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Senior Priest: Rev. Pat McCaslin

In Residence:

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Rev. Paul Sae-Wan Oh

Deacons:

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Mr. Ken Kalkowski



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Parish Office 402-346-0900

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday 8:00 am
Saturday Morning 8:00 am

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Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
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Sunday 9:30 am
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January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord

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The Epiphany
OF THE LORD



*"And you, Bethlehem,
land of Judah,
are by no means least among
the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall
come a ruler,
who is to shepherd
my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6

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Baptisms & Marriages: Pre-baptismal instructions are required. Ten months of marriage preparations are also required. Please contact Fr. Vitalis at 402-346-0900 to schedule an appointment.

Monday, January 3

SA 7:00 am † Paul Kramer
OLL 8:00 am † Sharon Tighe

Tuesday, January 4

SA 7:00 am Don Flott
OLL 8:00 am Fr. Bill L'Heureux

Wednesday, January 5

SA 7:00 am † Richard & Barbara Jandrain
OLL 8:00 am † John Roth

Thursday, January 6

SA 7:00 am † George Neneman
OLL 8:00 am † Joanne Loch
† Aunt Sharon

Friday, January 7

SA 7:00 am † Sam Marchese
OLL 8:00 am † Perpetual Memorial Society

Saturday, January 8

OLL 8:00 am † Monsignor Tom Furlong
OLL 5:00 pm † David Tighe
SA 6:00 pm Betty Eckley & Funeral Committee

Sunday, January 9

OLL 8:00 am † Dollys Detterville
SA 9:30 am † Our Parish Family
OLL 10:30 am † Cathy Rosenthal
OLL 5:00 pm † Kelly (Eckley) Bartman

Our Lady of Lourdes-St. Adalbert
Tabernacle candles are lit this week for:



Deacon Frank Hilt

Thanks

*A Heartfelt Gratitude
To
Ms. Marcy Thompson.*

May I express my profound gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Marcy Thompson, our parish secretary, for her outstanding service and ministry to our parish. She has decided to leave the parish staff at the end of this month December 2021, and pursue other interests. I'm thankful for her dedication, patience and kindness. She helped me a lot during these past six months of transitioning to my new position as your parish priest. She is still part of our parish community and will continue her active participation in other parish ministries. Please join me to thank her and pray God's blessings upon her as she begins her new endeavor.

*Fr. Vitalis Anyanike
Pastor*



JESUS IS THE STAR OF OUR LIFE

Dear parishioners,

Our understanding of the mission of the newborn Christ is becoming clearer. His birth was not exclusively for the Jewish nation. It was for all nations. The feast of the Epiphany further deepens our understanding of the message of Christmas. Epiphany, which means manifestation, draws our attention to a wider implication of Jesus' birth. His birth will gradually affect all humanity because no one is excluded from his kingdom.

All men will be gathered together into the light of Christ. Prophet Isaiah spoke of this reality to his people many years ago, "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the people; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance."

Led by the star these men from the East came to worship the newborn child. Their presence and the gifts they offered to the new born child are symbolic and demonstrative of the mission of Jesus. Everyone comes to or is led to him. The cloud of darkness has no place in the presence of Jesus and on all who are drawn toward him. It is a new era.

Saint Paul says that God's grace is made possible in the great mystery of the Incarnation and that the plan of God which was concealed from ages past is now revealed in the birth of Jesus. This plan is made known not only to the apostles and prophets but also to us who live the Christmas joy today; and equality it restored among God's people. We are no longer separated but members of the one body, Jews and Gentiles alike.

In his eyes, we are all equal and called to remove roadblocks of hatred, stereotypes, racial discrimination and violence. It is sad and painful when we drag ourselves through the mud of racial tension and hostility, when our conversations are limited to those who think like us or look like us, when our national debates on immigration evoke such anger and resentment or when we think only of ourselves and enjoy wealth without caring for the less fortunate.

The manifestation of the Child Jesus speaks to us about our common destiny and the new family we have become. We are his people, the flock he has chosen. Jesus is the star of our life. Do you recognize him? Do you want to be led by the star? Can you see his signs?

What are these signs today? What enables you to recognize the Lord? The Magi worked together to get to their destination. Collaboration, peaceful co-existence and commitment to follow Jesus will bring you to the desired destination. In him we find light, happiness and peace. Remember, the sign is not the object, rather it guides us to our destination—a life with God. *Happy New Year!*

Grace and Peace to you,
Rev. Vitalis Anyanike, Pastor

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP-
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY
MOMENTS**

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Pray for our Military

Julius Aquino, Joe Becerra, Tom Byrne, Paul Cherek, Elizabeth Gill, Paris Fulbright, Adam Fulbright, Brian T. Griess, Michelle Morrison, Dennis Philips, Cody Prosllo, Jack Rasmussen, Jason Slowik, Nathan Leuck, Jamila Jahic, Justin Kush, and Jeremy Kemp.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

7:25 AM MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIOS, STA
8:45 AM MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS, OLL
9:00 AM MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS, OLL CHAPEL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5, 2022

THURSDAY JANUARY 6, 2022

FRIDAY JANUARY 7, 2022

SATURDAY JANUARY 8, 2022

10:00 AM FRIENDS OF NUNS, PO

10:00 AM RESPECT LIFE, SBH

SUNDAY JANUARY 9, 2022



VOLUNTEER FOR AN EVENT, TASK OR GROUP IN OUR PARISH!
SEE THE PARISH DIRECTORY FOR IDEAS OR CALL FR. VITALIS AT THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU!

SBH — Saint Bernadette Hall **PC** — Parish Center (Gym)
OLLC — OLL Church **S** — OLL School
SC — School Cafeteria
STA — Saint Adalbert Church **PO** — Parish Office

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Ron Brougham, Jackie Fox, Greg Staroscik, Paul Murphy, Marie Zemula, Bradley Wiese, Al Clinchard, Ida Peterson, Jerry Taucreti, Millie Wajda, Bev Pippin, Todd Tenczer, Richard Kostszewa, Sharon Littrell, Robert Kavan, Elize Schlueter, Collin Priebe, Scott Walker, Mary & Bruce Reemts, Patricia Kavaliauskas, Gary Slowik, Bettie Holmes, Zach Marshall, Ashley Barna, Deacon Frank Hilt, and all those who are in the hospital at this time.

More Parish Information

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)
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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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
 Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
 Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious
 Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
 Saturday:



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Open Hours:
Tuesday 10 am
Friday 7 am

Please call Dee at 402-346-3584 if you would like to sign up for one of these open hours.

The Epiphany - The Magi were taking a huge risk in following the star to Bethlehem, but they trusted that God was leading them to something far greater than they could know. This is such a powerful example of how we as Christians should live our lives. Trusting that God knows what is best for us and that His plan, no matter how unattainable things might seem on the journey, will lead us to where we need to be. We should also have the strength to see Jesus in our lives in unexpected ways, and when we do, worship and adore Him.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Take the Holy Spirit up on the gifts that are being offered to you. Your gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal strengthen our parishes, schools and ministries. Thank you for your faithful support!

Friends-of-Nuns will meet at the Parish Office in the large room on Saturday, January 8 at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Questions: Contact Elaine Heath at elaineheath777@gmail.com or 531.222.7818.

Be Part of the Prayer Line Ministry

The Prayer Line at OLL-St. Adalbert Parish has been active for many years. The ministry is interested in getting more people to help pray for the intentions or needs of our Parish Family. Contact Marti Rasmussen at m.raz.35@icloud.com or call her at 402-981-7276 if you are interested. Thank you for prayerfully considering.



Additional Parish Information...

Interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion?

You are invited to find out more on how you can touch people's lives through either of these ministries and grow in your own faith life. Please contact Fr. Vitalis at the Parish Office at 402-346-0900 to get more information. Our Church needs you!

UPDATE YOUR PARISH MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR RECORD! It is time for us to update our database with changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

- 1) Have you changed your phone number?
- 2) Have you moved?
- 3) Are you preparing to move soon?
- 4) Are all your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?
- 5) Do you want your record published?

Please let the Parish Office know about changes to your record so that your information is correct. Call the Parish Office number at 402-346-0900 or email Sonja at scmpuszewski@archomaha.org.

Thanks so much!!

Vocation Story

Fr Pat McCaslin will share his vocation story and lead prayers on Thursday, January 13 at 7 pm in OLL church at the Holy Hour for Priests and Vocations. Lift up our Shepherds in prayer that they may be renewed, healed and strengthened as they lay down their lives for their sheep.

Our Parish Meal Ministry

Are you or your family experiencing life changes – surgery, loss of a loved one, birth or adoption of a child, etc. and you would like assistance with meals? Sign up by calling the parish office, or call or text Rachel Kraft 402-490-9792. You will provide information such as preferred mealtime, dietary restrictions, # of adults/children eating, special delivery instructions, frequency of meals (every day or every other day, etc.), as well as start and stop dates of meals. The Ministry will gather the cooks and arrange everything via Meal Train.

Parish Respect Life Group Meeting

will be on Saturday January 8, 2022 at 10:00am at Bernadette Hall. Contact Marcy at 402-682-1413 for more information.



Save the Date

Hopeful Hearts Celebration of Our Lady of
Lourdes Feast Day Fundraiser
Friday, February 11, 2022



Wine bottle donations needed!!!

The Hopeful Hearts of Our Lady of Lourdes Fundraiser is coming up 2/11/2022 and we need your help. Please consider donating a bottle of your favorite wine for our Wine Grab.

We are requesting 750ml bottles of red or white wine valued between \$15-\$100.

Wine bottles may be brought to the Parish office during business hours from 8-5 pm

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas Celebration wonderful. We are very grateful to all of you!



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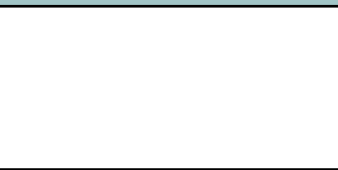
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