



St. Nicholas CATHOLIC CHURCH

Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2022

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Mass Schedule

Jan 12-Jan 16

Wednesday: 8:00 AM
Friday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Confession Schedule

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM
Sunday: 8:00-8:45 AM

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism

By Appointment. Call the parish office.

Marriage

Arrangements to be made with the priest at least six months in advance.

Office Hours

Mon, Tue, Thu .. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Wed 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Fri8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Parish Staff

Business Administrator:

- Susan Schaunaman

Director of Evangelization and Discipleship:

- Katie Dunbar

Office Manager:

- Sharon Metzger

Religious Education Director:

- Vickie Venhuizen

Music Ministry:

- Lon Semansky

Custodian:

- Rachel Devlin

From Your Pastor:

One of the most epic scenes in the Bible is the crossing of the Red Sea in the Exodus story. If you were to ask the average person on the street to name a story from the Bible, this would probably be one of the most frequently mentioned. There is something so satisfying about the story of a persecuted people, slaves to an imperial power, who are able to make a miraculous escape to freedom. The Israelites escape through the power of God and meanwhile Pharaoh and his chariots are drowned in the Red Sea. I would invite you to reread this story if it's been a while, you can find it in Exodus 14. This moment of the escape from Egypt becomes an identity-making event for the People of Israel. As you read through the rest of the Old Testament, Israel knows itself as God's chosen people because of this moment when God liberated them from slavery and led them to the Promised Land. Even as Israel is consistently unfaithful to God, they are constantly reminded that God is faithful as they look back and remember the moment of the crossing of the Red Sea.

Every single Christian has experienced their own crossing of the Red Sea. Do you remember when yours was? Mine was August 25th, 1991. This was the day I escaped slavery and was set free by the power of God. I'm referring, of course, to the day of my baptism. Through baptism, Christians "pass through the waters" from slavery to liberation. Every single human person comes into the world a slave of sin. This is not an exaggeration. Rather, it is simply an acknowledgement of the reality of original sin that is our common inheritance as members of the human family, caught up by the fall of our first parents, Adam and Eve. Every person is conceived in this state of original sin and we are completely incapable of fixing this situation. In other words, we cannot "get out" of sin by ourselves, we are enslaved to it.

This is where the good news of Jesus comes in. Jesus is the new Moses who leads his people out of slavery into freedom. This was accomplished in the death and resurrection of Jesus when he defeated sin and death, robbing them of their power. The salvation of Jesus still needs to be given to each individual human person who comes into the world. This is where the sacrament of baptism comes in. In baptism, we are forgiven of our original sin, and we are adopted as sons and daughters of God. So not only are we set free from slavery to sin, but we become an heir to the Kingdom of God. There is no greater moment in our lives, then the moment of our baptism. As we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus this weekend, let's take a moment to give thanks for our liberation. Jesus has led us through the Red Sea into the Promised Land!

-Fr. Tyler

The Baptism OF THE LORD

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

- Lk 3:16bc

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Baptismal Bib

Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.



Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: “See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.” In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.

St. Nicholas Religious Education & Youth Info



January, 2022 RE Schedule

- January 12, 19 & 26
 - January 12 - First Reconciliation Parent Mtg
- Classes are at 5:30 & 7:00 PM

Join us for St. Nicholas Parent-Child Group!

This is a social group to help parents of young children get to know one another while our children get to play and interact. Event located in the Parish Hall, 9:30 AM to 11:30AM on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, January 19 & Feb 2**
- Questions call/text Danielle Becker 402-290-5742

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B

The Baptism of the Lord

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Sharing the Gospel

Your Dad says, "Wash your hands, please. It is almost time to eat." After you wash your hands really well, your Dad smiles. He says, "That's my boy. You did a good job!" In today's Gospel, it was time for Jesus to be baptized. After his baptism, Jesus talked to God his Father in prayer. Jesus did everything his Father asked. God was happy with his Son and said, "I'm pleased with you."

Prayer

God, I want to make you and my parents happy.

Mission for the Week

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.

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St Nicholas Children's Choir

Practice is from 6:30-7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings and follows the Religious Ed schedule.



St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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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Calling youth of the diocese!

Registration for this summer's D-Camp is now open! If you're a high school or junior high student who's looking for a camp filled with faith and fun, look no further than DCamp! Camp will consist of talks to help you grow in your faith, all-camp Olympic games, Mass, Confession, Adoration, and time to bond with your small group and fellow campers. You won't want to miss out!



Dates:

- June 20-23, 2022 (High School Camp)
- July 10-13, 2022 (High School Camp)
- Youth entering into grades 9-12 in the Fall of 2022
- July 14-17, 2022 (Jr. High Camp)
- Youth entering into grades 7 & 8 in the Fall of 2022

Cost: Early Bird (until Feb. 1): \$275 / Cost for camp is \$325

Search for Christian Maturity Retreat, March 4-6. Located at Holy Spirit Church in Sioux Falls. Registration is now open for the March retreat! Search is a student-led retreat. The weekend features talks, skits, music and opportunities to encounter Christ in the sacraments. All high school, college-age students and adults are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact us by phone (605) 371-1478 or by email SiouxFallsSearch@gmail.com. Visit the Search website for more information and to register! www.siouxfallssearch.org

PARISH CALENDAR
January 8-January 16, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Jan 8: 5:00 PM: +Pat Brewster (d)
 Sun, Jan 9: 9:00 AM: People of the Parish
 Wed, Jan 12: 8:00 AM: Janet Klinkhammer
 Fri, Jan 14: 8:00 AM: Justin & Sarah Ollerich
 Sat, Jan 15: 5:00 PM: +Herb & Loretta Spartz (d)
 Sun, Jan 16: 9:00 AM: People of the Parish

Weekday Mass intentions are available for February, March & April, 2022. Suggested donation is \$10 per Mass. Call the parish office to request a Mass.

Weekly Offering - December 25 & 26

Christmas

Adult: \$9,840; Children: \$99.75; Loose: \$1,139.75
 Debt Reduction: \$2,500; Other Contributions: \$500

Sunday, December 26

Adult: 6,492; Children: \$44; Loose: \$131
 Debt Reduction: \$960; Coffee/Rolls: \$20.30; CFSA: \$405

Thank you!

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Online Giving

Reminders...

- **Bulletin announcement deadline:** please have any announcements for the parish bulletin to the office by **noon on Fridays** unless otherwise noted.
- **Coffee and Rolls** are served in the parish hall after Sunday Mass each week. All are welcome! **Thank you to those who serve and clean up each week!!**
- The parish calendar of events is located on the parish website www.stnicholastea.org and on the parish app.
- New address, phone number or email? Please let the parish office know.

Sioux Falls Catholic Schools Gift Cards

Gift cards are available on Mon, Tues afternoon, Wed, Thurs & Fri during office hours and after some weekend Masses. Buying SFCS gift cards for things like food, gas and gifts costs you no more than the value of the card you purchase! There are over 40 vendors and you earn tuition credit, help with teacher salaries, etc. with each purchase. Or go online! Purchase eGift Cards. Learn more at www.ogknights.org/giving/gift-card-program.



A good winter tip -

Never catch snowflakes on your tongue until all the geese have flown south for the winter.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK
January 9-January 16, 2022

Sunday, Jan 9, **Baptism of the Lord:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 Monday, Jan 10: 1 Sam 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday, Jan 11: 1 Sam 1:9-20; 1 Sam 2:1, 4-8; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday, Jan 12: 1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday, Jan 13, **St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church:** 1 Sam 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45 or 1 Jn 2:18-25; Ps 110:1-4; Mt 5:13-19
 Friday, Jan 14: 1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday, Jan 15: 1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19; 10-1; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday, Jan 16, **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

DIOCESE EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Sioux Falls Area Prayer Rally & Walk: Please come join us for the 25th Anniversary of the Sioux Falls area Prayer Rally and Walk for Love & Life Saturday, January 22, 10 AM-1 PM at Sioux Falls First Assembly of God Church, 6300 W. 41st Street. The movie UNPLANNED will be shown at 10 AM followed by the Prayer Walk to Planned Parenthood for silent prayer.

Catholic Family Services is seeking a full time Clinical Counselor.

Candidates will possess at minimum a Master's degree in counseling, psychology, social work or related field. Preference will be given to candidates who are licensed in South Dakota to practice as a LPC, LPC-MH, LCSW-PIP or Psychologist. Ideal candidates will have a minimum of three years of clinical experience in their chosen field. Catholic Family Services is an outpatient mental health clinic that serves residents of eastern South Dakota and across its borders. Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter to Emily Leedom, Executive Director, 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 or via email at eleedom@sfcatholic.org. For more information go to www.sfcatholic.org.

Catholic Family Services is honored to host and facilitate

St. Joseph Cathedral's GriefShare program!

GriefShare is a worldwide Christian grief program for adults. It blends faith, educational videos, a personal workbook and group discussion. The video series is watched as a large group followed by small group discussions according to the participant's particular loss (loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling etc.) The program will run for 11 weeks with 13 different topics surrounding grief being covered.

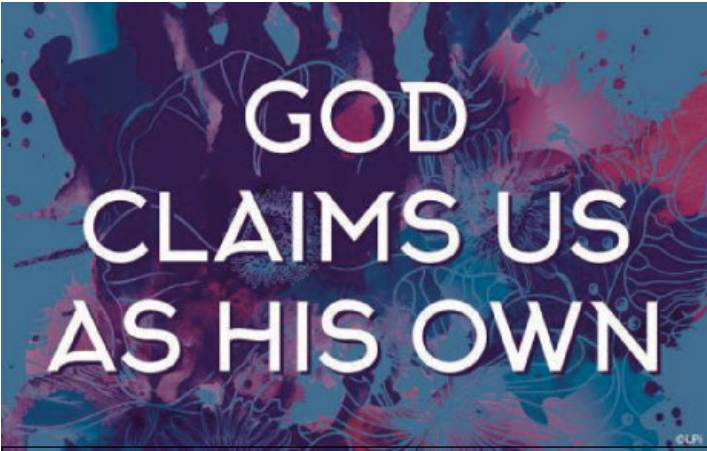
GriefShare will begin again on February 1 from 6-8 PM. Cost of the workbook is \$20 (scholarships available) and there will be an opportunity for a free will offering to help cover the additional costs. For more information about GriefShare, or to register, please contact Catholic Family Services at 605-988-3775 or email cfs@sfcatholic.org. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Surviving Divorce Program. This six week program begins Tuesday, February 1 in **Sioux Falls**. Sessions are held on Tuesday evenings, 6:00-8:00 PM. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For information or to register contact Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775 or cfs@sfcatholic.org. Scholarships are available.

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Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

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Welcome St. Nicholas Parish would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are new to the area. If you are not currently registered at St. Nicholas and consider this your parish, please call or stop by the parish office to register.

Revive Meeting Tuesday, January 11 from 7-8 PM in the Parish hall. Questions?- Contact Katie Dunbar katie@stnicholastea.org.

Senior Social Club St. Nicholas '55 & Older' Social Group Thursday, Jan. 13, 1:00-2:30 PM in the parish hall. Game Day! Some games will be provided or bring your favorite! Join us for fellowship and fun!

 **Catholic Daughters, Court St. Christina Meeting** Thursday, January 13, 6:30 PM, St. Magdalen parish hall, Lennox.
 **St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus Meeting** Thursday, January 13, 7:30 PM, St. Nicholas parish hall.

 **St. Nicholas will serve lunch at the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House Monday, January 17**

Three or four volunteers are needed to help serve the meal at 11:20 AM. Donations of the following items are needed:

- Cans of **Chicken Noodle Soup**, Oreo or similar type cookies, soup crackers, Hormel Chili with Beans.
 - **Monetary donations** are always welcome. Items can be placed in the container in the church entry.
- For more info, call or text Jan Muhlenkort or call the parish office.

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