



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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. - Mt 2:10-11

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FROM FR. MIKE'S DESK

Happy and blessed New Year to you and your families!

I am writing this before we celebrate the Christmas liturgies, but already I am seeing the choirs doing extra practice, the decorators spending their time in the church getting it ready for our celebrations. It takes so many different people to rise to the occasion of the Christmas celebrations. I am grateful to the social justice commission and all the others who helped collect and distribute gifts to members of our communities as well as the White Earth Indian reservation. I am grateful to all those ministers (choir, liturgical ministers, decorators, and video/sound techs) who helped us celebrate these days.

Today, as we celebrate the Epiphany I am grateful to our faith formation staff, catechists, students, and parents who helped us to celebrate the Epiphany through their re-enactment and singing of the Epiphany story.

Last year was a good recovery year and although we are hanging on the edge of the omicron variant of the Covid virus I am grateful that we are pushing ahead to re-engage our community life. I look forward to what promises this new year holds out for each of us!

God bless each of us as we begin and continue into 2022.



JOIN ST. JOSEPH OF THE LAKES

New Parishioner Gathering / Registration Sunday, January 9

9:30 – 10:30 am (Begins after 8:30 am Mass) Room 105 Individuals and families interested in joining St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church are welcome to attend this gathering. Come meet other new parishioners, learn about our parish, find out about our many programs and register as a parishioner. Childcare is available by calling 651.784.3015 x113. Please sign up at the Information Table in the Gathering Space or contact Meisha at 651.784.3015 x108, or email at MeishaJ@SaintJosephsParish.org.

PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKEND MASSES AVAILABLE TO VIEW ONLINE AT WWW.MYSTJOES.ME AND ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL ST. JOSEPH OF THE LAKES CATHOLIC CHURCH BY 8:30 AM ON SUNDAYS

IN PERSON MASS TIMES:

Saturdays at 5:00 pm

SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

- MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED AT MASS.
- BY ATTENDING THE 5:00 PM MASS ON SATURDAYS YOU AGREE TO BE FILMED FOR OUR RECORDED ONLINE MASS.

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAYS—8:30 AM WORD & COMMUNION TUESDAYS—6:30 PM WEDNESDAYS –FRIDAYS—8:30 AM 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH—6:30 PM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS FROM 3:30 PM—4:20 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

FALL/WINTER/SPRING OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday	8:00 am-5:00 pm
Friday	

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday after the 8:30 am Mass until 7:00 pm in the Historic Church.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR STAFF & PARISH COUNCIL PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL

Bulletin Submissions: by Tuesday morning to

AnneS@SaintJosephsParish.org

Prayer Network, Barb Uschold Anderson........651-784-3015 x 112 Or email BarbUA@SaintJosephsParish.org

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Vision Statement

We, the people of St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church, as Christ's Body, strive to be the heart, hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Weekly Readings for 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-

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Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 ©LPi

FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Year 1 DTS has their service evening at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids. Leave from St. Joe's at 6:30 pm and we return at approximately 9:00 pm. Online registration required to participate in this event: https://forms.gle/w6SWM4XNcCk5pSMM8.

Faith Chat: Searching for Intimacy Sunday, January 16 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm St. Joe's Great Hall

In a desire for Intimacy, too many teens and young adults in our world today settle for sex. Join, author and presenter, Bob Bartlett as he unpacks the human desire for intimacy, and shares how sexuality impacts a persons ability to experience healthy intimacy. Bob is author of the book, "Growing Toward Intimacy, Helping Catholic Teens integrate Spirituality and Sexuality." Bob is a therapist and counselor who has worked with teens and adults for the last 30 years. If you have any questions please contact Scott Frieler at ScottF@SaintJosephsParish.org or at 651.784.3015 x104.

CHARITY & JUSTICE

Recycle for a Cause

If you're upgrading cell phones, tablets, or laptops for your kids school year please consider dropping your old ones off so we can recycle them. The proceeds will help kids in Guatemala go to school and receive meals. Go into settings and return them to factory setting to remove your data. Then just drop them off at the office. Thanks for your help!

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Prayer Service for Life Saturday, January 22 10:30 am

This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome to join us for this event at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. For more information visit: www.archspm.org/prayer-service-life or call 651.291.4488.

Equipped for Life: A Fresh Approach to Conversation about Abortion Saturday, February 5 University of St. Thomas in St. Paul

This day of training, provided by National Pro-Life Leader Emily Albrecht through the Equal Rights Institute, will equip attendees with a large, successfully tested set of practical tools to use in future conversations. The morning program runs from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and the afternoon program from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Participate in both or just a partial day. Cost is \$15 for half-day, \$20 for full-day. Tickets are available at mncatholic.org/equippedforlife.

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Coffee & Donuts in the Great Hall

Faith Formation Epiphany Pageant

Year 2 DTS Spring Session in the Great Hall

After Masses
at the 10:00 am Mass
6:45 pm

Monday, January 3

Spirit Alive in the Worship Space 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 4

Martial Arts Class in Room 9 & 11 5:30 pm
Boy Scouts in St. Joseph Hall 6:30 pm
Parish Council in Rooms 105-106 7:00 pm
AA in Room 2 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 5

Family Playtime in the Childcare Room 9:30 am Year 1 DTS Feed My Starving Children Trip 6:30 pm Choir in the Worship Space 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 6

Martial Arts Class in Rooms 9 & 11 5:30 pm
The Eucharist Bible Study in the Worship Space
RCIA in Rooms 105-106 6:30 pm
KC's in Room 23 7:00 pm
KC's Auxiliary in St. Joseph Hall 7:00 pm

Friday, January 7

4H Dance Party in the Great Hall 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 9

Coffee & Donuts in the Great Hall
New Member Gathering in Rooms101-103
Children's Liturgy of the World
Adventure Kids Small Groups
KC's Free Throw Contest in the Great Hall
Year 2 DTS Spring Session in the Worship Space

After Masses
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6:45 pm



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COMMUNITY LIFE

Last Chance to Buy Your KC 2022 Calendar!

This weekend, January 1 & 2 is your last chance to buy a calendar for yourself or family and friends. There are 365 chances to win a great prize and each calendar is only \$10! Thank you all for supporting the St. Joseph of the Lakes KC's!

Family Playtime on Wednesday Mornings

For parents/caregivers and their young children, ages birth through kindergarten. A great opportunity to:

- have fun together
- meet other children and adults
- do craft/music/story activities together
- play and pray

So join us on Wednesday mornings 9:30 - 11:30 am in the Childcare Room this January! Fee \$2.00 per child per Wednesday. No registration necessary! Come when it's convenient for you!

4H Family Dance Party

Dust off your dancing shoes for a fun-filled family friendly evening! The Lino Lakes 4-H Club is hosting a dance party to raise money for Anoka County 4-H Camp Salie.

- When: Friday, January 7, 2022
- Time: 7:00—10:00 pm
- Where: St. Joseph of the Lakes Great Hall
- What: A fun filled night with a DJ, face painting, and games for the kids!
- Who: All ages are invited—help spread the word!
- Cost: \$5.00 per person (at the door) and bring some extra for concessions!

If you have any questions, please contact Christy Joyer at 612.750.0252.

KC's Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus of St. Joe's is hosting their annual free throw shooting contest on January 9, 2022 after both Masses. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to attend and test out their free throw shooting skills in the Great Hall.

Men's Group Prime & Wine Dinner Saturday January 15 at 6:00 pm Social—6:30 pm Dinner

Mark your calendar for a fun night at our annual Prime Rib Dinner with all the fixings, including wine and a special dessert. Tickets are \$30 each and on sale after all Masses and at the Parish Office. Join us for fellowship and fantastic food for a good cause as all proceeds go to Scholarships.

Hey Kid's Winners

This month's Knights of Columbus Hey Kid's winners are: Elise Grace and Kyffer Engstrom. Please pick up your prizes from the Hey Kid's table before or after Masses.

Men's Group Firewood for Sale

Want to keep warm this winter beside a nice crackling fire? The Men's Group is offering stove cords of split firewood for \$80. Contact Terry at the Parish Office 651.784.3015. All proceeds go to scholarships and charity.

"Like the Magi, believers are led by faith to seek God in the most hidden places, knowing that the Lord waits for them there.

~ Pope Francis

Starting Seven Sisters Apostolate at St. Joe's

Are you interested in deepening your prayer life and discovering more about the value of intercessory prayer? We are looking for 7 women to form a *Seven Sisters Apostolate* which will be dedicating 1 hour a week to praying for our pastor. Each person will take a different day of the week and offer 1 hour of prayer on their assigned day. If you feel called to this ministry/small group please contact Meisha Johnson at MeishaJ@SaintJosephsParish.org or call 651.784.3015 x 108.

CCW Baby Shower

The CCW annual Baby Shower benefiting the Forest Lake Care Center will commence January 15-16 after all Masses. Baby bottles and envelopes will be available for cash donations, as well as onesies with items listed that the center needs for its clients. Please consider helping this alternative to abortion organization by making a donation to them and by keeping these mothers and their children in your prayers. Please return donations the following weekend, January 22-23. Last year we had our largest cash donations of \$3,857. Please help us make this year even bigger THANK YOU!

Saints of Swing - Swing Dance Saturday, January 22, 2022

Come listen and dance to the Saints of Swing! Invite your friends and bring all of your family! Free dance lessons at 6:15 pm and music from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Admission is \$12.00 per adult and \$8.00 per student (under 21). Tickets are available at the door. Ticket includes 2 beverages (beer, wine, or soda).

Update Your Information with St. Joe's

We know life gets busy. We may move, change an email address and maybe cut the phone line and pick up a new cell phone number. Here at St. Joe's we have A LOT of outdated information for our parishioners and we need you to help update it!

Please send us an email at: office@SaintJosephsParish.org or give us a call at 651.784.3015 to make sure we have the most current information for you and your family.

Parish Finance Update

Having just closed out the calendar year this past week, the parish is grateful for your generosity during these past few weeks. Our December finances will be complete in a few weeks.

Below are the collection reports through the month of November, 2021, as well as year-to-date and Fund for the Poor Collections and distributions for November 2021.

Sunday Collection as of November 30, 2021:

Monthly Budget: \$92,913 Monthly Actual: \$91,520

Difference - \$ 1,393 -1.5%

Fiscal Year-To-Date Budget \$ 487,265 Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual: \$ 480,652

Difference - \$ 6,613 -1.4%

Fund for the Poor Collections Nov 2021: \$1471 Fund for the Poor Distributions Nov 2021: \$1632 (Distributions included Stepping Stone meals, Loaves & Fishes Meal, White Earth Indian Reservation) January 2, 2022 page 5

STAFF CORNER

I couldn't sleep last night. Perhaps it was the excitement of the season and all of the possibilities with a new year upon us. I decided to grab a snack in the kitchen. I found myself sitting at the kitchen table eating a granola bar and looking out the window at the stars. It was a clear night and the stars were brilliant. I had the song, "Mary did you know?" running though my head as it is one of my favorite Christmas songs and had the song playing in the background before I went to bed for the night. The light from the stars gave off enough light to see outside and check-in on my neighbors at this late hour. Everything seemed as it should. Calm. Looking at the stars, I felt at peace thinking about the night Jesus was born in a humble manger and how Mary and Joseph must have been exhausted from their travels. Having given birth to two children of my own, I felt in awe of Mary. To think that, after a long and hard journey to Bethlehem riding on a donkey, she gave birth to the Christ Child without medication and without a team of medical professionals helping her through the amazing yet painful process of giving birth. I had two c-sections and it was not an experience that I would call "comfortable" but holding my babies in my arms made me forget the pain I went through to have them and the amazing gift from God of unconditional love for our new family. And Joseph, he must have felt somewhat helpless watching the woman he loved be in so much pain. And all of the questions that must have been running through his mind with a newborn now in his care. I hope the community surrounded them in their time of need. And to think those people probably didn't know that the small role they played was of epic proportions as the Savior of the World was born that night.

My thoughts continued to wonder as I looked at the stars. I still didn't feel very tired so I poured myself a glass of water. I began to think about the shepherds who saw the magnificent sight of angels and went into town to see the baby they were told about. And the Magi, who traveled a great distance following a single bright star with gifts to bring the new King of the World. I wonder what they thought when they found a young tired mother, an exhausted new father now carrying the weight of a family on his shoulders and an innocent child as the only Begotten Son of God?

To think about an event that happened over 2000 years ago brings about so many questions. I am filled with awe, wonder and peace....and finally ready to go back to bed to get some sleep before my alarm goes off in a few hours.

As you listen to the Gospel today and watch our youth re-enact the Epiphany of the Lord, allow yourself to wonder and feel the gloriousness of this occasion both in our youth here today celebrating and in the Epiphany it's self. A 2000-year-old event in a land far away from us reminds us of the endless possibilities of living a life of faith. Truly, nothing is impossible for God. I wish you a blessed new year and I hope that you always see and feel the light of God working within you and in those around you.

Thank you to our preschool and elementary school faith formation youth for singing for us and for our 6th grade youth for re-enacting the Gospel Reading. You are beautifully and wonderfully made and a blessing to us all. We are so proud of you and all the wonder and possibilities you bring to our lives. Thank you.

Claire Secord as Mary

Brody Wicklund as Joseph

Brock Lewandowski as King Herod

Zakariah Schumacher, Thomas Digre and Jackson Bednarek as the Three Kings Henry Artisensi and Lily Sjostrom as Soldiers

Veronica Hughes and Savannah Royten as Angels/Stars

Blessing to you and your family,

Kelly Thurmes

Director of Elementary Faith Formation & 2nd Grade Sacraments

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at a considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far *will I go* and what will I offer to do homage to the newborn King and Savior?

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 3

8:30 am Word & Communion

Tuesday, January 4

6:30 pm Diaz & Hennessy Families

Wednesday, January 5

8:30 am Jeff Lathrop †

Thursday, January 6

8:30 am †

6:30 pm †

Friday, January 7

8:00 am †

Saturday, January 8

5:00 pm John Mooney †

Sunday, January 9

8:30 am Dean Johnson †

10:00 am People of the Parish



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Al Diemert, Betty Diemert, Lorraine Miller, Rosanne Glenda, Marlene Golden, Andrew Vargas, Baby Kenna, Gillian, Judy LeTendre, Fern Long, Ken Uthe, David Delgado, David Kirchberg, Jennifer Millsap, Joie (Frischmon) Toetschinger, Dennis Cokley, Michelle Flaherty, Tom Olsen, Jim Frischmon, Wendy Nutter Young, Paul and Lorretta Toetschinger, Barb Mickelson, Bill Franzmeier, Dennis Albert, Leon Meuwissen, Christine Matushak, Lucia Maki, Ron Sprague, Ray Serwe and the many living with long term health challenges.

*Please note that due to many requests, names will remain on the prayer list for about three weeks from the time of the request and then reviewed again based on need.

KC's Calendar

12/27	Theresa Gibbons, 2—6" Subs
	from Subway; 616
12/28	Butch Chmielewski, \$25
	Applebees; 516
12/29	Kassy Podvin, 2—6" Subs
	from Subway; 156
12/20	Anna Carrya \$10: 280

Holiday Card; 364

Joe & Dawn George, \$100

12/31





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