

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

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MASS TIMES

Weekends: Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am* & 11:00am Contemporary
Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12:00 Noon
Tuesday: 5:30pm
Thursday: 8:00am
**8:30 Mass Live Streamed on YouTube*

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Thursday: 8:30am - 9:00am
Friday: 11:15am - 11:45am
Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:30pm
Or by appointment
Baptism: Pre-baptismal program required.
Call the Parish Office for more information.
Matrimony: Call the Parish Office at least six months prior
to your desired date for more information.
We look forward to celebrating with you!
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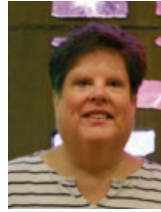
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Happy Epiphany! Epiphany is from the Greek *epiphaneia* which means “appearance” or “manifestation.” Today we celebrate God’s gift of the Christ to all in Jesus of Nazareth. It’s a spectacular day with kings and presents and the original GPS – a star!

Global positioning systems (GPS) have transformed the way many of us navigate. No more maps or stopping at the gas station for directions (unless you are my Dad who would never do that!). The Magi used the original GPS – God’s star that lead them to the Christ child. The prophet Isaiah tells us light is shining in the darkness of the world – both the star and the Savior. Regardless of being lost or being in the dark, the radiance of God permeates all corners of the world and today that star shines on who we know as the Light of the World.

Imagine what it must have been like for the Magi to follow that star! It is said they came from the East bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They must have heard from someone of the birth of a king to have traveled a great distance with gifts. Perhaps they were expecting a different kind of king rather than a simple child with his mother. They seem to have been profoundly affected by their encounter with Jesus because they defied the order of King Herod to report back to him regarding what they had seen.

I think the Magi set a good example for us listen to what God has planned for our lives in this world. Despite our best-laid plans, God always has something better in store for us. Perhaps this would be a great year to try something new in our parish like enhancing your prayer life, become involved in one of the liturgical ministries, join a small faith-sharing group, or start a book discussion group. Follow that bright light God is providing for you as you begin this New Year!

May God continue to bless you with all that is good in this New Year!

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/ Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 3

Noon - Ruth Green †

Tuesday, January 4

5:30pm - Justin Heitzman †

Wednesday, January 5

Noon - Laura & Al Ihm †

Thursday, January 6

8:00am - Joe LoBianco †

Friday, January 7

Noon - Richard Ruden †

Saturday, January 8

5:00pm - Jim Walsh Family †

Sunday, January 9

8:30am - Dick & Mary Beaves

Joe & Margaret Noonan

11:00am - For the People of the Parish

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THINGS TO KNOW

THIS WEEK

AROUND THE PARISH

Archdiocesan Women’s and Men’s Conferences

Ladies and Gentlemen of the parish, please mark your calendars for the 2022 Women’s Conference and the Men’s Conference. The Women’s Conference is Saturday, January 29 and the Men’s Conference is Saturday, March 19. More information will be in upcoming bulletins!



Ink Cartridge Recycling

The parish collects all sorts of ink cartridges to be recycled and reused. Turn in your cartridges to the parish office or a designated box in the main vestibule. Thanks!



Thank You!

A big thanks to all of you who brought in food items over the various weeks of the Alpha series. It was heartwarming each week to see all the many goodies come in and made the nights very welcoming to have such great dinners. – *The Fall 2021 Alpha Team*



Christmas Greetings!

Dear Pastor, Staff, and Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish,

We celebrate the great feast of Christmas with true thanksgiving for the many ways we continue to bring Christ’s living presence to one another. I pray that our season of joy and wonder may shape our hopes for this coming year that God who is always with us, brings us peace, health, and happiness.

I thank you for your kindnesses to me and my people in Ghana throughout the year and in these days. It is a privilege to minister with you and discover God’s unfolding love in our midst. Blessings and gratitude to all. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to you and your families.

Fr. Paul Attah-Nsiah



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HEALING SERVICE

Tuesday, Jan. 4

After the 5:30pm Mass
Reminder: There will be a parish healing service that takes place immediately following the 5:30pm Mass on Tuesday of this week.

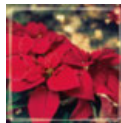


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CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

Sunday, January 9

After the 11:00 Mass
Next Sunday marks the end of the Christmas season and the start of Ordinary Time. We will be taking down the church’s Christmas decorations following Mass.



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BACK TO BASICS

Begins Next Weekend

In Martin Hall between Sunday Masses
Join us on January 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 9:45am to discuss Catholic Social Teaching. Ann Sirianni and Deacon Bill will be presenting along with other parishioners. Join us for any or all of the Sundays to hear about this important part of our faith.



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HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Wednesday, Jan. 12

7:00pm in the Church
Archbishop Jackels will lead the Hour and seminarian Thiet Hoang will give a reflection. Please join us to pray for vocations!



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THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who contributed to the collections on Nov. 14 and 21 for the Ginter Family Thanksgiving Dinner and on Dec. 12 and 19 for our Christmas gift-giving through the Dubuque Boys and Girls Club and Resources Unite. Thanks to your generosity, we sent \$2,000 to support the Thanksgiving meal and \$2,700.74 to support the Christmas programs. God bless you for your giving hearts!



Now Hiring: Communications Coordinator!

The ideal candidate is skilled with Adobe Creative Suite, has experience managing and marketing an organization’s brand, and is passionate about bringing others to Christ. If interested, send a resume and cover letter to Jen Porter at j.porter@dbqarch.org. Call the Parish Office at 563-588-1433 if you have any questions.



IN OTHER NEWS

Surviving Divorce

Divorced? Know someone who is struggling with divorce? A twelve-week "Surviving Divorce" program begins Monday, January 31st, 2022 at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Martin Hall. "Surviving Divorce" features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues years later to help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin healing.



A "Come and See Night" will be held on Monday, January 17th, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to come learn more about the program and meet the facilitators and others. Childcare will be provided for each of the sessions. The \$25 program fee covers the cost of all program materials. For more information email Maria Schmitz at dbq062s6@dbqarch.org or call 773-789-9795. To register go to: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AAAC22A7FFC34-registration.

New Family Enrollment at Holy Family
New family enrollment for grades K-12 students at Holy Family Catholic Schools will open on Monday, Jan. 31, 2022. Priority enrollment is given to members of Holy Family's supporting parishes. For more information or to schedule a personal tour of a Holy Family Catholic school, visit holymfamilydbq.org/visit.

Preschool, Pre-K, and Pre-K Plus Enrollment
New family enrollment in three-year-old preschool or four-year-old pre-K will open at Holy Family's five early childhood sites on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022. Priority enrollment is given to children who are registered members of one of Holy Family's supporting parishes. Please contact Director of Enrollment Rebecca Mueller (rmueller@holymfamilydbq.org, 563-582-5456) or Holy Family Early Childhood Program Director Lis Ernst (lernst@holymfamilydbq.org, 563-583-5206) to request information about our programs. Holy Family participates in the state of Iowa free Pre-K grant.



Catholic Social Justice Teaching

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the changes of modern society. Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief bulletin reflections, we will highlight the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social justice tradition and in subsequent weeks we will continue on with practical ideas as to how we can all assist in building a more just society.

Next week will touch on Theme 1: The Life and Dignity of the Human Person



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What to Expect

Face Coverings

In consultation with the Pastoral Council and following CDC guidelines, we strongly recommend that **everyone**, regardless of vaccination status, wears a face covering in church as we face the widening spread of Covid-19 and its variants. Our Eucharistic Ministers are required to wear a face mask. Thanks for your cooperation!

Social Distancing

If you would feel more comfortable practicing social distancing from those outside your household, please feel free to do so. The pandemic isn't quite over yet, so we ask everyone to please be respectful of others' comfort levels.

Sign of Peace

We ask that you refrain from giving a "physical" Sign of Peace to those outside your household.

Music

Music is a very important part of Mass! Singing is a way we pray to God! We encourage you to join in by following the on-screen lyrics!

Eucharist

Receiving Holy Communion is the most sacred part of Mass. This is when we receive Jesus in His Body and Blood. Communion from the Cup remains suspended until further notice. We also ask that everyone continues to receive Communion in the hand.

Children's Liturgy

We offer Children's Liturgy of the Word on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sunday of the month at the 8:30 & 11:00 Masses. Kids aged 5-10 are dismissed to experience the Mass on a level that relates to them! They will return after the Homily.

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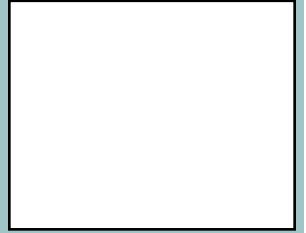
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