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Here and Now When the Lord was baptized, a voice came from heaven saying "This is my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." There could hardly be a more important message than this identification of Jesus, could there?

But why did this important message come through a voice from heaven? A voice from heaven can be heard only by those who are *there then*. What about everybody else? Surely it is important for all human beings to know that Jesus is God's beloved Son.

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And the same sort of puzzle arises from the [First Reading](#). It says that the Messiah will open the eyes of the blind, and the Gospels testify that Christ really did so. But he opened the eyes of only a few blind people, those blind people who were *there then*. What about all the other blind people, in other places, in other times? Why didn't Jesus just heal all blindness everywhere with one impersonal command: let all the blind people of the world be healed?

And so here is one thing we can learn from these Readings. In the voice from heaven, in the miracles of Christ, *God shows that he is committed to the good of particularity*. God does not send the news about the Messiah as an impersonal message directed impartially to all humankind. He identifies Jesus as his Son by a voice from heaven heard by particular people at a particular time. Similarly, Christ does not issue an impersonal decree about nameless blind people taken as a group. Christ heals some particular blind people who happened to be at a particular place at the particular time when Christ was also there. So you might feel that you are just an unnoticed member of your company or an invisible one of the many ordinary people in your town. But where the Lord is concerned, you stand out as the particular person you are. God does not deal with people as faceless members of a collective. He calls, and he heals one particular person at a time, as each individual comes to him.

But then you yourself—not your Church or your group, but *you*—need to come to the Lord, to face him, to know him, to love him, and to let him heal you. Come as yourself, as you are, *here and now*.

Eleonore Stump

ANNIVERSARY MASS. In celebration of World Marriage Day, St. Mary's Cathedral is sponsoring an Anniversary Mass on Saturday, February 9, 2019, at 5 p.m. All married couples in the Diocese of Grand Island whose anniversary is divisible by 5 in the years 2018-2019 will be honored at the Holy Mass. Most Reverend Joseph G. Hanefeldt, Bishop of Grand Island, will preside. All honor couples, please RSVP to St. Mary's Cathedral, 308-384-2523, secretary@stmarysgi.com; or Glenda Stittsworth, 308-379-9325, glenarch@charter.net by February 6, 2019. A lasagna dinner will follow at the Cathedral Square, free-will offering.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
1/16	Wednesday	No mass today		
1/17	Thursday	No mass today		
1/18	Friday	No mass today		
1/19	Saturday	5.30 PM	Bayard	Greg Thummel
1/20	Sunday	8.00 AM	Dalton	Marjorie Watchorn
1/20	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	Kathleen Susan Scherrer

**ALL SOULS
701 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336**

JAN – APRIL : MASS TIME
Tuesday — 6:00 PM
Sunday — 10.30 AM

**Community Gathering:
St. Sebastian Community
on 01/15/2019 Tuesday**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$1000.00
CHILDREN	\$5.00
PLATE	\$876.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1,881.00
MASS STIPEND	
SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$8.00
TOTAL	\$1,889.00
BUILDING FUND	\$415.00
APPEAL	

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa – 262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass please come and pray.



**SACRED HEART
942 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334**

JAN – APRIL : MASS TIME
Friday – 6:00 PM
Saturday – 5.30 PM

**Community Gathering:
St. George Community on
01/18/2019 Friday**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$745.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$160.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 905.00
MASS STIPEND	
LATIN AMERICA	\$5.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$5.00
TOTAL	\$ 684.00
BUILDING FUND	\$15.00
APPEAL	

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula – 586-2992.



**SAINT MARY'S
EAST FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131**

JAN – APRIL : MASS TIME
Thursday – 6:00 PM
Sunday – 8.00 AM

**Community Gathering:
St. Isidore Community on
01/17/2019 Thursday**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$515.00
CHILDREN	\$1.00
PLATE	\$175.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 691.00
MASS STIPEND	
LATIN AMERICA	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$ 711.00
BUILDING FUND	\$750.00
APPEAL	

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn – 249-1735.

