



St. Dominic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Our Lady of Snows Shrine



January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

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SACRAMENTS

WEEKEND MASSES

5:30 pm Sat. Vigil @ St. Dominic
8:00 am Sun. @ St. Francis Xavier
10:30 am Sunday @ St. Dominic

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue. 8am @ St. Francis Xavier
Wed. 8am @ St. Dominic
Thu. 8am @ St. Francis Xavier
Fri. 8am @ St. Dominic
No Mass Mon. or Sat.. Morning

RECONCILIATION

30 Minutes prior to
5:30 pm and 8:00 am Mass
Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact the parish 9 months prior to
preferred wedding date

BAPTISM

Contact the office after
birth of the child

R E F L E C T I N G O N G O D ' S W O R D

Matthew's tale is less a story of adventurous seekers than of a luring God, drawing others into the mystery of divinity through the birth of Jesus. A star that guides and wise words that explain are what help lead the magi to their destination. Natural signs and words of revelation are what God works through in our own day to bring us into the presence of Jesus, the Son of God.

The story of the wise men is a journey that surrounds the birth of Jesus. It speaks to all seeking God in today's world. God does not use force to attract others. Angels speak a message of joy for all but give no orders that insist that the shepherds journey through the dark of night to worship. A star appears in the sky but no one forces these astrologers to pack up some gifts and make their way across foreign terrain to kneel and prostrate themselves and do Jesus homage.

At the heart of this story is the message announced in the letter to the Ephesians: God's plan was that everyone be included in the mystery of salvation, that, along with the children of Abraham, "the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 3:6). God wants everyone to share in divine life—*everyone!* Give it your thoughtful consideration.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Dec. 30, 2018

St. Dominic:

Envelopes* \$3,526.00
Plate \$ 706.50
Total: \$ 4,232.50

Week of Dec. 23 \$ 2,509.00
Week of Dec. 16 \$ 1,762.49

Average weekly expenses for this fiscal year: \$2,719.11

St. Francis Xavier:

Envelopes* \$ 1,975.00
Plate \$ 505.00
Total: \$ 2,480.00

Week of Dec. 23 \$ 1,440.00
Week of Dec. 16 \$ 1,879.47

Average weekly expenses for this fiscal year: \$1,971.04

**Thank you for your
continued generosity**

Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend of Jan. 12-13th
Homebound: Annette Schreiber
Nursing Homes: Wayne Leiker

**Ministry Schedule for the
The Baptism of the Lord**

St. Dominic Jan. 12~ 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier Jan. 13~ 8:00 am	St. Dominic Jan. 13~ 10:30 am
COMMUNION Gregg Watkins	COMMUNION Joann Walker	COMMUNION Karen Lieker
LECTOR Barb Heideman	LECTOR Alice Zeller	LECTOR Dave Schmitz
ACOLYTE Carter Meerpohl* Renn Deters Abigail Schlodder	ACOLYTE Jack Wiedman* Victor Organista Carson Beam	ACOLYTE Jonny Koon* Jacob Warner Jeffrey Warner
MUSIC Jenea Chartier Joann Walker	MUSIC Joan Hood Thomas Broxterman	MUSIC Charlene Herbers Connie Schlaegel
GREETERS / USHERS Gregg Watkins Theresa Watkins Richard Arnold Whity Lehmkuhl	GREETERS / USHERS Jim Seematter Marsha Seematter Steve Broxterman Bob Butts	GREETERS / USHERS Mike Meerpohl Ralph Herbers Chuck Herbers

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Epiphany of the Lord

SATURDAY, January 5th~
 St. D 5:30 PM Robert & Harriett Buchholz (D)

SUNDAY, January 6th~
 St. F 8:00 AM For All Parishioners
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM Eldon Harris (D)

TUESDAY, January 8th~
 St. F 8:00 AM Ray Zeller Family

WEDNESDAY, January 9th~
 St. D 8:00 AM JoRae Krogman (D)

THURSDAY, January 10th~
 St. F 8:00 AM Debbie Larkin (D)

FRIDAY, January 11th~
 St. D 8:00 AM Terry Gallagher (SI)

The Baptism of the Lord

SATURDAY, January 12th~
 St. D. 5:30 PM Allen Gross (D)

SUNDAY, January 13th~
 St. F 8:00 AM Haug Family (SI)
 OLS 1:00 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM For All Parishioners

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Jan. 7-13 Bertulfo Family
 Jan. 14-20 Gail Schmitz, Robin Sides
 Jan. 21-27 Utz Family, Carolyn Kennedy
 Jan. 28-Feb. 3 Milt & Lila Krainbill
 Feb. 4-10 Linda Crabill, Sheila Springer

Please contact the office ahead of time and let us know when you are planning on cleaning so that the church will be unlocked and the lights can be turned on for you.

Thank you for your service to your parish. You can still volunteer by calling the office at 364-3262

Jackson County Pastoral Council

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 Bill Haug
 Chris Everts
 Larry Larkin
 Kay Andler
 Damon Putnam

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root. —Woodrow Wilson

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST. DOMINIC:

- RelEd Classes PreK-8th, Wednesday, Jan. 9th, 6:30-7:45pm
- RelEd Classes PreK-8th, Wednesday, Jan. 16th, 6:30-7:45pm

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER:

- RelEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, Jan. 6th, 9-10:15 am
- RelEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, Jan. 13th, 9-10:15 am

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Next class January 8th . 6:30-8:00 pm. Topic for the evening: Intro. to prayer and the Catechism.

ACOLYTE TRAINING: If you missed the training session and are still interested in serving there will be an additional training session at St. Dominic on Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30 pm. St. Francis students see Merlin Nelson to schedule a training time. Parents please remember to fill out the information forms.

**ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE EVENT
 2019 Ignite January 22, 2019
 Topeka Performing Arts Center**

The event begins at 9:00 am with mass at 11:15am concelebrated by Archbishop Naumann, Bishop Brungardt and Bishop Vineke as well as other area Priests.

March to KS Capital Steps and Kansans for Life Rally following Mass.
 Please contact the Pro-Life Office at 913-647-3059 or prolife@archkek.org with any questions

RURAL YOUTH OUTREACH PRESENTS

Dinner with Roy: Adult Enrichment Opportunities
 Saturday, January 12, 2019 5-9:00 pm
 St. Aloysius Catholic Church
 615 E. Wyandotte Meriden, Ks.

Sunday, January 13, 2019 Noon-4:00 pm
 St. Bede Catholic Church
 7244 Drought St. Kelly, Ks.

Roy Petitfels is an internationally recognized expert and author of *What Teens Want You to Know (but won't tell you)*.

All sessions include an appreciation meal. Attendance earns grant money for your rural parish. For more information or to register go to: ruralityouth@archkck.org or call 785-221-2644

RESPONSE IN CRISIS WEBSITE

Transparency and accountability are imperative in the Church's response to the crisis of sexual abuse of minors. In response to current national discussion, our Archdiocese encourages you to visit our website that provides important information, addresses questions and offers an opportunity for parishioners to share their concerns and lend their voices by responding to an online survey. Please visit <https://responseincrisis.archkck.org/> to learn how we actively safeguard the innocent and provide care for those affected by abuse. Please join us in praying to our Blessed Mother, Mary, who feels our sorrow and shares our pain.

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Kent Askren (nephew of Cletemae Brown); Carol Barton (Friend of Dean & Ramona Robinson); Sonya Bergman; George Bolz; Angela Brewer; Estelle Danner; Dick DeVader (Brother of Ramona Robinson); Francis DeVader; Sharon DeVader; Steve Devlin; Sheila Fernkopf; Brad Fiedler; Dennis Fiedler; Warren Fiedler; Alan Fund (brother of Karen McClaskey); Sam Gerry; Brad Gould; Carly Grant (great granddaughter of Joan Hood); Mary Ann Grollmes (mother of Vic Grollmes); Jenny Harigan; Jared Harris (grandson of Mary Harris); Mary Harris; Pat Hasenkamp; Jerry Huftles (father of Jackie McAsey); Charles Kennedy; Adrian Koch; Rheva Korte; Shari Lott (sister-in-law of Russell Schuetz); Rita Martin; Mike McClaskey; Mary Morford; Don Morris; Lynne Mulroy; Luisa Munoz (sister of Anna Alvarez); Erin Norwood and daughter Bailey (Larkin Family Members); Kristina Oates (granddaughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Calvin Page; Carolyn Reicherter; Cameron Renfro; Amy Reese (daughter of John & Susan Stallbaumer); Mary Riniker (Sister of Regina Butts); Ronna Rowe (Family Member of Hilda Hrenchir); Shelly Russell (daughter of Karen McClaskey); Peggy Sanderson (friend of Mary Morford); Lonnie & Helen Sands (brother and sister-in-law of Joan Hood); Brad Schiefelbein (son of Gene Schiefelbein); Chris Schiefelbein (brother of Gene Schiefelbein); Laura (daughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Emma Schirmer; Easton Shelton (son of Eric and Stephanie Shelton); Special Intentions of Sheila Springer; William Steinlage; Nancy Versch Stereit; Evelyn Sullivan; Madison Taliaferro; Janie Teetzel; Melinda Wareham; James Wecker

We pray for those among us who are ill, their families and for their care-giver, those experiencing a hardship or difficulty; and for those in the Armed Forces protecting our freedom.

To place someone's name on the prayer list or to remove a name, please call the Parish Office (364-3262)

Scripture Insights~

Epiphany is one of the oldest feasts of the Christian calendar, and, as its name suggests, it is a celebration of the manifestation of Christ to the world. The Greek *epiphaneia* means "manifestation," especially as it relates to the manifestation of a deity.

Today's First Reading is about the reestablishment of Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile. The prophet issues a double imperative. He tells them to arise and then to allow their light to shine, because God's glory has dawned on them and radiates forth in the city to such an extent that they become the light to the nations. The Hebrew word *kabowd*, translates here as "glory," is also used to describe God's presence in the Holy of Holies. During the exile, God's glory left the Temple, but now it will return in full radiance!

Compare this song, to the Gospel that tells the story of the Magi who come from the East, perhaps Persia or Arabia, to seek out the newborn King of the Jews. Scholars of the esoteric sciences (for example, dream interpretation and astrology), these men also represent the Gentile nations who come to see this great king. However, this manifestation is also fraught with danger as we see in Herod's treacherous activity. The Magi's gifts of gold and frankincense are also mentioned in today's First Reading, but myrrh is a strange gift to give a mother and baby, since it was used as a painkiller and for burial. Is it an omen of the future?

In the Second Reading, we are told that God planned from the beginning that the nations (Greek *ethne*, and also translated "Gentiles") would be coheirs of the one body in Christ. Thus, we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the world.

- Reread the First Reading and create a picture in images or words of how this vision of the new Jerusalem might manifest itself. What new insights did you glean about the significance of this text?
- When and how have you experienced God's *kabowd*, or glory, in your life?
- Prayerfully reflect on the Gospel, and converse with Mary about "all these things in her heart." What did you discover in prayer?



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Rise up in splendor,
Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines
upon you.
— Isaiah 60:1

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.
—John Henry Newman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	Tuesday, Jan. 8th	Wednesday, Jan. 9th	Thursday, Jan. 10th
St. Dominic	Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm RCIA 6:30-8:00pm Catholic Charities Bus 10:00-2:00	8:00am Mass RelEd Classes PreK—8th	
St. Francis Xavier	8:00 am Mass		8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm

	Saturday, Jan. 12th	Sunday, Jan. 13th	Monday, Jan. 14th
St. Dominic	5:30 pm Vigil Mass	10:20 am Mass	Altar Society Meeting~6:00 pm
St. Francis Xavier		8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-8th OLS 1:00 pm Mass	

	Wednesday, Jan. 16th	Thursday, Jan. 17th	Friday, Jan. 18th
St. Dominic	8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-8th		8:00 am Mass
St. Francis Xavier		8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm	



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