



JANUARY 2, 2022

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.
- Mt 2:10-11

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis
 10:30 a.m. at Sts. Mary & Joseph
Tues—Fri: 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. at St. Francis
Sunday: 10:05 a.m. at Saints Mary & Joseph
 or any time by appointment

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FROM FR. JOËL

Beginning 2022 – Resolving to give our lives to Jesus.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord; that is, the event when Jesus' presence as the newborn king was made known to the world through the visit of the magi. Like at Jesus' birth we are offered a time of renewed encounter with Jesus and His love for us on this day as He is revealed to the world. At the same time, as this day arrives on what is the second day of a new calendar year, we likewise have opportunity to give ourselves to Jesus in a renewed way – asking that the new year be a time of greater union with Him in our lives.

Two years ago on January 1, 2020, I remember proposing to those whom I served at the time the idea of a "2020 vision." Within this 2020 vision, I put forth that unity with Christ and awareness of His presence in all the aspects of our lives could be increased by very simple and definite ways of living our faith. In particular, I proposed five particular actions as ways to increase our relationship with Jesus: 1) an increase of devotion to the Holy Eucharist; 2) regular confession; 3) praying daily with the Sacred Scriptures; 4) willingly embracing regular acts of self-denial, such as fasting and/or abstaining from meat on every Friday of the year; and 5) greater devotion to the Virgin Mary, especially through praying the Rosary daily. Though it was soon after proposing this vision that all of us were thrown into the very difficult situation of the COVID-19 pandemic (as it was in March 2020 that lockdowns came and Masses were suspended), surely the Lord is providentially at work bringing about a greater good in all of this.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and invite you to join us in all endeavors. Please call the office to register.

BAPTISMS:

Please call parish office to make arrangements at least one month prior to the proposed date of Baptism. Preparation session required for parents of first-born child.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Contact the pastor no later than nine months prior to the requested marriage date. Interview and marriage preparation classes are required.

ONLINE GIVING:

Is being encouraged. Instructions available on our website. Questions? Call Kristi Salls

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Josh Stinar, Tara Lamo, Billy Cockriel, David Sell, Jacob Eggert, Daniel Eggert, Jacob Larson, Justin Lake, Brandon Lucas

PARISH PRAYER CHAINS:

Saint Francis:
Call Louise Jones at 879-5265,
Saints Mary & Joseph:
Call Jen Ninneman at 393-0464

FROM FR. JOEL (CONTINUED)

I share with you my reflection on a 2020 vision for three purposes. First of all, as we continue to live in times of uncertainty, the five actions listed in this vision remain as firm of foundation as ever in allowing Jesus Christ to become ever more present in our lives. In fact, I say with conviction that the continued acceleration of events in the world has made these ways even more firm – for as life itself and its many circumstances continue to change (often becoming more difficult), the surety that comes to us through Jesus Christ, the sacraments, and the life of faith in Him all remain true. By faithfulness to these ways of living, we can be assured that Jesus Christ abides in us and sustains us, helping us in whatever way we need – minding that Jesus never promised this life to be an easy ride, but that he did promise that He is with us always to the end of the age no matter what may come in this life (see Matthew 28:20).

Second, since many are accustomed to making “New Year’s resolutions,” what more meaningful resolution can be made than to give ourselves more fully to Jesus Christ? Indeed, while each day can be a chance to renew our faith, making such an act in specific moments aids us in remaining true (just as any promise we have formally made helps us to stay committed).

Finally, and related to the second, making any resolution with others who are doing the same helps us stay firm in our resolve. Just as any successful team works together toward a common goal with each member being true to their own part, so too when we as faithful followers of Jesus have a common purpose and commit together to living our faith more firmly, we aid one another in staying true and share together the fruits of our commitment.

To that end, as we see Jesus revealed today, I encourage all to see this moment as opportunity to more firmly commit to Jesus in our lives by taking up the five areas of what was once called a 2020 vision – that in 2022 and beyond we would rely more fully on Jesus and together be able to live in this broken world with trust that Jesus is always with us, whether in good or bad times, and no matter what may come.

Blessings, Father Joel Hastings

WEEKLY COLLECTION

SF DECEMBER 18 TH /19 TH		SMJ DECEMBER 18 TH /19 TH	
Envelopes:	\$2,077.00	Envelopes:	\$1,002.00
Plate:	\$779.00	Plate:	\$83.00
Total:	\$2,856.00	Total:	\$1,085.00
UCA:	\$25.00	UCA:	\$335.00

UCA Total as of Dec. 19 th	\$17,455.11	UCA Total as of Dec. 19 th	\$8,880.26
UCA Goal for 2021	\$23,826.00	UCA Goal for 2021	\$8,911.36

(Online giving included) Please only one check per individual envelope.

Items and Announcements for the weekly bulletin must be received by Noon on Monday, in writing at the church office or through the parish email: stfmj catholic@gmail.com



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805. After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph’s Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter’s Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of “saint.”

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, January 2 — 8:30 am (SF) - Stacy & Michael Desmond
10:30 am (SMJ) - † Thomas Kuberka
TUESDAY, January 4 — 8:30 am (SF) - Steven Jones
WEDNESDAY, January 5 — 8:30 am (SF) - † Bob Armstrong
THURSDAY, January 6 — 8:30 am (SF) - † Stephen & Rosean Antus
FRIDAY, January 7 — 8:30 am (SF) - Madeline Kayser
SATURDAY, January 8 — 4:00 pm (SF) - Vance Greene
SUNDAY, January 9 — 8:30 am (SF) - All Parishioners
10:30 am (SMJ) - † Josephine Foucault

TO OFFER MASS INTENTIONS At every Mass, a special intention is offered. Mass intentions can be requested to honor the memory of someone, the memory of a certain date, for someone who is ill, or just needs prayers through parish office or directly to Father. Currently there are very few masses scheduled for individual intentions for the year. A \$10 donation is suggested as per Diocese regula-

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY - January 2

9:15 am Grade 6th-8th & Confirmation at Sts. Mary & Joseph
No Faith Formation at St. Francis (Christmas Break)

TUESDAY - January 4

WEDNESDAY - January 5

11:00 am Mass at Interfaith Care Center
6:00 pm-7:15 pm 6th-11th grade Faith Formation

THURSDAY - January 6

9:00 am- Legion of Mary at St. Francis
9:00 am-1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Francis

SUNDAY - January 9

9:15 am K-5th Grade Faith Formation at Sts. Mary & Joseph
9:40 am Pre-K-5th Grade Faith Formation at St. Francis



FLOCKNOTE: To receive emails and text message announcements from the parish, sign up today — go on our parish website, www.stfmjatholic.org and click the "Flocknote" logo to get started.

THIS WEEK:

Merry Christmas to all! As we are hopefully able to spend time with family, perhaps we are looking for a good Catholic-based movie. FORMED offers several movies (many stories of saints included) along with documentaries on truths of the faith. "The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas" is one such documentary that invites us to deeper faith and keeping of this holy season. Find it at <https://watch.formed.org/the-story-of-the-nativity-the-truth-of-christmas>

TO SIGN UP:

1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter our parish zip or name
3. Enter your name and email



The Guild wants to thank everyone who helped buy gifts for the Salvation Army and the Nursing Home. Also it was a terrific auction and pot luck put on by the Guild. The next meeting will be February 1st.

Readings for the week of January 2, 2022

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 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

If you or someone you know who is not Catholic is interested in entering the Catholic Church, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Joel, Deacon Steve, or Deacon Bryan (our contact info is on the front of the bulletin) to learn more about initiation into the Church and the way to accomplish this initiation.

Saints Mary and Joseph Log Church Tour

See the Oldest Altar in existence in the Diocese of Duluth and the beautiful Saint Kateri Tekakwitha "Lily of the Mohawks" shrine. The second oldest church in the Diocese is on the National Register of Historic Sites. Narrated tours are available by contacting Deacon Bryan Bassa at 879-6933. Please visit our website a www.stkaterisawyer.com for more info.



ATTENTION! Memorial Blood Center has asked St. Francis to host a blood drive on Tuesday, January 11th from 10 am-6 pm. Lets fill as many spots as we can. To donate please call Cecelia Anderson at 393-0589



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