



Spirit-Trained

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The Spirit that descended upon Jesus is the same Spirit with which we have been baptized. In one way or another, it calls us out into the world, into the lives of others. At times, that call is a passionate desire that burns like fire "eager to do what is good," as Paul wrote to Titus (Titus 2:14). It shows itself as a call to the work we do in life—perhaps parenting, teaching, medical work, or creating jobs through business. The Spirit beckons us into making the world a better place in which to live.

Sometimes, however, the Spirit's voice echoes with calls made to us by others. Teachers are urged to become principals. Employees are recognized as potential managers and supervisors. People receive requests to volunteer in community or school projects. At other times, the Spirit calls us through the needs of life. A child may need to care for an aged parent. A family may have a child with special needs. One-sided relationships may call for a listening ear that saps our patience.

Saint Paul wrote to Titus that, in all of this, we are being trained by God's Spirit to live life as follows: temperately, with a sense of balance, perhaps between giving and receiving; justly, because life is not all about us; and devoutly, for there is a power greater than ourselves (Titus 2:12). It may help to realize that those in training do not always perform their work perfectly. It is the nature of being trained. Trust the Spirit to train you well. ●

Reflect

How is the Spirit training you to make the world a better place?

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Baptism of the Lord (C)

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENT

Registration for the 2025 diocesan summer events opens February 1, 2025. These three events offer young people a time to reflect on their spiritual journey and helps them grow their love for God. We encourage you to talk with your kids about attending these events. Take advantage of the early bird rate being offered until February 9th. For details regarding these events, scan the QR code on the poster or visit the Grand Island Diocese website gidiocese.org/wwa

Totus Tuus!!

We are 1 of 12 parishes in the diocese that get to have Totus Tuus!! Mark your calendar **June 22-27th**
Hosted by St Boniface.

Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of Jan 13, 2025

Mon.	Jan	13	7:00	AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	Jan	14	7:00	AM	SJ	No Mass
Wed.	Jan	15	5:30	PM	SA	No Mass
Thurs.	Jan	16	5:30	PM	SB	No Mass
Fri.	Jan	17	8:30	AM	SJ	No Mass
Sun.	Jan	19	8:00	AM	SJ	People of the Parish
Sun.	Jan	19	9:30	AM	SA	Leonard Mackley †
Sun.	Jan	19	11:00	AM	SB	Nancy Willis †



Judy Meredith Jan 6th
Jim Hickey Jan 9th
Lawrence Duponcheel Jan 9th
Carla Kimball Jan 11th
Cecelia Sierks Jan 12th
Kaman Dailey Jan 13th
Rokker Sierks Jan 13th
Katie Weiman Jan 14th
Oliver Pandorf Jan 14th
Barbara Foran Jan 18th

Ministry Schedule

Date: Jan 19	St. Agnes	St. Boniface	St. John's
Time	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
Hospitality	Sue D. & Pam L.	Dan & J T.	Youth
Lector	Pam L.	Caden P. & Rod B.	Youth
Server		Olivia F. & Charli P.	Youth
EMHC	Sue D. & Pam L.	Steve & Kristen B.	Steve & Cindy F.
Communion to shut ins or Music		Steve B.	Music: Youth

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. Agnes</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Gifts to God & Church Jan 1, 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Total Collection:</u> \$1390.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diocesan Appeal</u></p> <p>Dollar Goal = \$2345 of \$4014 Donor Goal: 5 of 16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thrift Store Open Jan 17rd from 9AM to 4PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- CCD Class Jan 15th</p> <p>Eternal Rest Grant unto her O'Lord.</p> <p>We remember <i>.Cyd Miller</i> who recently passed away. May the hope of resurrection bring peace to her.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. Boniface</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Gifts to God & Church Jan 1, 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Total Collection:</u> \$466.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diocesan Appeal</u></p> <p>Dollar Goal = \$4570 of \$7306 Donor Goal: 13 of 19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- CCD Class Jan. 15th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCIA: January 14th 6 PM Topic: The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>UPCOMING:</u></p> <p>Potluck Jan 19th Stewardship Group 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. John's</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Gifts to God & Church Jan 1 & 5, 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Total Collection:</u> \$236.19</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diocesan Appeal</u></p> <p>Dollar Goal = \$4650 of \$5001 Donor Goal: 9 of 17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- CCD Class Jan 15th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Supper : C. O'Brien</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>UPCOMING:</u></p> <p>Coffee and Rolls January 19th</p>
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CATHOLICS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

Grand Island Diocese

Join us

for a three-day weekend where you will experience how God's grace works within you and how you can share this grace with others. Talks presented by clergy and laity, fellowship with others, and prayer through song and word, will inspire, educate, and motivate. Held at Comeca Camp & Retreat Center in Cozad, this Friday evening through Sunday evening experience is sure to be a memorable one full of insight, growth, and perhaps a few laughs along the way! **Contact Emily Pandorf**

World Marriage Day Mass

Saturday, February 8, 2025

at 5pm mass

All married couples in the Diocese of Grand Island whose anniversary is divisible by 5 in the years 2024-2025 will be honored at the Holy Mass with Bishop Joseph Hangfeldt at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island.

See the flier in your church for more details.

Dear Padre,

We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus was baptized, not because he needed saving, but so that others might be saved. By accepting baptism, he established this act as the normative path for salvation. Saint John Chrysostom addressed this question: "Though [Christ] needed not baptism for his own sake, yet carnal nature in others had need thereof." Or as St. Gregory Nazianzen said more poetically: "Christ was baptized that he might plunge the old Adam entirely in the water."

Another reason Jesus accepted baptism is suggested by St. Augustine. He said our Lord was baptized "because he wished to do what he had commanded all to do." This is true servant leadership—not asking of others what one is not willing to do oneself. Or as St. Ambrose said, "This is justice, to do first thyself that which thou wishest another to do, and so encourage others by thy example."

Perhaps as we launch into a new year, we might try to remember our baptismal promise to "put on Christ" and imitate Jesus in this way: to not ask of anyone—our children or parents; employers or employees; teachers or students; principals or pastors; or even presidents—what we do not ask of ourselves, especially when it comes to honesty, dedication, civility, and charity.



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Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18	January 19
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Heb 1:1–6 Mk 1:14–20	Heb 2:5–12 Mk 1:21–28	Heb 2:14–18 Mk 1:29–39	Heb 3:7–14 Mk 1:40–45	Heb 4:1–5, 11 Mk 2:1–12	Heb 4:12–16 Mk 2:13–17	Is 62:1–5 1 Cor 12:4–11 Jn 2:1–11



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us thank the Lord for baptism. Let us also thank him for the parents who brought us to the font, for those who administered the sacrament...for the community in which we received him....

Do I acknowledge, in my life, the light of the presence of God, who sees me as his beloved son, his beloved daughter?

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