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## JANUARY 3, 2021 • THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Office Hours: Mon.—Fri. 8am—4pm

### Mass Schedule

Daily: Mon.—Fri. at 7:30am  
Tues. at 6:15pm  
Fri. at 12:15pm  
Sat. at 8:00am  
Weekend: Saturday at 4:30pm  
(Temp)-Sunday at 7:00, 9:15 & 11:30am

### Staff

Fr. Bob Jones, Pastor  
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Mary Stola, Faith Community Nurse  
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### Sacraments

Reconciliation: Weekdays 7:00-7:25am  
Wed. 8:15-9:15am & 3:15-4:15pm  
Sat. 9-10am & 3-4pm, or by appt.  
All Other Sacraments: Please contact the pastor at the parish office.

### Religious Education

Classes are offered for grades 1-8.  
Registration is online.

### Prayer Chain

To receive or submit prayer requests,  
email [hesseling1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hesseling1@sbcglobal.net).

### Bulletin Submittal

[bulletin@skdmail.org](mailto:bulletin@skdmail.org) 10 days in advance.



## 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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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## ST. KATHARINE DREXEL MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Katharine Drexel's joyful spirit invites us to a deeper appreciation of Christ's love for us and our need to respond as one of His disciples, fostering a welcoming, caring and faithful Catholic community.*

## Father Bob's Corner

### Following the Inner Signposts

During the Second World War all the signposts were removed from British roads in case the country was invaded. It was hoped that the enemy would get lost, running around in circles, long enough for defensive measures to be taken. Of course, the country was not invaded and inevitably it was the resident population that got confused and lost.

There are many stories of what happened in those days, including one about a brave woman who made a remarkable journey. She drove an old Ford van from a small village in Lincolnshire, with the aid of a road atlas, all the way to an RAF station in Oxfordshire. What made her even more courageous was the fact that in those days you didn't need to pass a driving test and she had hardly learned to drive. Yet, she managed to find her way across the country, from one village to another, in order to meet her husband who was on a twenty-four hour leave, and then find her way back. All for true love.

For a lot of people life is like that: going from day to day without the signposts that religion provides or what has been called a "moral compass". Some people do take seriously wrong turnings in life and get completely lost. It is a terrible grief to their families when this happens. Thankfully, the majority find their way through life.

Every person has an inner light to enlighten them, or an inner signpost. This light is the Eternal Word of God, made flesh, Jesus Christ! Like the Magi, we are called to accept this Light into our lives. All who accept Jesus are given the power to become children of God and to inherit the rich glories he has promised.

This past year has been most difficult on many people. I am not sad to say that it is now over, and I look to 2021 with great hope and promise for us. Together may we allow the Holy Spirit to show us the best ways to come back together, when this pandemic finally ends. It will most definitely end.

Peace, love and joy,

*Father Bob*



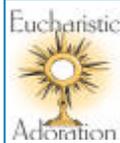
## WHY AND WINE AND WHO!!

Get to know Fr. Steven Sabo

Friday, January 8, 2021  
7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Start the new year with an evening of fun and fellowship as we reconnect with each other and get to know our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Sabo!

Join us using the Zoom Meeting Code 837 9102 9411 and Password Fr. Sabo or contact the Parish Office and we'll email you the link!



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### ADORATION MEDITATION

Healthy New Year! That is sure what we all want, isn't it? Physical health is on many New Years Resolution improvements. What about our spiritual health? **What will you do to improve your spiritual health in 2021?**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, especially after Christmas when we remember what that holiday is truly about, is a perfect way to begin.

Think about it - quiet time, Jesus and you, talking and listening to each other. If you try it once, you might like it so much, you'll do it again. **That** will be the beginning of your spiritual health improvement for 2021!

**Adoration on Wednesdays - 8 a.m. ending at 6 p.m. Last arrival at 5pm. Enter through the Office Door, masks in place and get healthy!!!!**



### Sister Faustina Quote

Excerpts from the diary of St. Faustina  
"Divine Mercy in My Soul"

( 114 ) Jesus, Friend of a lonely heart, You are my heaven. You are my peace. You are my salvation. You are my serenity in moments of struggle and amidst an ocean of doubts. You are the bright ray that lights up the path of my life. You are everything to a lonely soul. You understand the soul even though it remains silent. You know our weaknesses, and like a good physician, You comfort and heal, sparing us sufferings - expert that You are. (*Diary 247*)

**Saint Faustina pray for us!**



## Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

### Week of January 4

Pope Francis

Requested by: Jan Backus

#### Monday, January 4

7:30am † Bette Brand

Requested by: Jim & Mary Kidd

#### Tuesday, January 5

7:30am † Joan Norton

Requested by: Bill & Jane Brickert

6:15pm † Margaret Hilger

Requested by: Marianne Malone

#### Wednesday, January 6

7:30am † Bob Brickert

Requested by: Bill & Jane Brickert

#### Thursday, January 7

7:30am † Charles Castle

Requested by: Tom & Carol Milak

#### Friday, January 8

7:30am † Marilyn Fortman

Requested by: Bill & Jane Brickert

12:15pm † Richard Poss

Requested by: Sharon Poss

#### Saturday, January 9

8:00am Margaret Hansen

Requested by: Don Hansen

4:30pm † Jim Quinn

Requested by: Gail Quinn

#### Sunday, January 10

7:00am † Lisa Augustine

Requested by: Scanlon Family

9:15am For the Unborn

Requested by: Pro Life Ministry

11:30am Delores Franck

Requested by: Sharon Poss



## From Our Parish Community Life Commission...

### Nursing our Bodies...Nursing our Faith Notes from our Faith Community Nurse

#### New Year's Resolutions

Each New Year's Day, people everywhere make resolutions, pledging to make this year different, to do this or that, or to stop doing this or that. It is as though there is a longing within us for a new beginning, a fresh start, a kind of "do-over", in golf it's called a "Mulligan."

There is a need for freshness and renewal, for an opportunity to start over and being freed from all the problems and mistakes of the past. As Christians we can understand and appreciate the longing. The opportunity to start over with a "clean slate," is one of the driving forces that brings us to the sacrament of Confession and to church each week so we can hear the words of comfort and strength, to hear Jesus say to us "Go in Peace, your sins are forgiven." This is a way we can start over again refreshed, renewed, restored and forgiven.

As you make your New Year's resolutions, here are some helpful suggestions:

1. No one can ruin your day without YOUR permission.
2. Life is a journey...not a destination. Enjoy the trip.
3. Ultimately, "takers" lose and "givers" win.
4. Look for opportunities...not guarantees.
5. Now is the most interesting time of all...don't let it pass you by.
6. When things go wrong...don't go with them.
7. You will NEVER have it all together, not ever!
8. Life's precious moments don't have value, unless they are shared.
9. The biggest lie on the planet is "When I get what I want, then I will be happy".
10. If you don't feel as close to God as you used to, guess who needs to move.

*"My God I seek You, my soul thirsts for You" Psalm 63:1.*

For any questions, assistance, or resources to improve your health, contact me at 630-466-0303 ext-113 or mary.stola@amitahealth.org.

Peace,

Mary Stola, RN, Faith Community Nurse



## From Our Stewardship Commission...

### Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## From Our Evangelization Commission...



### YOUTH MINISTRY Virtual Events!

**Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**3:00 – 4:15pm**

**Grades 6-7**

TAKE ME TO THE RIVER

–You've been washed UP ☺

Bring your baptism picture, any award you've received, and drawing paper and markers.



**Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 – 8:00pm**

**Grades 8-12**

Please register for these events on SignUpGenius.

### Year-End Tax Statement

We will be mailing out statements to every parish family that has made a contribution in 2020. This includes regular Sunday giving, holidays/holy days and the building fund.

*The Diocese of Rockford will be mailing out their own statements with any contributions made to the Diocesan Appeal or the other combined appeals (National, International, or Mission).*

You can expect to see this statement in the mail mid-to-late January. Thank you for your generosity and patience.



**LORD, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Amen.**

German Arroyo, Collin Backus, Max Brien, David Buttery, Tony Chavez, Nick Carlstrom, Richard Hauser, Fr. Jason Hesseling, Jack Hinterlong, Samuel Keilty, Brad Komes, Audrey Krantz, Joshua Ledbetter, Eric Martin, Eric Ortlund, Ryan Quinn, John Reiland, Luke Reiland, Raymond Ritter, Jayson Rischl, Matthew Rischl, Alexander Schaefer, Jacob Smith, Bradley Wilson.

If you would like to add a name, call the parish office or email [bulletin@skdmail.org](mailto:bulletin@skdmail.org).

## From Our Justice & Service Commission...



### Pro-Life Corner THE HOLY FAMILY

You are a HERO for Life! Team **St. Katharine Drexel** raised **\$2,192.94** in the **Waterleaf Virtual Baby Bottles for Life Team Challenge**. Because of your support, Waterleaf can continue in their mission to support and educate pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies through the Waterleaf Medical clinic and their Aspire Education and Resource Center located in Aurora. Thank you for being a hero for life!

Waterleaf provides practical help; pregnancy testing, ultrasound, STD testing and treatment as well as continuing education and support for women in our community who would otherwise be at risk for choosing abortion. Last year Waterleaf served 870 patients, performed 580 pregnancy test, 742 ultrasounds and welcomed over 190 babies. For more information call Waterleaf at 630-701-6270 or visit them on the web at [www.onechoiceonlife.org](http://www.onechoiceonlife.org).



### From the Creation Care Team...Care for Our Common Home



#### New Year Resolutions

Every January we come up with very good and useful resolutions for the New Year. Perhaps for 2021, we can decide to treat our Common Home and others with more respect and kindness. In the *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis states, "All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of Creation." His encyclical challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature.

Pope Francis reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. The natural world around us is recognized as a precious gift from God to be revered by all and preserved for our children, our children's children, and all future generations throughout the world. The Pope asks us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, to strive for greater simplicity, and to focus less on material things.

Let's make a new year's resolution to actively steward this great gift from God. And, unlike so many of our resolutions, let this one become a lifestyle choice that can be sustained.

Have a very Happy 2021 New Year!

### Online Entrance Exam at Marmion Academy



Marmion Academy is hosting an Online Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am for any 8<sup>th</sup> grade boy who was unable to take the Scholarship Qualifying Exam on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Students interested in taking the January exam can register at [www.marmion.org/admissions](http://www.marmion.org/admissions).

In addition to academic scholarships, Marmion Academy offers need-based assistance to families that qualify. Over \$710,000 in tuition assistance was awarded for the 2020-2021 school year. Contact the Office of Admissions at 630-897-6936 ext. 227 for additional information.

While students are taking the exam, parents are invited to join members of Marmion Academy's administration, faculty and staff for an informal Zoom Q&A beginning at 9am. Parents in attendance will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 tuition deposit voucher (valid for the 2021-2022 school year). Please visit [www.marmion.org/admissions](http://www.marmion.org/admissions) for the Zoom login information.



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