



# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

GRANTSBURG

Epiphany of the Lord





# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Like the Magi, we have discovered a star—a light and guide in the sky of our soul. "We have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him." We have had the same experience. We too noticed a new light shining in our soul and growing increasingly brighter. It was a desire to live a fully Christian life, a keenness to take God seriously. St. Josemaria Escriva

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EWTN: Cable - 17, Direct TV- 370, Dish- 261 Mass: on Channel 3...Monday 3:00 PM, Wednesday 7:00 PM

Weekly Mass Times						
St. Dominic:		Immaculate Conception:				
Saturday	4:30 PM	Sunday	8:30 AM			
Sunday	10:30 AM	Thursday	5:30 PM			
Tues & Wed	10:30 AM	Friday	5:30 PM			

#### **Parish Contacts**

#### St. Dominic

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## Be Our Daily Star

An Epiphany Prayer



God of all heaven and earth,

From the breath of your love came the creation of the world. We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky and at the intimate nature of the love you have for us your children. Be our daily star,

Guiding our lives to search for kingdom love. May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do, Forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word. Lift our eyes tonight to see your eternal life shining brightly, Leading us home. Amen.

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#### ~~~ Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of the Gospel ~~~

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



#### Catholic Services Appeal 2021 - 2022

THANK YOU for supporting this year's CSA. We still need a little help in paying off this appeal.

St. Dominic has reached its goal of \$20,927 Thank you!

At *Immaculate Conception,* with donations and pledges, 73% or \$11,441 of the \$15,645 assessment is paid off.

Please make it your New Year's Resolution to help us with the CSA. We are <u>very close</u> to completion!

## Parish 2021 Contribution Statements

If you would like a 2021 statement, please contact the office by phone, email or in person and we will gladly print one for you or email it to you.



#### **Diocese of Superior Catholic Herald**

If you would like to receive or continue to receive the Catholic Herald at your home, please use the

envelope found in your box of envelopes to contribute to the year's subscription.



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 our-

selves 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. ©LPi

#### REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

#### **First Reading**

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?

#### Second Reading

It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews and Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of "coheirs" and "copartners." What does this language signal to you?

#### **Gospel Reading**

The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God's revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today?

## New Parish Directory!

After 5 years we would like to have a new updated parish directory including *ALL* our parishioners. Photographing will be at Immaculate Conception February  $21^{st}$  and  $22^{nd}$  and at St. Dominic on May  $2^{nd} \& 3^{rd}$ . We will begin in person sign up after Masses next weekend. Start checking your calendar to see which dates works for you and your family. If you have questions, feel free to call the parish office.



#### CCW Christmas Party

All women from SD and IC are welcome to get together for the *postponed* annual Christmas

party at the Pour House in Siren on Tuesday, January 11. We will gather at 5:30 pm and dinner will be at 6:00 pm. *Please call the parish office by Thursday, January 6 to RSVP.* 

#### **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, January 5

IC Bible Study @ 12:30 pm

Thursday, January 6

KC Meeting @ SD 6:30 pm officers/7 pm business **Tuesday, January 11** 

CCW Christmas Party @ Pour House 5:30 pm



# Christmas Flower Memorialized

Thank you to all who donated to our flower collections. The churches looked beautiful for Christmas. Flowers were memorialized for the following people:

St. Dominic : Harold & Genieve Axelson, Wallace & Maxine Draxler, Stan Roberts, Ray Wallin, Arlo Miller, Lorretta Krenz, Alvin & Dorothy Schommer, Ben Schommer, Patsy Jacque, Francis & Rosella Schug, Virgil Olson, Joe & Theresa Swies, Reg & Wilhelmina Ronningen, Barb Donlin, Lillian Lake, Donald Anderson, Ruby Malinovsky, Bill, Gayle & Philip Janson, Steve & Jean Berka, Steven Berka, George & Carmen Marek, Pam Goldsworthy, Myron & Janice Marek, Wes & Tootie Harrer, Rodney Erickson, Ellen Zellmer, Louie D'Jock Family, Tim Froehlich, Nancy Jappe, Nyren & Meyer Families, Carley Family, Ronningen Family, Rosy DePatto, Margaret & Adolph Denn, Richard & Rita Schuster, Steve & Amelia Braun, Shari Runnels, Ralph & Mercedes Runnels, Larry & Patricia Randash, Fred Winn, John Murphy, Terri Kammeyer, Sembla Family, Lindblom & Pribil Families, Bob Nate, Taylor & Iligan Families, Kaye Heine. In Honor of Jed & Sonya Marek

Immaculate Conception: Erven & MaryJane Meyer, Bradley Taylor, Max Harter Jr, Bill & Ella Ramel, Viola Harter, Rose & LeRoy Kutz, Margareta & Burt McConnell, Doug Larson, Joe & Esther Larson, Ed & Agnes Hauger, Art Mertes Jr. & Sr., Hattie Riemann, Mike Herrick, Matt & Susie Gorla, Ada Webster, Bob & Charlotte Hardy, Ken Podolak, Erickson, Klinkhammer & Ryan Families, Joseph & Jerald Schulte, Allan Meier, Rose & Laurence Meier, Earl Strub, Gary Rudolph, Elmar, Don & Shirley Gaddes, Gerry Myers, Ruth Wegner, Kathy Snaza, Alonzo & Mary Peer, Shirley Weber, Jaxon Larrabee, Frank & Frances Merth, Al Peer, Elaine Papenfus, Frank, Barbara & Scott Christofferson, Jan Ferland, Hildur & Rog Blomberg, George & Agnes Gonsior, Ed & Faye Iten, Tom Richards. In honor of the Feit Family

#### CCW Officers Needed

The IC CCW will hold their next meeting on Monday, January 10 at 1:30 pm. They will have Election of Officers and are in need of a President and Vice President. This could also be set up as co-presidents. All ladies are asked to prayerfully consider this. Bev Mertes, our current president, will be available to help new officers as needed

The CCW meets monthly (except December) and the day and time of the meeting can be changed to fit the schedule of the new officers. Please consider using your time and talent for this important service to our Lord.



#### Journey to Bethlehem The Fourth Week Winners are: Ruby Wagner and Sue Wallin

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT

#### 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 extraordinary.

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  $\$  CLPi

#### FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

	SD	IC
Jan. 5	CLASS	CLASS
Jan. 12	CLASS	CLASS



# MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary SD 10:30 am Kathy Glockner by Judy Marek

#### Sunday, January 2 Epiphany of the Lord

IC 8-8:15 am Confessions IC 8:30 am Richard Joseph Michel by Elaine Michel SD 10:30 am David & Sharon Leone by John & Melody Dian

**Tuesday, January 4** *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton* SD 10:30 am Lorraine Holmes by Danny & Debbie Kriho

#### Wednesday, January 5 St. John Neumann

IC 7-10 am Adoration SD 10:30 am All Souls Day Intentions SD 11-12 pm Adoration

#### Thursday, January 6

IC 5:30 pm Tom Richards by Audrey Richards

#### Friday, January 7

IC 5:30 pm Philip Manor by Tera Bowman & Kerri

Harter

#### Saturday, January 8

SD 4:30 pm Lillian Lake by Joe & Steve Swies \*Anointing of the Sick following Mass

#### Sunday, January 9 Baptism of the Lord

IC 8-8:15 am Confessions

IC 8:30 am David Volkmann by Karen Klinkhammer

SD 10:30 am Doug Huotari by Jim, Jackie & Natalie

Schommer

\*Anointing of the Sick following both Masses



#### **Parish Services**

#### Home Bound

Please contact the office to be placed on the communion list or if you would like a ride to Mass on the weekend.

**Baptism and Matrimony** 

Please call the office to get all the information you need for your upcoming sacrament.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Available by appointment, please contact the office.

#### House Blessing

Available by appointment, please contact the office.

#### Prayer Chain

If you need a prayer said for you or your loved ones, please contact the office to begin the prayer chain.

#### Rosary

The Rosary is recited before Saturday Mass at SD.

STEWARDSHIP - 12/19/21	SD	IC
Envelope Collection	\$910.00	\$790.00
Loose Collection	\$370.25	\$380.00
Loan Reduction		\$1,121.00
Immaculate Conception	\$35.00	
Still owed on CSA 2021-22	Hooray! 0	\$4,204

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS AND SERVERS

#### Saturday, January 8

St. Dominic Ushers: Don Supinski, Bill Schommer Greeters: N - Colleen Draxler S - Carol Schommer Lector: Jerry Spies Sacristan: Colleen Draxler Communion: Pat Spies Server: Steve Swies

#### Sunday, January 9

Immaculate Conception Homebound: Emily Hesla Lector: Jacob Meier Communion: Shari Harter Sacristan: Barb Hoefler Ushers: Ken & Joyce Meier Server: Volunteer

#### St. Dominic

Homebound: Sara Ronningen Ushers: John Helling, Eric Currie, Joe Draxler Greeters: N - Manolin Gonzalez S - Ex Memmer Lector: Jo Hasse Sacristan: Dave Malinovsky Communion: Mary Wallin Server: Emily Hill, Amelia Dagestad



#### **New Parishioners**

#### Welcome!

If you would like to become a member of our Parishes, please fill out the following form. Then mail it, drop it off at the parish office, or put it in the collection basket.

□ St. Dominic	□ Immaculate Conception		
Name			
Phone Number			
Address			
City	State	Zip	

