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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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From the Desk of Todd Flowerday



As an amateur astronomer, when celestial objects are mentioned in the Bible or in liturgical songs, my ears perk up. The star of the magi is certainly the hallmark of this first Sunday after New Year's Day. Like two millennia ago, you can't miss it.

The Anglican priest John Gunstone, in his book *Christmas and Epiphany* writes:

"The star was a particularly evocative symbol. Various interpreted as a figure of an angel or as a sign of the Holy Spirit, it pointed the magi (and so also members of the church who meditate on the gospel) to Christ."

According to science, celestial objects have their own meanings. Today we know stars are globes of impossibly hot gas. Planets shine by the reflected light of our own star, the sun. When comets get close to the sun, their ice boils off into long tails. Meteors are pebbles or rocks burning up in the atmosphere. Science has solved the sky, right? Maybe not. To astronomers and

many casual observers of the heavens, the sky and its objects inspire awe. People look up and they can wonder about matters bigger than their concerns.

Later in his book Rev. Gunstone quotes the great teaching saint and bishop John Chrysostom:

"Is it to be wondered at that a divine star ministers to the rising Sun of Righteousness? It halts above the head of the child as if saying, 'This is he.'"

When I look through a telescope, or when I page through a coffee table book of space photographs, I can easily imagine a nebula or star cluster saying, "Look! God made us!" The glory of the heavens point to God.

The same is true of the star followed by the magi. They literally followed that bright celestial object to Jesus. When we meditate on the Christmas stories of the Bible, they point us to Jesus as well. For the Christian, we also have the perspective of the whole of Jesus' public life and ministry.

These episodes of teaching and miracles point us to the reality of Jesus as Son of God.

In the year ahead, we can watch and ponder. What events in our lives point us to God? We don't always have to look into outer space. It could be amazement at a newborn child or grandchild. A feeling of relief at an accident avoided. A clean bill of health after an injury or illness. What guides us to say a prayer of thanks, offer a helping hand, or make a positive resolution for the new year? What will be our 2022 star? Who will guide us to the light of Christ this year?

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If you are making a stock donation, the date of the donation is the date you turn the stock over to our broker regardless of when we receive the check for it. With the recent surge in the Stock Market, you can avoid a large tax hit by donating your stock shares to SKD. Talk to your tax advisor or broker to discuss the advantages to donating stock. Contact Deacon Randy to get the information on our broker for making a stock donation.

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Welcome Guests & New Parishioners

Whether you're a first time guest, occasional visitor, contemplating becoming a registered parishioner or already a member of this community, we're glad you're here! If you would like more information about joining the community here at St. Katharine Drexel, please talk with one of our staff members today, 763.323.4424, check out our website at www.stkdcc.org or complete one of the "Welcome" cards found at the entrance to the worship space and give it to one of our ushers. Thanks much for celebrating with us; your presence is both gift and grace.~ **Father Paul Jaroszeski, Pastor**



Please pray for:



Please pray for parishioner Lando Kutzke, and all our deceased parishioners, relatives and friends. "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." **Pray also for those listed below who have asked for the support of our prayers. Thank**

- ◆ Susan Anderson
- ◆ Patrick Aumer
- ◆ Nate Baggett
- ◆ Lucas Baker
- ◆ Carl Beckenbach
- ◆ Marlys Borstad
- ◆ Nicole Borstad
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- ◆ Bob Peterson
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- ◆ Liz Powers
- ◆ Luke Schmitz
- ◆ Patty Serbus
- ◆ Theresa Skelly
- Richard Taylor
- Mariellen Trimble
- ◆ Bob Teachman
- ◆ Anne Valerio
- ◆ Bernie Waldorf
- ◆ All those serving in the Military

If there is someone you know in need of prayer, please call the office and let us know. Also, in an effort to keep this list updated, please let us know of any names that could be removed.

Year-End Contributions

Contributions made on or before December 31 are credited as 2021 contributions. Contributions made January 1 or later are 2022 contributions. IRS regulations are quite clear that if we receive the donation in 2021 or it is postmarked 2021, then it is a 2021 contribution. Anything received in 2022 or postmarked 2022 is a 2022 donation. If you are making a donation for the Solemnity of Mary during December and want your contribution to be for 2022, you can date your check January 1, 2022 and it will be counted with the January 1 collection and credited to 2022 donations. It does not work the other way around with dating a check 2021, but not giving it to us until 2022. If you are making a stock donation, the date of the donation is the date you turn the stock over to our broker regardless of when we receive the check for it.



Anniversary/January Food Packing

It is not too early to sign up for our January 29 Anniversary Food Packing. We have signed up for all 84 volunteer spots for the 9:00 -11:00 shift. The Join Code for January 29 is NLDW6Y.

You can sign up to volunteer on either the SKD website or the Feed My Starving children website. The SKD website sign up is under the "Get Involved" tab, select "Volunteer & Service Opportunities" and then "Feed My Starving Children". All of our future scheduled packing dates are listed there, so you can sign up for any of our upcoming sessions by clicking on the *Volunteer Link* for the date you want to volunteer. To sign up on the FMSC volunteer website, www.fmsc.org/join-group, click on "Volunteer" and then scroll down to "Looking for a Specific Group." or enter SKD as the Group Name. You can also contact Deacon Randy to volunteer, nandrb@comcast.net or 763-205-1528.

Organic and Recycling



The St Katharine Drexel Social Justice Committee has obtained a \$10,000 grant from Anoka County to begin organic waste collection and expand our recycling collection. The grant includes containers for the collection of all types of waste and a six-month supply of compostable dining supplies and organic collection bags. There will be posters identifying what goes in each container. Help us reduce the amount of waste going in the garbage by placing all organic material and recycling material in the appropriate container. A quick rule to follow is "anything that has ever been alive is organic and compostable." That includes **ALL FOOD WASTE**, Paper towels, hand towels, napkins and Kleenex. With our grant we will now be using plates, cups and cutlery that can all be composted, so it all goes in the organic containers.

March for Life

January 22 marks another anniversary of the tragic 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion throughout our country. Every year a March for Life is held in St. Paul to pray for an end to abortion. The March begins with an ecumenical prayer service at the St. Paul Cathedral. A march then proceeds to the capital. A rally is then held with various speakers. Speakers sometimes are individuals who had an abortion and later realize what they have done and began speaking out against abortion. Other speakers share their experience with fighting abortion.

We are working with St Andrews in Elk River to travel to the March for Life on one of the St Cloud diocesan buses. If we have enough participants from St. Katharine Drexel, the bus will stop to pick us up at SKD. Otherwise, we will meet the bus at St Andrews. If you are interested in attending, contact Deacon Randy, rbauer@stkdec.org to get more information or sign-up to attend the March.

Stewardship Corner

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 extra ordinary. 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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When you purchase a scrip card at St Katharine Drexel, you get the full value of the card and the parish earns 4% of the purchase value as a rebate from our scrip program vendor. But Kwik Trip offers a bonus, once a quarter we receive a rebate of 10% of all purchases made with a Kwik Trip scrip card purchased through SKD. You can even reload your card at any time by using the convenient *Raise Right* app. Stop by the scrip table after Mass and find out more about this super deal that can work for you along with raising money for SKD.

HOW TO REGISTER AT St. KATHARINE DREXEL

If you would like to register as an individual, couple, or family at our parish, please fill out the form at stkdc.org, "Resources" then; 'Become a Member.' You can also find hard copy registration forms at the Parish Office: 7101 143rd Ave NW, Suite G Ramsey, MN 55303. We welcome you!

Financial Gifts

December 19, 2021

Sunday Envelope (Including Loose)	\$ 2,128.00
Youth/Children	\$ 21.00
Gifts and Memorials	\$ 985.00
Christmas	\$ 595.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 419.00
Flowers/Church Environment	\$ 150.00
Building Fund	\$19,500.00

Total December 19, 2021

\$23,798.00

December 19 2021 Online

Envelopes	\$ 240.00
Building Fund	\$ 125.00
Donation for Credit Card Fees	\$ 2.75
Christmas Flowers	\$ 10.00
Youth Group	\$ 10.00

Total December 19, Online

\$ 387.75

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The Garden of Eden and the Human Condition: Nostalgia or Anticipation?

The story of Adam and Eve, originating over two-and-a-half millennia ago, arose at a time when the anthropological worldview was vastly different from our own. While we now stand under the light of the Big Bang Theory and evolutionary biology, this Genesis account of the human condition is still the basis for Christian salvation history. Prompted by the results of scientific discovery, Fr Michael Patella will explore the questions science raises for our concept of sin as well as pose an alternative framework for twenty-first century Christians to employ in their thinking about redemption.

Friday, January 14, presentation from 9am -1pm, Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Synchronous Event. Free event. Registration is required: 320.363.3560 or theology@csbsju.edu.

Sunday 1/2

Epiphany

10:00 a.m. Mass - *For the People*
In Person and Live Stream

Monday 1/3

7:30 p.m. - KC General Meeting

Tuesday 1/4

9:30 a.m. Mass - *Cheryl Nasiedlak+*
6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. - Kate's Quilters

Wednesday 1/5

9:30 a.m. Mass - *Father James Gorman+*
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study
6:15 p.m. - First Eucharist
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - Confirmation

Thursday 1/6

9:30 a.m. Mass - *Father Charles Froehle+*
7:00 p.m. - Liturgy Committee

Friday 1/7

9:30 p.m. Mass - *Deacon Larry Sierzant+*
10:00 a.m. - ADORATION

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