

# Catholic Churches of St. Mary, St. Joseph & St. Charles

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## Epiphany

January 3, 2021

### Mass Times

#### St. Mary

15 1st Ave NE

Deer River, MN

Sunday 8:30 AM  
 Tuesday 8:30 AM  
 Wednesday 8:30 AM  
 Thursday 8:30 AM  
 Friday 8:30 AM

#### St. Joseph

51061 Wolf Drive

Ball Club, MN

Saturday 4:00 PM

#### St. Charles

308 Central Ave N

Cass Lake, MN

Sunday 11:00 AM

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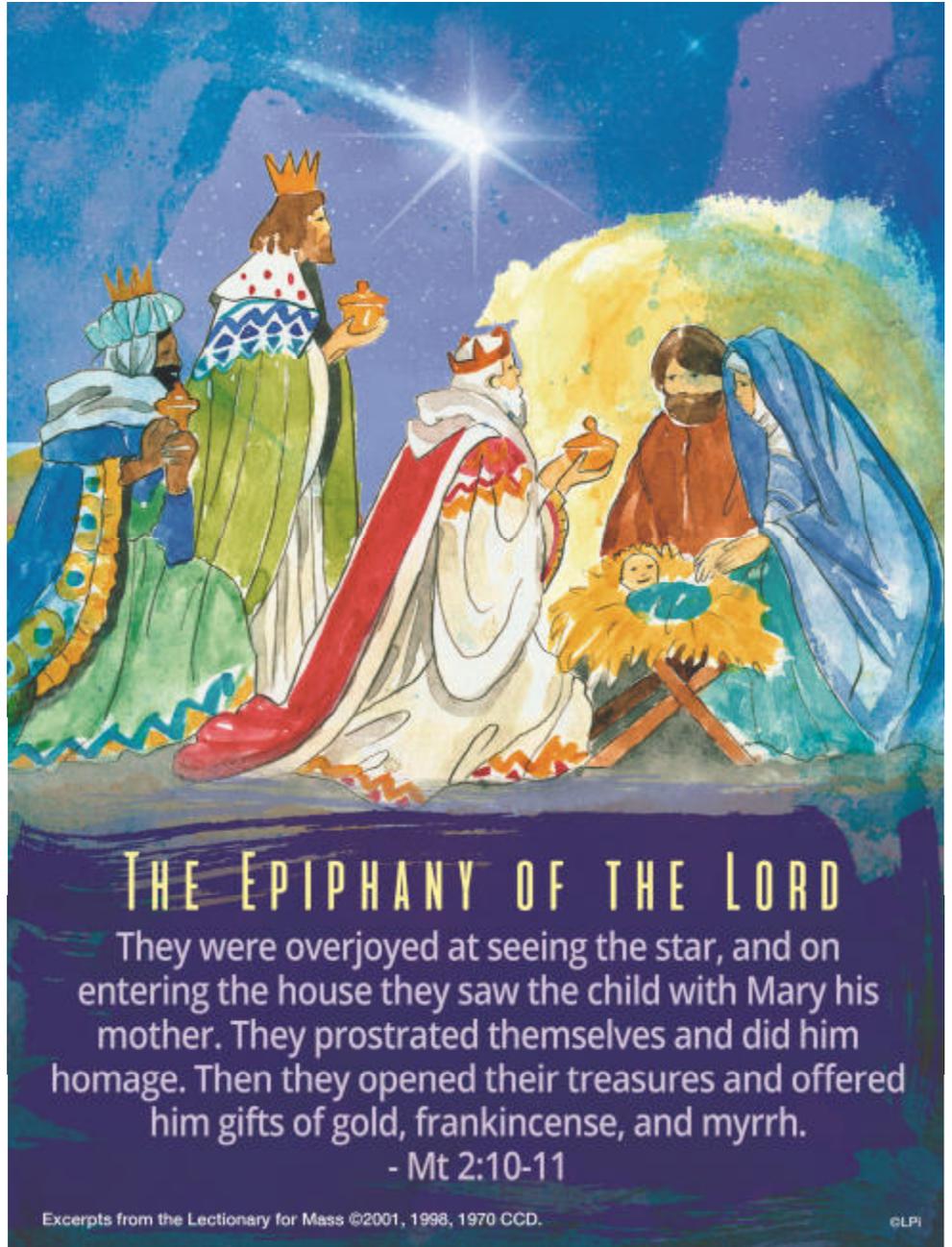
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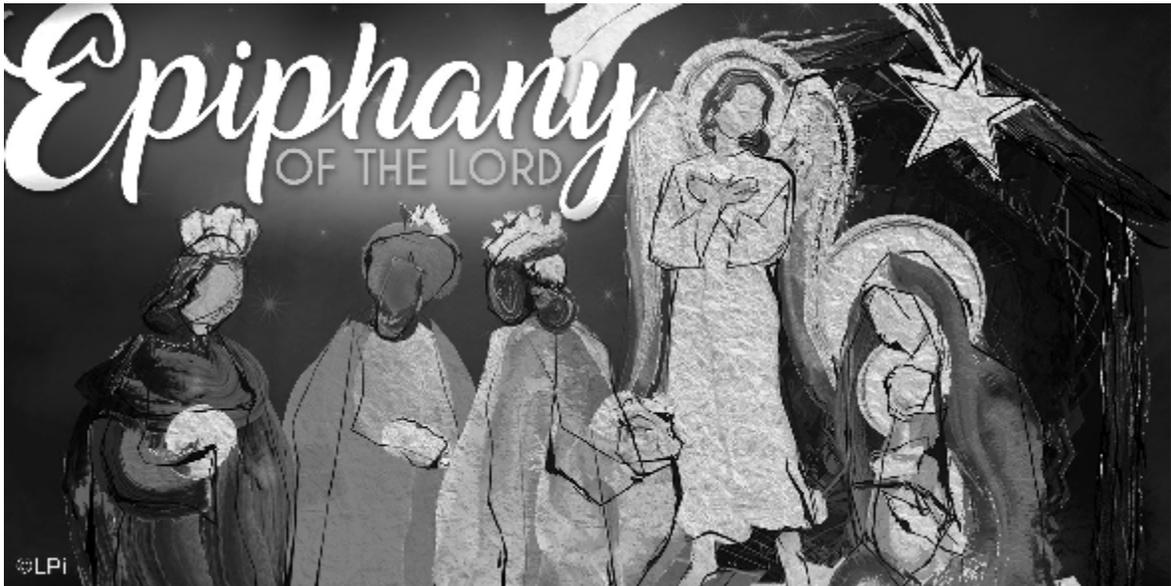
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## January 4—10

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	St. John Neu- mann, Bishop 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	St. Andre Bes- sette, Religious 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	3:30 Conf SJ 4 Mass SJ	The Baptism of the Lord 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 10:30 Conf SC 11 Mass SC
SJ = St. Joseph, Ball Club		SC= St. Charles, Cass Lake		SM=St. Mary, Deer River		



### The Epiphany of the Lord

“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 that 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

## Mass Intentions January 4—10

Mon Private Mass	Michelle Krystniak & Family	
Tues. 8:30	Robbin Miller †	SM
Wed. 8:30	Godchildren & Grandchildren of Lavonne Villeneuve	SM
Thur. 8:30	Michael Kulisek & Family	SM
Fri. 8:30	John Grauman †	SM
Sat. 4:00	Marc "Butch" Grauman †	SJ
Sun. 8:30	People of our Parish Cluster	SM
Sun. 11:00	Frank "Dan" Zentek †	SC



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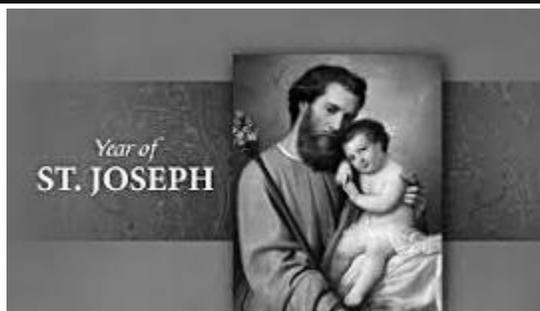
## 2021 Contribution Envelopes

The 2021 contribution envelopes are here. As these were ordered some time ago, there are envelopes for parishioners that have changed to online contributions. Please pick up your box as the second collection envelopes are included. If you give online and do not want boxed envelopes, please notify the office so we can make these changes for next year. If you do not receive envelopes and would like to please contact the office. We have extra boxes available. Contact office by phone, email, or drop a note in the collection basket located in the church. Thank you and God bless you for your continued financial support of our parishes.

## Holy Father's February Prayer Intention

*Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity*

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



## Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. He said he was establishing the year so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

He noted that this year marks the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on Dec. 8, 1870.

Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus.

"Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," the pope wrote.

He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers." The year begins Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021.

## Mass Intentions

Giving the gift of a Mass is a wonderful way to celebrate a variety of occasions in the lives of your family and friends.

You are able to submit Mass intentions through our online giving portal. Go to our parish websites listed on the front of the bulletin and click on online giving and follow the directions.

The white imprinted Mass intention envelope available at the church is for the mass stipend and information pertaining to the Mass. Mass Cards are available for you to send to the recipient of the Mass intention if applicable. Mass stipends are \$10 per Mass.



Helen Pfeifer, a devoted members of St. Mary's parish died December 16. Her funeral Mass was December 29. May she rest in peace.

### **St. Charles Prayer Requests**

Ray Abuan, Gloria Beaudreau, Bev Benson, Rod Benson, Charles Bush Jr., Michele Frazer, Alice Hickey, Beulah Holstein, Bob Karbowski, Daxtynn Kingbird, Bradley Kurtzell, Bernie Louks, Mike Morris, Maria & Ralph Patton, Ken & Evelyn Perrault, Christine Stenger, Connie Suchon, Deana Thomas, Ken & Sharon Vogel, Susie Finn White, Ruth Wittner

Please keep these people in your prayers. If you would like to be added to our prayer list please speak with Father KK, send us an email or drop a note in the collection basket. We appreciate the updates to help keep our information current.

**St. Mary's & St. Joseph's:** Prayer requests may be submitted to our prayer chain by calling Elaine at 218-246-8099. We have a great group of prayer warriors.



The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.



### **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. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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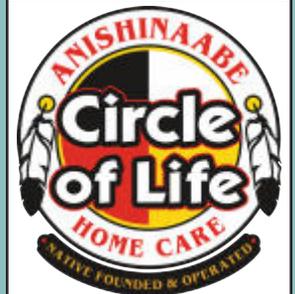
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