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## MASS

### SATURDAY

4:30pm @ Parish Comm Center  
6995 Centerville Road, Centerville

### SUNDAY

8:30am @ St. John's Site  
14363 Forest Boulevard N, Hugo  
10:30am @ Parish Comm Center  
6995 Centerville Road, Centerville

### WEDNESDAY

8:00am @ St. Genevieve church

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:00pm  
@ St. Genevieve church  
or by appt. at 651-429-7937



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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

## Reflect

### 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:

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?**

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## SHARING YOUR GIFTS

Like the wise men, you have gifts to share! Volunteer to help out at Mass by serving as Sacristan, Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Video Desk Operator or Live Stream Operator. The next schedule begins January 22. All liturgical minister date requests are due this Wednesday, January 5.

## STAYING SAFE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Let's work together to keep everyone healthy so we can safely worship together this Christmas season.

- *If you are sick, please stay home.* Stay home if you exhibit flu-like symptoms or have know COVID-19 exposure. (Our Saturday, 4:30pm Mass is livestreamed and uploaded to YouTube to watch at home.)
- *Wear a mask.* The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently recommends wearing a mask in crowded, indoor spaces regardless of vaccination status.
- *Follow best hygiene practices* by washing your hands, using hand sanitizer, and covering coughs and sneezes.

## THANKS FROM THE CCW

A HUGE thank you to those who made the ***Homemade from the Heart*** craft and bake sale such a HUGE success! A special thanks to all the crafters, bakers, decorators, hospitality workers and all who attended the event. We are proud to announce that through all your hard work, donations and purchases, the sale made close to **\$2,500!** All these proceeds have been donated to the Centennial and Hugo food shelves. What a fabulous donation during this sacred time. Thanks again!  
~St. Gen's Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

## NEW YEAR'S BLESSING PRAYER FOR CLOCKS AND CALENDARS

*Lord, You who live outside of time, and reside in the imperishable moment, we ask Your blessing this New Year upon Your gift to us of time.*

*Bless our clocks and watches, You who kindly direct us to observe the passing of minutes and hours.*

*May they make us aware of the miracle of each second of life we experience.*

*May these our ticking servants help us not to miss that which is important, while You keep us from machine-like routine.*

*May we ever be free from being clock watchers and instead become time lovers.*

*Bless our calendars, these ordered lists of days, weeks and months, of holidays, holydays, fasts and feasts—all our special days of remembering.*

*May these servants, our calendars, once reserved for the royal few, for magi and pyramid priests, now grace our homes and our lives.*

*May they remind us of birthdays and other gift-days, as they teach us the secret that all life is meant for celebration and contemplation.*

*Bless, Lord, this new year, each of its 365 days and nights.*

*Bless us with new moons and full moons.*

*Bless us with happy seasons and a long life.*

*Grant to us, Lord, the new year's gift of a year of love. Amen. ~Edward Hays*



## MUSIC NOTES

The Feast of Epiphany is a wondrous occasion. Truly! The Magi traveled hundreds of miles on camels to Bethlehem in order to pay homage to the baby Jesus. Would you travel hundreds of miles on a camel to see a baby? Probably not... unless you were feeling the power of God! And what about these wise men? Though we typically think there were only three wise men, it is believed that the magi traveled in larger groups as they carried great wealth and it would have been quite dangerous to do so otherwise. So, who decided there were three? Western tradition has set it at three most likely because of the three kinds of gifts named in the Bible: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Eastern tradition has 12 magi visiting Jesus. The Bible does not say how many magi were there. I guess we'll never really know but I think the three kings we commonly sing about sufficiently represent any and all who might have actually been present at the infant Jesus' bedside. Sometimes we don't need to know everything. Sometimes we just need to know enough! Have a blessed Epiphany weekend! *Laura*

## YOGA

The next Yoga Devotion session **begins Jan 10** (7 wks) at a cost of \$63. Men and women are invited to participate on **Mondays, 5:00-6:00pm** at the St. Genevieve Parish Community Center. You do not need to be a parishioner to participate. To register, send your \$63 check written out to St. Genevieve's ("Yoga" on the memo line) to: Church of St. Genevieve, 7087 Goiffon Rd Centerville MN 55038

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**Preschool and Kindergarten Information Evening**

Monday, January 10—6:00pm

**Open House (Preschool – Grade 8)**

Sunday, January 30—10:30am-12:30pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 5** - St. Genevieve church  
8:00am A parishioner's family members

**SATURDAY, JAN 8** - Parish Community Center  
4:30pm Joan M. †

**SUNDAY, JAN 9** - St. John's site  
8:30am For our Parish

**SUNDAY, JAN 9** - Parish Community Center  
10:30am For our Parish

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Saturday, Jan 8 - 4:30pm (Parish Comm Ctr)**

Sacristan—T. Hoang

Lector—J. Scheidnes

EMs—J. Nistler, D. Faymerville, C. Wurzer

Ushers—M. Bartel, B. Fahnhorst, Jim Peters

Livestream—C. Wurzer Video Desk—S. Bever

**Sunday, Jan 9 - 8:30am (St. John's site)**

Sacristan—K. Scanlan

Lector—S. Irlbeck

EMs—K. Scanlan, S. Irlbeck, K. Newell

Ushers—N. Sivula, J. Crowley, T. Scanlan

**Sunday, Jan 9 - 10:30am (Parish Comm Ctr)**

Sacristan—B. Daly

Lector—S. Wilson

EMs—R. Peterson, B. Daly, J. McCarthy

Ushers—J. McCarthy, D. McCarthy, W. Shushelnycky

Video Desk—J. Bieniek

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### Sunday Collection

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Flowers:	\$ 20.00	Bldg Upkeep:	\$ 30.00
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### Electronic Giving

Sunday:	\$ 5,333.00	Grow Parish:	\$ 110.00
Food Shelf:	\$ 60.00	Fam Shelter:	\$ 5.00
Flowers:	\$ 120.00	Rel Retire:	\$ 450.00
Cath Relief:	\$ 50.00		

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## 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 ©LPI

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday (3)

6:30 pm Music Ministry - PCC

7:00 pm Men's Club - FH

### Tuesday (4)

6:30 pm Faith Formation Advisory Comm - FFC

7:00 pm AA Meeting - STJ

### Wednesday (5)

8:00 am Mass - STG

6:30 pm Faith Formation Grades 6-8 - FFC

6:30 pm Faith Formation Preschool-Grade 5 - CVE

### Thursday (6)

6:30 pm Maintenance Comm Mtg - STJ

7:00 pm AA Meeting - STG

### Friday (7)

### Saturday (8)

9:00 am Reconciliation Retreat - PCC

3:30 pm Reconciliation - STG (3:30-4:00pm)

4:30 pm Mass - PCC

### Sunday (9)

8:30 am Mass/Children's Liturgy of the Word-STJ

10:30 am Mass/Children's Liturgy of the Word-PCC

**STJ** - St. John's site, Hugo

**FH** - Fortin Hall (St. John's site), Hugo

**PCC** - Parish Community Center, Centerville

**STG** - St. Genevieve church, Centerville

**PO** - Parish Office, Centerville

**FFC** - Faith Formation Center, Centerville

**CVE** - Centerville Elementary School, Centerville

## READINGS - Week of January 2

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/  
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/  
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/  
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/  
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a  
and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/  
Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## THANK YOU, PARISHIONERS

We received thank you letters for contributions to the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development* and *World Mission Sunday*. Your generous donations totaled \$2,007 and \$1,523, respectively. As one of the letters stated, "...what an important message of hope during the pandemic struggles."

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