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MASS SCHEDULE

Livestreaming Masses at www.epiphanyparish.org

Monday, December 27 - at St. Joseph
7:30AM - (John Van Steenhuyse)

Tuesday, December 28 - at Holy Family & Livestreamed
8:00AM - (Jim Smith)

Wednesday, December 29 - at Holy Family & Livestreamed
8:00AM - (Joe Schlueter)

Thursday, December 30 - at Holy Family & Livestreamed
8:00AM - (Jean Dombrowski)

Friday, December 31 - at St. Joseph
5:30PM - (Sylvester & Alice Kockler)

Saturday, January 1 - at Holy Family & Livestreamed
4:00PM - (Living & deceased members of the Behr & Seger families)

Sunday, January 2
7:30AM at St. Joseph - (People of the Parish)
9:00AM at St. Joseph - (Raymond Rottinghaus)
10:30AM at Holy Family & Livestreamed - (Gerald Cory)

Face masks & hand sanitizer are highly recommended

Please note: Weekday Mass will be canceled if there is a funeral that day.

Daily Mass Intention: To request a Mass for a family member, loved one or friend, please stop by or call the parish office at 641-423-5001 to schedule a date. The suggested stipend is \$5.

St. Joseph Church will be open for personal prayer:

Monday - Thursday 8am-4pm; Friday 8am-noon
Please enter through the north entrance

(Face masks & hand sanitizer are highly recommended)

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Parish Support for December 7 - 13

Tithing & Offertory \$39,401
Building & Maintenance \$1,265

Thank you for your generosity!

From Fr. Neil



Best Part of Christmas??? So many of its moments can grab our attention and imagination! ... Its Eve, its Morning, its Day, our traditions, our memories, its opportunities to be with others and its many meanings. I am so glad you are spending Christmas at Mass with our parish community at Epiphany. For our community that's our best part of Christmas. We are glad you are here. We can really celebrate the best of this feast with heart and voice with one another! Today is born a Savior, Christ the Lord!

Our Advent Reunion Yes, Advent comes to a close. We had fun getting together for many events during Advent: decorating cookies, game night, making Advent wreaths and a trivia event. Our Advent Reunion also offered us opportunities to grow together: starting again our Children's Liturgy of the Word at two of our Masses, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration. Advent is over but our reunion efforts continue. We want our parish to be a home for you. A place where your faith (and your family!) can grow with the mutual love and support of others as followers of Jesus. We need one another. We need you!

Feast of the Epiphany We have patron saints. Some of us chose a saint's name when we were confirmed. Some saints are associated with professions like St. Agatha who is the patron saint of nurses or St. John Baptiste de la Salle, patron of teachers. Our parish has a patron feast day...yup, the Feast of the Epiphany! It's next Sunday and that's enough to give me (and us all!) another reason to celebrate.

US Cellular Cell Phones Needed!

Drug Treatment Court is in need of US Cellular cell phones only. We can't use any other carrier. If you have an old phone from US Cellular, please drop it off at the Parish Office. Thanks so much for helping! Social Justice Committee



Our sympathy goes to the families and friends of Richard "Rick" Groth. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Year End Donations Reminder: In order to receive credit for your 2021 contributions, we must receive those contributions on or before December 31st; likewise, any contributions mailed to the church need to be postmarked on or before December 31st. A donation report will be mailed to you in late January. Thank you for your support throughout the year!



Social Justice Committee In-Service & Meeting - Would you like to know more about the function and activities of the Social Justice Committee? Please join us on Wednesday, January 5th, at the Parish Center West End Meeting Room (the gray door on

the far west end of the building) for a Social Justice in-service beginning at 5:30pm followed by the Social Justice committee meeting.

Employment Opportunity

Coordinator of Music Ministry: Epiphany Parish is accepting applications for a part-time Coordinator of Music Ministry.



This person will work in conjunction with Sr. Annette to play, plan music and work specifically to aid parishioners serving in music ministry. To learn more about this opportunity, go to the parish website, www.epiphanyparish.org to review the job description and application materials or contact Carol Bruns in the parish office - c.bruns@dbqarch.org or 641-423-5001.



Evening Centering Prayer, monthly on the fourth Tuesday, this month December 28th at 6:00pm. "Our DNA is divine, and the divine indwelling is never earned...but only recognized and realized and fallen in love with." - Richard Rohr. If you are well, join us in the St.

Joseph Chapel, respecting Covid precautions.

New Liturgical Ministers:

Are you interested in being trained to serve as an usher, lector, Eucharistic minister, or sacristan at our Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning Parish Masses? If so, please contact Sr. Annette Kestel (a.kestel@dbqarch.org or 641-423-5001).



As many of you are aware, Newman Catholic School is in the planning stages of a major capital campaign to enhance facilities and improve endowments for teacher's salaries and tuition assistance. Newman is pleased to announce the theme of the campaign will be: **Forming Disciples, Now and Forever**



This theme is fitting for our Newman Catholic community and this campaign because the effort will not only meet the immediate needs of the school but also secure a strong, vibrant future for students and our families. This campaign will strengthen Newman's mission and its tradition of academic excellence by supporting students and families and investing in the long-term success of the school.

It is an exciting time for Newman as they work to lay a strong foundation for a positive future. To be successful, they will invite the entire Newman Catholic community to provide support. In the coming weeks and months you will learn much more about the campaign and the different ways you can help the cause. In the meantime, please pray for the school leaders and volunteers who will be working diligently to ensure a successful outcome.

If you or a loved one is in the hospital or moving to a care facility please let us know by calling the Parish Office at 641-423-5001. Thank you!

ONLY A FEW DAYS REMAIN FOR YOUR 75% STO TAX CREDIT! Hurry, there may still be enough time to make an online gift to the Our Faith STO! Check the OurFaithSTO.org website to see whether 2021 tax credits are still available. Don't miss out! Funds contributed in 2021 will provide tuition assistance to qualifying families attending an Archdiocese school during the 2022-2023 school year. When the clock strikes midnight on December 31, this 75% opportunity for the 2021 tax year will be gone. Please visit www.ourfaithsto.org or call Deacon Brian Zeman, Our Faith STO Director, at (563) 556-2580 x296.

Newman News

**BUT IF YOU DO NOT
DO WHAT IS RIGHT,
SIN IS CROUCHING
AT YOUR DOOR; IT
DESIRES TO HAVE
YOU, BUT YOU
MUST RULE OVER IT.**

/// GENESIS 4:7B



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Baptism / Confirmation: Contact Jennifer Clancy for more information, 423-5001

Marriage: Schedule an appointment with Fr. Neil Manternach, 423-5001

Eucharistic Adoration: St. Joseph—1st Friday of the month following 7:30AM Mass until 8AM Saturday morning; Holy Family—3rd Wednesday of the month following 8AM Mass until 4PM

Reconciliation at Holy Family: Saturdays, 8AM-9AM or by appointment

Epiphany Parish Celebration of Baby's First Christmas



We are inviting all of our parish families with a baby that celebrated their first Christmas this year to attend one of the Masses on January 1st (4pm) or 2nd (9am or 10:30am). There will be a special blessing and gift for each of these families at these Masses. Please contact Sr. Annette with questions (a.kestel@dbqarch.org, 641-423-5001).

Holy Day Masses

Friday, December 31

5:30PM - St. Joseph

Saturday, January 1

4:00PM - Holy Family

5:30PM - Sacred Heart, Manly



Holiday Office Schedule

The Parish Center will be closed
for New Year's on

Friday, December 31 & Monday, January 3

The Epiphany of the Lord - Our Feast Day!



Epiphany commemorates the visit of the Magi, the three kings bearing gifts for the newborn Christ Child. The Epiphany is a day dedicated to the birth of Christ, which includes a nod toward the three Kings who came to visit Him.

There are several traditions and names for celebrating the Epiphany, check out the links on our webpage:

Epiphany: [What is it?](#)

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