

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD-JANUARY 12, 2025

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| Sat. | 1-11 | 5:30 p.m. | The Baptism of the Lord (St. Francis) +Pam Dent |
| Sun. | 1-12 | 8:00 a.m. | The Baptism of the Lord (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes |
| Sun. | 1-12 | 10:00 a.m. | The Baptism of the Lord (St. Francis) +Ed & Bernedette Diskin |
| Mon. | 1-13 | 8:00 a.m. | (St. Francis) +George Fager |
| Tue. | 1-14 | 8:00 a.m. | (St. Francis) +Deceased Members of the McCall Family |
| Wed. | 1-15 | 6:15 p.m. | (St. Francis) +Leslie & Alex Treiber |
| Thur. | 1-16 | 8:30 a.m. | (St. Ambrose) +Brayden Beachner |
| Fri. | 1-17 | 9:00 a.m. | (PMRV) +Mary Ita Brown |
| Sat. | 1-18 | 8:00 a.m. | (St. Francis) Our Loved One's Return to the Faith |
| Sat. | 1-18 | 5:30 p.m. | The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Francis) +Jim Hofer |
| Sun. | 1-19 | 8:00 a.m. | The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes |
| Sun. | 1-19 | 10:00 a.m. | The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Francis) +Carl Paulie |

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:30-5:15 p.m. at St. Francis
 Wednesday 5:30-6:00 p.m. at St. Francis
 30 minutes before each Mass.

ST. AMBROSE LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, January 19th-8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Lois Carlson
Lector: Jim Carlson
Altar Server: Paul Westerman
Gifts: M/M Brian Schoenhofer
Ushers: Rusty/Cindy Lero

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Total Amount Needed

St. Francis \$6,995.00 \$6,348.40
 St. Ambrose \$485.00 \$1,128.85

Please remember your parish in your Will.

If you are 70 1/2 or older, consider making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA. For more information on this tax free donation, contact your IRA trustee.

Please pray for: Fr. Sam Pinkerton, Robyn Burke, Jill Coomes, Mary Lee Wellington and the sick and homebound in our parish. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list call the office at 620-449-2224. The prayer list will be updated the first of each month.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you are going to have a significant surgery, please call for Anointing of the Sick before you enter the hospital.

ST. FRANCIS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, January 18th-5:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Kaydra, Kori, Ava
Lector: Cindy Schoenhofer
Eucharistic Minister: Donna Wood
Gifts: M/M Keith VanLeeuwen
Rosary: Mary Jean Zandler
Sacristan: Ron Reeves
Sunday-January 19th-10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Landon, Henry, Julian

Lector: Joe Smith
Eucharistic Minister: Jene Noe
Gifts: M/M Charles Schettler
Rosary: Teresa Grosdidier
Sacristans: Ken/Cheryl Trepagnier
January Ushers:

Saturday-5:30 p.m.—Mike Brown, Jeff Gard, Matt O'Hara

Sunday-10:00 a.m.—Ross Albertini, Jamie Bradshaw, Kent Winter

Church Cleaners-January 18th—Deanna Kroenke, Amy Hummel, Maggie Westhoff

Fr. Matthew's Email:

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Sacramental Emergency Number:
620-236-0705

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: The St. Francis Christmas decorations will be taken down after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on January 12th. All help is greatly appreciated. There will be some poinsettias ready to take home near the Sacred Heart Statue. Please leave the water trays.

BIBLE STUDY, THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, will be Sunday, January 12th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the St. Ambrose Parish Hall. All are welcome. Bring your Bible.

RCIA, ADULT EDUCATION: Fr. Matt will have class on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Hall. All are welcome. The topic will be, "What are the Sacraments? Intro."

PSR will have classes in the classrooms on Wednesday, January 15th.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be at St. Francis on Wednesdays from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Adoration at St. Ambrose will be on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to drop in anytime during Adoration to make a visit. *"I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament."* (Jesus speaking to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)

HARVEST HOUSE will meet Thursday, January 16th at noon for lunch at the St. Paul Café. For more information call Marlene Clark 620-687-4401 or Judy Fager 620-423-9144.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

K of C Free Throw District Championship & Meeting, Sunday, January 19th, after 10:00 Mass. St. Paul High School, Old Gym. Doors open & check-in 11:00. Shooting Starts at 12:00. Birth Certificate MUST BE PRESENTED during Check-in. *A Knights of Columbus meeting follows the championship. We have several things to discuss including two benefit breakfasts, Altar Server outing, an Exemplification, etc.*

Benefit Breakfast and Beef Raffle for Emma Mason. Sunday, January 26th, St. Francis Parish Hall. Serving from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Emma's benefit also includes a raffle to win a \$200 Casey Beef Bundle. Raffle Locations are in St. Paul, Walnut, Erie and at the Breakfast. (see posters in the churches and internet for details.)

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY: We are planning a new Parish Directory book for St. Francis and St. Ambrose. The photo dates will be Saturday, February 15th and Sunday, February 16th in the St. Francis Parish Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church soon. We are hoping to get every parishioner in our new book!

THE STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE: Thank you to the 63 parishioners who have completed their Stewardship forms. Please take one from the back table and return it. We need to update your information and update the ministries you are willing to serve. You may return the form to the parish office, put in the basket in the church foyer or mail it to St. Francis/St. Ambrose, P.O. Box 216, St. Paul, KS 66771. Thank you for your help!

PASTOR MUSINGS: As I write this, I look out upon a fresh snowfall outside. I don't know how the farmers feel about it, but the snow evokes the emotions of Christmas in a powerful way. Tidings of comfort and joy! It's too bad it didn't fall till now, as we close out the Christmas season liturgically. I have incredible memories of being pulled on a sled by a 4 wheeler at my grandpa's farm in Greenbush growing up. I'm sure that's a common occurrence around here! What a thrill. And to see how the snow all lightly lands upon whatever is outside is a comfort that's hard to describe. I always have another thought that comes to mind when I see a fresh snowfall. There are four major basilicas (churches with special significance) in Rome. St. Peter's at the Vatican is the most famous, but there's also St. Paul's, St. John Lateran, and one for our Blessed Mother called St. Mary Major. St. Mary Major is the largest church in the world dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. It was built in 352! (you thought our church was old) The story goes that Mary appeared to a wealthy man in a dream and told him she desired a church built in a particular place in Rome, and she would mark the spot. The next day, August 5th, in the heat of summer, there was a miraculous snowfall which landed perfectly for the outline of a foundation of a large church on a hill in Rome. How perfect is that? The purity of the Blessed Mother is represented so well in a pure white snowfall. God uses everything in creation to draw us to Himself, some more evident than others. Allow the purity of the white snow to call our hearts that are dirtied with impure thoughts and selfish desires back to how God intended. "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God." Mt 5:8

CATHOLIC BURIAL DECISIONS: The Catholic Advance published an article on December 20, 2024. Bishop Gerald Kicanas, Moderator of the Catholic Cemetery Conference, speaks of, "The importance of being buried on sacred and consecrated ground." Read "Bishop Kicanas: make burial decisions ahead of time" at www.CatholicAdvance.com.



A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

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