

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

**January 11th, 2026**

**Saturday, January 17th 5:15 pm**

**Reader:** Judy Murphy

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Declan & Eleanor Jelinek,  
Ethan Kauffman, Sofia Mata

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Gifts:** Kevin Jelinek Family **Scrip:** Susan Tully

**Sunday, January 18th 8:00 am**

**Reader:** Gregg Schmitt

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Everett & Landon Myers  
Cameron & Ellie Wertz

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Gifts:** Bryan Myers Family **Scrip:** Fran Wilkinson

**Sunday, January 18th 10:30 am**

**Reader:** Emily Zorea

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Johnathon & Mary Lynn Hergert  
Kathryn Stadele, Elijah Weiss

**Gifts:** Aharon Zorea Family **Scrip:** Colleen Schroeder

## Mass Schedule

Monday, January 12th **St. Hilary**  
No Mass

Tuesday, January 13th  
Mass 8:15am  
† Jerry & Florence Durst

Wednesday, January 14th  
Mass 8:15 pm  
Zoey Taylor SP.I.

Thursday, January 15th  
Mass 8:15 am Adoration following Mass  
† Edwin & Agnes Slaney  
4:00 to 7:00 pm Adoration  
4:30 to 7:00pm Confession (Spanish & English)

Friday, January 16th  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Waneta Waters  
Mass 10:00 am @Schmitt Woodland Hills  
† Mary Barnett

Saturday, January 17th  
Confessions 4:30 pm  
Mass 5:15 pm  
† Cletus Bauer

Sunday, January 18th **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Confessions 7:15 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
† Pat Mueller

Confessions 9:45 am  
Mass 10:30 am  
Our Parish Family

Confessions 12:30 (Spanish)  
Mass 1:00 pm (Spanish)

## Parish Calendar of Events

01/17 Saturday, KC Bingo, Community Center 6:30 pm

01/14 Wednesday, OCIA 7:00 pm

01/18 Sunday, Youth Group, 6 to 8 pm

01/25 Sunday, KC's Pancake Breakfast following  
the 8:00 am Mass

01/26 Monday, Catholic School's Week begins

## From Your Pastor

Well, we come to the end of our Christmas season with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord this weekend. While this may come as a surprise, many consider Christmas done after New Year's Day, or even the Epiphany, the Church encourages us to continue to bask in the glory of God's love as we receive our newborn King. In times past, the Christmas season extended all the way through January until the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, at which time the Christmas decorations came down and the shift to ordinary time began. Personally, I love Christmas and to be able to celebrate it longer is a great joy! But we end with the Baptism of Jesus, as a way to bring about the completion of His early life and to be reminded of our own Baptismal call to live in the grace of being united to Jesus.

We also are at a point, as we transition into Ordinary Time, where we have the tendency to return to "normal," whatever that means. We go back to things that aren't exciting or out of the ordinary, even though that's not the meaning of Ordinary Time. From a general standpoint, this is also the time when many people give up their New Year's resolutions. The second Friday of January has come to have the name of Quitters Day, when people quit their disciplines, the good habits that they were trying to start, and just go back to "normal." Of course, this is by no means what we are called to do as pilgrims on the path towards holiness. Yes, maybe our resolutions were worldly, but if they are to improve our lives and give us more opportunities for spiritual things, we shouldn't give up. After all, God is with us, here and now, in the present moment, to encourage us and provide the needed grace to grow towards holiness.

I recently read the following which comes from a book entitled, *Praying with the Saints by Season*, and I think it is very applicable for us today.

The saints carry out God's plan perfectly. In order to do this, they live in the present: it is up to us to imitate them. For God, there is neither past nor future. Consequently, union with Him presupposes living the present moment fully. Indeed, the past does not belong to us any more; the future does not yet belong to us; all that we have in our hands is the present moment. It is a matter of seizing this moment, marking it with the seal of grace, so as to make our actions meritorious for eternal life.

In short, human beings rarely live in the present moment. What a shame! For many temptations come through the imagination. The devil can very easily magnify past and future events so as to make us feel desires, aversion, fear, or other negative feelings. The only remedy is to live the present moment well. There is a time for everything: the success of our life depends not on our dreams, imagination, or illusions, but on virtues that strive to acquire right where the Good Lord has put us.

I pray that this brief reflection may stir up in all of us, as it has for me, to once again return to God, to the grace given through our Baptisms, so that we may live in the present moment to continue down the path to our heavenly home.

I wish to end with a few updates. As many may have wondered, the Communion Rail is in the process of being replaced. It is going to take some time to have the marble cut and shipped, but we will look forward to having that reinstalled in the near future. Secondly, we are quickly approaching Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month, beginning on January 25<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to the festivities that come with celebrating the gift of Catholic Education and the importance of our school.

May we all live this day and each day in thanksgiving, living out our Baptism in Christ!

**In Christ through Mary,**

**Father Nate Kuhn**



# Christmas Flowers & Memorials



Jim & Linda Barnett “ William Barnett  
 “ Mary Barnett  
 “ Charles Barnett  
 Ronald & Janet Bladl “ Lyle & Ruby Baltz  
 “ Irvin & Florence Bladl  
 Cheryl Blankenship “ Marty Blankenship  
 Edward & Elsie Gaura  
 Jon & Jane Bosworth “ Flowers  
 Mike & Sheila Bradford “ Edgar & Marian Sutton  
 “ Francis Bradford  
 “ Virginia Bradford  
 “ Nathan Murray  
 Linton Brewer “ Mary Lou Brewer  
 Virgil Cosgrove “ Connie Cosgrove  
 Jerome & Sandy Durst “ Our Parish Family  
 Susann Ghasin “ G3 & Mary Laubmeier  
 “ George & Viola Laubmeier  
 Timothy & Karen Honer “ Harold & Veronica Miller  
 “ John Honer  
 Gretchen Jelinek “ Marvin & Mary Jelinek  
 Jamie & Angela Larse “ Margaret Pringle Heitke  
 “ Vince Heitke  
 David & Delores Lenz “ Doerrer & Lenz Families  
 Mary Lu Marshall “ Jack & Shirley Curnow  
 “ John & Irene Swenink  
 Candace McGrath “ Nicholas Lawson  
 “ Robert Peter Rockweiler  
 Tena Moore “ Flowers  
 Bernadine Mueller “ Mueller & Seep Families  
 “ Francis Mueller  
 “ Randy & Marcia Mueller  
 “ Miranda Mueller  
 “ Pat & Linda Mueller  
 Phil & June Nee “ Jim Nee  
 “ Rosemary Nee  
 “ Frank Stafford  
 Audrey Oliver “ Flowers  
 Paul & Julie Peckham “ Jane & Edmund Guelig  
 “ Agatha & Cameron Peckham  
 “ Meghan Hansen  
 “ Bill Shaw  
 Rodney Reetz “ Sandy Reetz  
 “ Nordy & Fae Reetz  
 “ Cleo “Tootie” Hasburgh  
 Terry & Barb Ryan “ Foley, Ryan & Families  
 “ Bock Families

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 “ Randy & Marcia Mueller  
 “ Miranda Mueller  
 “ Pat & Linda Mueller  
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 Colleen Schroeder “ Bill Schroeder  
 Jason & Sara Schultz “ Flowers  
 Ronald & JoAnn Tennant “ Slaney Family  
 “ Tennant Family  
 Joe & Sue Triggs “ Sara Triggs  
 “ Charles Beranek  
 “ Joanne Beranek  
 “ Leo & Marie Triggs  
 Brad & Diane Walker “ Flowers  
 Richard Wastlick “ Betty Wastlick  
 June Welte “ Alan Welte

## St Mary’s School Weekly Intention

**We pray for our moms, dads, siblings, and the orphan children who are looking for a forever family.  
 We pray for people without food or a home to live in. We pray for ourselves so we can be closer to God.**

...St. Mary’s 4th Grade Class...



## KC Pancake Breakfast Sunday, January 25th following the 8:00 & 10:30 Masses.

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a breakfast  
 Please join us and help support St Mary’s School in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week.  
 Menu: Buttermilk Pancakes, Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, coffee, oj.  
 There will be a free will offering.  
 Everyone is welcome to attend.

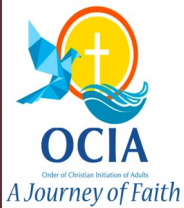
May the God of peace fill your hearts and minds this Christmas Season with the knowledge and love of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as we give thanks for the many gifts and blessings He has bestowed upon us through those that we love.

JESUS SAID:

**I AM the Living Bread that came down from Heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”**



John 6:51



## OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation  
of Adults  
The Next Class will be Wednesday,  
January 14th at 7:00 pm

## Youth Group

Thank you for a wonderful first semester of youth group.  
We have consistently had an about 20 students.  
For a bowling night we were Slightly lower, but I know that  
there were many people traveling for Christmas.  
Everyone had a blast and lots of laughs.  
Our first youth group of the new year will be  
Sunday, January 18th ...6-8 pm

## St. Mary's Fish Fry

Father McKeivitt Council # 3492

Friday February 20th , 2026

Fish Fry will be a drive-thru only.  
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Baked and Fried Fish,  
cheesy and baked potatoes, coleslaw,  
applesauce, and a garlic biscuit. \$13.00 per  
meal, with the option to add extra fish for \$3  
per piece, up to 3 pieces per meal. Please enter  
the drive-up on 4th Street and Central Avenue,  
turning left onto 5th Street, and entering the  
school and parish parking lot to place and  
receive your order.

## Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/  
Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17  
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,8b-9, 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, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/  
Jn 1:29-34



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## January 3/4, 2026

Adult Tithe.....	\$5156.00
Offertory.....	736.90
Pastoral Care .....	50.00
Building & Maintenance.....	50.00
Religious Education.....	50.00
Total.....	\$6,042.90
Holy Day.....	\$1,453.00
ACH Tithe .....	\$5,195.00

Thank You & God Bless You!  
Your 2025 Contribution Statements will be  
ready by the end of January

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### Wedding Planning Information

For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church  
please notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged,  
but **not less than six months**  
prior to the proposed wedding date.