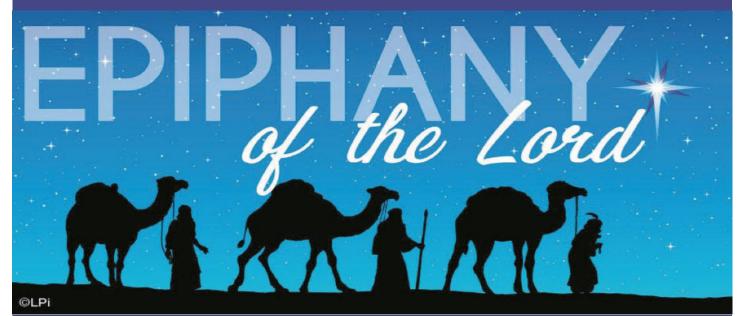




# January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12	1 Jn 3: 22 – 4: 6 Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25	1 Jn 4: 7-10 Mk 6: 34-44	1 Jn 4: 11-18 Mk 6: 45-52
8:00 am Mass DMCC Parish 10:00 am Mass (ASL interpreted) DMCC Helen Beucler †  12 Noon Mass (Spanish) DMCC Leonardo Ortega †  2:00 pm Baptism DMCC 5:00 pm Mass DMCC Ruth Olson †	6:45 am High School Bible Study IC-TC  12:00 pm Bulletin announcements due to Bulletin Editor. Occasionally deadlines vary due to holiday schedules.  5:00 pm Reconciliation DMCC  5:30 pm Mass DMCC  Dan Culhane	8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC  8:30 am Mass DMCC Joe Huber †  9:00 am DMCC Quilters IC-TC  9:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitters DMCC-SFC  2:00 pm FCTV Mass from previous weekend: Consolidated Communications channel 10, Charter channel 181  3:00 pm Cantor Practice IC  7:00 pm Son's of Thunder	8:30 am Mass IC Gladys Stassen †  10:30 am Mass IC Patrick Rath †  6:00 pm Partners in Ministry Retreat DMCC
		Men's Bible Study DMCC- Farmhouse	

#### **Locations Key**

DMCC—New Site (SFC—St. Faustina Commons; BDR—Bishop Dudley Activity Room; JP II—John Paul II Portico; NAR-Narthex); HOG—House of Gratitude; DMCS—Divine Mercy Catholic School; GYM—DMCS Gym; IC-Immaculate Conception; KC—KC Hall; MSB—Mother Samuel Building; TC—Tomlinson Center (youth room) MCF—Minnesota Correctional Facility PLM—Pleasant Manor

## Message from Father Cory Rohlfing

Mary is the Mother of God. She is our mother, also. Praise Goes up First (cf. Judges 20:18): Praise spontaneously flowed from Mary's heart as she encountered her cousin and was called "Mother of the Lord" for the first time. Her words were true at the moment she prayed them, and they are still true, on this day as Mother Church is united around the world praising God for the gift of his Son. Today, we make her words our own. Our souls proclaim the greatness of the Lord.

He Lifts up the Lowly: Our Lady knew well how God lifted up the lowly throughout the history of her people, and now she was experiencing it personally in a way beyond her imagining. She

wholeheartedly acknowledged her lowliness and must have marveled that God asked her to participate so intimately in his plan of salvation for the whole world. Perhaps resting her hands on her slowly growing baby bump, she would also contemplate how He had come to make himself lowly—an infant, totally helpless and in need of love, so as to bring us the Father's love and let us love him, too.

He Remembers His Promise: Mary reminds us that God did not forget his people as they continued throughout the Old Testament to seek his face. And he doesn't forget us as we beseech him for graces and blessings! In the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, "Often, his plan is hidden under the opaque terrain of human vicissitudes, in which the 'proud,' the 'mighty' and the 'rich' triumph. However, in the end, his secret strength is destined to manifest who God's real favorites are: the 'faithful' to his Word, 'the humble,' 'the hungry,' 'his servant Israel,' namely, the community of the People of God that, as Mary, is constituted by those who are 'poor,' pure, and simple of heart".

Happy New Year, Fr. Cory Rohlfing **Thursday** Saturday Sunday **Friday** 1 Jn 5: 14**-**21 1 Jn 4: 19 – 5: 4 1 Jn 5: 5-13 Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 7 6 Jn 3: 22-30 Lk 4: 14-22 Lk 5: 12-16 Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7 Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22 8:30 am Mass DMCC 8:00 am Reconciliation 7:45 am St. Anne's Choir 8:00 am Mass DMCC Judy Caron 🛧 DMCC Practice DMCC-BDAR Dick Donahue 🛧 7:00 pm Prayer Group 8:30 am Mass DMCC 10:00 am Mass (ASL 8:00 am Reconciliation **DMCC** Joyce Brazil ★ interpreted) DMCC **DMCC** Parish 9:00 am Reconciliation 8:30 am Mass DMCC **DMCC** 12 Noon Mass (Spanish) Ann Knapp 🛧 **DMCC** 4:00 pm Mass DMCC Jose de Santiago 🕆 and Jean Reuvers 🕆 Maria Luis Soto 🕆 7:00 pm Prayer Group DMCC 5:00 pm Mass DMCC Shirley Amundson † and Cassie Maxson 🛧

# STAR

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

MATTHEW 2:10

#### Ministry of Mission and Outreach

#### **Pastoral Care/Mission and Outreach**

<u>Happy and Blessed New Year</u>: As the new year begins, we ask for God's blessing on you and your families that you will be open and prepared for all that comes ahead this year. Know that our pastoral care department (Bernadette Tatge and Sister Kathleen) are here to support you in any way we can. Also, know of our appreciation for you and the gift you are!

Feast of the Epiphany: This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany....the visit of the Wise Men to the Christ Child. In many countries, this feast is the day of gift giving and is celebrated as a holy day of obligation. Here in the United States, the decorations, which have been up in stores since October, have all been taken down, and Christmas carols are no longer played on the radio. Yet, here at Divine Mercy, and throughout the country, churches are decorated as we continue to celebrate the liturgical Christmas season and will do so until January 9, the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. Let us continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the gift He has given us throughout this full Christmas Season!

**Pope's Prayer Intention for January**: During January, Pope Francis is asking us to join him in prayer for true human fraternity. He asks us to pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; that their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

#### **CCW**

CCW will not meet on Monday, January 3. Our next meeting will be February 7.

Often when we donate to missions we do so out of love without expecting to hear from them. However, the Archdiocesan CCW has received a note from our Appalachian Mission project. They are so grateful for all of the donations that arrived in the semi from Minnesota. Five parishes from across 12 counties in Kentucky were served with this generosity. One of the clergy indicated that this was "such a blessing to so many people." Notes of being "overwhelmed with joy" came from the leaders from each of the parishes. Thank you for the role you played to make the lives of the people of Appalachia a little better.

#### **Respect Life**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. The Magi journeyed far seeking the whereabouts of the "King of the Jews". They may have been motivated to seek this king since there was an expectation at the time that an universal ruler would come from Israel. They initially went to Herod's palace because it was natural that the new king would be born in a palace. Seeing the Magi and learning of the birth of a new king, Herod became fearful he would be usurped, thus leading to the slaughter of the Holy Innocents. How sad that the slaughter of Holy Innocents is still legal in our country.



Pregnancy Options Life Care Center is always in need of donations; call the center for more information! Diapers are always needed! www.pregnancyoptionsfbo.org - (507-332-7644)

#### 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, give your gifts of time and money to St. Vincent de Paul so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

#### **Adult Formation**

Your Children Need You! Join Fr. Louie for a 10-session book study of Made This Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today's Tough Moral Issues by Leila Miller & Trent Horn. Utilizing the text, speakers, testimonies and group discussion we will explore topics including: Homosexuality, Sex Outside of Marriage, Divorce, Contraception, Abortion, Reproductive Technologies, Modesty, Pornography, and Transgender Identity. We will focus on: What does the Church teach? As well as advice for talking with children and advice for talking with teens. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 7:15pm — 8:30pm on the IC/Divine Mercy School campus beginning January 12. Registration is required through the parish website divinemercy.cc/madethisway or by calling Ellie Wilder at 507-210-9060. This is a study for adults. We hope to provide childcare for those with that need.

Can you help? If you can assist one or more evenings with childcare please contact Ellie Wilder at 507-210-9060.

#### Cemetery

Please remove all decorations/personal items from cemetery sites for the winter months. The cemetery is not responsible for broken or damaged items. We need to remove snow for burials and are unable to see items covered in snow.

No plastic, glass, or fabric items allowed. Items found will be removed immediately. Questions, call 507-330-0248.

#### Sons of Thunder

#### Tuesday Nights at 7:00 PM at DMCC Farmhouse

Men of the Church,

You are invited to join a men's group formed to help us grow in our walk with God, to answer His call, and to give us an opportunity for fraternity. We call ourselves Sons of Thunder. This was the name Jesus gave two of his disciples, James and John (Mark 3:17), when he appointed the Twelve. This group will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

What to expect: Opening Prayer, Reading of following Sunday's Mass Readings, Refreshments, & Fraternity.

Please plan on joining us for about an hour or so. After closing prayer, we will have refreshments and social time.

We look forward to seeing you.

#### **PreK-Grade 12 Education**

**2022-2023** BA/DMCS New Student Applications Now Open - BA and DMCS are excited to welcome new student applications for the 2022-2023 school year! Find the link to our online application on the admissions/enrollment pages of our websites at www.dmcs.cc or www.bacards.org.

BA/DMCS Tours and BA Student Shadow Information - Family tours are offered Monday-Friday from 9am-4:30pm at both Bethlehem Academy (Gr 6-12) and Divine Mercy Catholic School (PreK-Gr 5). Contact Ginger Van Hecke at DMCS or Kris Sauer at BA to schedule a tour. Student shadow days now offered Tuesday-Thursday at Bethlehem Academy for students entering Grades 6-12. Sign up under the Enrollment tab on BA's website at www.bacards.org.

Bethlehem Academy is Hiring! Interested in a part-time position? Bethlehem Academy is currently hiring a BA van driver for daily student transportation. Email Principal Mindy Reeder (mreeder@bacards.org) for more information. We also have coaching openings in track and field and fastpitch softball and are looking for people to officiate junior high basketball games. Please email athletics@bacards.org if interested.

#### Ministry of Communion

#### **Adoration Chapel**

Mother Samuel Building 104 Second Ave SW

Happy New Year to all our faithful adorers. We begin another year adoring our Lord Jesus Christ who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider joining this beautiful ministry in our parish. God bless you all!

Current available hours:

Friday 2-3 p.m. (prayer partner needed)

Saturday 1-2 p.m.

Saturday 8-9 p.m. Sunday 1-2 p.m.

Please contact Libby at 507-331-0860 if you can take an hour.





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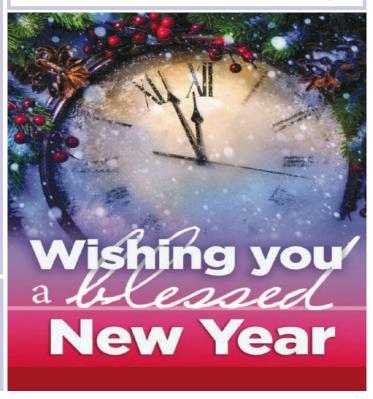
God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our prayers make an impact and our words carry power. Keep praying for our priests!

### Ministry of Administration

#### Stewardship of Tithing: Financial Gifts

Information unavailable at time of printing.

A friendly reminder for the United for our Future Campaign, please designate on your check or envelope that the money is going to "United for our Future" or new school building project. Thank you!





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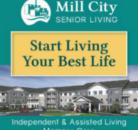
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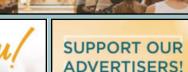


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