



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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Gospel Meditation

January 2, 2022—The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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Weekly Schedule

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

5:30 pm Mass, † Lucille Bauer

Durand

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

No Mass in Mondovi

8:30 am Mass, † Marcia Weber

Durand

9:00 am Blessing of the Doors

Durand

3:15 pm Open Door

Durand

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop

No Mass in Lima

8:30 am Mass, † Rudy Pronschinske

Mondovi

3:45 pm HR/StM Rel. Ed grades 1-5

Durand

6:30 pm HR/StM Rel. Ed grades 6-12

Durand

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

St. André Bessette, Religious

No Mass in Durand

8:30 am Mass, † Dave Schlosser

Lima

9:00 am Blessing of the Doors

Lima

6:00 pm ACS 4-8 Christmas Concert

Durand

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

8:30 am Mass, † Dean Brunner

Durand

9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Durand

10:30 am HomePlace Mass, † Gil & Curt Weiss

Durand

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

3:30 pm Confessions

Durand

4:00 pm Mass, † Genevieve & William Hayden

Durand

6:00 pm Confessions

Mondovi

6:30 pm Mass, Tri-Parish Parishioners

Mondovi

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:30 am Confessions

Lima

8:00 am Mass, † James Poeschel

Lima

8:30 am Confessions

Durand

9:00 am Mass, † Giles, Edith, Pat, Tom
Liefkring

Durand

9:00 am HR PCCW Christmas Party

Lima

9:00 am SH Rel. Ed grades 1-5

Mondovi

10:00 am Confessions

Mondovi

10:30 am Mass, † Lois (Hayden) Havenor

Mondovi

6:30 pm SH Rel. Ed grades 6-12

Mondovi



Holy Rosary


Prayer Shawls

Just a reminder there are prayer shawls available in our church basement (bride's room) for those who are in need of extra prayers and the comfort of Our Lord's arms. Any questions please contact Kris Unser @ 715-672-4350.

Save the Date


All are invited to a Christmas party in the Church basement following Holy Mass on Sunday, January 9th. There will be food, fellowship, and BINGO!

Thank You to Mason Sabelko for installing the snow guards on the new school roof.

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|  | Holy Rosary Diocesan Annual Appeal |
| | Update as of December 27, 2021 |
| | Target: \$24,255.00 Pledged: 18,184.99 Balance needed: 6,070.01 |

Thank you to everyone who has pledged towards our Annual Appeal. We appreciate your generosity.

Sacred Heart

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|  | Sacred Heart Diocesan Annual Appeal |
| | Update as of December 27, 2021 |
| | Target: \$20,870.00 Pledged: 12,570.00 Balance needed: 8,300.00 |


Thank you to everyone who has pledged towards our Annual Appeal. We appreciate your generosity.

St. Mary's

Thank You to Pelke Plumbing for the repair to the water fountain in the church basement.

Volunteers Needed

Next Sunday (January 9th) after Mass we will be taking down the Christmas decorations in church. Volunteers are needed to help with this. If you are able to, please either stay after Mass or come to the church around 10:00am.

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|  | St. Mary's Diocesan Annual Appeal |
| | Update as of December 27, 2021 |
| | Target: \$26,685.00 Pledged: 30,785.00 Paid: 29,635.00 |

Thank you to everyone who has pledged towards our Annual Appeal. We appreciate your generosity.

Assumption Catholic School

Scholarships Available

Thank you to the anonymous donor of \$100,000.00 to our Assumption Catholic School Scholarship program. If you are a current family, or a new family interested in enrolling at ACS and would like more information on how to apply, please contact our Principal, Mrs. Lansing, at 715-672-5617 or assumptionprinc@nelson-tel.net.

4-8 Christmas Concert

Our grades 4-8 students in band and choir will be performing on Thursday, January 6th at 6pm at the Durand Campus gym. Everyone is welcome to come!

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Shoes, Shoes, we need your shoes!

Bring your gently used or new shoes of all types to the RE Office or bring them in bags to be dropped off at any of the Tri-Parish churches. We are partnering with Funds2Org once again to do a shoe drive fundraiser and hope to have 100 bags of 25 pairs of shoes in each soon!

Parish News & Notes

Thank You to everyone who helped make our Christmas Masses special. To the volunteers who decorated the churches, the people who donated towards the flowers, and the many liturgical ministers, choirs, musicians, money counters, and everyone else who contributed in any way, we really appreciate you. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure with our parishes!

~ Fr. Emmanuel, Fr. Reither, and the Tri-Parish staff

Weekday Mass Schedules

Father Emmanuel is finally able to make the trip home to Ghana to visit his family and friends! Please pray for his safe travels. During his absence, we won't be able to have as many weekday Masses as usual. Please double check the bulletin for the times and locations of our weekday Masses.

Mass Cancellation Policy

In the event that we have inclement weather, weekday morning Masses will be canceled if school is canceled or delayed in either the Durand/Arkansaw or Mondovi school districts. For the Monday and Thursday evening Masses, those will be canceled in the event that after school activities are canceled in the Durand/Arkansaw school district. This policy only applies to weekday Masses, and only in the event that the school closures are due to inclement weather.

Mass Location Change

Mass on Friday, January 7th will be held at 8:30am at St. Mary's, Durand instead of the usual Mass at Lima. Eucharistic Adoration will follow after Mass.

Attention Snowbirds

If you are planning on heading south and staying for the winter, please remember to call the Central Office so we can suspend your contribution envelope delivery.

Announcing a Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages!

When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. This is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of "post sessions" provide ongoing healing and support. Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call toll-free: 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential. The next program begins on February 18-20, 2022. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!

Join our Diocesan Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C., – With two Special Guests!

There has never been a more important time to join the March for Life in our nation's capitol, with the Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court and the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned. Plus, our pilgrims will be addressed by two amazing speakers, before and after the March: Terry Beatley, Founder of Hosea Initiative, and Valentyna Pavsyukova, Founder of Chalice of Mercy. To learn more, visit diolc.org/respect-life.

Jan. 8 Chalice of Mercy Ukrainian Christmas Dinner

Each year, Valentyna Pavsyukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy, a pro-life mission to Ukraine, hosts a Ukrainian Christmas Dinner at the Lillydale Event Center in Chippewa Falls. All proceeds from this delicious, multicourse meal served by young people in full Ukrainian garb, go to benefit the work of the mission. To learn more, visit diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy.

Mass Times Nationwide
(1-800-627-7846)
www.masstimes.org

Readings for the week of 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 3:22-30
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

What Are You Looking For?

The first question that Jesus asks in John's Gospel is, "What are you looking for?" He is speaking to John's disciples as they follow after Him, desiring to know who Jesus is and what His mission is all about. After the disciples respond, Jesus gives them an instruction, "Come and you will see!" Whether we can hear it or not, that same question is being asked to you. What are YOU looking for? So often, we find ourselves searching, not knowing exactly where to go or what to do in life. We seek things that will hopefully fill the emptiness and longing that we have in our hearts, but nothing seems to satisfy. The real answer to this can be found in Jesus' response as He invites each of us to follow after Him, to get to know Him, and to follow the path He has placed before us. For some men, that path is a very special invitation to walk in Jesus' footsteps as a priest. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me, Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, at 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at 608.791.2667. God bless you!

Contacts to Remember

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound

Dorothy Prissel 715-672-8718

Prayer Line

To include a name to our prayer list please contact:

Elaine Sabelko 715-672-5848 (Lima)

Bernice Fedie 715-926-3357 (Mondovi)

Pam Baier 715-672-8345 (Durand)

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bulletineditor@catholictriparish.org

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The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safeenvironment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.



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