



Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

January 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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Pastor's Letter

GOING FORWARD

That thought came to me as I was considering some thought for the new year. What other direction is there for a dedicated Catholic Christian to go than forward? The new civil year is but a new opportunity to recommit - *to ourselves!* That's right, to ourselves. Any progress we could make in any aspect of our lives will ultimately benefit number one, me.

Will I loose some weight through a healthier lifestyle? Will I be broadening my horizons by looking beyond my own needs and wants alone? Will I be investing in my mind, my heart and my soul by living on a deeper intellectual and spiritual level than I have up until now? Will I move out of my comfort zone to help someone I know, or even someone I don't in the wider community through involvement in social assistance?

Of course, not everyone can do everything, at least not at the same time. In fact, each of us will be necessarily limited by available time, our means, our age and energy level, or by some other personal and family demanding responsibilities. But, each time we undertake to do something better, we ourselves are the first to benefit from it. Even prayer. Before the benefit flows out to the person or situation we are praying for, our own prayer benefits ourselves, just because it opens our minds and hearts - our lives - to God's greater influence and blessing.

There is a better you inside; you have to believe that, or you will already have given up on yourself, something that God will never do.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, BAPTISM OF THE LORD:

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 God's "chosen one with whom [he] is well pleased," is the one who will bring to mankind the message our nature has longed for from its creation: the justice of being right with God and with one another, the elusive peace the world cannot give, and the light that scatters the double darkness of sin and ignorance that casts its oppressive shadow over our lives.

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 The anointing by God of "Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" was not for his benefit, but for ours.

St. Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 Our own baptism in water was no less a baptism "with the Holy Spirit and with fire": our re-birth in the Holy Spirit to new and everlasting life, and the fire of divine love, burning away our sins and transforming our hearts.

FAIR SHARE PLEDGE DRIVE KEEP THOSE CARDS COMING!

At the close of 2021, 58% of households have responded with pledges for 2022.

FAIR SHARE ENVELOPES

The Fair Share envelopes are available in the narthex. If you currently are not attending Mass in church please call Mary to let her know you would like them mailed out.

For those who are currently receiving their bulletin by mail, Mary will include a few envelopes each week. Let her know if this is not necessary.

Thank you for your continued generous support of Holy Childhood.

Parish Support

December 19	\$ 5823.00
December 25	\$ 3555.00
December 26	\$ 3918.00

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL FOUNDATION

Thank you to one and all who contributed to the 2021 CSAF. As of December 23, 2021 the amount received exceeded our goal. We received our rebate check in the amount of \$1,760.00.

Goal:	\$16,060.00
Amount Received:	\$ 19,800.00



TODAY'S MASS

January 2, - 9:15 a.m.
Messe des Rois Mages
Alfred Pilot

Choir, Strings, Oboe, Harp & Organ

ONLINE STREAMING OF THE MASS ON ZOOM

Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the Zoom email invitation. Email Jim at evanoff.jj@gmail.com or call (651) 357-7613.

**THANK YOU*THANK YOU
CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST, BOUTIQUE
AND BAKE SALE**



Women's Club would like to thank all the helpers that made the Christmas breakfast, bake sale and boutique a success.

Some of you have been helping for years and some of you are newbies but, none of these great parish activities could happen without your help. From pancake flippers to bakers, we are thankful to you. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces.

Hope all had a great time.

LYNGBLOMSTEN EVENTS

**Memory Collective—a new class offered through
2nd Half with Lyngblomsten**

The Memory Collective is an eight-week online enrichment class for adults living at home and experiencing memory loss. Each class session features a variety of educational topics and activities, as well as time for participants to share life experiences as they learn from one other and build a social group. Upcoming classes scheduled for February and March 2022 on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. For more information and to register, visit www.lyngblomsten.org/MemoryCollective or contact Carolyn Klaver at (651) 414-5292 or cklaver@lyngblomsten.org.

**2nd Half with Lyngblomsten
online programming available for January!**

The January Programming eBulletin for 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten is now available! Participate in a variety of online opportunities for older adults that will have you learning, laughing, and discovering with others from across the Twin Cities. Upcoming offerings include our popular Author! Author! series featuring Lindsey McDivitt, author of *A Plan for the People: Nelson Mandela's Hope for His Nation*, and Powerful Tools for Caregivers. View offerings and sign up today at www.lyngblomsten.org/2ndHalfRegister.

**Save the date, Friday, April 22, 2022,
for the Lyngblomsten Foundation Spring Gala!**
Details at www.Lyngblomsten.org/SpringGala.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Jenny Coyne,
Doug Fairbanks
Dolores Picha
Michael Twohy
- 6 Sue Evanoff



BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES



This weekend at the end of Mass Fr. Cloutier will bless religious articles (rosaries, chaplets, medals, etc.). The article does not need to be in church, but the person desiring the blessing does need to be present. Water is an exception and does need to be present for the blessing.

**HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION
SUNDAYS AT 2:00 PM**

All are welcome to attend and spend some quality time with Our Lord.

JAN. SAINT ANDREW KIM SCHEDULE

- 2, 10:30 a.m. - Confession (Pastors Office)
- 11:15 a.m. - Mass (CH)
- 7, 7:00 p.m. - Mass

PRO-LIFE EVENT



**Pro Life Dinner
Save The Date!**

2022 Annual ProLife Dinner
January 15th. \$20/person

Tickets available through members of the Maternity of Mary/Holy Childhood Pro-Life group. Enjoy a hearty Italian meal, great fellowship, and a spirited speaker, Nic Davidson speaking on "Living a Joyful Life".

Visit <https://www.maternityofmarychurch.org/prolife-corner> for more information.

MMSA SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Looking Ahead: OPEN HOUSE: MMSA will be having a Pre-K through 8th grade open House and Information Night on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Save the date and come and find out all that our great school has to offer. Details to come in the weeks ahead!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 1

9:00 a.m. Parishioners

5:00 p.m. † Patricia Floeder

Sunday, January 2

9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Monday, January 3

7:45 a.m. † Kathy Brown

Tuesday, January 4

7:45 a.m. † Eileen Crum

Wednesday, January 5

7:45 a.m. † Maria Nimh Kim Nhung

3:30 p.m. Bob Hammer (Healing)

Thursday, January 6 - NO MASS**Friday, January 7**

7:45 a.m. † Lenora Galvin

Saturday, January 8

7:45 a.m. † Amy Twe

5:00 p.m. Intentions of Catherine Ann Ogren

Sunday, January 9

9:15 a.m. Parishioners



Parish Information

Pastor, Fr. Timothy Cloutier

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Joseph Fink

Weekend Assistant, Fr. James Reidy, Ph. D.

Parish Office 651-644-7495

Buchanan Hall 651-647-0689

Office Hours 6:30am -1:30pm, Monday-Friday

Our Current Services

Confessions - Saturday.....4:00-4:30 p.m.

Thursday.....7:10-7:25 a.m.

Conference Room

Saturday Anticipatory Mass.....5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass.....9:15 a.m.

Weekday Masses - Monday - Saturday.7:45 a.m.

Wednesday -Lyngblomsten Chapel.....3:30 p.m.

Holy Day of Obligation as announced.

Rosary - Thursday6:00 p.m.

Holy Hour - Sunday.....2:00 p.m.

Prayer Chain.....Peggy - 651-645-4955

Website.....www.holychildhoodparish.org

Email.....contact@holychildhoodparish.org

Victim Assistance Program.....651-291-4497

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 ©LPi





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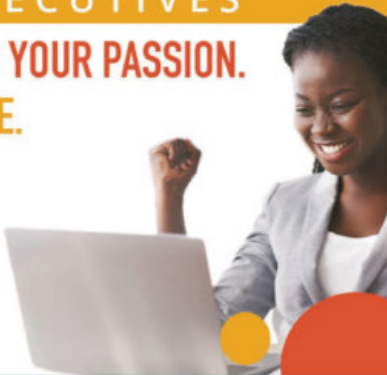
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