

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Hours are approximate & will remain flexible & subject to change.

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If you are willing to be involved in Mass Ministry, please contact the parish office. We are all called to partake in the liturgy. A big thank you to all who have served and continue to serve. You are appreciated!

MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 30TH - JANUARY 5TH			
DAY	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Mon. 12/30	- No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
Tues. 12/31	9:30 AM	Southwind	Bernice Mages
"	5:00 PM	CHURCH	Janice Hornung
Wed. 1/1	9:00 AM	CHURCH	Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Thurs. 1/2	8:30 AM	Parkview	Jack & Tricia Burke
Fri. 1/3	8:30 AM	Parkview	Marvin Gleason
Sat. 1/4	6:30 PM	Church	Margie Combest
Sun. 1/5	8:00 AM	Church	Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Confessions: Saturdays at 5:45 PM or by appointment.			

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.
ST. LEONARD'S COUNCIL #1539

KofC Meetings
1st Mondays
7:45 PM Rosary
Meeting Follows


The Daughters of Isabella
St. Vincent de Paul #211

Dofl Meetings
2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room



Scan to find us on Facebook!

If you'd like to be added to the email prayer chain ministry, or have a prayer request to send out, please contact either Ginny Werner (ginny_werner@yahoo.com) or Lynnette Hessman (nettemae1984@yahoo.com).



MASS MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 4TH & 5TH		
Collection: Carson Konrade		Collection Asst: Ross Ackerman
	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristans	Teresa Konrade	Barb Mages
Servers	Xander Calvin, Brady Preisner	Clare Bowman, Elizabeth Bowman
Lectors	Xavier Calvin	LaWana VanNahmen
EMCs	Ross Ackerman, Katie Gleason, Joyce Rogers	LynAnn Bowman, Phil Gleason, Lyle VanNahmen
Musician	Recorded	Recorded
Cantor	Janell Calvin	Janell Calvin
Ushers	Carson Konrade, Louie Konrade	Phil Gleason, Kelly Stein
Gifts	Ross Ackerman Family	Riley Schmidt Family

Vocation Views: Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace in the midst of his family.
How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times? Seek out God's grace. (Luke 2:41-52)
-- If you're discerning the priesthood, contact **Fr. Ted Stoecklein** at vicargeneral@dcdiocese.org or **620-227-1555**--

Parish News

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

TITHING REPORT for DEC. 21ST & 22ND:

Box Collection: \$ 2,159.00
Online Giving: \$ 1,635.00

HOLY DAY - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:



We will have 2 Mass opportunities for the Holy Day of Obligation--Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mass will be offered at the church on Tuesday, December 31st at 5 PM, and Wednesday, January 1st at 9 AM.

NEW YEAR'S Holy Day Mary, Mother of God	Tuesday, Dec. 31st - 5 PM	Wednesday, Jan. 1st - 9 AM
Sacristan	Tonya Hubbell	Jenny Schmidt
Servers	1. Xander Calvin 2. Kambre Konrade 3. Kaley Konrade	1. Lena Gleason 2. Hudson Schmidt
Lector	Tonya Hubbell	Rich Gleason
Eucharistic Ministers	1. Becky Downey 2. Mike Hubbell 3. Tonya Hubbell	1. Jolene Tasset 2. Larry Tasset 3. Larry Schmidt
Music	Recorded or TBD	Recorded or TBD
Cantor	Janell Calvin	Jenny Schmidt
Gifts	Larry & Nancy Ackerman	Peggy & Lester Schulte

KofC MEMBERS:
Annual Membership Stag/Stagette
Saturday, January 11, 2025



Members of St. Leonard's Council #1539, their spouses, and the spouses of deceased members are welcome!
Come pay your dues for 2025 and enjoy a fun evening with us!
--Doors and bar open at 5:30 pm
--Meal catered by Brian Myers after Mass at 7:30 pm
--Monte Carlo games put on by the Wright KofC Council
St. John the Baptist Parish Center

THE HOLY FAMILY - A MODEL FOR OUR OWN:

This weekend of the Christmas Season, we celebrate the Holy Family. Please read this beautiful reflection from Sister Maria Ukamaka Clare Okeke: "The image of the holy family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—calls us to reflect on the enduring beauty and struggles of family life. I am drawn to two worlds that may seem distant from each other, but which share a common longing for connection: the vibrant villages of Africa and the bustling cities of America. In African villages, families gather under the shade of baobab trees, sharing wisdom, stories, and laughter as children play barefoot in the dust. Across the ocean, in modern American cities, families connect around dinner tables, on weekend outings, or during the few precious hours they can carve out in their busy lives. Though continents apart, families in both spaces and across the globe strive for the same thing: **homes rooted in love, joy, and faith.**



The Feast of the Holy Family offers us a path forward, pointing us to virtues that can transform our homes into sanctuaries of love. [. . .] Strong families embrace the sacred duty to care for one another and, in doing so, reflect God's love for the world. St. Paul's letter to the Colossians deepens this call. He challenges us to clothe ourselves with compassion, humility, patience, and forgiveness—virtues that are essential in any home. Whether in an African village or an American suburb, families encounter misunderstandings and brokenness. Yet, rooted in God's love, families can reconcile, heal, and grow. The challenges we face can become opportunities for grace, where wounds are transformed into moments of mercy and unity. [. . .] The Holy Family was not exempt from challenges. They faced uncertainty, displacement, and fear—yet they placed God at the center of their lives, creating a home filled with love, faith, and forgiveness. Their example invites us to do the same. In our own homes, whether they stand beneath a baobab tree or in a city apartment, we are called to create sanctuaries of light and peace."

PARISH ROSARY CHALLENGE:

When you receive the statue, pray the rosary daily for a week, for your own intentions and for the special intentions listed. **January** - As always, please pray for vocations for our Diocese. The Pope's January intention is for all migrants, refugees, and citizens of war-torn and impoverished countries--that the right to an education be respected, which is necessary to build a better world.

Dec. 29th - Jan. 5th: Greg & Audrey Scheve

Birthdays December 30th - January 5th	
December 30th	Karla Gleason
December 31st	Mike Konda
January 1st	Landon Hubbell
January 2nd	Annette Benish
January 3rd	Mary Benjamin, Quentin Tasset
January 4th	Uriah Hubbell