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Parish Office Hours (currently during Covid-19) are Monday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - Please call the Parish Office for an appointment

MARRIAGE - Couples must contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the celebration.

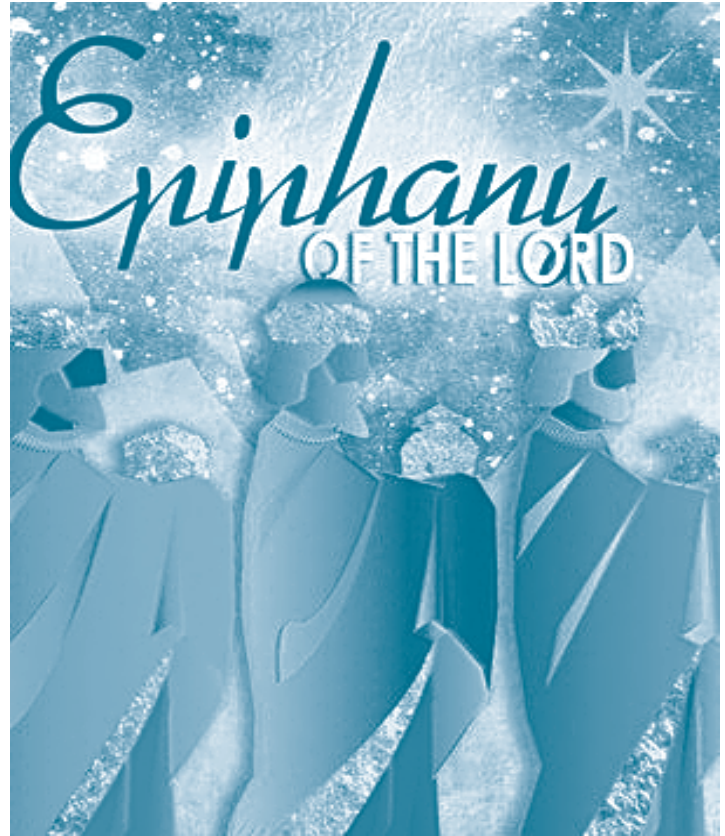
RECONCILIATION - Confessions will be held on First Fridays from 8:00am—8:45am at Our Lady of the Lake before First Friday Mass & Benediction; at St. Patrick Church, Aurora on the first Saturday of each month from 4:00pm —4:45pm and at St. Patrick's, Moravia, before the 8:30am Sunday Mass beginning at 8:00am.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND/ SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - If a loved one is seriously ill or would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the Parish Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - Non-Catholics interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith are invited to speak to any staff member or call the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS - Welcome! Please introduce yourselves to the Parish Staff. We want to get to know you.

REGISTRATION - Every family within the Parish should be registered. Please contact the office for a registration form. If you move to another parish, change your address or have additions or deletions to your family household, please notify the Parish Office. Forms are available at each worship site.



The magi's encounter with Christ leads them to change the course of their journey. How is my journey changed by my encounter with the Lord?



- Please support your parish in the CMA
- ..Go to www.dor.org
- ..View the video
- ..See how the funds are distributed
- ..Make your gift

Catholic Ministry Appeal Update			
As of December 21, 2020			
GSCC # of Donors	\$ Pledged	% of goal	Parish Goal
84	\$26,650	70.72%	\$37,686

If you have not yet given this year to the CMA, please consider doing so today in support of our Diocesan Ministries.

GSCC VISION STATEMENT - TO LIVE BY FAITH, TO BE KNOWN BY LOVE, TO BE A VOICE OF HOPE

ST. PATRICK'S
Aurora

ST. MICHAEL'S
Union Springs

ST. PATRICK'S
Moravia



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
King Ferry



Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord 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: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: St. André Bessette, Religious 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest 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: Baptism of the Lord 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

Mass Schedule for Jan. 2— Jan. 10, 2021

Sat. 1/2 Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

Mass 5:00 pm at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For **Nan & Roy Moorby** by Father Bill

Sunday 1/3 The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass: 8:30 am at St. Patrick Moravia

+ For **Andrew Doppel** by St. Patrick, Moravia A & R Society

Mass: 10:30 am at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry

+ For the **Living & Deceased Members of GSCC**

Mon. 1/4 Mass 9:00 AM at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For **Joseph Aini**

Tue. 1/5 Mass 9:00 am at St. Patrick, Moravia

+ For **Beatrice Ostrander** by John & Cathy Kanalley

Wed. 1/6 Mass + For **Marko & Anka**

Thurs. 1/7 Mass 4:00 pm at St. Michael Church, Union Springs

+ For **Doris Ells**

Fri. 1/8 Mass 9:00 am at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For **Robert & Evelyn Burd**

Saturday 1/9 Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass: 5:00 pm at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For **Living & Deceased Members of GSCC**

Sunday 1/10 The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass: 8:30 am at St. Patrick Moravia

+ For **Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick, Moravia**

Altar & Rosary Society by Moravia A. & R. Society

Mass: 10:30 am at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry

+ For **Edwin Fessenden** by John & Mariann Fessenden

Donations to our cemeteries are always welcome.

Our Lady of the Lake Cemetery— King Ferry

St. Bernard’s Cemetery—Scipio Center

St. Michael’s Cemetery—Union Springs

St. Patrick’s Cemetery—Aurora

St. Patrick’s Cemetery—Moravia

Checks should be made out to the cemetery for which it is intended. Thank you.

VITAL STATISTICS

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021

Dec. 19/20, 2020 (Weeks 25)

Thank you for your generosity each week !

Attendance	160
Weekly Budgeted Offering	\$ 4,966.13
Weekly Envelope Offering.	\$ 3,192.00
Loose offering	\$ 141.00
Holy Day	\$ 50.00
Christmas	\$ 200.00
Electronic giving	\$ 5,497.00
Total weekly offering.....	\$ 9,080.00
YTD Actual Offering	\$ 123,090.00
YTD Budgeted Offering.	\$ 124,154.00

I thank you for your generous support of your parish. You can give your financial support either by mailing your contribution envelope to the parish office or by giving electronically through *WeShare*, that can be accessed on our parish website. www.thegoodshepherd.cc

In our lives, there are no big stars in the sky leading us where we need to go. It isn't so easy sometimes discerning where God is leading us. We may seek to use our gifts wisely, but in what manner and to what end is not always clear.

Growing In Faith Together

Families with children should have received their new GIFT packets and resources in November. Corresponding grade level videos and other resources can be found at : www.GrowingInFaithTogether.org. Contact Dawn if you have any questions: dawn.burdick@dor.org or 607-288-2476.

Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, January 4, 5:30pm, GIFT Family In Person Mass and Gathering at St. Patrick, Aurora
- Monday, January 11, 5:30pm, GIFT Family In Person Mass and Gathering at St. Patrick, Moravia
Contact Dawn with any questions: dawn.burdick@dor.org or at 607-288-2476.

This week remember the following in your Masses and prayers on the Anniversary of their Deaths of those who died on the dates January 3—January 9: **Walter B. Redmond 1978, Rebecca Inman 1972, Elizabeth Tratt 1972, Sidney Burrigge 2002, Gladys Wilbur 2007, Margaret O'Herron 1977, Margaret Leeson 1981, Martin J. Quigley 1986, Margaret Polhamus 1991, Clara Murphy 2008, Hobart Hagin 1981, Scott Clark 1987, Mary Lou Wilsey 1992. Helen Feneck 2004, Mary Poso 1981, Brett Quinn 1985, Jean Healy 1989, Angela Losurdo 2007, Fracces Sharpsteen 2008, Mary "Chuz" Becker 2014, Harry McGeever 1983, Joseph Murphy 2008, Mary Gosline 1997, Irene Ryan 1992, Harlow E. Casler, 2004, Mary Fitzgerald 2016, William Purcell 1971, Mary Ann Fitzgerald 2001.**



Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

The Feast of Epiphany

When I was a boy our family always left the Christmas tree up until Epiphany which was always celebrated on January 6th. The Feast was later moved to the second Sunday after Christmas. We referred to Epiphany as "Little Christmas." Our family never exchanged gifts on "Little Christmas" but that was the custom of some families I knew. Epiphany would also mark the end of the Christmas season for us. It was the day the Christmas decorations were taken down and put away until next year. I love Christmas decorations! So it is with more than a little sadness to see them stored away for another year. They are such beautiful reminders and visible signs to us of the birth of our Savior, Jesus, the Light of the World.

I must say I was very happy when the liturgical year was changed and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord also began to be celebrated on Sunday. It gave a new end to the Christmas season as it was seen as one of the three Epiphanies of the Lord that had been celebrated in the early church, the other two being the visit of the Magi and the wedding feast at Cana. Now I have a reason to leave my Christmas decorations up a little longer! They sure do help dispel the darkness of winter.

With the introduction by Pope John Paul II of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, the events of the Baptism of the Lord and the Miracle of the water being changed into wine at Cana have been given greater emphasis by the church as manifestations of the identity of Jesus. The other Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary are the Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, the Transfiguration and the Institution of the Eucharist.

This Weekend we celebrate the **Feast of Epiphany** and we recall how the Magi came and presented to the new born king gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. May this feast remind us that we too are called to present a gift to Jesus; the greatest gift that we can possibly give, the gift of ourselves. As we end the Christmas season next Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, may we remember that God has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit in our baptism to help us to be manifestations of Jesus' love and presence to all those we meet.

I would like to thank all of you for your support of the parish throughout the year both financially and through the gift of yourself in service. I know it has been a hardship for many families financially as we have been dealing with Covid-19 this year. Your generous support is all the more appreciated and it allows us to continue to spread the Good News of God's saving love. We will be mailing out contribution statements by the end of the month to those who used church envelopes this past year.

On the diocesan level we are in the midst of the annual appeal to support diocesan ministries. Each parishioner has been asked to support the diocesan ministries through the **Catholic Ministry Appeal**. As of 12/18/20, 84 of our parishioner families have given or pledged \$26,650, or 70.72% of our parish goal. On the last weekend of this month, January 30/31 we will have an in-pew solicitation for the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** in hopes of reaching our goal. Pledge cards will be available in the pews to allow you to make a pledge to the **CMA**. I extend a special thanks to all those who have given or made pledges to our annual appeal. Your gift helps make possible the many ministries of outreach and parish support that are funded by the **CMA**. If you have not made a pledge or gift yet to this year's appeal I ask you to do so. To make it easier to give your support to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** you can make your pledge today and give your gift in installment payments through May 31, 2021. You can also give on-line, at www.dor.org.

As we journey together through this New Year may we pray for peace and an end to the coronavirus throughout the world. May each of us manifest the love of God in our lives and bear the Light of Christ to the people of the world.

God's blessings and peace, *Father Bill*

For those who are unable to attend Public Masses we continue to post the Sunday Mass on-line at our parish website, www.thegoodshepherd.cc and on the parish Facebook page. The prayer to the right can be said at Communion time as you watch Mass. The **weekly bulletin** can also be found on our website.

Spiritual Communion Prayer for those watching Mass online or on TV. My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



This Sunday is Fish Bowl Sunday . . . The first Sunday of the Month we ask you to take a slip from the Fish Bowl. It will indicate items that are needed at the Food Pantry. We ask that you purchase the item or items and bring them back to the church next weekend. Thank You for your support of our local Food Pantries.

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