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St. John the Baptist Parish

SACRAMENTS

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SATURDAYS AT 3:00 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

BAPTISM

BAPTISMS ARE USUALLY HELD
AFTER THE SUNDAY 10:00 AM MASS

MARRIAGE

PLEASE CONTACT EITHER PRIEST AT THE RECTORY
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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. Then they opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



Sacraments and other events

Sat., Jan. 2, 2021

4:00 pm Linda and Steve Bauman & family,
req. by the Leonard family

Sun., Jan. 3, 2021

10:00am For all the parishes in our diocese,
req. by the parish

Mon. Jan. 4, 2021

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield

Tues. Jan. 5, 2021

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield

Wed. Jan. 6, 2021

*No Wed. Masses at either St. John's or St. Joseph's.
Masses in the nearby parishes:*

8:00 am Mass, *Mary, Queen of the Rosary in Spencer*

8:00 am Mass, *Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,
W. Brookfield*

Thurs., Jan. 7, 2021

8:30 am For all missionaries, req. by the parish

Fri., Jan. 8, 2021

8:30 am For Berniece Chevarie, (*Fr. Don's cousin*)
req. by her husband Dolphe

Sat., Jan. 9, 2021

4:00 pm For George and Cecile Chapdelaine,
req. by the family

Sun., Jan. 10, 2021

10:00am For Ernest Berthiaume (2nd anniv.)
req. by Priscilla Berthiaume

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

- 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 [8ab]/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/
Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17
[cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/
Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b
[cf. 4a]/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/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1- 11/
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Afraid of the Light?

“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!

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A Christmas Thank You

Fr. Don, Fr. Bill, Fr. Rich and Fr. George would like to thank all parishioners who offered each of them wonderful Christmas gifts, food, cards, and good wishes during this Christmas season. They ask that God bless each of those parishioners greatly for their thoughtfulness, kindness, and generosity!



Religious Ed. Upcoming Schedule

Jan. 3rd no classes
 Jan. 10th 9am Grade 9/10
 and 11am Grade 2
 Jan. 17th 9am Grade 7
 Jan. 24 9am Grade 9/10
 and 11am Grade 2

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



Scratch Tickets Raffle

We are having a new fundraiser for January, a Scratch Ticket Raffle. The Grand Prize will be a book of 50 \$30.00 scratch tickets. The 2nd prize is \$200, and the 3rd prize is \$100. Chances are \$20.00. If you would like more tickets, please call the parish office. Given the current season, remember that this would make a great present.

The deadline for the ticket returns is Friday, Jan. 29th. The drawing will take place on Sunday, Jan. 31st.

Parish Support

December 19-20, 2020

Weekly	\$ 1,073.00
Christmas	\$ 215.00
Fuel	\$ 10.00
Monthly	\$ 983.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 60.00
Giving Tree	\$ 40.00
Food Pantry	\$ 150.00
Toys for Joy	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your continued support !



Legacy of Hope Update

Our parish has received pledges totaling \$ 56,315.00. If you have yet to make your pledge, please complete the donor's card and mail it directly to the Diocese. You may also drop it off at the rectory or place it in the collection basket. We thank those who have already made their pledge in this campaign.

*Christmas Flower Envelopes
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