

January 11, 2026

## The Baptism of the Lord



### Baptism of the Lord Feast

Let's be clear about what's happening here. John the Baptist is reluctant. Matthew tells us John tried to prevent Jesus: "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" John knows this is backwards. His baptism is a baptism of repentance, and Jesus has nothing to repent. But Jesus insists: "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

What does this mean? Jesus is entering into the complete human condition—not its sinfulness, but its brokenness, its need, its longing for redemption. As Isaiah prophesied in our first reading, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased." The Servant comes not to stand above the people but among them, not to condemn the bruised reed but to bind it up.

The early Church Father, St. John Chrysostom, preached that when Jesus descends into the Jordan, He sanctifies all waters for all future baptisms. The Creator enters creation. The Light falls into the depths. And what rises from those waters is not just a wet rabbi from Nazareth, but the inauguration of a new creation.

Notice what happens next: "The heavens were opened." This is the language of rupture, of divine invasion. Since the Fall, heaven and earth had been separated. But now the separation is torn—not gently parted but *opened*—and the Spirit descends like a dove.

Why a dove? Because at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of chaos and brought forth life. Now, at this new creation, the Spirit hovers over these waters and brings forth new life. Every baptism since has been an echo of this moment—the Spirit hovering, heaven opening, identity bestowed.

And then the voice: "This is my beloved Son." The Greek word here is *agapētos*—not just loved, but *beloved*, cherished, the object of the Father's infinite delight. And this is spoken *before* Jesus does anything. It is gift, not wage. Identity, not achievement.

St. Thomas Aquinas teaches us that Christ's baptism manifests the entire Trinity: the Father's voice, the Son's presence, the Spirit's descent. Every Christian baptism makes us partakers in this Trinitarian life. We're not just joining a club or making a commitment—we're being incorporated into the very life of God.

### Financial Position—YTD

Thank you for your generous financial support of our parish this past year. The donor envelope boxes that have not yet been picked up for 2026 may be found in the foyer by the bulletin board.

God bless you!



**Your prayers  
DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
**Please take additional time in your day and in your daily prayers for the deceased, those most vulnerable and those in need of healing.**  
**We reverently keep in our prayers, family, friends, loved ones, and all in need. We pray especially for those listed in this bulletin and those in our hearts and minds this day.**



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### Masses This Week

Mon, Jan. 12, 9:00 a.m.

+Fr. Ken Koep

Tues, Jan. 13, 9:00 a.m.

+Sheila Toeckes by Estrella/Jesus Guillet

Wed, Jan. 14, 9:00 a.m.

+Rose Ann Keindel by Joan Girodat & Family

Thurs, Jan. 15, 9:00 a.m.

+Bill/+Mary Madison by John Madison

Fri, Jan. 16, 9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Gail Stevenson by Gladys Wardrop

Sat, Jan. 17

Eastend—5:00 p.m.—Pro populo

Sun, Jan. 18

Climax—9:00 a.m.

+Norma Kaliciak by Climax Ladies Altar Society

Shaunavon—11:00 a.m.

+Sheila Toeckes by Alex/Mona McFadyen

Admiral—4:00 p.m.

+Deceased Relatives by Frank/Jocelyn Hammond



OUR MINISTRIES

#### LECTORS

January 11  
Debbie Olesen  
Margarita Villanueva  
Joan Girodat

January 18  
Barry Thienes  
Bernie Deobald  
Norm Lavoy

#### ALTAR SERVERS

January 11  
Claire  
Joshua  
Maria

January 18  
Hannah  
Jolie  
Hieu

#### USHERS/GREETERS

January 11  
Brent/Penny

January 18  
Roger/Gerald

#### CHILDREN' S LITURGY

January 11  
Teacher—Lexi Cadieux  
Helper—Anna Nelson

January 18  
Teacher—Karen Pineda  
Helper—Kamilah Pineda

## MEETINGS

### January 2026

- OCIA—Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus, Thurs, Jan. 22, Mass/Meeting
- Parish Pastoral Council—Tues, Jan 27, 7:00 p.m.



I wish to extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation for your many expressions of kindness and generosity over this Christmastide; your numerous greetings, gifts, treats, and most especially your prayers are a great grace for me! May the Lord bless all of our homes and our parishes with faith, hope, and love.

Prayers and Blessings, Fr. Ron Andree

### CWL Memberships Due!

CWL memberships are due at the end of February. Membership fees are \$50.00. Cheques can be made out to Catholic Women's League and given to Tana Audette or e-transfers can be made to Anne Wikins at [brentannewilkins@gmail.com](mailto:brentannewilkins@gmail.com) or by cell phone at 306-297-7478.



Anyone wishing to join CWL can contact Tana at 306-774-3510.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

### Holy Family, Admiral—Mass/Potluck Social

Next Sunday, January 18, 4:00 p.m.

Everyone Welcome!

## "The Chosen"

### Movie Nights

Christ the King Parish Hall

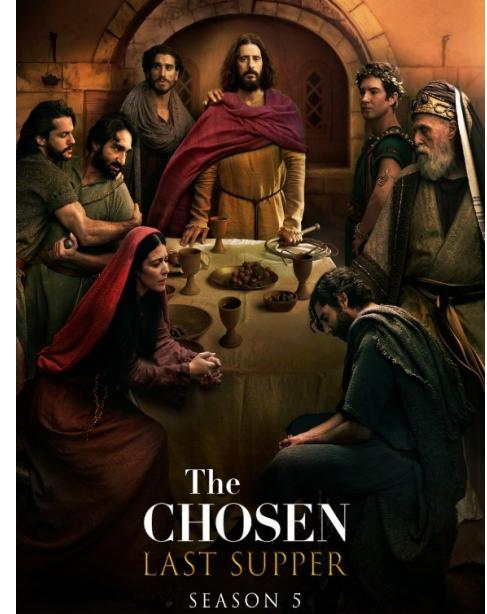
Mondays

Jan. 12-Mar. 2, 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join in faith and fellowship at Monday Movie Nights watching:

**"The Chosen"—Season 5!**

Extend the invitation,  
families and children welcome.



Beginning with a Potluck Supper on Monday, January 12, 6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Movie.

Each episode is roughly 1 hour.

The 8 episodes will take us from January 12– March 2.

A great way to lighten up the winter and provide a gateway into Lent!

### Come for Coffee!

Christ the King Parish  
will host an  
Ecumenical Coffee  
Tuesday, January 13,  
10:00 a.m.

Parent with children are welcome!



We are richly blessed and  
we encourage you to  
remember that the  
Shaunavon Food Bank is  
always in need of donations. Please  
continue to give generously!