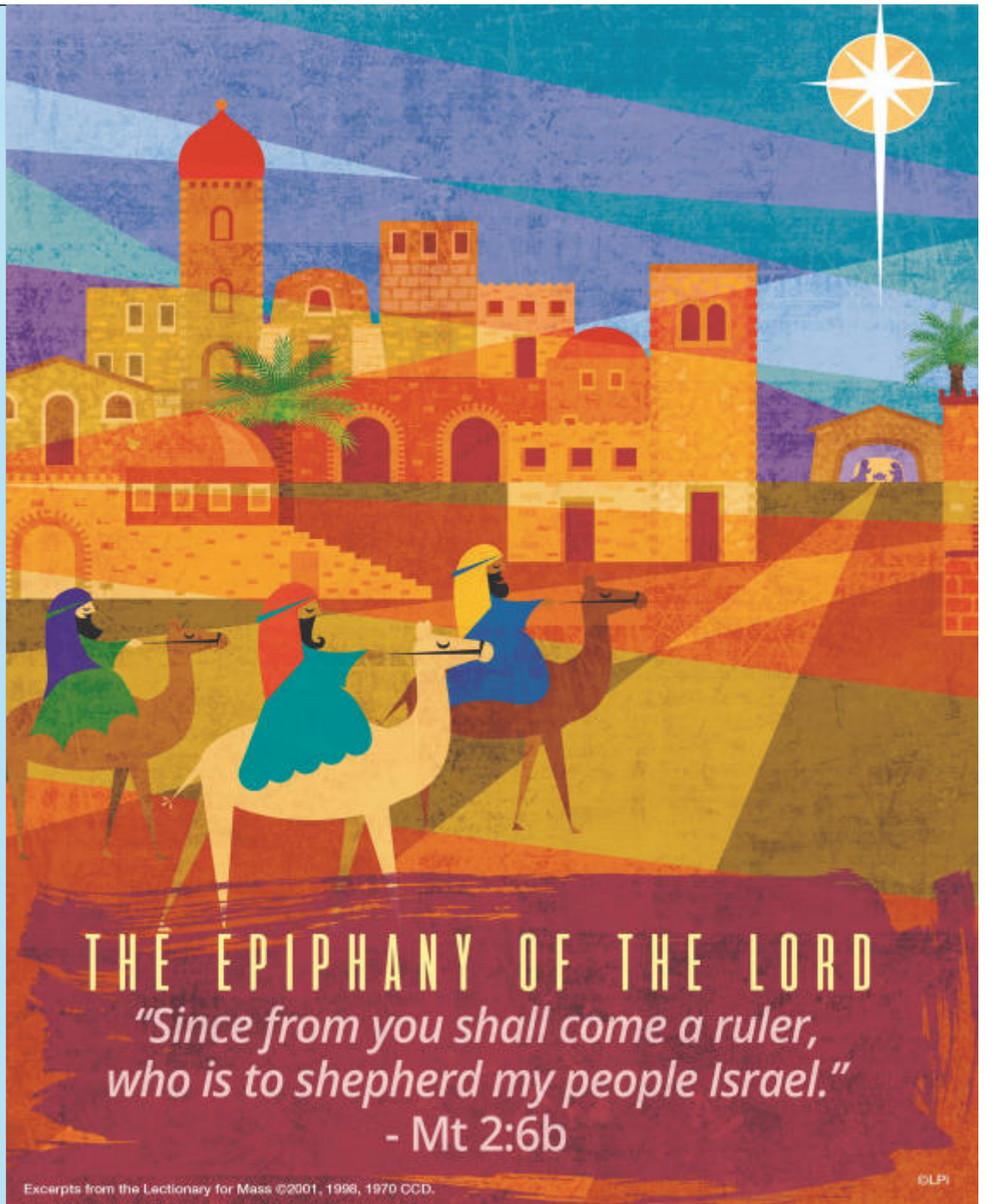


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JANUARY 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays Our Lady of Lourdes:
Tue. 12 PM, Wed. - Fri. 8 AM

Saturdays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 4 PM

Sundays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 8 AM
Saint Joseph's: 10 AM

Parish Staff

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READING

The Epiphany of our Lord

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH !

We pray that you enjoy celebrating with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass. You may register with us by dropping in or calling our rectory during the week at 435-6242.

If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your "home away from home".

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday 3 PM

BAPTISM

Families must be registered parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Joseph's. Please call the rectory for arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the rectory at least six months before intended date to fulfill preparation requirements.

Religious Education

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Formation: ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org.

**Weekly amount needed to meet Budget Requirement: \$ 4,000
December 26, 2021**

Weekly Offering

We are, as always, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent and Treasure.

Lay Ministries	Jan 1/2	Jan. 8/9
4PM	Dianne Bird	Ellen Barbasso
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Charlie Hauck	Karen Cote
10:00 Am	Pauline Marston	Jennifer Klingensmith

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 1

8AM Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima

4PM Robert McWhinnie Sr. & Stephen McWhinnie by Janice McWhinnie

5:30 PM No Mass

Sunday January 2

8AM For Our Parishioners OL

10AM In memory of the Gibeau family by Joyce & Marcel Lebel SJ

Weekday Masses

Mon. Jan. 3 8AM No Mass

Tues. Jan. 4 12Noon

Birthday Blessings for Chris Bletzer by Karen & Joe Cote OL

Wed. Jan. 5 8AM

Victor Brice by Rev. Desjardins OL

Thur. Jan. 6 8AM Rev. Gerald Auger OL

Fri. Jan. 7 8AM George A, MacKenzie Jr. by Father John

Weekend Masses

Saturday January 8

4PM Fernand Marquis by Regina Marquis OL

5:30PM No Mass

Sunday January 9

8AM For Our Parishioners OL

10AM Mary Klingensmith and Joan Bodnor by Jen & Jim Klingensmith SJ

“The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel” (Eph 3:6)

Question of the Week

Imagine yourselves as one of the Magi. What do you see? What do you hear? How do you respond?

HIS WORD TODAY

The word *Epiphany* derives from a Greek term that means “showing forth, manifestation, making public.” According to the account of the Epiphany in Matthew 2, magi, or wise men, from the East (perhaps Persia or Babylonia) came to Israel to pay homage to the newborn king of the Jews. Thus the feast of the Epiphany marks the manifestation of Jesus the Messiah of Israel to non-Jews.

The feast of the Epiphany provides an opportunity to reflect on the character of our Christian faith as both particular and universal. While acknowledging our roots in Israel and the Old Testament, we Christians are convinced that the good news of Jesus Christ has significance for all the peoples of the world.

The dynamic of the particular and the universal is prominent in the Magi story. These mysterious representatives of all nations come to Jerusalem in the land of Israel. There they learn from the Jewish scribes and the Hebrew Scriptures that the Messiah of Israel was to be born in Bethlehem of Judah (David’s city). So they go to Bethlehem and pay homage to the child Jesus. They seek out a particular person in a particular time and place, not an idea or a myth.

The passage from Isaiah 60 looks forward to the light that will shine forth from Jerusalem. It foresees that all the nations of the world will walk by that light, will acknowledge and enjoy that light, and so will proclaim the praises of the God of Israel. The verses from Psalm 72 use similar language and look forward to the day when “every nation on earth will adore you.” The hope expressed in these texts is that one day all nations will be part of the people of God.

How that hope becomes a reality is the subject of the reading from Ephesians 3. It shows that through the particular Jewish historical figure, Jesus of Nazareth, membership in the people of God has been extended beyond the limits of ethnic Israel to all the peoples of world. The readings for Epiphany remind us of our identity as the “catholic” church. The word *catholic* means “universal, worldwide, all over.” We are rooted in ancient Israel and yet open to all peoples. As God’s people in and through Christ, we have become members of the same body of Christ and are sharers in God’s promises to Abraham.



Father John’s Jottings

SPECIAL THANKS to all those who gave of their time and talent to make our Christmas season so remarkable and lovely. For all those who cleaned, decorated and got the churches ready, those who contributed to the flowers and church decorations, the sacristans, those who sang and those who played musical instruments for all our liturgies, our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers. We couldn’t have done it nearly so well without you!!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

The parish staff and I would like to express our deepest appreciation to all who so generously included us in your Christmas gift giving with treats, foods, presents and good wishes.

Your kindness and generosity was very heartwarming.

Blessings to all,

Father John

. Help us follow your example of love and service”

Parish Ministries

Interfaith Community Kitchen

Monday Meals-Drive up take out dinners are offered every Monday at 4:30

The Clothes Closet– Free clothing for men, women and children. Open Mondays 3:30-4:30, Thursdays 11-noon. And during food pantry hours or by appointment.

The Northwood Emergency Food Pantry– Please stop by for our monthly schedule

 **PUZZLE**

What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.



C | C A M



K | I K G



H | S T H

 **MISSION**

I will do three favors to help someone in my family today.

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12



 **GOSPEL**

The Three Wise Men told Herod about a King being born. Herod was jealous. He did not want another king to be more powerful than he. Herod told them to come back and tell him where the baby was. They thought Herod was truly interested in Jesus. After they gave him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, an angel warned them, "Go back a different way. Herod wants to kill the baby Jesus."

 **PRAYER**

Lord, give me the power to help others, not harm them.

 **DRAW**

Draw an angel telling the Three Wise Men not to tell Herod where Jesus was.

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DIVINE MERCY MILITIA

Please join us every Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church as we pray for our nation, our Church, our parish, and our world.

Concludes with Benediction.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/> " But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity." Fill your marriage with peace and love.



Merry
Christmas



Right, we've picked up the gold and the myrrh...what on earth is THAT?!



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