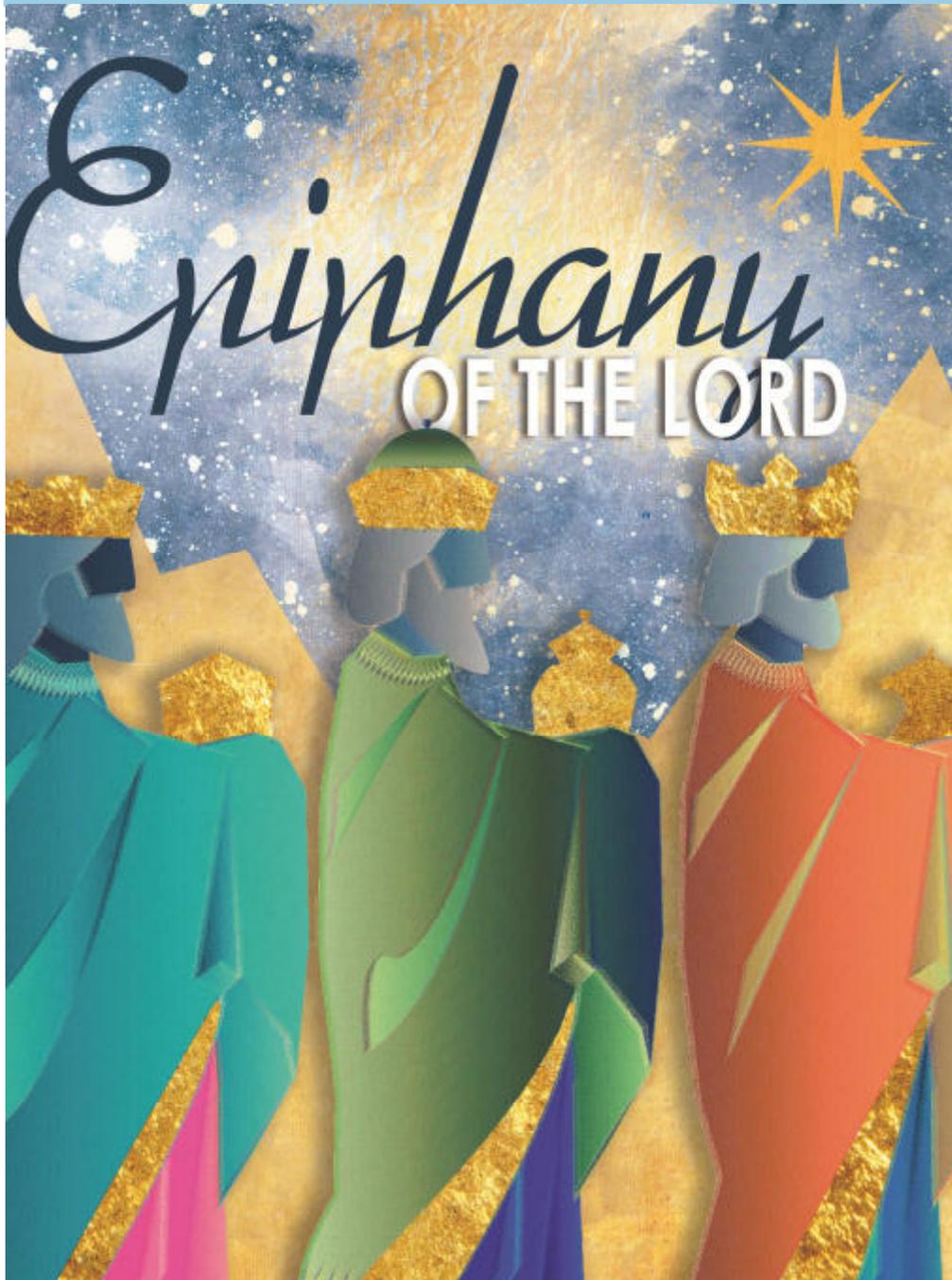




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Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart – Glenwood/Starbuck

Weekend Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekdays as scheduled

Saint Bartholomew – Villard

Weekend Sunday 8:30 am

St. John Nepomuk – Lowry/Lake Reno

Weekend Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacred Heart..... Saturday 4:00–4:45 pm

St. Bartholomew..... Sunday 8:00 am

Tuesday 11:00am

Other times by appointment.

LEARNING FORM OUR PAST

My winter reading has included a book The Templars by Dan Jones (2017). Jones gives a fair account of the Knights of the Temple from their founding in 1102 to their destruction by Philip IV King of France, who ordered the arrest of all the Templars on Friday, October 13, 1307.

The Templars were founded to assist and defend pilgrims traveling to the Holy Land and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, which houses the tomb of Jesus. Jones highlights the primary battle between Christian and Islamic forces.

He characterizes the Knights as expert soldiers and defenders. They were men of genuine religious values. Like many organizations, they were caught up in the politics of various rulers, kings, bishops and popes. They suffered great casualties under arrogant masters (superiors) who led them into battles against terrible odds.

Jones points out there was as much infighting and political division among the Islamic rulers as among the Christians. The Crusades were largely ill planned and led to hundreds of thousands of deaths of Knights, soldiers, and civilians including women and children.

The places and names of the Crusades are familiar because today there are conflicts in these same places. An understanding of the history of the Crusades offers us a greater appreciation of their lasting effects.

At the root of the Crusades were religious fervor, a desire for adventure, trade and commerce. Even though there was much war between Christians and Muslims the City of Jerusalem was a city of many cultures and languages.

The Templars were destroyed by Philip IV because he wanted their wealth to fund his throne. He falsely accused the Knights of immoral practices. The Templars reflect an era when church and state were intertwined. We can appreciate that today in most places there is a clear distinction between the two.

Thanks to everyone who sent a card, gift, or treat for Christmas. These gifts are much appreciated.

RCIA—

An RCIA organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, at 7:00pm in the Margaret Mary Hall (the lower level) of Sacred Heart. RCIA is for anyone who wants to become Catholic, or any adult who wants to complete Baptism, First Communion, or confirmation. Please call or email if you will attend or have questions.

God's peace!

Fr. Joe



Sacred Heart: Angela Hennen
Andy Peterson

St. Bartholomew: Shannon Zarbok
Randy Rost

Many thanks to everyone who ran for Parish Council at Sacred Heart and St. Bartholomew.

Tuesday, January 12: St. Bartholomew Parish Council meeting at 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 19: Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting at 7:00pm.



Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

What's your Catholic IQ? Answers:

1. C—The wise men saw a star in the East and followed it a great distance to find Jesus.
2. A—You can read about this in Matthew 2:13. The Holy family stayed in Egypt until King Herod died.

Religious Education Notes



Hit refresh—the plan is for Rel. Ed classes to begin again Wednesday, January 20.

What's your Catholic IQ?

The sign in the sky which led the wise men to Jesus was

- A) a full moon
- B) an eclipse of the sun
- C) a star in the east
- D) an eclipse of the moon

When King Herod ordered his soldiers to kill the babies in Bethlehem, Joseph

- A) had a dream telling him to take the Holy family to Egypt
- B) hid Jesus in a basket in the river
- C) protected Mary and Jesus by fighting the soldiers
- D) returned to Nazareth



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Epiphany...what exactly is it?

The word epiphany means “manifestation,” coming from the Greek roots that mean “to show, to display.”

In the United States epiphany is celebrated on the first Sunday after January 1. The exact dates vary from country to country.

The feast commemorates the mysterious visit of the magi to Baby Jesus. The magi's (representatives of the neighboring pagan religions) who were coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows they seek the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be the king of nations.



The magi went to see King Herod first, assuming the newborn king would be Herod's son. Herod, upon hearing the news, ordered the slaughter of all innocents as he was very paranoid for his throne. *(Excerpts from NCR)*

Stewardship of Treasure

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2020/21 Weekly Collection Goal.....\$5,410.00
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2020/21 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,260.00
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 Adult Envelope Holders 85
 Number of Adult Contributions..... 15

Please remember your parish with your investments, insurance policies and in your will.

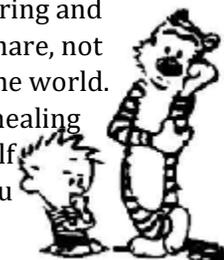
Something to ponder...a Gospel meditation

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

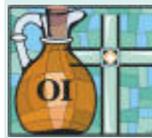
“And behold, the star they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for! ©LPI



 **What is love?** Love is what makes you smile when you are tired. Terri (age 4)

Hospital Visits—If you find yourself or a loved one in the hospital, and would like a visit from a priest, please call the church office directly and leave the patient's name, room number, and name of hospital. Due to privacy laws, hospitals are not allowed to give out patient's names, making it challenging to know who would like a visit.



Anointing of the Sick is available on request. If you or a family member wish to be anointed before surgery, when in the hospital, or for any sickness, please contact Fr. Joe. He can be reached by calling the parish office at 634-3813, and if necessary, by leaving a message on Extension 20.

The Anointing of the Sick is offered at regular intervals in the parish and at area nursing homes.

Eucharist for the homebound—If you are homebound and wish to receive Communion at home, contact the church office at 634-3813.

Baptism Classes : Baptism class is required before a first Baptism. Classes are held in the months of December, February, June, and September. Parents expecting their first child should attend. For questions contact the church office. Preregistration is required.



Prayer Chain Requests When starting a request, please talk to one of the persons listed; do not leave prayer requests on answering machines or with children. To get added to the prayer chain, contact Terry Sandeen at 634-4807, or Linda Schmainda at 634-4394.

The Wedding Policy of the Diocese of St. Cloud requires that you contact the parish at least 6 months prior to your wedding. This is necessary so that all the required steps can be completed in a timely manner. For second marriages, more time may be required. To begin your marriage preparation or for questions about the marriage preparation policy, contact Father Joe (634-3813).



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