness through the moral virtues.

Thus the whole organism of the Christian's supernatural life has its roots in Baptism.
(#1266)

Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat.	Jan. 9	5:00 p.m.+ Pauline Walters, Bernita Kuhn, Francis Walters, Jr. & Dwight Walters
Sun.	Jan. 10	9:30 a.m.+ Ralph Fisher 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
Mon.	Jan. 11	7:30 a.m.+ Jarrett Rome
Wed.	Jan. 13	7:30 a.m.+ Marietta Riedel
Fri.	Jan. 15	7:30 a.m.+ Marilda Randa
Sat.	Jan. 16	5:00 p.m.+ Maurice 'Mory' Pfeifer
Sun.	Jan. 17	9:30 a.m.+ Norman J. Klaus 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WILL BE TAKEN DOWN

on Sunday, Jan. 10, 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.



Share the gift of life. LOVE. GIVE. LIVE.

St. Nicholas of Myra Church Blood Drive will be held on Monday, Jan. 25, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the parish hall. Sign up in the parish office or at 628-1446.

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 and Birthright of Hays in early February. Contact Bill or Teresa Heimann at 623-4737. Many thanks for your generosity!



FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: Name a time when you felt your actions were pleasing to God.

YOUTH: "With you I am well pleased." What are you doing right now that is pleasing to God? How does it feel to live that way?

CHILDREN: What are some things you can do to please God?

Tithing: Your Gift to God Our 2009/2010 fiscal year started July 1, 2009

Week Collection of Jan. 3	\$ 15,221
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 12,706
Collection Year to Date	\$341,733
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$343,062
As of Jan. 3, 2010 we are over/(under) budget	(\$ 1,329)

MONEY COUNTERS

Jan. 10	Ernie & Darlene Kroeger
Jan. 17	Mark & Amanda Lang
Jan. 24	Greg & LaNae Lang
Jan. 31	Greg & Kimarae May

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Readings for the First Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 11

1 Samuel 1:1-8; Psalm 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19;
Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12

1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;
Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 13 (St. Hilary)

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20;
Psalm 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 14

1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 15

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19;
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 16

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, January 17

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3);
1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11



Faith Formation News

Classes in session,
Wednesday, Jan. 13
Wednesday, Jan. 20

NO CLASS - Wednesday, Jan. 27
Catechist In-service night

Sunday, Jan. 17 – First Eucharist Retreat 1:30 to 3pm,
at IHM, for all First Communion Candidates and parents.

CYO News

Next Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 17, 6:30-8:00pm in the
Parish Hall

-- Enchilada sales begin

Jr. CYO Groups Tri-Parish Bowling Night

-- **On Saturday, Jan. 9**, the tri-parish Jr. CYO groups
will hold their annual bowling night. Come join your
middle school friends for an evening of fun, fellowship,
and prayer. The event will be held at Centennial Lanes
Bowling from 7 to 9pm. Wear your St. Nick's t-shirt and
show your pride!

-- **Sunday, Jan. 31** - Regular Jr. CYO meeting from 6:30
to 8pm, in the Parish Hall.



Nickel, Dime, Quarter, Dollar is a few of
the words you might hear at the Ladies
Guild Meeting Jan. 18, 7pm... Were
having a **"What's in Your Pretty Gift"**

Auction. Please bring something nice all
wrapped and decorated as fancy as you want, and see
how much your "Pretty Gift" brings. Don't forget to bring
a few extra \$\$\$'s to bid on a prize gift. The money made
will be given to a charity or someone in need. Be ready
for fun and laughter as you bid up your neighbor. Hope
to see you all!!!

ARE YOU HUNGRY!!

The Ladies Guild will be selling tickets for
the American Legion Breakfast on Feb. 7.
Please help the Ladies Guild by
purchasing your tickets from them. If interested call
Tracie at 623-1069 any Ladies Guild Member or the
parish office at 628-1446. Thanks for Supporting us!!



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: Feb. 5-7

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

rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org

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**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.

Catholic Websites

Adult – **Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration
Assoc.** <http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/link/e-a.html>

Fathers- **Father for Good**

<http://www.fathersforgood.org/ffg/en/index.html>

Children – **Jesus Friends**

<http://www.jesufriends.com/intro.htm>

Youth – **Chastity.Com** (tips from Jason & Crystalina Evert)

<http://www.chastity.com/node/57>

VocationMatch.Com

<http://www.vocation-network.org/match>

Daughters of Isabella will meet Tuesday, Jan. 12, for
their monthly meeting at Immaculate Heart of Mary
Activity Center. Guest Speaker will be Sister Regina Ann
Bummel and her topic will be Mary, Our Model of Faithful
Discipleship.

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Holy Family Elementary

Jan. 11 - Home & School Meeting, 7pm, Activity Center

Jan. 14 - June Birthday Mass and Dinner

Jan. 17 - First Eucharist Retreat, 2nd Grade Students & Parents, 1:30 to 3pm, at IHM

Jan. 28 -January Birthday Mass and Dinner

Jan. 31 -Annual Chili Supper, 4:00 to 7:00, Little Theatre & Activity Center.

Jan. 31 – Feb. 6 - Catholic School Week.

-- Thank you for collecting Box Tops and Campbell product labels. Please watch the expiration date on the Box Tops. Don't collect to long before turning them into the office.



Mark Calendars for the Thomas More Prep-Marian upcoming events:

-- Jan. 31 thru Feb. 6 - Catholic School's Week

-- **TMP High School** would like to invite you to participate in Eucharistic Adoration at their newly updated Marian Chapel. They will have adoration on the first Friday of the month from 8am to 3:30pm. If you are interested in signing up you can contact Barb Wagoner or Stacie Rupp at 625-6577, or stop by anytime to say hello to Jesus. The dates of their adoration will be: Feb. 5, March 5, and May 7.

Dillons Coupons will be available after all Masses this weekend, Jan. 9 & 10.

Through our baptism, we are brothers and sisters with Jesus, and as such heirs in his divine kingdom. May all of us recognize this exceptional gift and go forward striving for holiness in our everyday lives. Please continue to pray for Stewards of Hope: A Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Salina and make plans to attend the festive Diocesan Assembly June 6, in Hays, which will help launch this plan into action.



Schedule for Cup a Joe

-- **Join us today** for free homemade coffee cake Sunday, Jan. 10, from 8:30am to noon. Come through the main door of the Parish Service Center and use the inside staircase.

-- **Because of the holidays,** our Sunday schedule for free coffee cake will change to the second and fourth Sundays of January. Join us for free homemade coffee cake on Sunday, Jan. 24, from 8:30am to noon. Come through the main door of the Parish Service Center and use the inside staircase.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JAN. 16 & 17

Saturday, 5:00 P.M.

EM

Cathy Pfeifer
Darlene Arnhold
Karen Aten
Jo Good
Mike Konz
Laurie Konz
Galen Pfeifer

Proclaimer

Bernice Kaiser #1
Marvin Kaiser #2

Altar Servers
Alayna Arnhold
Alysia Arnhold
Justin Pfeifer

Hospitality

Steve Meyers

Sacristan

Gracemary Melvin

Gift Bearers

Henry Reinhardt

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EM

Denis Roberts
Jim Krob
Pam Munsch
Rick Rajewski
Brad Unrein
Lisa Unrein
Ramie Wasinger +

Proclaimer

Cory Munsch #1
Joe Mindrup #2

Hospitality

Greg Lang

Sacristan

Andrea Carmichael

Gift Bearers

Kirk Klein

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EM

Janet Kohl
Troy Hickman
Jayne Inlow
Rose McFarland
Joyce Newell
Jorge Vazquez
Bob Wasinger

Proclaimer

Mary Hickman #1
Patty Stull#2

Hospitality

Carrie Gottschalk
Judith
Zerr-Schamberger

Sacristan

Jenni Leiker

Gift Bearers

Kory Meyers



Bulletin Ads are being renewed at this time. We have two spots to be filled by a business. If you are interested in filling this spot, please contact Ramona at 628-1446.

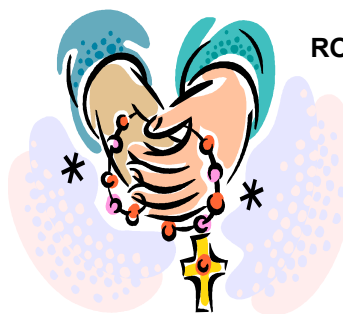
PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

has the following holy hours to be filled: Wednesdays at 1am and 3am; and Friday at 2pm. Consider adding an hour of prayer before the blessed sacrament to your Advent prayer time or a New Years resolution. You and all humanity will be blessed for your commitment of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. If you can fill one of these hours call Lil at 625-7474 or Bob Feauto at 628-1429.



WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY FOR FAMILIES:

Wednesday evenings at 9pm, in the Adoration Chapel, we pray for our families, our Church, civic leaders and families of the world. You are welcome - please join us. We have you out in 20-25 minutes.



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Next Seniors Sharing Bunko

Our next "Bunko Party" event is Thursday, Feb. 11, at 2:30pm, in the parish hall at St. Nicholas of Myra. All are invited to join us for fun, fellowship, and refreshments.

Roe Vs. Wade Memorial – 36 Years Memorial Service & Procession

It has been 36 years since the tragic Roe vs. Wade, U.S. Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion. Join other Heartland Parishioners – Saturday, Jan. 16, beginning at 10am, at St. Joseph Parish – for a prayer service and procession honoring our sacred, precious, innocent, children who have died as a result of this national and worldwide tragedy. The procession will begin at 10:30am, and we will pray in front of the Ellis County Courthouse and Planned Parenthood before returning to the parish. Those who cannot walk the procession will remain in the Church praying the Rosary to end abortion and for the protection of all life from conception to natural death.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more... said that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ..." Come to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and recharge your marriage/holy orders. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is Feb. 12-14, at the Manna House in Concordia. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information call Dave and Joan Dunn at 785-628-1795 or e-mail at micromedia@ruraltel.net. Visit our website at www.wmesection9.org

Religious Materials for the Missions Especially Bibles & Rosaries!

A Heartland Parishioner is coordinating an effort, locally, to provide Catholic sacramental items, devotionals, and light reading materials to a Catholic missionary order that distributes them in their mission fields throughout parts of the world. The Institute of the Incarnate Word is a young religious order that was founded in Argentina in 1984. Described as true to the faith and joyful in its works, it is a missionary order working in the US, Sudan, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Italy, & Pakistan. The priests & brothers operate parishes, run orphanages, & teach in seminaries. Visit www.ivevocations.org for more information. To help with this ministry you can bring Catholic Bibles, devotionals, magazines, pamphlets, booklets, etc., and small sacramental items such as rosaries, chaplets, scapulars, Crucifixes, etc., – **they are asking especially for Bibles and Rosaries** – Contact Virginia Hornick for more information 785-301-2250.



"This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."
Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Jarett Konrade (785) 827-8746, or write: vocations@salinadiocese.org



Prayer for Deepening Our Baptism

*O Lord,
at the baptism of your Son,
you opened up the heavens
and called him, "Beloved,"
pouring out the love of a Father's heart.
Lord, open our hearts
to the grace of our Baptism.
Let us catch a glimpse of your glory
and hear your voice tell us
that we are your beloved children, too,
and that Jesus is our brother.
Just as Jesus lived his life in obedience to
you,
so let us live our lives following your call
and his example.
Let us love you and one another without
ceasing,
because you have first loved us.
We ask this through the same Christ our
Lord. Amen.*

THE DAYS AHEAD

- Jan. 10** Food Bingo Fraternal Order of Eagle #3061, 1:30pm, Eagles Lodge, 121 E. 8th St. (Everyone welcomed!)
- Jan. 12** Finance Council Meeting, noon
-- St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm
- Jan. 13** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
- Jan. 14** Pastoral Council Meeting, 5:30pm
-- RCIA Classes, 6:30pm
- Jan. 16** Men of Myra, 7:30am
- Jan. 17** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am