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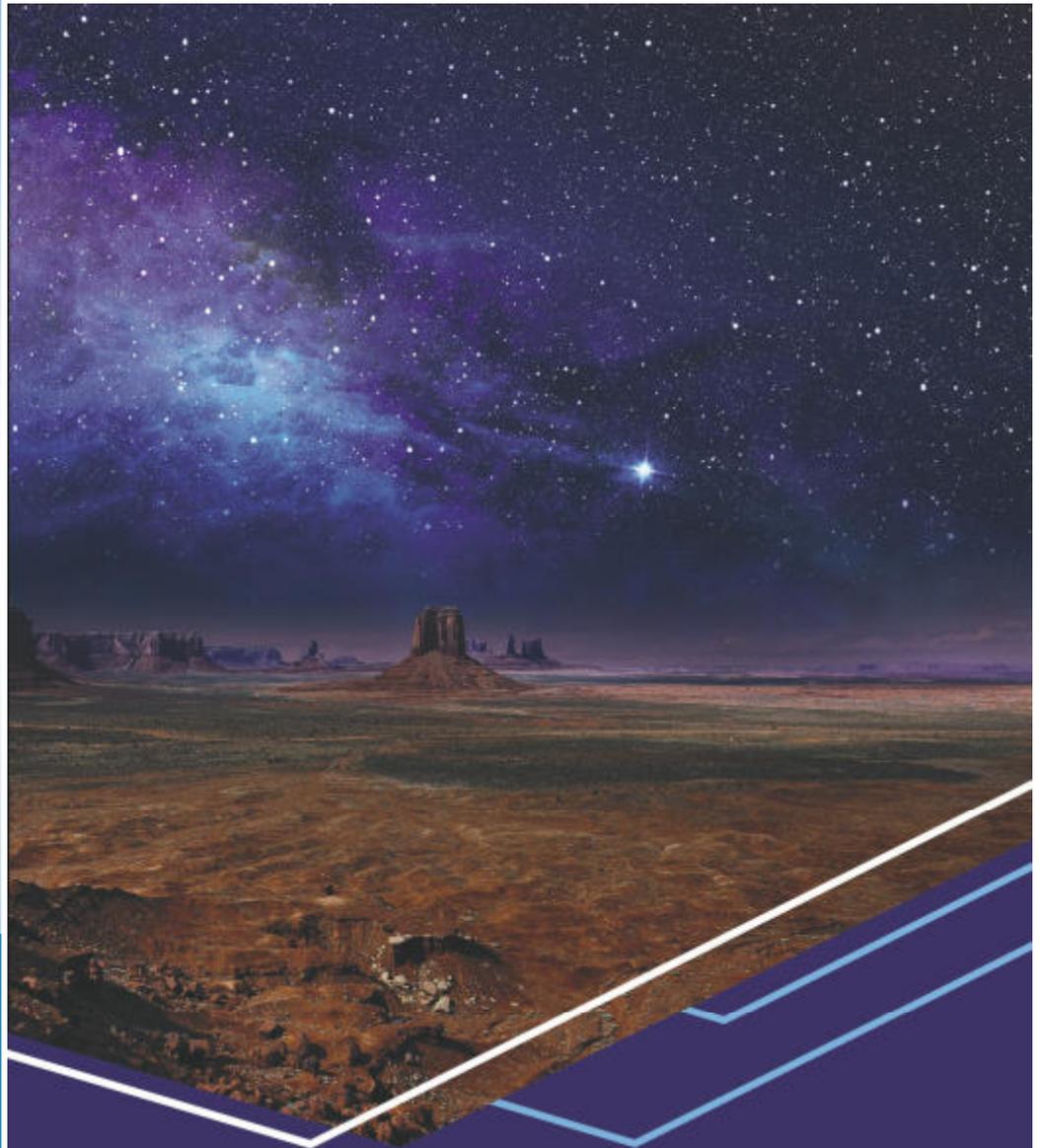
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

Candle Memorials:

Emiel Engels Don McEnany
Lavern & Mary Norton

Worship Schedule

Tues	4:30 pm	Rosary by Zoom
Tues	5:30 pm	Louis & Margaret Downing
Wed	8:00 am	Phyllis Carlin
Thurs	8:00 am	Geoff Brunkhorst
Fri	8:00 am	Lavern & Mary Norton
Sat	4:30 pm	Reconciliation
Sat	5:15 pm	Sadie Byrnes Family
Sun	8:00 am	For the People
Sun	10:00 am	Don Hartnett

Daily Mass cancelled if funeral scheduled.

Prayer Concerns:

Gertrude Boeckman, Jeffrey Traeger, Rayla Leary, Donna Nelson, Carter Stevens, Ruth Schissel, Megan Smith, Carol Bolton, Bill Rechkemmer, Fr Lou Jaeger, Harold Iverson, Joanne Zrostlik, Virgil Birgen, Rhonda Kalainoff



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from Tom & Charlotte Melichar, Joseph & Helen Melichar

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from Edna Brunkhorst & Family

Martha & Les Judish
Marilyn MacDougall from Chuck & Candi Brittain

Robert Mowery
from Monte & Robin Miller & Family

For Our Family & Friends...

Michael & Ronda Schmitz
John & Joyce Fay

The Epiphany of the Lord

On New Year's Eve at the start of the new millennium I was in St Peter's Square in Rome with students from Luther and Loras Colleges. We were together on a course focused on Lutheran Catholic relations. We were in the massive square, with tens of thousands of people, waiting for the beginning of the year 2000. Those of a certain age may remember there was a good bit of trepidation about whether computers could accommodate the transition from 1999 to 2000 or if they would freeze and cause the shutdown of all systems dependent on them. Midnight came and a hush came over the vast crowd. People held their breath as they waited to see if the lights would go out.

The lights stayed on, fireworks exploded, bells tolled, and a cheer erupted from those assembled. The Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, came to his window and offered a brief message, which is still timely, "I wish you a year filled with serenity and happiness: May you always be certain of God's love for us. As he did 2,000 years ago, Christ comes today with his saving Gospel to guide the uncertain and faltering steps of peoples and nations, leading them toward a future of true hope."

At the conclusion of the pope's remarks, champagne corks began popping as the New Year was toasted. My little group had been standing next to a couple from Germany. We had visited as we waited for midnight to arrive; and they were quite interested in our class project. It turned out they had a cooler filled with bottles of German sparkling wine and plastic wine glasses; and they offered to share with us, especially to toast to the future of ecumenical relations.

As we left the Square we exchanged names and addresses. This began a 21st century tradition of exchanging Christmas cards and greetings. For the past two decades we've traded good wishes and the desire that each New Year would lead "towards a future of true hope."

The Feast of Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the nations; and invites us to remember we humans are all children of God. For Matthew, Jesus comes as a new Moses, who is going to lead not just one nation, but all the nations of the world to God. So the story of the magi is about the world being led by Jesus, no one is excluded, all are welcome. That is the challenge of Christian life; we are most authentically followers of Christ when we recognize we are making the journey together. That is the great surprise the early Christians realized. Christ comes for everyone. He comes to show us the boundaries of race, nationality, gender, do not matter. We each have a story connected by his love.

For many of us 2020 has been a trying, difficult, and dark year. As Christians we believe the Light continues to shine. As we stand at the threshold of 2021, may each of us look up, look around, and be throughout the coming year, a witness of hope.

- Fr Doug Wathier

Just for fun... Ole was being interviewed by the local paper. "Ole, we understand you pulled Fr O'Malley out when he fell through the ice on the pond," the reporter explained, "So what made you risk your life by going onto the dangerous ice?" Ole sighed, "Well, I had to do it. Fr O'Malley was wearing my ice skates!"

Glory to God
Mass of a Joyful Heart

Steve Angrisano
& Tom Tomaszek

**If you choose to sing,
please leave your
mask on.**



1. 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. (To refrain)

2. 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;

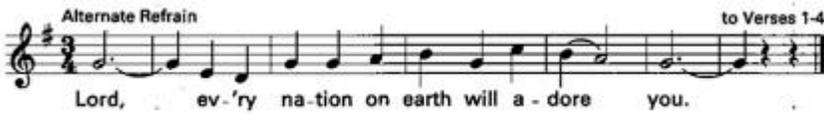
2. (cont) you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. (To refrain)

3. 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. (To refrain)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 72 Lord, Every Nation **Rory Cooney**



1. O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

2. Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, 'til the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

3. From the islands and Tarshish shall kings come with gifts; from Arabia and Sheba they come.

All the kings of the earth pay him homage; all the nations shall serve him.

4. For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

5. May his name be blessed forever, and while the sun lasts his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

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COMMUNION: (Refrain) O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright; Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

Text 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt. Music: KINGS OF ORIENT; Carols, Hymns and Songs, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr.

SONGS FOR JAN 2-3 Entrance:

Angels We Have Heard on High. **Prep. Of the Gifts:** The First Nowell. **Communion:** We Three Kings. **Sending:** Go Tell it on the Mountain

During Communion, a minister will come to your row. As you are approached, stand to receive the Body of Christ. Please leave your masks on until the minister passes by.

Stewardship of Treasure
Weekly offertory budget \$8,913
Gifts Dec 14-20, 2020:
Offering Gifts..... \$5,084
On-Line Offering Gifts..... \$4,902
Christmas Offering..... \$7,315
Food Pantry Monetary Gifts. \$775
Catholic Worker House..... \$200
Retired Religious Collection... \$470
Loose Offering..... \$70
Fiscal Yr July 1-Dec 21, 2020:
Offertory Received..... \$213,289
Budget Yr-to-Date \$222,837
Shortage - \$9,548

Reading I Is 60:1-6

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 peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.

Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.

Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Reading II Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.

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.

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *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.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child.

When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out.

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

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

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures

and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true

God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the

Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

(bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the

Virgin Mary, and became man. (up)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and

glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Calendar: Jan 4-10

Tues: Faith Formation Commission, 6:30pm, room B

Wed: K-4th Grade Faith Formation, 4:30pm, all spaces
EDGE (5-8th), 6pm, virtual

Fri: Men's Group, 7am, room B

1st Friday Women's Group, 8:30am, room A

Sun: Chosen (10th), 6:30pm, hall

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

On **Friday, Jan 22**, St Mary will participate in this national Day of Prayer. Jan 22 is the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade, which legalized abortion in the United States. The day begins with **8am Mass**, followed by a **12-hr**

Prayer Vigil with Eucharistic Adoration. We conclude with a **7:30pm closing prayer service**. Sign up for an hour time slot through our website, in our hall, or call the parish office. Join us in church at any time, or pray from home. Our prayers make a difference!



Beauty in Christ: On Fire with the Holy Spirit...

Annual Catholic women's conference on Jan 30, 9am-1pm. Virtual gathering this year. \$25 registration at ArchWomensConference.org
Guest speakers Caroline Gambale-Dirkes & Maria Vadia. The link for this event is on our parish webpage StMarysFamily.com



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-1 John Chapter 4

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