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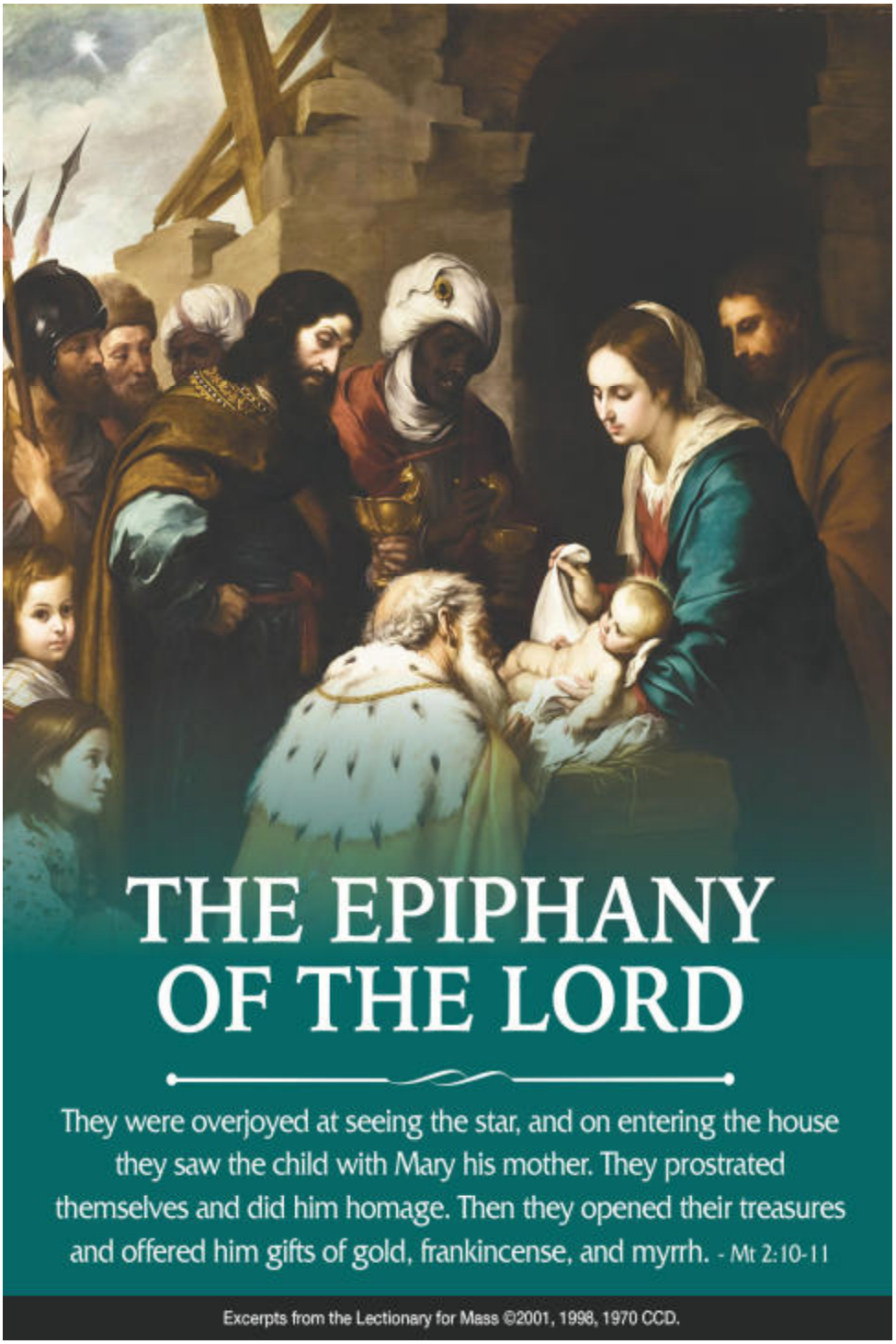

January 3, 2021— Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Times and Intentions (Jan. 2-10)

SAT.
8:00 AM Audrey McCarthy
4:00 PM Chuck Sophie
SUN
7:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Council of Catholic Women
9:00 AM The People of the Parish
10:30 AM Matt Pinion
MON *No Mass*
TUE
5:15 PM Daniel Krumholz, Jr.
WED
8:30 AM Mary Quinn
THUR
5:15 PM Sharon Meisel
FRI
7:30 AM Joe Naquin, Sr.
SAT
4:00 PM Dorothy C. Alt
SUN
7:30 AM Jeanne Olsen
9:00 AM The People of the Parish
10:30 AM John Dodge

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

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 [8ab]/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/ Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/ Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/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/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3)]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

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Our parish Mass is televised Sundays at 10 AM; Cable Ch. 10 or (Charter) or Ch.43 streamed from our website. www.baraboocatholic.org.

The main body of the church is equipped with a Hearing Loop. Have your hearing aid T-coil turned on or ask an usher for a Loop Listener.

Bulletin Announcements

We ask that bulletin announcements be sent to the Parish Office by 5: 00 p.m. on Monday for publication the following weekend.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are required to attend a preparation session if this is a first child or if it has been three years since the last child was baptized. For more information contact Becky, 356-5353.

Sacrament of Marriage

The policy for the Catholic Dioceses of Wisconsin requires a six month minimum preparation process before the marriage. To schedule a wedding call the Parish Office at 356-4773.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning 9:00 -9:30 a.m., or anytime by request. Communal celebrations are scheduled during Advent and Lent.

Parish Membership

We welcome new members to our parish family. Contact the Parish Office to register or register on –line at stjosephbaraboo.info. Click on “Church” and look for “Parish Registration” and “Time & Talent”.

Ministry to the Sick/Homebound

To join our Prayer Chain, or to request prayers, a prayer shawl, or Holy Communion, please contact our Homebound Outreach Coordinator at 356-4773.

St. Joe's Week at a Glance (Jan. 3-10)

Monday (4)	**12:00 PM**	**Eucharistic Adoration,** Church (until 8:00 p.m.)
	6:00 PM	**Council of Catholic Women Rosary**, Church
	6:30 PM	**Council of Catholic Women**, Martha and Mary Hall
Tuesday (5)	**6:00 PM**	**Social Justice Commission**, Holy Family Room
Wednesday (6)	**6:00 PM**	**Catechist Meeting**, Staff Work Room
	6:00 PM	**Men's Bible Study**, Martha and Mary Hall
	7:30 PM	**High School Youth Group,** Gym/Coffee House
Thursday (7)	**1:30 PM**	**Adult Study: Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible,** Martha and May Hall
	7 :30 PM	**Adult Study: Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible,** Martha and May Hall
Saturday (9)	**9:00 AM**	**Private Sacrament of Reconciliation,** Reconciliation Room
	9:00 AM	**Knights of Columbus Rosary for Life,** Church
Sunday (10)	**11:30 AM**	**Prayer Buddies,** Martha and Mary Hall
	4:00 PM	**Confirmation Preparation (10th Grade),** Martha and Mary Hall

HELP IS AVAILABLE For Those In a Crisis
Pregnancy - Catholic Charities Pregnancy Crisis Center
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THE SAUK COUNTY CHILDREN'S GIVING TREE needs your help! Each month families who have already received assistance from The Baraboo Food Pantry need help to buy food. To make a donation mail a check to the Giving Tree, PO Box 70, Baraboo, WI 53913

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul envelope so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

Question of the week

The Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew's Gospel passage relates the story of the astrologers (often referred to as kings or magi) who follow a star to find the newborn Jesus, who they heard was the Messiah. These kings are not Jews, but they come with gifts to pray homage to Jesus, who was born for all, not just one group. The kings are not only on a physical journey, they are on a spiritual journey as well. They don't really know where they are going, gut they just keep following the star and trust that God will get them there. Like the kings, we are also on a spiritual journey, and we can trust that God will show us the way to Jesus.

Have you ever taken a journey in faith, as the wise men did? What mistakes did you make? How did God supply what you lacked? What did you gain?

~MaryAnn Hakowski, *Sharing the Sunday Scriptures with Youth*

Life Long Faith Formation

THE BIBLE is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. Scripture informs our beliefs and inspires our devotions.
It is the place where our Father meets us and lovingly brings us closer to Christ, but understanding it is difficult. So if you've ever tried to read the Bible starting at Genesis and quit by Leviticus, this Bible study may be just right for you. No workbook, no homework. Just bring your Bible, a highlighter, and a pen **o**n Thursday at 1:30 or 7:00 pm in Martha and Mary Hall beginning January 14.

BAPTISM LEARNING SESSION for new parents, Thursday, January 19, at 6:30 pm in the Holy Family Room. Please call Becky at 356-5353 to register.

St. Joseph School

Philosophy

St. Joseph Parish School is a Catholic educational community that, in partnership with families, provides academic excellence in a safe, nurturing learning environment dedicated to:

- Teaching basic truths of the Catholic faith and integrating these Catholic truths and values into the curriculum and into other aspects of school life,
- Empowering students to become committed, active Christian stewards, and
- Inspiring and equipping students to be lifelong learners.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL classes 4K thru 8th grade will be virtual only for Monday, January 4th and Tuesday, January 5th. In person classes will resume on Wednesday, January 6th.
Have a safe, healthy and Happy New Year!!

Parish & Community Announcements

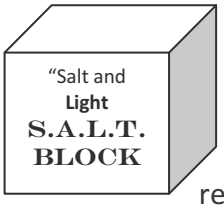
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR BINGO We are looking for someone to take over the volunteer coordinator portion of bingo.
This is a volunteer activity that would include

- recruiting crew members for bingo
- Scheduling the crews for the bingo season
- Promoting bingo dates to the public
- Working with the crew leaders to keep workers informed of any changes, policies etc.
- Working with parish staff to create a schedule for the bingo season

The Parish Office would continue to handle reports to the State, posting of checks written and balancing the bingo checking account.

You do not need an extensive knowledge of bingo to do this. And you do not need to be present for every bingo session. Help is available from the Parish Office and State Office of Charitable Gaming to get your started. If you like working with people this may be just the thing for you! Please call Kathy in the Parish Office if you have questions or are interested in knowing more about this!

The Bingo season typically runs from mid-September through mid-May. Bingo has been a tradition in our parish since 1974.



Toddler rescued from abusive home

Lt. Brian Zach was a patrol officer in Kingman, AZ, when he responded to a residence check in March 2018 and found a toddler living in an abusive home.
Reporter Bridget Handy writes that during the check, he and the little girl, Kaila, "colored [and] snacked … she held my hand and she was just this cute little thing."
Detectives soon arrived at the scene and took Kaila to the hospital for her injuries while criminal charges were filed against her abusers.

After Kaila was treated, Zach and his wife Cierra and their two children decided to temporarily house her after Child Protective Services had difficulty placing her in a home. Zach said "She came with a sippy cup, a bag of clothes that didn't fit her and that was it." Within two days, Kaila was reportedly calling Cierra "mom" and after about two weeks of calling him "guy," she began to call Zach "dad."

The Zachs were unsure how long Kaila would be able to live with them or if her biological parents would come to take her back. Zach said their goal in the interim was "to love and care for this little girl for as long as it happened."

In August, a little over two years after rescuing her, the Zachs were able to adopt Kaila as their daughter.

BE SURE TO SEE the insert in this bulletin. Donors to our Christmas flowers are listed with the names of those the donors wish to honor or remember.

SCRIP WORD OF THE WEEK: RESOLUTIONS

Now is a good time to make a New Year's Resolution to use Scrip more often!

Scrip is not a program you have to enroll in; it's not some weird thing that merchants will frown at. It's the same gift cards you might purchase in WalMart or Walgreen's only we work with Great Lakes Scrip Center in Michigan to buy them at a slight discount. You buy them at face value and spend them as you like. No activation fees!

Scrip is readily available from the Parish Office or on weekends from the Scrip Sellers in the Narthex.

Scrip =Gift cards = profit for the parish!

THANKS TO OUR BULLETIN SPONSORS!

This week we highlight Hohl's Farm Supply. Located on Hwy 33 between Baraboo and Portage, Hohl's offers food plot, grass seeds, bird seeds, lawn fertilizer and more! Now is the time to start planning for Spring! Call them at 356-3195 for more information.

Remember, keep Holy the Sabbath

It's still the Christmas season! Sing all the verses of "We Three Kings".

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER HAS GONE VIRTUAL.

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage." As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, let us give homage to the presence of God in our marriages by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter from the comfort of your home. There is a virtual experience Jan. 12 to Feb 2, in a series of two sessions per week for three weeks of roughly 2 hours each or an experience during Lent, February 18 - March 31 once per week.

Visit our website at - **alifetimeoflove.org** or call **(888) 574-5653**.

Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250.

Offertory numbers are two weeks behind due to early bulletin deadlines.

Stewardship Of Treasure—Thank You!
Dec. 13-19

	Weekly Income	Weekly Budget	Weekly Over (Short)
Offertory Income	$19,608.26	$19,230.77	$377.49

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

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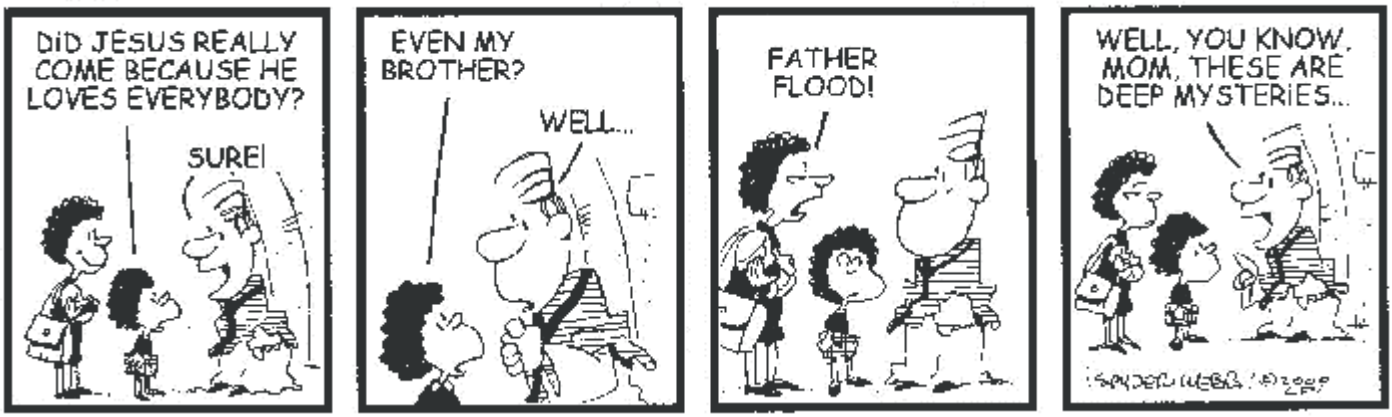

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