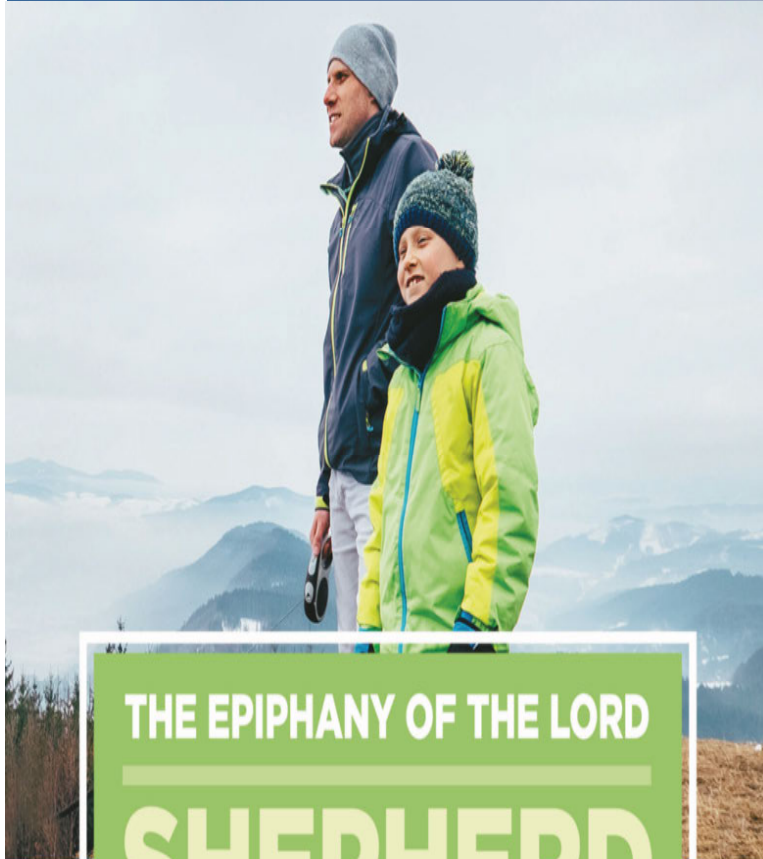




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JANUARY 2, 2022 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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*"Since from you shall
come a ruler, who is to
shepherd my people
Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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Youth Minister: Megan Seeley

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Pre-Baptismal classes are on the first Tuesday of every **even month**, at 7pm in the Parish Center. Contact Parish Center Office or Theresa Dykes 760-1122.

Marriage: Please begin preparation at least 4 months in advance. Contact Parish Center Office.

Reconciliation: Saturday 4pm Holy Rosary, Sunday 7:30 am St. Bridget's

Website: www.bbccatholic.com



Knights of Columbus Council 975: Meets every second Wednesday of the month 7 pm in the lyceum meeting room.

Weekend Mass Schedule:
(HR—Holy Rosary, SB—St. Bridget)

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. HR

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. SB

10:00 a.m. HR

2nd Sunday: 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass HR

*See inside for weekday mass schedule.

COLLECTION BASKET (903 Big Horn) 762-3343

New Hours

Mondays and Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.



We invite each new family and/or individual to register with us by calling the Parish Center Office. Registration enables the parish staff to assist you at the time of Baptism, Marriage, Illness or death. All 18 and over please register at the parish office.

PASTORAL VISITS: Contact the Church office for pastoral visits at home or in the hospital. 762-2009

From the Pastor

Dear parishioners,

Happy New Year to you! Happy Epiphany as we celebrate this weekend the coming of the Magi to honor our new born king! This is a time of great joy and celebration knowing that we have the chance to honor the one who has come to save us and show us his love.

May we make the time and effort this new year to always be thankful and aware of God's blessings. I give thanks to the Lord always for the call to journey in faith with you here in Box Butte county. It has truly been a blessed six months.

In the coming weeks there will be announcements and invitations to take part in the special synod which calls us to reflect on how we have been journeying in faith and how we feel the Holy Spirit guiding us into the future. Please pray for the whole church to be attentive to where the Holy Spirit guides us.

Fr. Matt

PARISH NEWS

DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you for your generosity towards our Diocesan Appeal goal! We are getting close to our goal of \$41,375. If you haven't already given, please consider donating so we can meet our goal this year!

THANK YOU!

A big "Thank you" for all your generous donations over the Christmas season! God Bless you abundantly for your commitment to support the fiscal needs of our parish. Individual giving statements will be mailed out the last week of January.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Week of January 3

Monday, January 3

- Communion Service, Marian 7:15 AM
- Bible Study, PC Library 9:30 AM

Tuesday, January 4

- Mass, Marian 7:15 AM
- MOMS combined get-together, Lyceum 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 5

- Mass, PC GYM 9:00 AM
- K-5th Grade FF Class, PC 4:00 PM
- 6-10th Grade FF Class, PC 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 6

- Mass, Marian 7:15 AM
- RCIA, PC Library/Chapel 6:30 PM

Friday, January 7

- Mass, Marian 7:15 AM
- Mass, Highland Park 10AM

Saturday, January 8

- Confessions, Holy Rosary 4:00 PM
- Mass, Holy Rosary, 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 9

- Confessions, St. Bridget's Church 7:30 AM
- Mass, St. Bridget's Church 8:00 AM
- Mass, Holy Rosary Church 10:00 AM
- Confirmation Class, PC Library 6:30 PM
- Spanish Mass, Holy Rosary Church, 5:00 PM

SCHOOL NEWS AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

NOREEN PLACEK, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 762-2830.

ST. AGNES ACADEMY 762-2315, RODNEY WILHELM, PRINCIPAL, JANE MCGHEHEY, SECRETARY

Faith Formation Classes will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 5th.

Please view the Christmas Pageant slideshow at the faith formation website www.holyrosaryalliance.weebly.com It will be under the Children's Program K-5.



LATE START JANUARY 3RD

St. Agnes Academy is back in session Monday, January 3rd with a late start 9 AM.

ALL SCHOOL MASSES

Beginning this month, every Wednesday will be an all school mass in the Parish Center gym at 9 AM. Any previously scheduled all school masses in the Church will remain the same.

 * January 2nd 2022 *
 * In marriage, communication is more than just talk- *
 * ing. At some point, did you stop sharing about the *
 * things that were important to you? Did your spouse? *
 * Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort *
 * to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a mar- *
 * riage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a *
 * marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow *
 * closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your *
 * heart and soul to everything you do, between your *
 * work and your family. Are you giving your heart and *
 * soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance be- *
 * tween a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it *
 * cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program *
 * designed to bring couples closer together. For more *
 * information about a Retrouvaille Weekend Program *
 * February 11-13 2022 to register call 1-800-470-2230 Or *
 * www.helpourmarriage.org, www.retrouvaille.org last *
 * day to sign up January 30th 2022 *
 * *
 * Russ & Iva Bolling *
 * Retrouvaille of Nebraska Coordinators USA *
 * 1012 West 13 Street Grand Island NE 68801 *
 * 308-382-9112 *
 * nebraskaretrouvaille@gmail.com *
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Any bulletin information should be submitted to the parish center office no later than 2 pm on the Monday prior. You can email your information to Jenny at **hrcsecretary@bbc.net**. Questions, call Jenny 762-2009.

Parish Support

COLLECTION OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Adult	\$	14,752.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,330.00
Youth	\$	47.00
Plate	\$	388.50
Candles	\$	19.00
Building	\$	3,380.00
Building Insurance	\$	10.00
Christmas	\$	1,025.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	70.00
St. Bridget's support	\$	1,018.00
TOTAL	\$	23,039.50
Haiti	\$	145.00
Religious Retirement	\$	25.00
2021-2022 weekly budget	\$	11,538.46
Amount needed YTD	\$	288,461.50
Total Amount rec'd YTD	\$	243,479.99



Holy Rosary Parish/Alliance

Parish Goal: \$41,375
Total Raised: \$31,090
Total Received: \$27,653
Donor Goal: 120
Current No of Donors: 100

HELP!

Outreach Ministry is in need of volunteers to take communion to homebound parishioners. For more information and training call Theresa Dykes at 760-1122.

**TUNE IN TO ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
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We have begun our weekly sessions of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) with our candidates. We meet Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center Library. Please keep our candidates in your prayers. They are: Seth and Leslie Hulquist, Melody White, Jeff Maddox, Tracey Hamilton, Di-
anne Marstellar.

January 6 The Sacraments: An Introduction
Natalie Collins

ST. BRIDGET'S NEWS

Parish Support

December 19, 2021

Envelopes	\$	739.00
Plate	\$	104.00
Building	\$	40.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	5.00
TOTAL:	\$	888.00

2021-2022 weekly budget	\$	1,650.00
Amount needed YTD	\$	39,600.00
Actual Amount rec'd YTD	\$	41,024.87

Diocesan Appeal	Goal:	\$9,435.00
	Received:	\$2,835.00
	Needed:	\$6,600.00



Morning Prayer Service with Communion

Services on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.

January 5 Jeannine Gasseling
 January 12 Kathy Andersen



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JANUARY 9, 2022

LECTORS: Ellen Fester, Jennifer Gasseling
GREETERS: Ryan Gasseling family
ALTAR SERVERS: Libby Sorensen, Carlye Kresl
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jeannine Gasseling

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated a poinsettia in memory/honor of a loved one! It sure helps to make the church look festive for the Christmas celebrations!

Poinsettias given in honor/memory/thanksgiving of the following:

Mike & Betty Manning
 Catherine Smith
 Brett & Doris Elder & Family
 Louis, Victoria, Wilmer, Daniel & Kathleen, and Eugene Kriz
 Bruce Engel
 Joe & Eleen Kulas
 Jim Yardley
 Mike Hudson
 Judy Gonzales
 Wallace DeBryne
 Ken Andersen
 Todd Prochazka
 Virginia Campbell
 Dorothy & Anita Kulas
 Anton & Bessie Kulas



Faith Formation/CYO

There is a Snack/Meal Sign up by the door for Faith Formation/CYO. If you are able, please pick a date to help. Thank you to all who helped us in the first semester.



MONDAY, 7:15 am	JANUARY 3 Marian – Communion Service
TUESDAY, 7:15 am	JANUARY 4 Marian –Foland Children
WEDNESDAY, 9:00 am	JANUARY 5 PC GYM- Jared Cottrell
THURSDAY, 7:15 am	JANUARY 6 Marian –Sharon Jurado
FRIDAY, 7:15 am 10:00 am	JANUARY 7 Marian –Theresa Dykes Highland Park –Janet Williams
SATURDAY, 5:00 pm	JANUARY 8 Holy Rosary -John & Blanche Essay
SUNDAY, 8:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	JANUARY 9 St. Bridget's –Poor Souls Holy Rosary –People of the Parish Holy Rosary –Spanish –Eduardo Perez

++ WEEKEND ++ MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 8th & 9th, 2022

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Lectors

5:00 pm Ralph Yeager, Julie Kunzman
10:00 am Tim Devlin, Mona Vallejo

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Virginia Carr
10:00 am Rich Robb

Altar Servers

5:00 pm Andrew Benzel, Hannah Benzel
10:00 am Jackson Devlin, Keaton Mann

Greeters

5:00 pm Roger & Barbie Applegarth
10:00 am Roxane Foster, Polly Magdaleno

Music

5:00 pm No Music
10:00 am Renee & Sheena

Outreach Ministers

Meredith Erickson (1)
Joni Merrigan (2)

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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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