

JANUARY 2, 2022 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:30pm SUNDAY: 7am | 9am | 11am 1:30pm (en español)

RECONCILIATION

No confession on Friday, December 31 SATURDAY: 3:30-4:30pm or by appt.

A KING TO BEHOLD: SCOTT HAHN REFLECTS ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

An "epiphany" is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today's Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting "a ruler of Israel" who will "shepherd his flock" and whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth" (see Micah 5:1–3).

Those promises of Israel's king ruling the nations resound also in today's Psalm. The psalm celebrates David's son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch "to the ends of the earth," and the world's kings will pay Him homage. That's the scene too in today's First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing "gold and frankincense" for Israel's king.

The Magi's pilgrimage in today's Gospel marks the fulfillment of God's promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the "kings of the earth" (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6, 4:6, 14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are "co-heirs" of the royal family of Israel, as today's Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: Will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and the scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?



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RECONCILIATION Friday: 11am-Noon

Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

- † Indicates Deceased
- W Indicates Well-being

MONDAY, JANUARY 3 No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

7am	†	Luanne Russell			
8am	†	Rosemary Rasmussen (St. Martin)			
12:10pm	†	JoAnn Wagner			
WEDNESE	, JANUARY 5				
7am	W	Casey McKee			
8am		Mass at St. Martin			
12:10pm	†	Paul & Margaret Boyle			
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6					
7am	†	Reginal LeBrun			
8am		Mass at St. Martin			
12:10pm	†	Fr. Tom Hillenbrand			
FRIDAY, JA	FRIDAY, JANUARY 7				
7am	†	Breen & Beverly Kennelly			
8am		Mass at St. Martin			
12:10pm †		No Mass			
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8					
8:30am		No Intentions			
5:30pm	W	Parishioners			
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9					
7am	†	Kelly Lane			
9am	R	Patricia Cihak			
11am	W	All Priests and Bishops			
1:30pm	W	No Intentions			

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

OUR COMMUNITY

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SCOREBOARD

WEEKLY BUDGETED EXPENSE:	\$22,373.27
WEEKEND:	DECEMBER 18-19, 2021
COLLECTION:	\$24,900.46
DIFFERENCE:	\$2,527.19

PRAYERS & PASTORAL NEEDS

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED: Please pray for Bailey Schemp, daughter of David and Amber Schemp. Bailey was welcomed into the church on Sunday, December 26th!

OUR DECEASED: We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Kelly Lane.

OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND: We pray for Cathy and Wilma Curtin, Russ Arnold, Dennis Amburn, Elke Kopriva, Maverick Mickelson Wagner, Bruce Anderson, Ron Drimmel, and all those who are homebound, in assisted living, or chronically ill.

OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY: We pray for Joseph Matejcik, Tyler Ghents, Christopher Bradshaw, and all military members.

IN MEMORY OF...

Vincent & Edna Durkin by Tom & Cathy Durkin Shroll, McDaniel and Haight Families by Arlys Haight Megan Ann Shepherd by Lee & Ann Shepherd Salvatore & Gloria DiMaria by David & Chris DiMaria Amy Katherine Munoz by Angel & Barb Munoz Don & Regina Iverson by Sid & Carol Pond Bill & Adelaide Pond by Sid & Carol Pond

IN HONOR OF...

Theodore & Elena Malo by David & Chris DiMaria Al Lammers by Ken & Marlene Heisterkamp

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HOMEBOUND & LONG-TERM CARE MINISTRY

If you or someone you know are at home for an extended period of time or in a care facility and would like to receive Communion, pray the Rosary, or have a visit from a priest, please contact Dianne Aultmann at (call) 605.787.5637 (call/text) 605.431.8125 if in a Long-term Care facility and Joan Brost at (call/text) 605.381.4478 if homebound. You can also email at homebound@blessedsacramentchurch.org. Please let us know if we can minister to you in any way.

SCRIPTURE R	EADINGS Daily readings can also be found at: <u>usccb.org</u>
MONDAY:	1 JN 3:22-4:6; PS 2:7BC-8, 10-12A; MT 4:23; MT 4:12-17, 23-25
TUESDAY:	1 JN 4:7-10; PS 72:1-4, 7-8; LK 4:18; MK 6:34-44
WEDNESDAY:	1 JN 4:11-18; PS 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; 1 TM 3:16; MK 6:45-52
THURSDAY:	1 JN 4:19-5:4; PS 72:1-2, 14, 15BC, 17; LK 4:18; LK 4:14-22
FRIDAY:	1 JN 5:5-13; PS 147:12-15, 19-20; MT 4:23; LK 5:12-16
SATURDAY:	1 JN 5:14-21; PS 149:1-6A, 9B; MT 4:16; JN 3:22-30
NEXT SUNDAY:	IS 42:1-4, 6-7; PS 29:1-4, 9-10; ACTS 10:34-38; LK 3:15-16, 21-22

PARISH SCHEDULE				
Monday, January 3				
8:45 AM	Room 107	Mothers' Bible Study		
5:30 PM	Room 25	Art & Architecture Group		
5:30 PM	Room 107	Corpus Christi Choir Rehearsal		
6:30 PM	Room 22	Art & Architecture Group		
5:30 PM	Room 107	Art & Architecture Group		
6:30 PM	Room 29	Cursillo		
6:30 PM	Room 20	AA Meeting		
Tuesday, January 4				
7:45 AM	Room 29	St. Ignatius Prayer Group		
7:45 AM	Chapel	Flame of Love Rosary		
9:00 AM	Theater	Women's Bible Study		
6:00 PM	Room 107	Baptism Class (Class 1 of 3)		
6:00 PM	Theater	RCIA Class		
6:30 PM	Room 107	Choir Rehearsal		
6:30 PM	Room 16	Knights of Columbus Meeting		
Wednesday, January 5				
7:30 AM	Room 107	BSC Prayer Group		
9:30 AM	Room 107	Art & Architecture Group		
12:45 PM	Room 107	Brown Bag Scripture Study		
Thursday, January 6				
6:00 AM	Room 107	Men's Cor Ad Cor		
7:30 AM	Church	Dusting Angels		
8:00 AM	Room 6	Quilters		
10:30 AM	Room 29	Cor Ad Cor		
10:30 AM	Room 107	Women's Cor Ad Cor		
1:00 PM	Main Area	Just Let Us Card Group		
Friday, January 7	Iviuiii Iiicu	Just Let es card Group		
9:00 PM	Parish Hall	Life Teen Lock-In		
12:45 PM	Room 107	Women's Cursillo		
Saturday, January 8				
7:30 AM	Room 107	Men's Cursillo Teen		
10:00 AM	Room 107	Maria Munoz Bible Study		
3:00 PM	Room 107	Idle Wild Association		
6:45 PM	Theater	Town Hall Meeting		
Sunday, January 9				
6:00 AM	Parish Hall	KC Pancake Breakfast		
9:00 AM	Office Area	Breaking Open the Word		
10:30 AM	Theater	First Sacraments, Year 2 Meeting		
6:00 PM	Parish Hall	Cursillo Ultreya		
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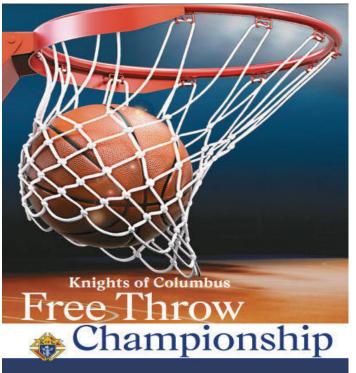
ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNIGHT-LY NEWS

Knight of Wine will take place on Friday, February 25th. Tickets are (GA) \$50.00 each. Contact Sir Knight James Schaefers at 605-430-7131 or purchase tickets online at kofc8844.org.

Join us on January 4th at 6pm for a Rosary in the chapel, followed by the Knights meeting at 6:30pm. All degrees are welcome to attend. Deacon Larry will be providing a meal before the meeting begins.

The 8th Annual Golf Tournament, held in support of the Colton Derr Foundation, will take place on Sunday, July 17th at Prairie Ridge Golf Course. William Winch is seeking donations for prizes and corporate sponsorships for the event. Each of the 18 holes of golf will feature sponsors' names and logos. Hole sponsorship is \$250. For more info, contact William Winch at 920-222-5937.



The Free Throw Championship will be held on January 9th at the St. Thomas More High School Gym. The competition will start at 1pm, with registration beginning at 12:30pm. A parent must be present for registration. This competition is open to boys and girls ages 9-14 and is free of charge.



THE BIBLE TIMELINE

Join Deacon Larry Kopriva for a walk through Salvation History. The Bible Timeline study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end, giving you the keys to understand the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. The Bible Timeline group will meet on Thursdays from 6-7:30pm in the Theatre, starting January 13th.

BELOVED MARRIAGE STUDY

BELOVED uncovers the mystery and the meaning of the sacrament of marriage. What if marriage is more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your



humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage? BELOVED invites all couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do." BELOVED begins on Wednesday, January 19th from 6-7pm in Room 107.

LIFE TEEN LOCK-IN (GRADES 8-12)

Join us for games, contests, social time, a movie, and prayer on Friday, January 7th from 9pm-9am. We'll end with a pancake breakfast in the morning. Contact Matt Marchand to sign up!

DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Diocese of Rapid City is conducting a strategic plan for the next twenty years. Each parish is asked to hold a town hall meeting to introduce this process. Due to our parish size, we will be holding two town hall meetings. Our meetings will be held in the Theater on January 8th at 7pm and January 16th after the 11am Mass. In anticipation of this meeting, please review the following principles ("Values as Proposed by the Committee") and be prepared to comment at the upcoming meeting.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON JANUARY 9 Proceeds go to tornado relief efforts organized by St. Jerome Catholic Church in Fancy Farm, KY.

VALUES AS PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE

- We believe that the Holy Spirit is leading the planning process.
- We will observe all relevant norms of Church doctrine and law.
- We will not presume that the way it has always been, is the way that it must be. Under the direction of the Holy Spirit, we will learn and be open to change as we engage this process.
- Every effort will be made to provide opportunities for all members of the parish to be aware of and involved in the planning process.
- The strategic pastoral plan should include proposals for the recruitment, formation, affirmation and support for priests, deacons, religious, and lay leadership for ministry and parishes.
- We acknowledge that not every part of the diocese, especially mission territory, functions according to the norms that typically govern parish structure and life. We will respect this diversity, and work as one body to meet the needs of all.
- The weekend Mass will remain central to our planning efforts.
- The support and nurture of healthy, viable parishes is paramount to our efforts.
- Parish priests should not say more than four weekend Masses (2 per day).
- Priests will not be asked or expected to serve beyond the canonical age of seventy-five.
- Considering the vast distances and small populations in much of our diocese, we will strive to balance the distance the faithful drive to attend Mass, the distance the priest drives to provide Mass, and the distances at which priests live from one another.
- If the parish church can accommodate everyone in one Mass unnecessary duplication of weekend Masses for the convenience of people will be avoided.



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