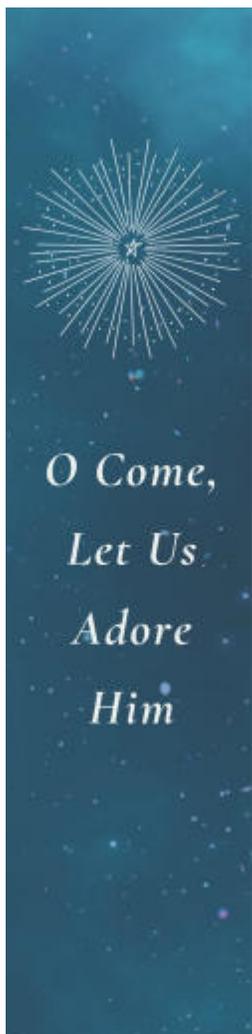


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January 02-03, 2021 | The Epiphany of the Lord | La Epifanía del Señor



Dear friends, This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany, when the Magi followed a star to visit the new born Savior. Who were the Magi? They were religious seekers, who didn't have the Hebrew Scriptures to guide them. They relied on their traditional ways of knowing God through nature and reading the signs of the times in the movement of the stars.

In the gospel, the evil ruler Herod reminds us that although the powers of the world are mighty and terrifying, God can surprise us in unexpected and simple ways.

The chief priests and scribes, were seeking something less than the truth. They could tell the Magi what the prophets promised, but were not interested in what God might be revealing in their own time to them.

Finally, we have the Magi themselves, pilgrims who were obviously well-educated and sufficiently wealthy. They were open to look beyond the limits of their own wisdom. They were so hungry for more meaning in life that they went to a foreign land and consulted the wisdom of another tradition. This was not an easy or quick trip.

When they learned what they could from the Jewish theologians, they continued on the way. Finally, they met the mother and child and discerned that they had found what they were seeking. This changed their lives.

In the end, Matthew simply says, "They departed for their country by another way." That's another way of telling us they were not the same as they had been when they set off on the journey. We know nothing more about them.

Matthew included this incident in his Gospel to nudge his people into realizing that while the mystery of Christ began with the chosen people, the Gospel is meant for the entire world. Jesus' last words are, "Go and make disciples of all the nations." (Matthew 28:19)

In this Christmas season, Matthew invites us to follow the Magi and gaze beyond our horizons, toward new respect and openness to others who genuinely seek to know God. This will prepare us for the coming year in which the Scriptures and our Catholic tradition call us to respond to the unexpected and universal dimensions of our own journeys of faith. May your new year be blessed with health, happiness, and hope.

God bless,
Fr. Tom

MASS SCHEDULE

Cathedral of St. Raphael
Horario de Misa

Mon-Fri 7:30 am
Sun 9:00 am & 5:30 pm

St. Patrick Church

Tue & Thu Noon
Sat 4:00 pm
Sun (*Mass in Spanish*) 11:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

Cathedral of St. Raphael
Horas de Oficina

Mon-Thu 8:00 am–4:30 pm
Fri Closed

St. Patrick Church

Mon-Thu 9:00 am–12 Noon
12:30 pm–3:00 pm
Fri 9:00 am–Noon

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 2021

*** Due to the high number of Covid cases, the decision was made to further scale back musical participation of the assembly with a priority of keeping all in our worship space safe. As the cantor sings the texts of the liturgy, we ask you to follow along and pray them in your mind and heart. We look forward to the day when we can resume "full and active" assembly participation, the core and strength of our community worship!

Prelude

Introit *Sung by Cantor Only*

Antiphon: *The kings of all the earth shall bring him gifts.*

Introit Verse: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

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Sign of the Cross|Greeting

Penitential Act C

Priest or Deacon: *You were sent to heal the contrite of heart.... Lord have mercy.*

Assembly: Lord have mercy

Priest or Deacon: *You came to call sinners.... Christ have mercy.*

Assembly: Christ have mercy

Priest or Deacon: *You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us. Lord have mercy.*

Assembly: Lord have mercy

Presider: *May almighty God.... everlasting life.*
Assembly: **Amen.**

Gloria *Spoken*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72 *Sung by Cantor only*

Refrain: *Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.*

Verse 1: O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgment.

Verse 2: In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace till the moon is no more. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the river to the bounds of the earth.

Verse 3: The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

Verse 4: For he shall save the needy when they cry, the poor, and those who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the needy.

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Reading Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Acclamation *Sung by Cantor only*

Verse: We saw his star at its rising, and have come to adore the Lord.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Homily

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Gospel Reading The magi's visit to discover the "newborn king of the Jews" caused great anxiety for the religious leaders of Jerusalem, including King Herod. Why do you think some people are not open to the good news of Jesus Christ?

Pregunta de la Semana Evangelio La visita de los reyes magos para descubrir al "recién nacido rey de los judíos" provocó una gran ansiedad en los líderes religiosos de Jerusalén, incluido el rey Herodes. ¿Por qué crees que algunas personas no están abiertas a la buena nueva de Jesucristo?

Next Week's Readings Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11

Death Announcements Please remember in your prayers Theresa "Terry" M. Cicciarelli (Cathedral) who was buried this past week.

Please Note Due to early bulletin submission deadlines this bulletin was published on Monday, December 28.

STEWARDSHIP

In Our Parishes Thank you to members of the Faith Formation Team, the students and parents of St. Raphael's, St. Patrick's and Holy Spirit's religious education program, students of Mazzuchelli Middle School, members of the Parish Life Committee and faithful parishioners who contributed to and assisted in sending Christmas cards to the homebound and elderly, including the sisters at the Mt. Carmel Motherhouse. Approximately 555 donated cards were sent with a personal message and Christmas reflection or tradition. In addition, 115 cards and letters were designed and sent from our St. Raphael and St. Patrick staff.

Thanks to The Parish Life Committee and the Faith Formation Team who donated, filled, and delivered 200 Christmas gift bags to residents of Stonehill Care, as well as another 70 to residents of Manor Care. Also, thank you to an anonymous donor who treated all residents at Stonehill with a delicious selection from Stonehill's treat cart. Thanks, all, for spreading joy to those who are isolated during this Christmas season.

Treasure Shared To Date Due to early bulletin submission deadlines, the money count for week 26 is not available.

PASTOR'S UPDATE

Dear all, A new year has begun, and admittedly many would say we are glad to say goodbye to 2020. It has challenged us all.

The beginning of a new year is often a time of making resolutions. Given the uncertainties of the past year, we may be a bit reluctant to make any resolutions, wondering if we will be able to achieve them.

Rather than making a long list of things to do, I would suggest we strive to let the following virtues, taken from the second reading of last Sunday's feast of the Holy Family, guide us in our thoughts and actions.

In the letter to the Colossians, Paul used the image of putting on clothing, suggesting we put on the following: "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another, and forgiving one another."

He then concludes, "And over all these, put on love". So, let's get "dressed up" and ready to go.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Tom

PARISH NEWS



Congratulations to Matthew Bradley, son of Matt and Molly Nabor, who was baptized at St. Patrick Church on December 23 (*pictured top*) and Callan Jacob, son of Amanda and Jason Neuhaus, who was baptized on December 27 at the Cathedral (*pictured bottom*).



Baptismal Preparation Class Parents intending to baptize their first child are asked to attend a pre-Baptismal class. We encourage you to attend prior to the birth of your child. For expecting parents that attend there will be a "Blessing of a Child in the Womb" by the Deacon. The class is free. If you would like to register for an upcoming preparation class or would like to arrange your child's baptism, please contact the parish office.

It's not too late for one more New Year's resolution! How about we all resolve to buy more St. Patrick Scrip? When you purchase Scrip money cards you are helping to support the parish while buying the products you need from Dubuque's most popular stores and restaurants. Available for purchase at the St. Pat's Office.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

2021 Virtual Archdiocesan Women's Conference Beauty in Christ: ON FIRE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT will take place **Saturday, January 30** from 9:00am-1:00 pm. Visit www.archwomensconference.org for more information.

RCIA Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? The process for joining the Church is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This process provides time either to begin one's faith journey or to reflect on one's continuing faith life.

The RCIA process is for:

- those who have never been baptized
- those who have been baptized but have had little or no faith formation
- those who have been baptized and have had faith formation in another religious tradition
- those who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not celebrated Eucharist and Confirmation.

A process will begin in the near future and continue until through the Easter season with a flexible schedule to meet potential participants' needs. Rites of initiation into the Catholic Church are celebrated at the Easter Vigil. If you're interested in joining RCIA or simply learning more, contact Fr. Tom or Fr. Greg.

Are you a practicing Catholic adult who for some reason was not confirmed? A program for adults interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin on Tuesdays during Lent, beginning on **Tuesday, February 23, 2021**. Sessions will be held from 6:30-8:00 pm. If interested, please contact one of the parish priests.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Virtual Classes (or homeschooling) will resume this **Wednesday, January 06**.

First Eucharist Update Families are scheduled to meet in the Holy Ghost church basement on **Wednesday, January 27** at 6:30 pm. Depending on the COVID-19 situation, we may move this meeting to Zoom. Please check your email in coming weeks for final details.

Confirmation Update Next session is scheduled for **Sunday, February 14** at 10:30 am.

JANUARY 04-10 CALENDAR

SR—St. Raphael • SP—St. Patrick • CC—Cathedral Center
Church doors open 30 minutes before Mass.
Weekly Mass Intentions Are Highlighted

Monday, January 04

7:30 am Greg & Lucille Schuster • SR

6:00 pm Men's RISE Meeting • CC

Tuesday, January 05

7:30 am John & Kate Supple • SR

Noon For the People • SP

Wednesday, January 06

7:30 am Art & Bette Trannel and Joe Trannel • SR

6:30 pm Religious Education • via Zoom

Thursday, January 07

7:30 am Dean Fleege • SR

Noon Lupe Torres • SP

Friday, January 08

7:30 am Joseph Conlan • SR

Saturday, January 09

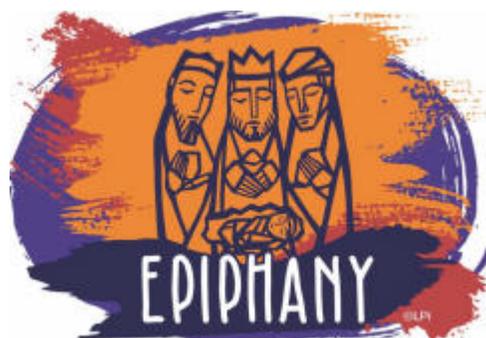
4:00 pm Bev O'Mara • SP

Sunday, January 10

9:00 am John & Calista Bakey • SR

11:00 am For the People • SP

5:30 pm For the People • SR



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father, through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

***** During Covid times, we do not have an offertory collection. Please place sacrificial offerings and donations in the baskets found at each entrance.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preface Prayer

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

***** Please remain seated in your pew for the distribution of communion. The ministers will come to you.**

Communion Antiphon *Sung by Cantor only*

Refrain: *We have seen his star, let us adore the Lord.*

Verse: *We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.*

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Solemn Blessing|Dismissal

***** For Covid safety, please lower the kneeler in your pew so that cleaning ministers may identify pews to be sanitized after mass. Please also take your bulletin and all personal belongings with you as you exit.**

Recessional

Instrumental



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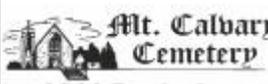
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