

Baptism of the Lord **January 9, 2022**

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Sunday Mass of the Baptism of the Lord



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons and daughters of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. *'Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realized what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners'* (Joseph Ratzinger, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18).



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Updates on Archbishop's Annual Appeal: 21-22

As we begin the new year, I would like to thank all those who have generously contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. To date, our parish of St. Joseph, Wisner has received \$87,065 from 26 donors toward our goal of \$7,945.42. Our parish participation is at 18.98% towards the goal of 25.60%. Holy Cross Parish, Beemer has received \$8,605 from 23 donors towards our goal of \$10,986.53. Parish participation stands at 35.94% towards our goal of 48.70%.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many ministries that provide mercy to those in need: support for families, resources for those who are grieving, tuition assistance for Catholic education and more. Both parishes are almost hitting their goals. Those who are yet to respond, please consider a meaningful gift to help our archdiocese serve those in need. Thank the Holy Spirit on the gifts that are being offered to you.

Coffee and Doughnuts... what a great idea after Mass!

We will be having coffee with doughnuts or cookies about once a month or so, throughout 2022. The dates may vary due to our calendar schedules, therefore be on the lookout in the bulletin to see when the next coffee Sunday will be. The main goal of this is to socialize and visit with each other as well as welcome new members or visitors into our parish family.

Wisner will be serving their coffee today, Sunday, Jan. 9th, after Mass in the basement hall. Next Sunday, January 16th, we will have it in Beemer at the church basement immediately after Mass. You are all welcome.



MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES: St. Joseph and Holy Cross.

There are envelopes available in the back of church. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, complete the envelope and place in the collection basket or contact Sarah at the parish office 402-529-3891, or email the info to stj68791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	10	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	11	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	12	8:00 AM	HC	+ Wayne Emanuel
Thu	13	8:00 AM	SJ	Dec'd Mbrs of LaVern & Cleon Houghton Family
Fri	14	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Charles F. Hetherington
Sat	15	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Jayda Oligmueller
Sun	16	8:30 AM	HC	+ Alvin Dinslage
Sun	16	10:00 AM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of January 16th

WORD:
EMHC: Gerald Schlickbernd
PRAISE:
SERVER: Kris Pena
USHER:

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of January 15th & 16th

LEC: Chris Ruskamp
EMHC: Madonna Servi
SERVER: Erica Good, Mariah Andersen
OFF: Richard Schultz
USHER: January Men's Group

LEC: Bonnie Styskal
EMHC: Capri McGuire
EMHC2: Tammie Batenhorst
SERVER: Spencer Batenhorst, Jose Ramirez Lugo
OFF: Eric VonSeggern
USHER: January Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—January 2, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$885.00
Plate:	55.00
Children:	7.00
HELP/Fuel:	20.00
Christmas:	1,260.00
Christmas Flowers:	25.00
Total:	\$2,252.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, Jan. 9th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
Sunday, Jan. 16th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmaer

MEN'S WORK GROUP—January 2022

Chair: Chris Liermann
Co-Chair: Ken Duncan
Members: Marvin Seier, Greg Schlautman, Tony Lampman, AJ Kluthe, Rich Bodwell, Russ Loberg, Gavin Lampman, Alex Kluthe



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS were donated by Bernie Oligmueller in memory of Ben & Elizabeth Wordekemper, William & Johanna Oligmueller, Francis Oligmueller, & Jim Sapp--Lavina Mestl in memory of Eugene Mestl--

Ron & Bev Francis in memory of deceased family members—Dave & Sue Steffensmeier—Doug Steffensmeier in memory of Ray & Dee Steffensmeier—Mike & Mary Kate Guenther—Marjorie Gentrup in memory of Casper Gentrup, Jr., Casper & Margaret Gentrup, & Adolph & Eunice Behrens—Dennis & Mary Mostek—Karen Spenner in memory of Henry & Eleanor Spenner, & Fr. Wilfred Spenner—Rita Eichelberger in memory of Vergil & Francis Liermann—Jean Meier in memory of Duane Humlicek—Brad & Anne Schulz in memory of Marilyn Schulz—Renae Carlson in memory of Robert & Violet Yosten. Thank you all for your donations.

DOUGHNUTS, COFFEE, JUICE and fellowship after next Sunday Mass, January 16th. There will be a basket available for anyone wishing to still contribute to the Kenya Fund. Please come down and join us.

HOLY CROSS 2022 DONATION ENVELOPES will be delayed into January. The company we get them from is having paper and staff shortages as well as delivery problems. Please put your donations in a regular envelope with your name or number on it along with the amount enclosed. Sorry for the inconvenience, but it is beyond our control.

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—January 2, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,730.00
Plate:	106.00
Children:	22.00
Christmas Envelopes:	\$2,830.00
Solemnity of Mary:	135.00
Heating:	610.00



COFFEE...TODAY AFTER MASS—Stop down to the basement for coffee and doughnuts sponsored by St. Joseph Ladies Guild. Enjoy some time to visit with your parish family. There will be a free will donation to benefit the Wisner Ministerial Fellowship.

THANK YOU to these parishioners who delivered Meals-on-Wheels last month, on behalf of our parish: Jeanette Marx, Annie and Steve McManigal, Carol Oligmueller, Kari Moeller, and Kris Brahmaer. St. Joseph Parish is responsible for delivery the week of January 17. If you are interested in helping, call Anne at 402-750-9616.



ST. JOSEPH MINISTRY SCHEDULE for Jan-March is completed and copies are available in the back of church.

ST. JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP SCHEDULES have been sent out in the mail. There are a few additional copies on the bulletin board in the back of church.

Celebrations:
 Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:

Birthdays:
 Susan Steffensmeier January 14
 Shane Combs January 15

Anniversaries:
 Ron and Bev Francis January 14



Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Grades K-6: The 2nd grade finalized preparation for their First Reconciliation that they will be celebrating this week. Fr. Vincent gave his presentation about Africa and his home in Kenya to grades 3-6. Fr. Vincent then spent time with the 5th grade on server training for mass.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7-12)

Grades 7-12: We started the evening off by celebrating Fr. Vincent's birthday. Fr. Vincent then gave his power point presentation about Africa and his home in Kenya to all the students.

TRIVIA NIGHT

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Saturday, February 26th
 6-7pm Social Hour & Registration
 Followed by Trivia 7-10pm

Gather friends and family for a fun evening. Pick a theme (Hawaiian, Italian, campfire, etc) for your table then dress & decorate accordingly. \$200 reserves your table, then your group provides food and drink to fit the theme. Register by February 7th. Flyers are posted in the back of church with more details or call Paige Godbersen @ 402-604-0406. All proceeds go to St. Joseph Church.

WISNER SENIOR CENTER...has a fully stocked food pantry and essential items. Those of any age may stop in for anything you may need. The center is blessed to be able to share these items with you. Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30. For questions, contact Kay Breitreutz at 402-529-3252.

