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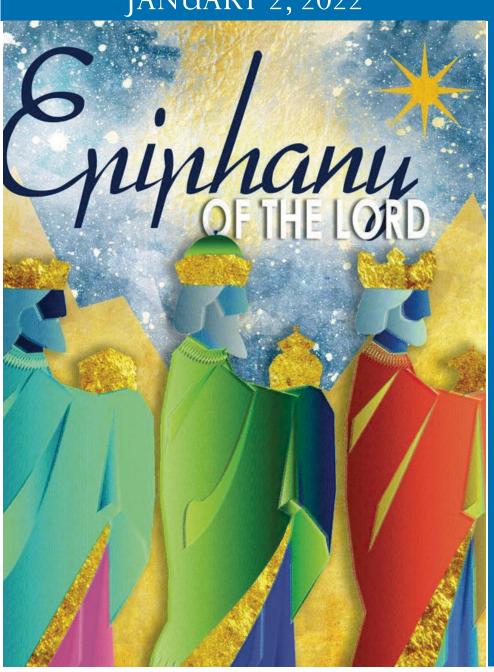
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm, SH Sunday: 8:15 am, HT Sunday: 10:00 am, SC

Reconciliation

Baptism

Please call the office to register a date for baptism. First time baptisms requires preparation with priest.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Classes are held at St. Columbanus from September through April.

Marriage

Contact the SC Parish Office at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required.

Care of the Sick

Call the office

Christian Burial

SC Parish Office, 507-583-2784

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.

January 3 – January 9, 2022

Saturday, 1/8 – SHC – 5 PM Ken Kaczmarek

Sunday, 1/9 – HT – 8:15 AM ----
Dolores Engesser

SC (BP) – 10 AM For The Parish

Weekly financials

December 19 \$1636.20 St. Columbanus 12/19 \$ Holy Trinity 12/19 \$1834.60

Liturgical Roles

WEEKEND OF January 8-9, 2022 Sacred Heart, Hayfield – Sat. January 8 – 5 PM Baptism of the Lord

Lector: Judy Kaczmarek
EM: Jill Kruger

Greeter: Dave Kaczmarek's Ushers: Jim Laumann, Don Simon

Ron Vogel, Tom Walerak

St. Columbanus, BP~Sunday, January 9, 10:00 am

Lector: Peggy T.

Euch. Min.: Rodney Krell & Peter Vogt

Ushers: Dayton Peterson

Counters: Team 3

Holy Trinity

LEC - Bruce Kubicek **EM –** Monica Anderson

SERVERS – Gracelyn Anderson & Sophia Schiller

USHERS – Keith Holman & John Styndl GREETERS – Troy & Monica Anderson

Cluster Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

HOLY TRINITY:

1/9/22: Children's Church. *Helper: Lily Schammel* 1/12/22: Faith Formation Classes resume (@, 6:30 pm

SACRED HEART:

Sat. Jan. 8 - Preschool Class

Sun. Jan. 9 - Faith Formation Classes

ST. COLUMBANUS

HELP NEEDED!

St. Columbanus is in need of substitute teachers for Wednesday night faith formation classes.

Please contact Krystal at 507-475-1425 if you're able to help out!

American Red Cross Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Sacred Heart Church on Friday, January 7th from 11 AM to 4 PM. Please give if you can as they are short of blood. Mark your calendar, schedule an appointment with the American Red Cross or call Ruth Santjer at 477-2339.







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