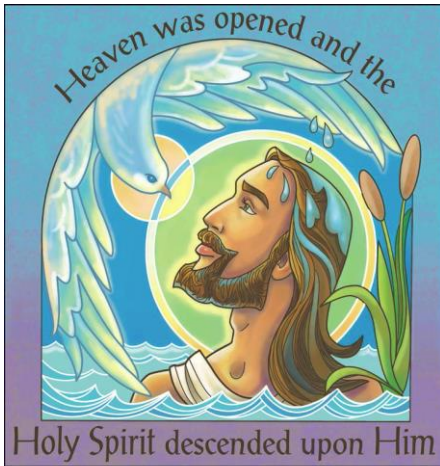


THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2020

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

— **Matthew 3:17**



THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (**Matthew 3:17**).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the LORD upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**).

Psalms — The Lord will bless his people with peace (**Psalms 29**)

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (**Acts 10:34-38**).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Edith Blder	Homesdale Care Center
Jeanete Hamilton	Evans Home
Eddie Jennings,	V.A. Rehab Cameron
Inell Hunter	Home
Martha Melton	Addington House Center
Marcheita Bush	Home
CarlosNix	Home
Lavel McCullough	Home
Rosa Birch	Home
Sandra Cloyd	Home
Kevin Brown	Home
Jackie Countee	Home
Sharon Shackelford-Allen	Home
Earnestine Nard	Home
Mable Parson	Home
Earl Greene	Home
Michael Mize	Home
Chaunceyetta Mize	Home
Hargett Hayes	Home
Margaret Jones	Home
Flora Waddell	Bishop Spencer's Place
Delores Bazy	Home
Deacon Greene	Home

FAMILY MEMBER

Please inform Father Leonard, when a loved-one has become homebound, or has been hospitalized. Call, **816-471-3696**, or email: leombuthia@yahoo.com

JANUARY 19th ASSIGNMENTS

SERVERS Coordinator: V. Ammons*

All Servers

LECTORS Coordinator: Rose Palmer*

8:00 a.m. Ken Bacchus, Javan Hardy

10:00 a.m. Syrtiller Kabat, Al Lomax

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Coordinator: Dianna Miller*

8:00 a.m. Crystal Miller, Dianna Miller,
Julia Price, Rita Womack,
Elaine Johnson,

10:00 a.m. Lydia Ramirez, Rose Roos, Katie
Steward, Kirk thaw, Shirley Thaw, Patricia
Williams, Debora Buckley, Terese Chambers,
Jenise Comer, Diane Charity,

USHERS Coordinators, Kim Urenda,
Mary Pearson *

8:00 a.m. Elaine Johnson,
Lawrence Blankinship

10:00 a.m. Team A: Isaiah Taitt,
Shannon & Kim Fields,
Leah Henderson, Alex Perez
Vicki Shackelford, Cynthia Uzomah

WELCOME: Diane Charity

3rd SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

HOST: **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

COUNTERS: TEAM #3

Team Leader: Janice Smith

MEETINGS / DATES / TIMES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes are held on Sunday, following
the 10 a.m. Mass



SUNDAY SCHOOL ~

Classes resume, Jan.12

K-5th Grade Classes meet on the

2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays.

Ramonda Doakes, Director

Classes resume, Jan.12

1st COMMUNION CLASS

Meetings: 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays

Shayla Mendy, Teacher

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP Meetings:

2nd and 4th Sundays, Church Hall,

Lower Level,

Coordinators: John & Debra Johnson

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

Meetings will be held in the

Administration Building, **St. Monica**

Room, Every 1st and 3rd Sunday.

Coordinators: Eric & Burnetta Burtin, Elton &
Phaedra Lombard

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Meetings are held on Sundays, in the

Small Chapel,

Deacon Ken Greene, Instructor.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER

3rd Degree Knights 1st Sat 1:00 p.m.

4th Degree Knights 1st Sat. 1:45 p.m.

Fr. Constantine Ct. 1st Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Ladies of Grace 4th Sun. 2:00 p.m.

Jr. Daughters 2nd Sat. 2:00 p.m.

Jr. Knights 1st Sun. 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

SATURDAY

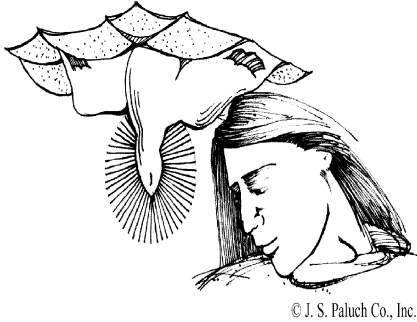
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Class

9:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast & Bible Study

Meetings are held in the Administration
Building / St. Monica Room.

New members are welcome.

GOSPEL — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased
(Matthew 3:13-17)



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 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, 10-22a; 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 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
 Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary
 Friday: St. Anthony
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE

Meetings after 10:00 a.m. Mass

Meeting Dates:

January 19th, 26th

February 2nd, 9th

Kim Urenda Fields

110 ANNIVERSARY

110 Year Anniversary Committee

Next Meeting

Jan. 23rd – Conference Call – 8 pm

Shirley Thaw

THANK YOU

The Altar and Rosary Society wishes to thank all who gifted us with their time to both decorate the Church for Christmas and also take down the decorations and store them for next year.

The Altar and Rosary Society will be collecting dues for 2020. The envelopes can be found on the tables behind the back pews. The dues remain at \$5.00.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your box of 2020 Offering Envelopes, after Mass. Of offering envelopes for a family member or friend, please let the Church Office know.

NOTE: Always include your **Name, Envelope Number, and the Amount** on your envelopes. Thank you for your patience

NEW TRAINING DATE

The Office of Divine Workshop will present an **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop, Monday, February 24th, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, from, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. To Register: Call the Church Office, 816-471-3696.**

SECOND COLLECTION

NEXT SUNDAY

Catholic Home Mission Collection

Envelopes will be available for this collection.

Thank you for your donations.

SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367)

January 13

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, "the Latin Trumpet against the Arians," heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ's divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences.

Reflecting on Jesus' challenge to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

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FORWARD IN FAITH

Thanks to everyone who is participating in our "Forward in Faith" Campaign. The campaign is to take care of our accumulated diocesan assessment arrears, and build reserves for our parish. Thanks to many of you, who took time to fill in pledge cards. More pledge cards are available in the pews.

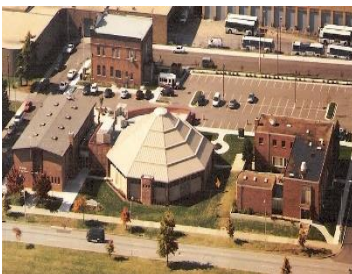
Please take time to fill one out, and drop it in the collection basket.

If you have any question, please don't hesitate to approach one of our Stewardship Committee members, for clarification.

Your 2020 annual tithing envelopes, also include "Forward in Faith" Envelopes. Please use the Forward in Faith envelopes toward the campaign.

Our goal is, to raise \$150,000 by October 2020. So far, we have received \$16,892, and \$133,108, still to go. The goal is huge, but God is faithful. God bless you all.

Fr. Leonard



**COMING EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS !**

**ST. LOUIS CHURCH
FRIDAY, **JANUARY 17TH**
CHILI SUPPER**

The Knights of Peter Claver, #265, will host this fundraising event.
Details (menu and donation) will be forthcoming.

ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER – 5814 Euclid Ave. K.C.MO
will host a
**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
PRAYER SERVICE
MONDAY, **JANUARY 20TH****

Bishop James Johnston will offer the key message of the morning.

All are invited to join us in a renewed commitment to serving others and being the face of God to each other and those who need our help.

In the spirit of service and social justice, we invite you to participate in service projects from January 1, 2020 to January 20, 2020, "Twenty Days of Service" (not a day off) to honor the legacy of Dr. King. Please bring a symbol of your service project(s) to January 9 and January 16 - 6pm at St. Therese Church. If you have not already, let us know that you will be a part of the choir, please confirm with Tamara Chestnut at tchestnut@stlfkc.org.

Brunch will be served following the service to continue our fellowship. Questions may be directed to Estelle Tunley, Director, Liturgy and Music, etunley@stlfkc.org or 816-444-5406.

ST. MONICA CHURCH'S **MARDI GRAS!
SATURDAY, **FEBRUARY 15TH
5:30-10 p.m.****

We are doing a repeat of the menu (**shrimp boil**), **red beans**, **salad**, and **dessert**.

Tickets are now on sale, and we are live on **Facebook** and **Eventbrite**.

Tickets will be \$25 per person or a church special of Two Tickets for \$

