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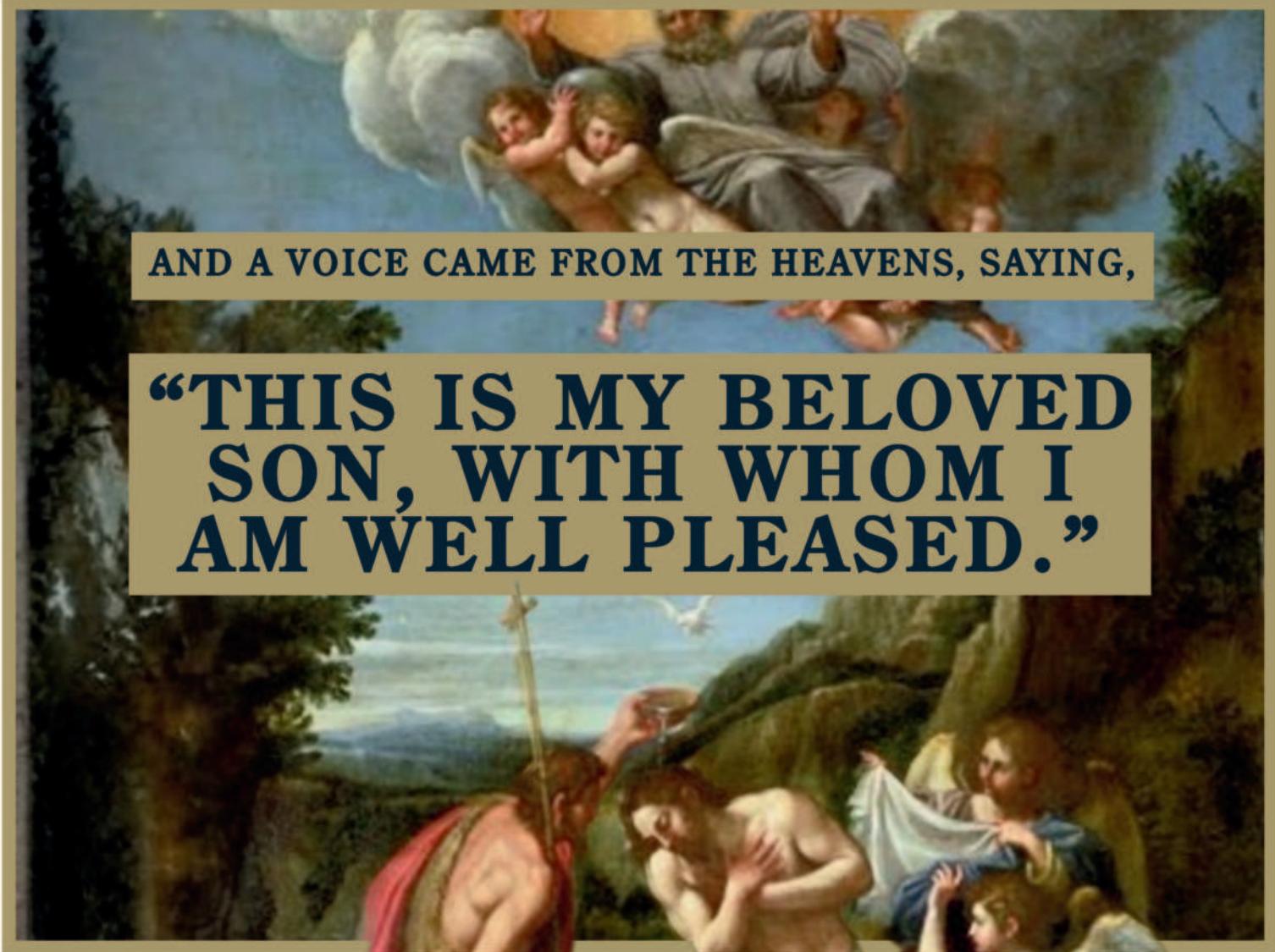
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AND A VOICE CAME FROM THE HEAVENS, SAYING,

“THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.”



WEEKEND MASS

Sat: 4:30 PM
Sun: 8:00, 9:30,
11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon - Fri: 6:30 & 8:05 AM
Thu: 6:00 PM
Sat: 8:05 AM

RECONCILIATION

Mon, Tues, Fri: 7 - 8 AM
Wed: 6-7 PM
Thu: 5 PM
Sat: 3-4 PM

PASTOR

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SACRAMENTAL ASST.

Fr. Dan Morris

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Asante

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FOUNDATION STONES SURVEY



It's time once again to take the Foundation Stones survey! Each time we've shared it, the responses have been incredibly encouraging. Your input helps us see where the Spirit is moving in our community. The survey is quick, anonymous, and a powerful tool for reflection.

Go to: <https://bit.ly/4967487>



FAMILY BINGO



You're invited on January 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM for a delightful evening of family BINGO! We'll gather in the MPC with dinner and dessert, followed by several rounds of BINGO with chances to win great prizes! Tickets are \$10 (13+) and \$5 (ages 4-12.) We hope you'll join us for a fun-filled evening of food, fellowship, and friendly competition!

Link: <https://shoj.org/event-details?id=5481>



NEWLYWED HAPPY HOUR



Calling All Newlyweds married in the last 4 years! Whether you tied the knot at Sacred Heart or another parish, we want to celebrate YOU! Join us on Thursday, January 22 from 6:30-8:00pm at the Rectory for a chance to meet and connect with other newlyweds beginning this same beautiful season of life. Light refreshments and snacks provided. We can't wait to toast your newlywed years!

Link: <https://shoj.org/event-details?id=5482>



MARRIAGE HEALING RETREAT



Retrouvaille Healing Marriage Retreat is January 23-25 and aims at helping couples heal and renew their hurting marriages. Retrouvaille presenters share their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Registration closes January 21. Questions? Call 816-679-4356 or email Retrokc@gmail.com

Register: www.retrouvaille.com



IGNITE FOR LIFE



Join the Archdiocese for a Kansas Mass & March for Life at the Topeka performing Arts Center January 28, 2026.



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Learn how to enter into Lent this coming year with our Parish Mission, featuring Fr. Luke Doyle, on Sunday, February 1 & Monday, February 2 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. There will be a talk, confession, and adoration. Please bring your entire family. You won't want to miss it!

SINGLES MURDER MYSTERY

All single young adults (21-39) are invited to join us for a night of mystery (guests welcome!) On February 6th we will be hosting a Single's Murder Mystery Night from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM in the Meeting Room 1. Bring a snack to share and your own beverage.



ENCOUNTER YOUTH RALLY

Don't miss this high-energy, four-hour rally event for Middle and High School youth, and youth leaders. There will be a keynote speaker, Adoration, group activities, and more! The rally is February 21st, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The cost is \$15 per person.

POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

The Knights of Columbus Keeping Christ in Christmas poster contest Winners!

1st Place:

1-2 grade: Hannah Friedrichs 3-4 grade: Sophie Lyons 5-6 grade: Audrey Oxenford

2nd Place:

1-2 grade: Mila Kathol 3-4 grade: Myah Kathol 5-6 grade: Clara Friedrichs

Overall Best Poster: Sophie Lyons

Congratulations to these wonderful artists with big hearts!



MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Join hundreds of men on February 21st from across the Kansas City metro for a day of spiritual renewal and fellowship.
<https://menunderconstruction.org/>

-MASS INTENTIONS-



WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

What does it mean to, "remember to keep holy the Lord's Day?"
What work can be done on a day of rest?

In his latest podcast episode, Fr. Zarse dives into the beauty and challenge of keeping Sunday sacred. Discover what the Church teaches about Sundays, what labor is permissible, and practical ways to live out the Third Commandment in today's world.



[Listen Here!](#)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Parishioner Lori Coleman's mother,
Mary Ellen Kirk

Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.

Monday, January 12

6:30 - Keagan Lee
8:05 - Gery Hochanadel & Family

Tuesday, January 13

6:30 - Wilfred Jung +
8:05 - John Raymond Boor +

Wednesday, January 14

6:30 - Mary Margaret Hobbs +
8:05 - Emily Uffman

Thursday, January 15

6:30 - Cate Hungerford
8:05 - Jeanette Wieseler +
6:00 - Susan Mullane +

Friday, January 16

6:30 - Frank Menghini +
8:05 - Maria Rivillo +

Saturday, January 17

8:05 - Anne Kinskey
4:30 - Sue Plattner +

Sunday, January 18

8:00 - Richard Reischman +
9:30 - SHOJ Parishioners
11:00 - Cecilia Castañeda +

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

Origin of baptism

Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent to our Confession. Until the fall of the Temple in 70 A.D., it was common for Jewish people to use a special pool called a Mikveh — literally a “collection of water” — as a means of spiritual cleansing to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men took this bath weekly on the eve of the Sabbath, women, monthly. Converts were also expected to take this bath before entering Judaism. The Orthodox Jews still retain the rite. John preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continuing ritual into the one single, definitive act by which we begin our life of Faith. In effect, He fused His Divine Essence with the water and the ceremony.

A couple of questions

1. Why did Jesus, the sinless Son of God, receive the “baptism of repentance” meant for sinners?
2. Why did Jesus wait for thirty years to begin his public ministry?

The strange answer for the first question given by the apocryphal book (The

Gospel according to the Hebrews) is that Jesus received the baptism of John to please his mother and relatives. In this humble submission, we see a foreshadowing of the “baptism” of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus’ baptism by John was the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God’s suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father’s will. Out of love, He consented to His baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Many Fathers of the Church explain that Jesus received baptism to identify himself with his people, who, because of John’s preaching, for the first time in Jewish history, became aware of their sins and of their need for repentance. The Jews had the traditional belief that only the Gentiles who embraced Jewish religion needed the baptism of repentance, for, as God’s chosen people, the Jewish race was holy. Jesus might have been waiting for this most opportune moment to begin his public ministry. The Fathers of the Church point out that the words which the Voice of the Heavenly Father speaks are similar to Psalm 2:17, revealing Jesus’ identity (“This is my beloved Son”) and to Isaiah 42:1 referring to the “suffering servant” (“with whom I am well pleased”), revealing Jesus’ mission of saving mankind by His suffering and death.

Five moments in the life of Christ at baptism

1. Moment of decision. It marked the end of Jesus’ private life which had prepared him for his public ministry.
2. Moment of identification. He identified with his people in their God-ward movement initiated by John the Baptist (quality of a good leader).
3. Moment of approval. Jesus might have been waiting for a signal of approval from his Heavenly Father, and during his baptism Jesus got this approval of Himself as the Father’s “beloved Son.”
4. Moment of conviction. At this baptism, Jesus received certainties (assurances) from Heaven about His identity that He was the “Chosen One” and the “beloved Son of God”; and the nature of His mission was that his mission of saving mankind would be fulfilled, not by conquering the Romans, but by becoming the “suffering servant” of God by the cross.
5. Moment of equipment. When He descended on Jesus in the form of a dove (symbol of gentleness), the Holy Spirit equipped Jesus with the power of preaching the “Good News” (that God is a loving Father, Who wants to save all human beings from their sins through His Son Jesus), in contrast to the “axe” and “fire” preaching of John the Baptist about an angry God’s judgment on sinners.

Conclusion

By Baptism we become the adoptive sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. We become incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made sharers in the priesthood of Christ [CCC #1279]. Hence, “Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments” [CCC #1213]. Most of us dipped the fingers of our right hand into the holy water font and blessed ourselves when we came into Church today. Why? This blessing is supposed to remind us of our Baptism. And so when I bless myself with Holy Water, I should be thinking of the fact that I am a child of God; that I have been redeemed by the Cross of Christ; that I have been made a member of God’s family and that I have been washed, forgiven, cleansed and purified by the Blood of the Lamb.



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2025-2026

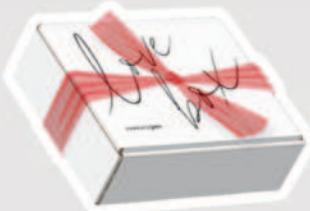


Stay tuned for K-8 enrollment information for the 2026-27 school year!

Contact Principal Kathy Rhodes with questions or to schedule a tour: (913) 422-5520

2026 PATRON SAINT

Choose a Saint for 2026! You can find baskets at the information desk containing slips of paper with a saint's name, feast day, and a prayer. Please take one slip per person. This reflects a tradition of allowing a saint to "choose us" for the coming year. We invite you to consider this saint your patron and spiritual companion for 2026, and to foster a relationship with them this year.



LOVE BOX

Love Boxes are available at the Greeters Counter and in the Parish office. Each box inspires a mom who is unexpectedly pregnant to be brave and choose life and also includes an invite to a local Embrace Grace group.

FINANCIALS



New Year, New Gifts to Jesus! To make or increase your tithing gifts to Sacred Heart simply scan the QR code or visit us at <https://onrealm.org/SacredHeartCath/give/now>.

In Quarter 4 of 2025, we needed \$79,710.06 per week for our operating budget.

- We averaged \$72,681.64 per week in Quarter 4 2025.



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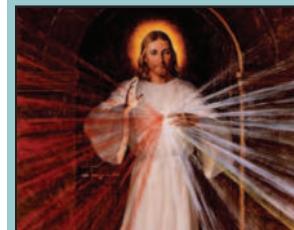
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