

January 15 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

HE IS THE SON OF GOD

John said, "I did not know him."

So, the Spirit showed the Christ to him.

And John replied,

*"Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world."*

Spirit, come, shine through our clouds.

Teach us your love.

Let us know Jesus.

Let us tell everyone about the Lamb of God.

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Proud Servants of God

"My servant" is an identification a lot of people will shy away from. A servant seeks to accomplish someone else's goals, and the adjective "my" suggests belonging to another. Yet all of today's readings describe individuals who are proud to be servants – servants of God. What makes this kind of servant something to which all of us can aspire?

As a servant of God, Isaiah became "a light to the nations that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). As a servant of God, Paul became "an apostle of Christ Jesus," proclaiming the good news of God's love "to the church of God in Corinth." As a servant of God, John the Baptist prepared the way so that Jesus "might be made known to Israel" (John 1:31). These servants sought to accomplish God's goals for the fulfillment of others. It is in such commitment to others that we ourselves are fulfilled. Ask any parent, spouse, or good friend if this is not the case.

We might not want to be the servant of another, but what a privilege it is to be called to be a servant of God, a light to others, to proclaim God's love and make Jesus known. By our baptism, we have all been so called. We enlighten others by the way we live with integrity. The unselfishness of our lives proclaims the good news of Christ Jesus. Authentic Christian living makes him known to the world. That's what it means to be a servant of God. + (By Sr. Dianne Bergant)

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

January 15 – Floyd and Erma Harlemert

January 22 – Lucille Simon

January 29 – Bob and Sharon Miller

50th Wedding Anniversary

MASS INTENTIONS

January 14 – Chad White

January 15 – Cletus Wagner

January 21 – Charles Simon

January 22 – Richard Wagner

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – January 21 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Morgan Busch, Ava Wagner

Lector: Judy Steuri

Gifts: Mike and Cathy Wagner

Eucharist Minister: Terry Harmeyer

Sunday – January 22 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Amanda Schutte, Amy Kinker

Gifts: David and Jenny Hardesty

Eucharist Minister: Cindy Weisenbach

Saturday – January 28 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Sam Simon, Ella Wagner

Lector: Terry Harmeyer

Gifts: Mark and Rosie Lunsford

Eucharist Minister: Judy Steuri

Sunday – January 29 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Julie Stephens, Ron Bauerle

Gifts: Ken and Janice Fry

Eucharist Minister: Vicki Wagner

PARISH SUPPORT

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| Adult Envelopes | \$3658.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | \$ 10.41 |
| Loose Collection | <u>\$ 452.00</u> |
| Total Regular Collection | \$4120.41 |
| Christmas Offering | \$70.00 |
| Criterion | \$40.00 |
| Capital Improvement | \$80.00 |
| Utility Fund | \$499.00 |
| Pick Pocket | \$328.00 |

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS PARISH
FOR MANY YEARS. MAY GOD BLESS US DURING
OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY AS A PARISH!**

PICK POCKETS – Our Pick Pockets this past weekend were Ava and Layne Wagner, Mason Busch, Aleena and Reid Hicks, and Hadley Wagner. Thank you so much for helping us raise **\$328.10**.

PSALM RESPONSE – Last weekend, we began praying the verses of the psalm response, which follows the first Scripture reading, together with the cantor. We continue to sing the response between each of the verses.

THANK YOU – "Dear Sister Shirley and Parishioners of St. Maurice, Thank you so very much for your most generous gifts to the Sisters of St. Francis home community. All the items you brought us will be used with great gratitude for you. You have saved us so much money in buying these supplies for us. May God bless each of you a hundredfold! I am so grateful to you. May you have a most blessed New Year! Thank you again! Please know we hold you in prayer. Thank you for praying for us. In loving gratitude and prayer, Sister Joanita Koors."

From our shut-ins: "Thank you for your many Christmas cards and good wishes. Your remembrance of us at this time of year was such a gift. You are remembered in our prayers."

A GRATEFUL HEART – Patty Simon writes, "Thank you very much for the monetary gift and beautiful calendar you gave me for Christmas. It is so nice to be thought of with a present. What a privilege it is for me to work with such wonderful catechists and great parish families."

UCA – Please send in your donation to the United Catholic Appeal if you have not done so. Let's complete this appeal by February 26, the first Sunday of Lent, if possible.

BLOOD DRIVE – St. Maurice is hosting a Community Blood Drive in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 7. Appointments are being scheduled from 11:00 to 1:00, and from 2:30 until 5:00. Donors can schedule online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon or call Arlene Gehl, 812-852-4394. All donors will receive a Hoxworth wearable blanket along with the heartfelt gratitude of patients in need of life-saving blood.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Winter Blood Drive – Tuesday, February 7

Ash Wednesday – February 22
7:00 PM Celebration of Mass

"The Church's Ministry of Exorcism"
by Fr. Vincent Lampert – March 7, 6:00 PM

Easter Sunday – April 9

SMORGASBORDS:

Saturday, April 15, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Saturday, November 11, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Fall Blood Drive – August 1

Parish Mission by Father Bill Rhinehart –
September 16 to September 20

***175th Anniversary Closing: Mass with Archbishop
Charles Thompson – December 3, 2023

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

January 21 – Brian Horan, Eric Busch
January 28 – Ken Harmeyer, Steve Gilland

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

January 22 – George and Mary Bultman
January 29 – Paul and Arlene Gehl

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED – Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will meet for class on Wednesday, January 18, 6:45 PM. First Circle of Grace class.



JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED

– Classes for Grades 6 through 10 will meet next Sunday, January 22, at 8:30 AM.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – "As a junior in

college, I wanted to be more involved in church. They were always looking for new members in the choir. So I decided to join. After about five minutes into my first practice, the individual seated on my left got up and moved. I didn't think much about it until five minutes later, the individual seated on my right got up and moved. So I said to myself, 'Lord, I guess singing isn't one of my gifts.' That was my first and last choir practice." (Deacon David Holder, Council Road Baptist Church, Bethany, OK, The Joyful Noiseletter)

January 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD Mass 10:00 AM | New Year's Day (observed) | | | |  Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM - Noon | Mass for Epiphany 4:00 PM Pick Pockets |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 175th Committee Meeting 8:30 AM RE Classes 8:30 AM FEAST OF EPIPHANY Mass 10:00 AM Pick Pockets | FEAST OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD  "You are my Son." | | Faith Formation Committee Meeting 4:30 PM RE Classes 6:45 PM | Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM | | Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Liturgy Meeting 8:30 AM RE Classes 8:30 AM SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00 AM | Martin Luther King Day | | RE Classes 6:45 PM | | | Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| RE Classes 8:30 AM THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00 AM Day of Prayer for Unborn Children | |  FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PEACE | RE Classes 6:45 PM FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE | | | Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| RE Classes 8:30 AM FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00 AM | | | | <u>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</u>  For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all. | | |