

Lighting the Way to Christ

- Monday 8 a.m. Tuesday 8 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Wednesday 8 a.m.

Thursday 8 a.m.

Mass (Friday 8 a.m. Saturday 8 a.m. Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday Sunday 5:30-5:50 p.m. 7:30, 9 & 11 a.m.

Saturday 3-4:15 p.m.

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7:15-7:50 a.m.

Financial Focus — 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

Duplicate due to submission dat	_e This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #24	47,458	52,000	(4,542)	72,592	(25,134)
YTD through Week #24	1,293,197	1,248,000	45,197	1,279,991	13,205

Week #24 Second Collection for Care Fund: \$1,245 (included above)



FREE GRAB & GO MEALS

@ Epiphany Catholic School EVERY Monday 9:00 am - 11:00 am

*Available to ALL children 18 years old & younger who are not receiving meals at school during the school day.

> PICK UP A WEEK'S WORTH OF BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SUPPER, AND SNACK!



The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is hosting

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Bring the good news to the next generation; share the faith, build friendships, answer the call and become a 2022 Tutus Tuus Summer Missionary in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis!

- College age men and women committed to their Catholic faith who feel called to share it with youth (grades 1-12) in local parishes in the Archdiocese.
- 2 month commitment: 6/3 7/30 (includes a week of training and a week break for the 4th of July holiday)
- Missionaries will receive \$2,520 for their service.
- One vehicle is needed for each team (driver of vehicle is required to be over 21 years of age)

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Pastor'sColumn

Holy Family

Bevil Bramwell, OMI–Sunday, December 30, 2012

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The glowing nativity scenes in our churches speak volumes about the integrity of the family as an enduring and graced human reality. God chose to use a human family as the way to bring his incarnate Son into the world as its savior.

The natural wonder of a man and a woman getting married and having kids became the context for the birth and growth of the Savior into the history of the People of God. Created reality became saving reality through the power of the Spirit of God: "the power of the Most High will overshadow you."

Interestingly, on this Sunday we do not hear about some idyllic family scene with the kids romping on the lawn and parents sitting on the porch. Instead, we hear of the Holy Family under threat.

They had to flee to Egypt to avoid the murderous rage of King Herod. They were refugees as so many families are today. Yet they all went *together* to Egypt. There is no thought of dumping the child because of the inconvenience. Despite all odds, the sustained integrity of the family made it possible to face the threat. The Providence of God protected the natural organic group of the mother and father and child. He sent messengers to guide the family to Egypt – and later back to Nazareth.

George Bernard Shaw once said that: "Perhaps the greatest social service that can be rendered by anybody to this country and to mankind is to bring up a family." The fact that a family exists and is stable through the years is an inestimable service to the history of mankind.

It is almost as if the regular family echoes the Holy family in performing a service to mankind at large. Vatican II spoke intensely of this rich network of relationships that we call family. It first applied the word "family" to the whole of humankind and then voiced the Church's abiding concern for:

the whole human family along with the sum of those realities in the midst of which it lives; that world which is the theater of man's history, and the heir of his energies, his tragedies and his triumphs; that world which the Christian sees as created and sustained by its Maker's love, fallen indeed into the bondage of sin, yet emancipated now by Christ. (GS 2)

Within this often underappreciated communion, which the Church is here to develop, the council pointed out two sets of relationships that we cannot do without: namely, our family and our social and political structure. These are inescapable because "Man's social nature makes it evident that the progress of the human person and the advance of society itself hinge on one another." (GS 25)

This is the key: human growth and development require certain presences in all our lives. In a far from exhaustive list, we need a male and a female presence. We need to see the full flourishing of the male as man and husband, and the full flourishing of the female as woman and wife. There are many layers to each of these aspects of human existence as they ground interactions between younger and older, between man and woman, and much, much more.

In the married union of man and woman, there is a "transference of personalities" in knowledge and desire. (Gilson) They form a deep spiritual and physical union that leads ultimately to children. Vatican II described this union:

Firmly established by the Lord, the unity of marriage will radiate from the equal personal dignity of wife and husband, a dignity acknowledged by mutual and total love. The constant fulfillment of the duties of this Christian vocation demands notable virtue. For this reason, strengthened by grace for holiness of life, the couple will painstakingly cultivate and pray for steadiness of love, large heartedness and the spirit of sacrifice. (GS 49)

The story of the Holy Family is a story that radiates these qualities and it remains the type of Christian families as they deal with the tensions with each other and with the world at large.

The spiritual and psychological depth of the family just keeps on unfolding in such a way that "the family is a kind of school of deeper humanity." (Vatican II) It is the sheer intensity of the number and type of interactions in the family that stretch and move each person into ever-richer habits and concepts of what it means to be a mother and a father and a son and a daughter.

This always presumes, of course, the large heartedness and spirit of sacrifice that are the Christian trademark. The little scenes of the Holy Family that grace our homes and churches speak of this communion of life and its constant opening out in deeper humanity. And they also tell of a life bathed in the Providence of Almighty God, which happens in a family – and nowhere else.



Reggio Emilia - The painting of Flight of Holy Family to Egypt in church Chiesa di Santo Stefano by unknown regional painter from 17. cent

Hark the Herald Angels Sing -CR127

Greeting

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

Penitential Rite

- *Celebrant:* Brethren, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
 - *R*: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers an sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. +

Kvrie

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Latin found in CREDO, page 71

Gloria

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite."

Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.

Lector: The Word of the Lord *R*: Thanks Be To God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

R: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Second Reading

First Reading

Col 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Lector: The Word of the Lord R: Thanks Be To God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Gospel

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. R: Glory to you, O Lord.

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem

Lk 2:41-52

to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer. R:

The Church of the Epiphany is dependent upon the financial support of our friends, families and welcomed guests.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

Once in Royal David's City -CR146

Invitation to Prayer

- *Celebrant:* Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
 - *R*: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for good and the good of all his holy Church.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Latin found in CREDO, page 69

Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant: The mystery of faith.

- R: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.
- *Celebrant:* Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.
 - *R*: Amen.

The 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.

Holy Communion

Prayer for making a Spiritual Communion (if you are at home)

At Thy feet, O my Jesus, I prostrate myself and I offer Thee the repentance of my contrite heart, which is humbled in its nothingness and in Thy holy presence. I adore Thee in the Sacrament of Thy love, the ineffable Eucharist. I desire to receive Thee into the poor dwelling that my heart offers Thee. While waiting for the happiness of sacramental Communion, I wish to possess Thee in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, since I, for my part, am coming to Thee! May Thy love embrace my whole being in life and in death. I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee. Amen.

Communion Hymn:

Lo How a Rose -CR116 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear -CR122

Second collection will be for Christmas Flowers.

Sending Hymn:

Angles From the Realms of Glory -CR125

LookingAhead

ę	Sunday, December 26	Sunday Mass 7:30, 9, & 11 a.m.
ľ	Monday December 27	Parish Office Closed
1	Thursday, December 30	Parish Office Closed
F	Friday, December 31	Parish Office Closed Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 4 p.m. / Not a Holy Day of Obligation
ę	Saturday, January 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9 & 11 a.m. / Not a Holy Day of Obligation No 4:30 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass
ŝ	Sunday, January 2	The Epiphany of the Lord—Our Feast Day!
ę	Saturday, January 8	LoveEd Parent/Child 7 & 8th Graders
ę	Sunday, January 9	Donut Sunday-hosted by Little Flowers



Register by January 1 via our website www.Epiphanymn.org Contact Suzanne at slewis@epiphanymn.org

2021 Contributions

Please be aware that federal standards require The Church of the Epiphany to treat all contributions received in 2021 as 2021 contributions for tax purposes. The date on your check or written instructions to hold checks can have no bearing on which year we will record your checks according to IRS policies. The following contributions will be recorded in 2021:

- Anything mailed with a postmark in 2021.
- Donations hand delivered to our office by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 31, 2021.
- Donations put in the collection basket on or before Friday, December 31, 2021.
- Donations initiated online through our website on or before December 31, 2021.

The parish office will be closed December 30 & 31, 2021 but feel free to use our mail slot to the right of the glass doors of the parish office. Thank you for the financial support you give to The Church of the Epiphany.

24HourAdoration christmas + solemnity of mary adoration schedule

Adoration will be OPEN for veneration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, except as follows:

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND: closed Fri 12/24 at 4pm — Sun 12/26, 11:59am

SOLEMNITY/NEW YEARS WEEKEND: closed Fri 12/31 at 4pm — Sun 1/2, 11:59am

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CaringforLife

Epiphany Caring for Life offers support to pregnant women and their families through a 24 hour care line, maternity & baby closet, and companion program. **612-803-2225 or** ecl@epiphanymn.org

GiftShop

Saturday 3:30 – 6 p.m. Sunday 8:30 – 12:30 p.m. Tuesday 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *Times may change if volunteers aren't available.

MassIntentions

Sunday, December 26 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/ Lk 2:41-52 *The Holy Family*

7:30 Dan and Julia Jacobson, and Family

9:00 Epiphany Parishioners

11:00 To Make Holy All Families

Monday, December 27 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 St. John the Apostle and Evangelist 8:00 Roger Austin †

Tuesday, December 28 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18 *Holy Innocents* **8:00** In Honor of the Holy Innocents;

and An End To Abortion 6:00 Father Bernard Reiser †

Wednesday, December 29 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 John Melvin Miller † and Family Thursday, December 30 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

8:00 Dorothy K. Zauner †

Friday, December 31 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

St. Sylvester I, Pope8:00Sr. Alice Druffel †4:00Cary Lee Brown II †

Saturday, January 1 Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 Solemnity of Mary. The Holy Mother of God

Solelling	NO 8:00 a.m. Mass
9:00	Epiphany Parishioners

11:00 Ann and Frank Petric ††, and Family NO 4:30 p.m. Mass

RespectLife

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph The union of man and woman that establishes family life is a sacred reality at the very foundation of the social order. Bonded in love and in obedience to the Lord of life, the family reflects the holiness of the Holy Family, centered on Jesus. By the grace of union with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, family life with its challenges and its joys—becomes a path to holiness. "The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father's work of creation. It is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and the reading of the Word of God strengthen it in charity" (CCC 2205). *Printed from the December 2021, Magnificat, Sunday* 12/26/2021

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Funerals

Kevin Snyder

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace." Amen



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