



Behold the Lamb of God!

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Of the many names Scripture provides to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today's gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to "pass over" these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus' blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20-28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation Aries, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●



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Reflect

Which understanding of the "Lamb of God" resonates with me?

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

JOHN 1:29



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Sacraments
Reconciliation Saturday & Sunday 30 min before Mass, Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Joseph
Marriage Six-month notice required
18 months if annulments needed
Anointing Please let us know of any hospital admissions
Baptism For Baptismal dates call the office; one Baptismal Class required

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat.	Jan 17	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Tina Gaspard	
Sat.	Jan 17	7:00pm	St. Joseph
		Mass for the People	
Sun.	Jan 18	8:00am	St. Joseph
	†	Vincent and Phyllis Bertels	
Sun.	Jan 18	10:00am	St. Mary's
	†	Deceased members of Knights of Columbus	
Mon.	Jan 19	No Mass	
Tue.	Jan 20	No Mass	
Wed.	Jan 21	No Mass	
Thu.	Jan 22	No Mass	
Fri.	Jan 23	No Mass	
Sat.	Jan 24	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
	†	Donna Noll	
Sat.	Jan 24	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	†	Patrick and Carol McCreary	
Sun.	Jan 25	8:00am	St. Joseph
		Mass for the People	
Sun.	Jan 25	10:00 am	St. Mary's
	†	Bernard and Rita Darveaux	

No Daily Masses, Adoration, or confessions January 19-23 while Father William is away for a conference. Messages will be checked daily. If you need sacramental assistance during this time, contact St. Benedict Parish (913)367-0671 or St. Benedict's Abbey(913)367-7853 in Atchison.

Ignite for Life and Kansas March for Life
Topeka Performing Arts Center
January 28, 2026

9:00am: Ignite for Life. Live music, inspirational speakers, ministry fair. All are welcome. Registration is requested: archkck.org/ignite
10:30am: Kansas Mass for Life. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Kansas Bishops and Priests.
Noon: Kansas March for Life. March from the Topeka Performing Arts Center to the Capitol for the Kansans for Life Rally.
1:00-3:00pm: Adoration at MaterDei Assumption Church across from the Capitol building.
All events are free. For more information visit: archkck.org/ignite



Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions
St. Joseph
Wednesdays, 6-7pm
Corpus Christi
3rd Saturday of month, 4-4:45pm
St. Mary's
3rd Sunday of month, 11am- 12pm

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday

Office Hours this week: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30am-12:30pm.

Mass Time Swap Feb. 7th and 8th: St. Mary's,
Saturday 5pm followed by Chili Bingo
Corpus Christi, Sunday, 10am



Next meeting: February 15, 6pm
St. Joseph School
Topic: Avoiding crisis in our independence. All high school and college age students are welcome to attend. Bring a friend!

St. Mary's Church is hosting Dave Ramsey's nationally acclaimed Financial Peace University session starting on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 1pm in the church basement and will run for 8 additional weeks. Each session is approx. 2 hours. Course material is \$20 per individual or couple. Light snacks and refreshments available. Handicap access to the church basement is now available.
To register, email larry.martin@usa.net

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Kyle Perkis	Jeremy Heinen
Bob Heinen	Virginia Grollmes
Emma Dockweiler	Rosella Hollis
Janet Schmidt	Chris Heinen
Tim Hosler	Heidi Rutar
Phil Heuertz	Dolores Miller
Roxie Herring	Dorothy Herring
Jenna Amack	Tynen DarveauxSr.

Also pray for those serving in the Military, those with health issues and those who have no one to pray for them.

January Appointments

Ushers: Eric Belveal, Thomas Welsh, Nate Heinen

Lay Ministers: Joyce Heinen, Larry Heinen, Megan Belveal

Rosary: Larry Martin

January 25

Lector: Taylor Allen

Music: Dianna Welsh

Servers: Jett Nellis, Emma Welsh

Gifts: Nate Heinen Family

Finance: Larry. Martin, Kristy Burns

Sacristan: Karin Hosler

Contributions

1/11/2026

Elevator.....	50.00
Plate.....	140.00
Support.....	<u>630.00</u>
Total	\$820.00

St Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish Mission Statement

- Study our **FAITH**
- Practice our **FAITH**
- Support our parish and community in **FAITH**
- Evangelize our **FAITH**

Bulletin additions or corrections: Contact Crystal Clark 785-806-0262 (text or call)

Knights of Columbus Family of the Month January

Taylor and RaeAnn Allen

BIRTHRIGHT breakfast and donations totaled \$1375. Thanks to the Knights who furnished and cooked the breakfast. Thanks to all who supported this collection.

PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE received a recent contribution of \$36,000. When fundraising for the SAVARIA lift, donors were encouraged to wait for this year's Give Back to Valley Day. At the Give Back Day, the Knights of Columbus Improvement Fund received \$29,080. \$26,500 of these funds were designated for the SAVARIA lift project. After receiving matching funds, this amount was increased to \$36,000. This was transferred to the Church funds for the project.

Our SAVARIA lift platform is now available for your use. Training is available for anyone. The old stair chair will eventually be removed. If anyone has a use for it, please contact Larry Heinen at 785-640-6751.

CHILI-BINGO will be held Saturday, Feb. 7th, starting with a 5 PM Mass, soup supper at 6pm and Bingo at 7pm.

SIGNUP SHEETS for donations are at both doors. Mark your calendar for a fun night.

Want to help out? Help setting up for chili bingo is needed on Thursday evening February 5th starting at 6pm.

Seating: Meals for Chili-Bingo may be purchased after 4pm on Saturday 2/7. With each meal purchased you will receive a label to reserve your place at a table for supper and Bingo.

MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION – The 29th annual conference will be held Saturday, February 21st at the Church of the Ascension in Overland Park. For free tickets and transportation contact Dan Heinen at 785-640-6759.

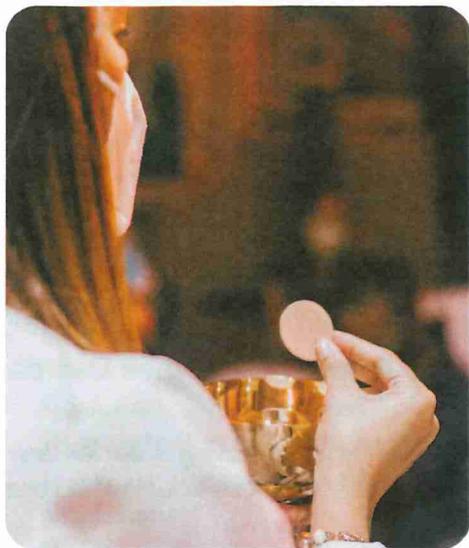
THE WORD AMONG US has daily meditations and Mass readings. FREE copies are available for you to take home.

Dear Padre,

I thought only priests and bishops should distribute Holy Communion at Mass. In my parish, the priest allows laypeople to help him, and I thought laypeople couldn't because our hands are not consecrated.

You're not the only person with this concern, so thank you for taking the time to write. The distribution of holy Communion has nothing to do with "consecrated hands." Ordinary ministers of Communion include bishops and priests, as you rightly identify, but also deacons and installed acolytes. Of the four ordinary ministers, only the hands of bishops and priests are consecrated. Laypeople are extraordinary ministers and are installed to help the priest so that everyone can receive holy Communion without long lines or wearying the (sometimes elderly) priest. Most extraordinary ministers of Communion approach this ministry very prayerfully.

Your question brings up the subject of the full participation of the laity in the Mass, which is part of a highly contentious theological discussion on social media. There is an unfortunate conflict between so-called "traditional Catholics" and "Vatican II Catholics" or, as they are often misrepresented, "Novus Ordo" Catholics. Some Catholics are led to believe that the "new Mass" is not authentic, even though it has been the ordinary form of the Mass for well over fifty years—that is, since the authoritative Second Vatican Council. Many good and faithful people suffer with doubt and anxiety as a result of this confusion. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25
Weekday	Weekday	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Weekday	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 15:16–23 Mk 2:18–22	1 Sm 16:1–13 Mk 2:23–28	1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51 Mk 3:1–6	1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7 Mk 3:7–12	1 Sm 24:3–21 Mk 3:13–19	2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27 Mk 3:20–21	Is 8:23–9:3 1 Cor 1:10–13, 17 Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–17



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Ours is a time marked by a growing search for spirituality, particularly evident in young people, who are longing for authentic relationships and guides in life. Hence, it is important that the Christian community be farsighted in discerning the challenges of today's world and in nurturing the desire for faith present in the heart of every man and woman.

MESSAGE TO SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS, ROME, MAY 28, 2025