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Mass Schedule

Weekend:

Saturday: Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am

10:30 am

Weekday: See page 4 of bulletin.

Holyday: See bulletin.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Tuesday 4-5 pm

Saturday 7-8 am

Baptism: Call the Parish Office.

Marriage: Arrangements to be made six months in advance. Call Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday each month at the 8:15 am Mass.

Emergency: Call the Parish Office (844-9027)



THE EPIPHANY of the Lord

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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PARISH VISION STATEMENT

As a parish, we the community of St. John Bosco, are called to:

- Create a welcoming atmosphere in which we hear the word and live the word in the world;
 - Share Christ with others;
 - Embrace God in the community celebration of sacraments;
 - Encourage and embrace the full and active participation of our members;
- So that we may individually and collectively continue to grow in faith and to be transformed.

Acknowledging that we have a shared responsibility to improve the environment, both physical and spiritual, we act collectively to heal that which undermines our Faith values and weakens our people, in prayerful reflection through the inspiration of the spirit of God.

NEWS & NOTES

Friends,

I hope you all had a very joyous and safe Christmas with friends and family. It was great seeing so many new faces here at St. John Bosco. Please join me in praying that we see more and more seekers each week. Each of us has been gifted with unique talents, abilities and perspectives that will help build up the kingdom of God right here in South Hammond-Woodmar.

As I get to take a week off and re-charge after the Christmas octave, my sincere thanks to all of you for your cards, gifts and goodies. It is all appreciated.

Today's feast of the Epiphany is a reminder to all of us that God calls us to live in the light. We each received the light of Christ at our Baptism and our godparents were told to protect that light and keep it shining in our hearts. We, in turn share that light each time we do one of those small acts of kindness with great love.

How is God calling you to share the light during this final week of the Christmas season? Who in your life needs a little help being lifted from the darkness of depression and loneliness? One of the easiest ways we can evangelize and proclaim the reign of God is just by helping enlighten the lives of others - not for our own glory, but for God's greater glory.

May we each have the courage to go light our world today!

With joy,

Fr. Jeff



PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Home Blessing Kits...for the Epiphany will be distributed to parishioners who wish to take one home, TODAY after all Masses.

Join Us For Bible Study...at the Parish Office on Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. or on Fridays from 12 Noon to 12:30 p.m., Pick one to attend. For more information, please call (219) 844-9027.

Cursillo Reunions...(brief gathering) Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All Cursillistas - those who have made their Cursillo, are invited to attend.

Where is Baby Jesus...the blessing of our Baby Jesus statues from our home nativity sets on December 11/12 was beautiful. In addition to the statues, there were a few baby dolls, wrapped in "swaddling cloth" for those who were in need of a Baby Jesus. However, two small boxes: ONE pink in color, containing 2 small Baby Jesus statues...one about 1 1/2 inches and one attached to a manger; and the second one a very small box, with one of the statues white (almost round) porcelain and the other Baby Jesus small, about 1 1/2 inches went missing. If by chance you saw these or somehow picked them up by mistake, please call us at (219) 844-9027 or just return them. Thank you.



Remember in your prayers those who are ill...Monica Allen, Jennifer Biro, Raul Carillo, Raul Ceja, Mary Ceja, Mike Ceko, Paul Corak, Alex Dabrowski, Mark Denys, Mike Elliott, Al Fetzko, Gloria Garcia, Rafael Gomez, Ethel Hall, Christopher Hlista, David Johnsen, John Lopez, Ralph Lopez, Jerry Mitchell, Marjorie Mitchell, Romana Muratori, Martha Nejak, Dolores Nicoloff, Vicki Pastore, Ronald Redenbaugh, Sr. Joan Marie Romaniak, Peter Romaniak, Fran Stessl, Theresa Stewart & Stacy Ziebarthow.

If you see a name above that should be removed or have a name to add, please call 844-9027.

January 2, 2022 - The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

St. John Bosco School Spring Raffle...tickets are available at the Parish Office. Donation: \$10. There are five prizes in all - the top prize is \$5,000.00! The drawing will be held on March 25, 2022. Winner need not be present.

Save Your Stracks Receipts...and drop them off at Church or at the Parish Office. Our school will earn sporting goods and educational equipment.

Religious Ed. Classes...(ongoing faith formation and preparation for the Sacraments for students who do not attend a Catholic school) are held each Sunday from 9:00-10:15 a.m. Mass attendance is required as part of the faith formation program. (Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m., Sunday at 7:30 a.m. or Sunday at 10:30 a.m.). Upcoming schedule:

.....TODAY.....January 2nd.....**NO R.E.**
.....Sunday.....January 9th.....K-CF II
.....Sunday.....January 16th.....K-CF II
.....Sunday.....January 23rd.....K-CF II
.....Sunday.....January 30th.....K-CF II

For more information, call Vickie Blackwood at 844-9027, ext. 310.



Baptismal Prep Class...Wednesday, January 19th at the Parish Office at 6:30 p.m. This mandatory class is for parents and Godparents only. It is a one-time session, it is offered once every other month and is free of charge. To register, please call the Parish Office at (219) 844-9027.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2ND AT ST. JOHN BOSCO

Sunday NO R.E. (Jan. 2nd)
Sunday R.E., 9-10:15 am (Jan. 9th)

You Can't Take It with You

There was a very rich man who was just about to die, and he wanted to take some of his wealth with him. So, he started negotiations with God about the matter. God was not sure as it had never been done before and He did not want to set a precedent. Finally, after long talks, God reluctantly agreed to allow him to bring his wealth to heaven.

Just a few days before he died, the rich man converted all his money into gold bullion. He died and the funeral home made sure that the suitcases containing the gold bullion went with him. He arrived at the Pearly Gates with his suitcases and there was Peter. Peter told him he could not bring the suitcases into heaven. But the man said he had already spoken to God, and He had said it was OK. So, Peter got on the God phone, and sure enough it was true. Peter was curious as to what was so valuable that the man wanted to bring it into heaven. So he asked, "Could I look in the suitcases?"

The man opened the suitcases and Peter exclaimed, "Why are you bringing pavement to heaven!"

AT ST. JOHN BOSCO

Eucharistic Adoration...Tuesdays from 4:00-5:15 p.m. & on Saturdays from 7:00-8:15 a.m.

Confessions...Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7:00-8:00 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick...is offered on the first Saturday of each month at the 8:15 a.m. Mass.

Mass Intentions...are always needed for during the week. If you would like to have a Mass Intention said for a loved one or a friend, please call the Parish Office at 844-9027. Mass stipends are \$10.00 each.



SAINT JOHN BOSCO CHURCH

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SJB Mass Intentions for January 2nd

Sunday, January 2 • Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Eva A. Herrera by Daughter and also
Theresa Sens by Bill Orr

10:30 a.m. Ann Crook by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Simmons and
also Susie B. Smith by the Kennedy Family

Monday, January 3 • NO MASS

Tuesday, January 4 • NO MASS

Wednesday, January 5 • NO MASS

Thursday, January 6 • NO MASS

Friday, January 7 • NO MASS

Saturday, January 8 • NO MORNING MASS

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm Stanley Marczak & Nancy Winiecki by Family

Sunday, January 9 • Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Bill Zura by Family and also
Maria D. Estrada by Peaches Corey

10:30 a.m. Richard C. Johnsen by Family and also
Eleanor Munda by Edward Gargano

Please Note: Fr. Jeff will be away from January 3rd through the morning of January 8th. The regular Mass schedule will resume on the evening of Jan. 8th with the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

- 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
or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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