

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Duane Clark)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 11**

Weekday; (Week 1 in Ordinary Time)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12**

Weekday

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13**

Weekday; *Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service, followed by Coffee
- 6:30 PM—K thru 8 Faith Formation
- 6:30 PM—High school youth meeting

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14**

Weekday

- 6:30 PM—Knights Dinner and Meeting

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15**

Weekday

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16**

Weekday



"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."  
Luke 3:22

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**

1 Sm 1:1-8  
Ps 116:12-19  
Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:**

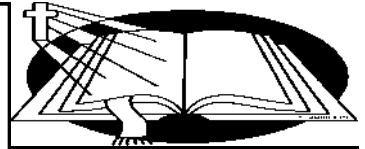
1 Sm 1:9-20  
(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8  
1: 21-28

**Wednesday**

1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20  
Ps 40:2,5,7-10  
Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday**

1 Sm 4:1-11  
Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25  
Mk 1:40-45



**Friday**

1 Sm 8:4-7  
Ps 89:16-19  
Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday**

1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1a  
Ps 21:2-7  
Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday**

Is 62:1-5  
Ps 104:96:1-3,7-10  
1 Cor 12:4-11  
Jn 2:1-11

**SOME DATES TO NOTE**

- Jan. 14—Knights Dinner and Meeting
- Jan. 17—Altar & Rosary Society Soup, Salad, & Desert Lunch
- Jan. 17—Retreat for Confirmation Candidates, Parents and Sponsors
- Jan. 19—Social Action Committee Meeting
- Jan. 21—Finance Council Meeting
- Jan. 28—Liturgy Committee meeting
- Jan. 28—Parish Council Meeting
- Feb. 6—Knights of Columbus Dinner and Basket Auction



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Charlie O’Roake)
- 10:15 AM—Retreat for Confirmation Candidates, Parents and Sponsors
- 12:00 PM—Altar & Rosary Soup and Salad Luncheon

"Fill the jars with water."  
John 2:7

**Putting Christmas Away  
This Sunday, January 10, after mass.**

This Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. With that feast, we close another Christmas season. We will take down the Christmas decorations and put them away immediately after mass this Sunday. Please stay and help if you possibly can. If we have several helpers, this will not take long. Thanks in advance.

**Salad and Deserts Needed for A&R Lunch**

Altar & Rosary is looking for people who are willing to donate either salads or deserts to the Soup, Salad, and Desert Lunch on January 17. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space or simply call or email the office (515-674-4406 or imcolfax@msn.com) and leave a message as to which you are willing to bring. We will pass the information on to the A&R officers.

**New Coordinator of Faith Formation**

Kirsten Royal has accepted the position of Coordinator of Faith Formation for our parish. Please welcome Kirsten as she learns the ropes of her new position. Kirsten may be reached through the office or at 641-275-2159 or kmroyal72@gmail.com at

Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over...  
Thank you for your gifts.

Collection .....	\$1,468.61
(\$77.00 auto-giving)	
Food Pantry .....	\$159.01

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY  
SOUP, SALAD, AND DESERT  
LUNCH  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
MASS**



Please join us for a wonderful variety of soups, a loaded salad and desert bar. Free will offering.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
BASKET AUCTION, DINNER AND RAFFLE  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

Tickets are on sale before and after mass in the gathering space and are available from any Knight. See you there.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MEETING**

**Thursday, January 14**

**Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:00**

**Sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.**





## FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

Today, Sunday, January 10, is the beginning of Vocations Awareness week. It is appropriate that Vocations Awareness Week start on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Baptism of the Lord announces Jesus' public ministry and that he is favored by God, called, and sent for the victory of justice. As God's chosen servant, Jesus was sent to open the eyes of the blind and to free prisoners and those who live in darkness.

Through our Baptism, we are also favored by God, called and sent for the victory of justice. We are God's chosen servant to announce the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand. Through our Baptism, we are all given vocations and called to live out those vocations in faithfulness to God.

And so this week, we pray but not for vocations—those were given to us at our Baptism. Instead we pray that we may all be aware of our vocations whatever they may be and that we will be open to living out our vocations. Whether it be to the priesthood, religious life (brother or sister), diaconate, single life, married life or lay ministry, God has called each of us.

We pray especially that those who God has called to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life be aware and follow God's call. As a parish, we know how great the need is. I believe that some day, Immaculate Conception will again have a resident priest. I know that the reason that we do not have one now is not because God has not called those to serve but because those he has called are not aware. Please spend a little extra time in prayer this week—as an individual and as a family—that we all might be more aware of our vocations.

While I do believe that we will have a resident priest someday, that day is unfortunately sometime off. The reality is that for the next few years, we will have many more priests retire than men ordained. This year, we will have four priests retire and only one ordained.

It is not all bad news. The number of seminarians for our diocese is up. We also have some more good men who are entering the seminary next fall. We are blessed to have a seminarian from our own parish, James Flattery. Please keep James in your prayers as he continues to study and discern. And please pray for all our seminarians. I have put the adopt a seminarian display back up and hope each of you will take the cards of one or two seminarians and include them in your prayers.

God's abundant blessings

De. Joe

### Prayer for Vocations

Compassionate God, You speak your word to us through prophets of long ago and you continue to reveal your message of love today. With great expectation we look to your Spirit empowering us to serve you as Jesus did.

May we listen for your word and respond generously to your call. Renew in us the grace of our baptism. Strengthen married couples, single men and women, deacons, priests, sisters, and brothers as they seek to serve you by sharing their love and compassion.

Grant wisdom to those who are discerning their call. With gratitude we proclaim the Good News of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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### Supporting Our Seminarian

On Sunday, Dec. 27, The Knights of Columbus presented James Flattery with a check for \$500.00 to help him with seminary expenses. James said he very much appreciated the financial support but appreciated our spiritual support through prayers even more. Please keep James and all our seminarians in your prayers.

### Blessing on Anniversaries

If you are celebrating a special anniversary (30,40,50, or 60) please contact De. Joe if you would like to receive a blessing.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK HILARY OF POITIERS, 315–368

#### Feast—January 13

This bishop and theologian, a highly cultivated pagan who became a Christian, was elected bishop of his native Poitiers, in France, at age thirty-five, while his wife was still living. For his unwavering opposition to Arianism, the heresy that Jesus Christ was in some way subordinate to God, he was banished to Asia Minor in 356 by an Arian emperor. But he continued to study Greek theology and oppose Arianism and was sent back to France for being a "mischief-maker." He left extensive writings and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1851.



### A Stewardship Moment The Epiphany of the Lord

In today's reading from the Gospel of Luke we hear the proclamation of the baptism of Jesus with "all the people." Indeed, "heaven was opened," and the Father announced his special favor. Whenever we partake of the body and blood of Christ, heed his call in our daily lives, share his Good News, become instruments of his transforming justice and peace, heaven is opened to us, and through the Holy Spirit, the Lord announces his special favor on us as well. A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God's special favor in our lives?

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule**  
**Ministers: January 10, 2016—11:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Laurie Moffitt & Brad Hagarty  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rita Krueger & Karen Van Dusseldorp  
**Altar Servers:** James Flattery & Mackenzie Brown  
**Greeters:** Ed & Mary Dell Flattery  
**Ministers: January 17, 2016—11:00 AM**  
**Lectors:** Joe Hayden & Sharon Jones  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cathy Hayden & Lisa Bussan  
**Altar Servers:** Dane Owens & Rita Krueger  
**Greeters:** Bob & Joyce Brown



## Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Greg Ernst, nephew of Rita Krueger  
Julia Jorensen, niece of Mary May  
Wes and Donna Koebrick (parents of Linda Barnum)  
Jeannette Weldon, mother of Irma Bell  
JoAnn Besler, sister of Karen Van Dusseldorp  
Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood  
James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan

For our parish and our faith formation program.  
For all who have died and for vocations.



## THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing." Psalm 2:4  
**More Holy Humor**

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign. "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust!"

School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business"

## Cancellations Due to Weather

Winter is back. A reminder of cancellation policies. Sunday morning services will not be cancelled unless it is so bad that Dc. Joe can't make it to the church. But he doesn't live very far away so that seldom happens. If it does, he will send out an email, post it on the web site, [www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org](http://www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org), and put it on KCOB, KCCI, and WHO. If Father can't make it from Newton, we will have a communion service.

The obligation to attend mass on Sunday is very serious but God certainly does not want you to risk your life or your health to attend mass. Always use your best judgment.

**Religious Ed.** If the Colfax-Mingo or PCM schools are dismissed early because of weather, classes are automatically cancelled. (This does not of course include scheduled early out days.) If classes are cancelled, Dc. Joe will send out an email, post it on the web site, and put it on KCOB, KCCI, and WHO. Faith Formation staff will also try to call families. Again, always use your best judgment.

## Poinsettias Available

Anyone who would like to take a poinsettia home after mass today is invited to do so.

## Wounded by Abortion? Project Rachel Can Help:

Project Rachel understands the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: 800-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE. Calls are answered personally and confidentially Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Voice messaging is available all other times. Calls will be returned promptly and directly.

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; [vac@diodav.org](mailto:vac@diodav.org) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL WE MADE IT

Thanks to your generosity, we have reached our goal and passed it by a little. Any extra will come back to the parish.



## Thank you!

A big thank you to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebration so wonderful. First of course to Fr. Thom Hennen for celebrating with us. To the liturgy committee and all who helped to decorate our church so beautifully. To the choir for their wonderful music. To all who served as liturgical ministers. And especially to all of you who attended to our guest. You are the ones who make it special. It was a beautiful celebration of a beautiful season.



## Auto-giving

Have you considered signing-up for auto-giving. Your contribution can be automatically credited either monthly or weekly. No hassles writing checks or remembering to contribute if you miss a week. **And it is green—good for the environment.** When you sign-up for auto-giving, we can cancel your envelopes saving paper, the energy to deliver them and the cost to the parish. It is fast, easy, and safe. Consider signing up today. Applications and FAQ are available in the gathering space or on line at [www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org](http://www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org)