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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.—Mt 2:10-11a



A MESSAGE FROM FR PHIL

A Reflection, not a Sermon...
"Little Christmas," camels, hope as a light in the darkness, and wisdom to follow God's ways... these are the thoughts that come to me when I think of Epiphany.

This is the Eastern Church's "Big Christmas" as it focuses on these wise seekers from the East. The catchy phrase, often seen on church billboards, "Wise men still

seek him," alerts us to a longing for something more in each of us... Something that makes sense of a world shrouded in the darkness of greedy, power-hungry leaders and the wars that they stir up. There must be something, some one, who can make sense of it all.

The camels lead the Magi... strange, desert-adapted creatures with a plodding, determined gait. In the live nativity program in Springfield, they always steal the show. So out of place in the frozen northland, they seem docile yet stubbornly focused on playing their part. They carry the seekers and the gifts they bring. They yield to the Mystery much bigger than they can comprehend.

Having experienced the first big blizzard of the year we have known the darkness, the cold and the raw fear of powers beyond our control. We too seek a revelation, an inspiration and a direction that will give us hope. And it comes as a Star... a light for all peoples of every race and tongue. It brings warmth and love and understanding. It reveals the saving smiles on the faces of all of God's children. It is God's own smile on the Universe.

The wisdom to follow God's ways is embodied in the decision of the Magi to trust their dream and courageously disobey the greedy and devious King Herod. The risk of going against him was huge. He was known for his ruthless violence against anyone who stood in his way. Yet they bowed to the power and the loving way of the Tiny King that Herod could not accept and certainly not welcome or adore.

So this is Epiphany... a revelation, a sign of hope and an invitation to steadfastly follow the way that was illuminated by the heavenly gaze on a needy world.

Fr. Phil Schotzko



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30am	Confession, St. Paul	
8:00am	Mass, St. Paul	†Harvey Dorn
9:40am	Confession, St. Peter	
10:00am	Mass, St. Peter	†Keith DeVlaeminck
11:00am	Coffee & Donuts	

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00am Morning Bible Study

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:30am	Confession, St. Peter	
8:00am	Mass, St. Peter	†Dick Myhra
5:30pm	CDA Meeting	
5:30pm	Admin Council/Cemetery Meeting, St. Paul	

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30am	Confession, St. Paul	
8:00am	Mass, St. Paul	†Ron Michels
8:15am	Jl Prayer Service	
6:30pm	Youth Faith Formation	

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30am	Confession, St. Peter	
8:15am	Mass, St. Peter	†David Binczik
10:30am	Mass, Benedictine	†Maurice Thelemann
1-10pm	Adoration	
3:30pm	Confession, St. Peter	

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

No School

7:00am	Mass, St. Peter	†Vincent & Helen Dumdei
7:30am	Confessions, St. Peter	

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00am	Confessions, St. Peter	
3:00pm	Confession, St. Peter	
4:00pm	Mass, St. Peter	AFC Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am	Confession, St. Paul	
8:00am	Mass, St. Paul	†Ginny Stamps
9:40am	Confession, St. Peter	
10:00am	Mass, St. Peter	†Betty Wenner
11:00am	Coffee & Donuts	
6:30pm	AFC Mission with Fr Rolling, St. Peter	
7:00pm	Life Teen	

Please visit our website for Calendar updates.
Daily readings can be found in *The Word Among Us*.

If you would like to receive text messages for updates to the Daily Mass schedules text 81010 and message @83f479.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 ST. PETER - 4:00PM

Servers: *Lydia Yost, Dominic Yost, Elijah Yost

Lector: Shawn Schloesser

EM: Denise Attenberger

Gifts: Lisa Cummiskey

Ushers: Mike Betzing, Bob Genelin, Curt Thelen

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 ST. PAUL - 8:00AM

Servers: Damian Reyes, Marissa Rosin

Lector: Barb Holmin

Sacristan: Dcn Steve

Gifts: Clarice Rosin

Ushers: Randy Dorn, Dave Holcomb, Mike Holmin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 ST. PETER - 10:00AM

Servers: *Brianna Michels, Brandon Michels, Kaden Stauff

Lector: Deb Blaschko

EM: Volunteer Needed

Gifts: Kellen Friedrich Family

Ushers: Steve Carlson, Jeff Gilbertson, Aaron Peterson, Charles Johnson

PRAYERS FROM NICOLLET

THE SICK AND/OR HOMEBOUND

God is taking care of you. Carol Hillesheim, Helyna Mack, Shirley Michels, Daniel Podol, Pete Reinhart, Richard, Rob, Scott. *We pray for all who are ill or hospitalized.*

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Delores Schwan, Oaklawn, Mankato.

GROUP HOMES

Nadine Brown, James Weber.

ASSISTED LIVING

Millie Dorn, Pathstone, Mankato. Charlie and Dianne Epper, Sand Prairie, St. Peter. Carol Giefer, Oak Hills Living Center, New Ulm. Jack Miska, LeCenter. Mary Jo Weber, Oak Terrace, North Mankato. Cletus and Margie Wenner, Ecumen Prairie Hill, St. Peter. Clifford (Skip) Wenner, Oak Terrace, North Mankato.

LIVING HOPE in a world of dark places

With Father Brendan Rolling

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

What place do you live from? How do you view your life? If your outlook is broken, filled with worry, then you will live out of a place of anxiety, pessimism, and even disappointment. The world is full of dark places like these, but God wants to free you from brokenness. Christ died to set you free (Galations 5:1) and wants to fill you with "living hope" (1 Peter 1:3). He sends the Holy Spirit so you abound in hope (Romans 15:13). How can the Lord make this real for you?

Come to the mission! Each night discover a bias in your brokenness. Watch the Holy Spirit - Giver of Life, Guide and Advocate - renew your outlook. Living hope is within your reach!

JAN 14

4P - MASS IN ST. PETER

Father Rolling will give the Homily at all three masses

JAN 15

8A - MASS IN NICOLLET

10A - MASS IN ST. PETER

**6:30P - ADORATION,
FR. ROLLING PRESENTATION**

JAN 16

**6:30P - ADORATION,
FR. ROLLING PRESENTATION**

JAN 17

**6:30P ADORATION,
FR. ROLLING PRESENTATION**

Adoration and the Presentation by Father Rolling will be at the Church of St. Peter. Light refreshments will be served after.

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THE AFC MISSION NEEDS YOU

The Church of St. Paul will host the refreshments after the second night of the AFC Missions at the Church of St. Peter. There will be sign up sheets available to donate cookies and bars, or to volunteers to serve. Parishioners of St. Peter, be on the lookout for opportunities to support the first and third nights.

REAL LIFE CATHOLIC

Real Life Catholic host Chris Stefanick is a consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth. He is an internationally acclaimed author and speaker who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith. *Real Life Catholic* takes the viewer on a soul stirring journey that shows how amazing Faith makes every day life.

Episode 9 - Death with Dignity
St. Peter Public Access, Channel 7
5:30pm and 9pm on Wednesdays
10am on Thursdays



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Church of St. Peter and Surrounding Area

The Church of St. Peter Marriage Encounter (ME) community is scheduled to meet Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm. We will gather at Pat and Jodi Miller's home. Address is 43209 Co. Rd. 13, St. Peter, MN.

Marriage Encounter is for couples who value the sacrament of matrimony and want to continue to grow in their marriage. Monthly gatherings have social time, prayer, a lesson, individual couple dialogue, and sharing. The evening typically runs approximately two and a half hours.

All married couples who have experienced a World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend are invited to join.

Please RSVP to LuAnn and Brad Schloesser at cedarpostls@gmail.com or 507-934-4284.

COME, PRAY THE ROSARY

All are welcome to participate in praying the Rosary one half hour before Mass on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. It is prayed after mass on Fridays. If you are interested in leading the Rosary, please contact the office. We are looking for volunteers for Wednesdays and Sundays.



The Giving Wreath



Here is a note from one of the 38 applications received:

As I am filling out this application, my eyes are full of tears (of joy)! I am so grateful for the Church and the Giving Wreath project.

During delivery, two children were in awe and disbelief that Christmas was being delivered! It was very moving, knowing that these small packages brought so much joy to this family.

Thanks to your generosity, 94 individuals were able to experience the Joy of Christmas. Thank you for all your support in another successful Giving Wreath project.

HOME BLESSING

It is an ancient tradition to bless our homes at Epiphany with Holy Water and Blessed Chalk. Epiphany means not only the 3 Wise Men, but also the Baptism of the Lord – they used to be celebrated on the same day. Usually the father would write the blessing using the blessed chalk over each and every door going outside:

AD 20+C+M+B+23 which stands for "Anno Domini 2023-- Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar" and means "the three Holy Kings, Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar, in the year of Our Lord, 2023" are protecting this house against all evil spirits.

The letters C.M.B. also stand for **Christus Mansionem Benedicat = May Christ bless this house.** This tradition of blessing the doorways (with blessed chalk) symbolizes the family's commitment to welcome Christ into their homes on a daily basis throughout the year.

Chalk, bottles of Holy Water and the Home Blessing prayer for the Feast of the Epiphany sheets are available for you in the entry way.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Due to early publication deadlines and weather, the numbers will be reported in the January 15th bulletin.

AMAZON SMILE Support the Church of St. Peter/John Ireland School by shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). Search and select "Church of St. Peter" in St. Peter.

RAISE RIGHT (SCRIP) The scrip program has formally changed its name to Raise Right. It is the same program, and you can continue to purchase online during school break.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

Our next meeting is January 10th starting with the Living Rosary. We hope your holidays were blessed.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Helen B, Ginger B, Aden S, Woody Z, Bill J, Rosie J, Jennifer T, Lena C, Bob G, Steve M and Brian L who helped clean the Church of St. Peter on Wednesday, December 21st. Your time and elbow grease are greatly appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

If you are interested in joining the Knights, join us at a meeting to learn more. Please contact Bill Leonard at 507-995-9567 if you have any questions. The 4th Degree will be meeting on January 19th.



COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please join us in the Social Hall this Sunday for coffee, donuts and socializing after Mass.



SERVANT OF GOD LEONARD LARUE

Saving over 14,000 Korean refugees during the Korean war in what is still the largest marine rescue in the history of the world, Servant of God Leonard LaRue's bravery and love of the Lord inspired his cause for sainthood to be opened in 2021.

Prayer for the Cause of Capt. LaRue/ Brother Marinus, O.S.B.

God, our Father, Creator of the seas, Protector of refugees, and all those in need, You called Captain Leonard LaRue to recognize Your Son Jesus Christ in the faces of the Korean refugees, and led him as Brother Marinus to a life of prayer and service in the tradition of St. Benedict. May his life be an inspiration to us and lead us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may

continue his work of caring for the people of the sea, welcoming those who are refugees from war, and deepening all the faithful in their prayer and work of service. We humbly ask that You glorify Your servant Captain Leonard LaRue/ Brother Marinus, O.S.B. on earth according to the design of Your holy will, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Thank you to those who donated TO THE NICOLLET CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FUND

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Reconciliation See Calendar

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