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Epiphany of the Lord

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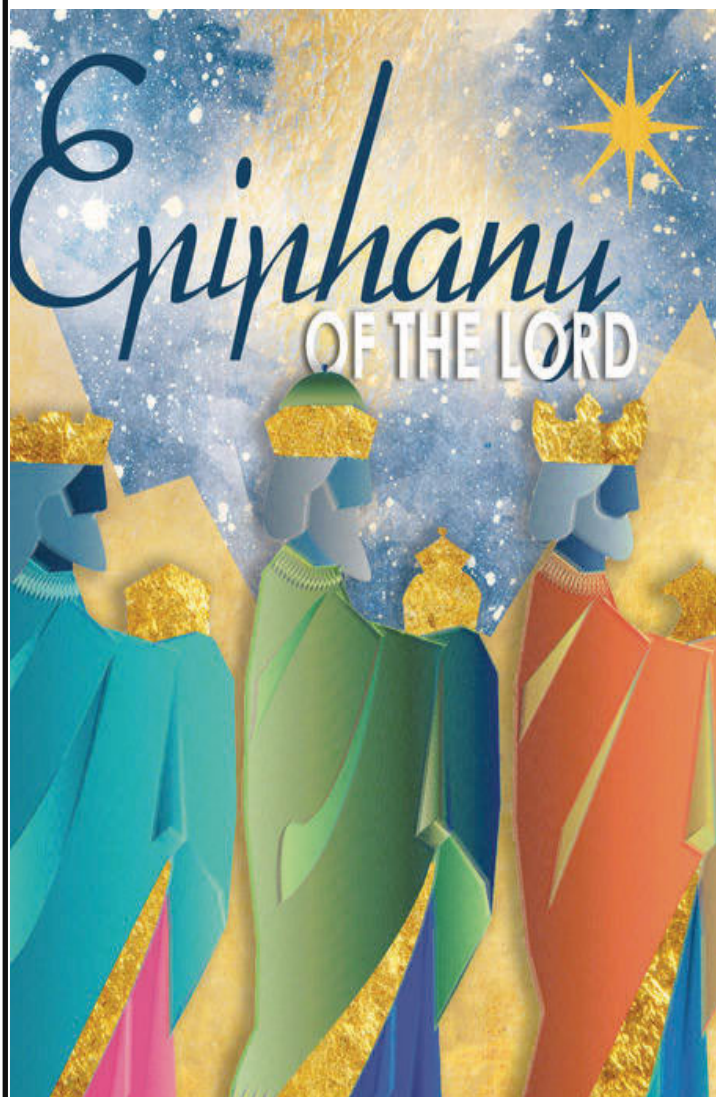
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Eternal Father,

*I offer You the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Your
dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.*



BYTES OF FAITH

By FATHER STEVEN J. McLOUD

Dear Parishioners,

Within our Catholic tradition, the Sunday following the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord is always the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. On this day we pray and reflect upon Christianity's "First Family."

We live in an age with a diverse description and opinion about the family. Everything from the 'traditional' family, single parent families, adoptive families, dysfunctional families, the modern family and those from a broken home are all part of today's culture. Our annual celebration of the Holy Family is an important reminder of what being family is all about. Mary teaches us the importance of "keeping things in our hearts," praying and searching for God's presence in the midst of the anxiety of family life.

The word "family" connotes many different things for different people and situations. But, no matter what our family circumstances may be, our second reading recalls that we all belong to one family that is indeed holy; the family of God. God made each of us with a unique love and with a future beyond imagination.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is held up as an example for us today so that we might try to imitate their love in the world. Let us pray for our families and the values & morals of family life, for the entire human of our Divine Mercy Catholic Parish.



Synod 2021 – 2023 Phase Two

As the Diocese moves forward in its synodal process related to Synod 2021-2023, I would like to express my appreciation to all of our parishioners who took time to attend the parish meeting in the Phase One Process at the local level on November 30 and share their thoughts and wisdom.

The next phase in our Diocesan Synodal Process is for the Diocese to host Deanery-Wide Listening Events which are twofold. These Listening Events are for pastors and their parish representatives to share directly with the Bishop what they heard at their parish gatherings and for the faithful and those in attendance to have the opportunity to add to those comments and conversations. **The Deanery-Wide Listening Events are not sounding boards for specific complaints or concerns about any particular parish grouping but are designed to listen to the thoughts and recommendations as to how the Church Universal should proceed and move forward. In addition, these sessions are designed for the Bishop to listen, to process and to take note of. They are not occurring for him to give answers, debate or otherwise comment.**

It should be noted and is important to know that the Deanery-Wide Listening Events in addition to having the pastors and their representatives present are open to the public both Catholic and non-Catholic. The meeting for our Northeast Deanery will be held on **Thursday, January 13 at the Divine Mercy Parish -St. Cecelia Church Hall.** The agenda and timeline are as follows: The Prayer, Conversations / Listening will be facilitated by our Directors in the Office of Evangelization.

Fr. McLoud

Synod 2021 – 2023 Phase Two

Agenda

- 5:00pm Prayer in Church
- 5:30pm Meal or Snacks
- 6:15pm Conversation – Listening
- 7:45pm Adjourn

The Solemnity Of Mary - New Year's Day - is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God and it is normally a Holy Day of Obligation. However, when it falls on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated. Therefore, this coming New Year's Day on January 1, 2022, two 8:30 a.m. masses will be held in the Divine Mercy Catholic Parish one at St. Cecelia and one at St. John the Baptist for those wishing to attend.

THANK YOU ~ I am most grateful to many of you for your kind Christmas gifts. May the Lord bless and enrich your lives for your thoughtfulness and your generous spirit. Thank you for thinking of me at Christmastime. *+Fr. McLoud*

Christmas blessings and a joyful Epiphany to all! My sincere thanks to you who blessed me with a gift, a card, food, or words of prayer this holy season of our Lord's coming. Your generosity inspires me, and giving is a sign of hope for all the other lives you touch as well.

Fr. Matthew Solyntjes

EPIPHANY



PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Parish Custodian is needed for St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School Center. Job includes weekly cleaning and maintenance of the church and hall and the St. John parish center (school). Please contact Dave Wieland at the Divine Mercy Parish Office at 515.295.3435.

BULLETIN DEADLINE | If you would like to have your announcement posted in the weekly bulletin, please email Lori Geitzenauer at geitzl@dmparish.org. All articles need to be submitted **by 12:00 pm Noon on Friday the prior week.**

Communion to the Homebound - Divine Mercy St. Cecelia is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to take communion to the homebound on Sundays. If you would be interested in this special ministry please call the parish office (515.295.3435) and let us know.



If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, the weekday Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, Religious Education, Parish Offices and other parish activities are cancelled. If

there is a 2-hour late start, No Morning Mass. If weather and road conditions begin to deteriorate after normal school hours and on weekends, a notification alert will be sent out on the Parish App, Facebook page and area radio stations.

The Sts. Peter & Paul Church at West Bend PFAH Group will have their 3rd Annual Breakfast / Bake Sale & Games for the kids on January 9, 2022. Menu: Breakfast burrito, biscuits & sausage gravy, sausage, ham, rolls and baked goods. Circle 1, 2, and 3 Please bring \$15.00 worth of baked goods. Circle 4 bring 2 jars or bags filled with goodies for jar stop game. Circle 5 bring 1 dozen rolls, coffee cake, or doughnuts for the breakfast. Please bring all jars and food to the church basement before Mass on January 9 or drop off anytime the day before. All proceeds go to the cost of the food we package and send to our Twin Parish. We are excited to welcome all of our Divine Mercy family to attend this event!! Breakfast starts immediately after 10:30 Mass until 12:30 p.m.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini - Meeting on Thursday, January 13, 6:00 p.m. Mass, lunch and meeting to follow in St. Michael Church Hall. Committee: Janet Laubenthal and Pat Montag-Chairman, Karen Forgarty G/O, Patti Runchey-Program.



Openings in the Adoration Chapel at Divine Mercy - St. Cecelia

Fridays 7:00-8:00 p.m. 8:00-9:00 p.m.
9:00-10:00 p.m.

Saturdays (4th Saturday of Month) 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturdays (1st, 3rd, 4th weeks)
8:00-9:00 p.m. and 9:00-10:00 p.m.

Sundays 3:00-4:00 p.m. 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Contact Patti Thilges at 515.341.1398

+ RITES +

BAPTISM

We welcome those who have been newly baptized. Please pray that they will continue to grow in faith.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations and Blessings to all couples joined together in the Sacrament of Matrimony and those preparing for marriage.

FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL MASS

May the angels lead those who have died into eternal paradise and count them among the saints in Heaven.

+ SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION +

BAPTISM

Parents need to be registered in the parish and actively practicing their faith. First-time parents are required to take a Pre-Baptism class. Call the Rectory at 515.295.3435.

MARRIAGE

Diocesan and Parish policy require that couples planning a wedding must contact the parish at least six (6) months in advance of an anticipated marriage. No date is scheduled until it is confirmed by the pastor. Couples will need to meet with the priest or deacon to complete a Pre-Nuptial Investigation and attend two diocesan classes: "Called to the Wedding Feast" and "Walking in Love." To make arrangements for an upcoming wedding contact Deacon Bill Black at 515.295.3435 or blackb@dmparish.org.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

R.C.I.A. is for those who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith. It is a time to learn about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches and gives you the opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have about Catholicism. RCIA is open to anyone unbaptized, baptized in another faith or baptized as a Catholic, but have not received any of the other sacraments. For more information, contact Deacon Bill Black 515.295.3435 or email blackb@dmparish.org.



Join the Divine Mercy Prayer Team
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
for the Holy Rosary
on Facebook



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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

JANUARY 8 & 9 ~ 2022				
Altar Servers	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Matt & Ava Besch
		5:00 pm	SJW	Katie & John Ludwig
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Weston Ehlers, Kayden Graves
		8:30 am	SJB	Maggie Vaske, 1 Needed
		10:30 am	SSPP	Joe Mader, Bryson Kampen
		10:30 am	SC	Reid Louwagie, Jack Manske
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Louie Bormann, Zeb Besch, Katie Besch-Choir
		5:00 pm	SJW	Joel & Tammy Davis
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Lauren Kenyon, Renee Graves
		8:30 am	SJB	Joyce Hatten, Mark Bollig, Sam Vaske-Back/Choir
		10:30 am	SSPP	Kathy Grimm, Stephanie Veon
		10:30 am	SC	Becky Zittritsch, Todd Louwagie, Shelly Louwagie-Choir
Gift Bearers	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Don & Sandi Goede
		5:00 pm	SJW	Steve & Karen Youngwirth
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Merrill & Brenda Bormann
		8:30 am	SJB	Family of Tom Lappe
		10:30 am	SSPP	Anthony & Ashley Laubenthal
		10:30 am	SC	Jeff & Sonny Christensen
Lector	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Lori Reding
		5:00 pm	SJW	Keith Kohlhaas
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Ron Kenyon
		8:30 am	SJB	Annette Vaske
		10:30 am	SSPP	Megan Miller
		10:30 am	SC	Kristie Hough
Sacred Music	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Carol Eischeid, Denise Walker
		5:00 pm	SJW	Bev Klein, Choir
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Colleen Kenyon, Marisa Merkel
		8:30 am	SJB	Antonia Rupert, Lori Geitzenauer
		10:30 am	SSPP	Luan Bargman, Deanne Banwart
		10:30 am	SC	Sheila Black, Garrett Wirtz
Ushers	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Cyril Thilges, Pat Berte, Tom Eischen, Pat Kuper
		5:00 pm	SJW	David Studer, Jude Studer
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Marie & Joe Elbert, Terry & Jim Schmitt
		8:30 am	SJB	Brian Geitzenauer, Scott Goche, Maurice Elsbecker, Paul Nerem
		10:30 am	SSPP	Mark Laubenthal, Tom & Janet Hartman, James Rotert
		10:30 am	SC	Randy Gisch, Joe Heinen, Becky & Jacob Zittritsch, Garold Hough
Greeters	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Tim Erpelding, Chuck & Lori Reding, Brian & Jeana Bormann
	Sunday	10:30 am	SSPP	Anthony & Ashley Laubenthal
	Sunday	10:30 am	SC	Garrett & Kathryn Wirtz, Todd & Shelly Louwagie, Scott & Jessica Manske Family
Holy Communion to Homebound	Sunday	8:30 am	SJB	Barb J. Menke
		8:30 am	SM	Dan Hansen



Psalm 29:11 The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.





SCHOOL NEWS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

“MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERYDAY”

BISHOP GARRIGAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

January 4 8:40 am BG Student Mass [SC]



It's that time again! The Divine Mercy Parish Youth Ministry Team is planning a trip to the summer Steubenville Conference. This year we plan to make the trip to Rochester, MN. We will work on an itinerary to include a service project and an activity. Speakers: Fr. Agustino Torres, Bob Rice, Megan Mohan, Pete Burds, Mari Pablo, with praise and worship by Sonar Worship. All are welcome to attend regardless of school or worship site! Contact Deacon David Penton or Rachel Vaske at the parish office 515.295.3435 to seek further information or to register.

\$\$\$\$\$\$ Scholarships are available! \$\$\$\$\$\$

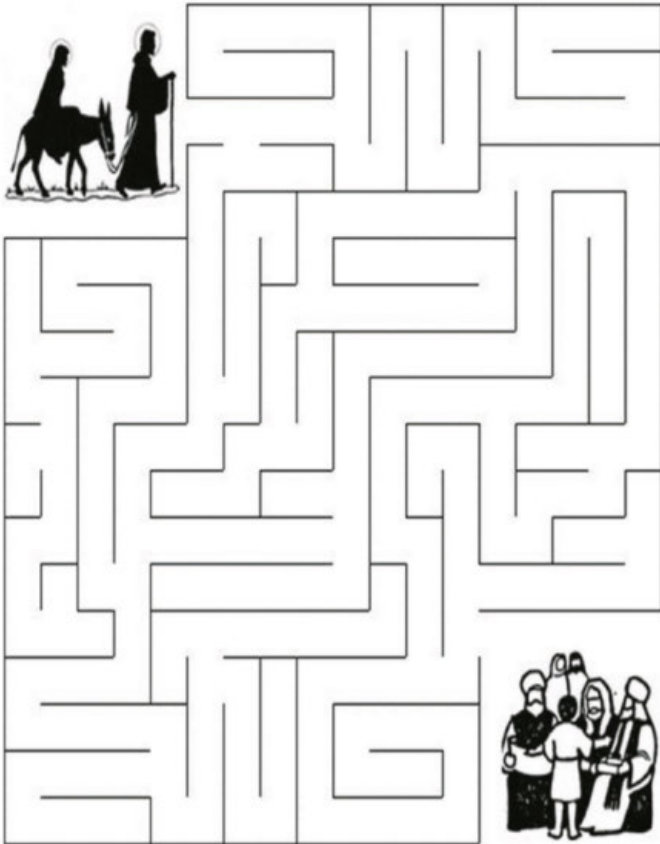
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- January 5 6:30 pm Grades 7, 8, 9 Faith Formation [SC]
Family Formation K-6
- January 5 6:30 pm Religious Ed Rosary followed by Class [SSPP]
- January 5 7:00 pm Religious Education Class [SJB]
- January 5 7:30 pm Divine Mercy Youth Ministry
Meet in the Divine Mercy Parish Office

Football Knights of Columbus

Week 15 -

Winners: Book 13 - Bob Hanson and Troy Junkermeier



Taize Prayer Service

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Sunday, January 23
6:00 PM
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Immaculate Conception/Solemnity of Mary	\$60.00



MASS INTENTION



Sunday, January 2 ~ Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:30 am SM †Janet Muller
- 8:30 am SJB †Dick Deitering, Rosella Kunkel, Rita Ray, Florence Haag, Donald Doocy
- 10:30 am SSPP †Bernard Hartman, Eddie Grimm
- 10:30 am SC †Living & Deceased members of Robert & Phyllis Bormann Family, Kay & Duane McCleish, Edward, Anita & Mary Thilges

Monday, January 3 ~ The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 7:30 am BGC Bishop Garrigan Chapel

Tuesday, January 4 ~ Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

- 8:40 am SC †Colleen Hegarty
- 5:30 pm SJB †Rosemary Dudding, Joyce Reutzel
- 5:30 pm SC †Living & Deceased members of Court St. Cecelia, Jim Rosenmeyer

Wednesday, January 5 ~ Saint John Neumann

- 8:30 am SJB †Rev. Eugene Schumacher, Tom Antoine
- 2:30 pm NH †Joseph Kramer
- 6:00 pm SC †Phil Menke

Thursday, January 6 ~ Saint Andre' Bessette

- 8:30 am SJW † John Foertsch
- 6:00 pm SSPP † Leo Montag

Friday, December January 7 ~ Saint Raymond of Penyafort

- 7:00 am SC †Cheryl Miller
- 8:30 am SM †Joe Straub, Jr.

Saturday, January 8

- 4:30 pm SC †Luella & Dennis Lickteig, Living & Deceased members of Ludwig/Vitzthum/Lichter Families
- 5:00 pm SJW †Don & Norma Reding, Marie & George Brcka

Sunday, January 9 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

- 8:30 am SM †Lyle Hansen
- 8:30 am SJB †Tom Lappe, Deceased members of Martin McGuire Family, Loren Frank
- 10:30 am SSPP †Leo & Mariam Montag
- 10:30 am SC †Dr. Jerry Shey, Louis & Evelyn Ferstl, Amand Dangelser



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- 8:30 am Mass [SM]
- 8:30 am Mass [SJB]
- 10:30 am Mass [SSPP]
- 10:30 am Mass [SC]

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

Parish Office Closed

- 7:30 am Mass [Bishop Garrigan Chapel]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

- 8:40 am BG School Mass [SC]
- 2:00 pm Divine Mercy Staff Meeting [Office]
- 4:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration | Sacrament of Penance [SJB]
- 5:30 pm Mass [SJB]
- 5:30 pm Mass [SC]
- 6:00 pm Sacrament of Penance [SC]
- 6:00 pm CDA Meeting [SC]
- 7:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Team Rosary [Facebook]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

- 8:30 am Mass [SJB]
- 1:00 pm Kossuth County Food Pantry [Algona]
- 2:30 pm Mass [NH Bancroft]
- 5:35 pm KC Rosary & Mass [SC]
- 6:30 pm KC Meeting [Columbia Event Center]
- 6:30 pm Religious Education [SSPP]
- 6:30 pm Religious Education [SC]
- 7:00 pm Religious Education [SJB]
- 7:30 pm Divine Mercy Youth Ministry [SC]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

- 8:30 am Mass [SJW]
- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration | Sacrament of Penance [SJW]
- 5:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration | Sacrament of Penance [SSPP]
- 6:00 pm Mass [SSPP]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

- 7:00 am Mass [SC]
- 8:30 am Mass [SM]
- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration & Sacrament of Penance [SM]
- 1:00 pm Kossuth County Food Pantry [Algona]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

- 8:00 am Sacrament of Penance
- 8:30 am Mass [BG Chapel]
- 3:15 pm Sacrament of Penance [SC]
- 4:15 pm Sacrament of Penance [SJW]
- 4:30 pm Mass [SC]
- 5:00 pm Mass [SJW]

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 8:30 am Mass [SM]
- 8:30 am Mass [SJB]
- 10:30 am Mass [SSPP]
- 10:30 am Mass [SC]

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