

January 6 & 7, 2018

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



BE An Angel! Please send love and prayer to these dear souls who are ill or in rmed: Larry Treanor, Bob Beckel, Rick Schoeb, Don Foscoe, Beverly Sohm, Connie Baker, Gene Thelemann, Jared Mogere Family, Tim Petersen, Kent Pearce, John Kluntz, Evalyn Cusick, Mary Androli, Bernice Pezak, David Krenik, Terry Sadowski, James Connor, Mary Lou Ballman, Natalie Bruender, Helen Voit, Robert Ani, Beth Flick, Shirley Hodapp, Rose Anne Schoeb, Dottie Cerven, Mackenzie Wol , Mitchell Petsinger, Frances Pauley, Mary Rebel Schwartz, Carol Leighton, Marian Meyer, Larry Johnson, Mark Johnson, Lois McCabe, Mya Walechka, Dave Rusch, Lana Dahl, Alec Heuer, Jim Meagher, Mike Davis, Betty Kinney, Lisa Skarin, Julie Bauer, Ann Dauk. (To add or remove a name to the Prayers for the sick, please contact the parish office at 507-243-3166 or contact: office@maryschurche.com.)

NATIVITY	LECTORS		USHERS/ COLLECTIONS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST		GIFT BEARERS	
	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM
January 6 & 7	Mary Klaseus	Andy Queen	Nick Klaseus Rose Hendley	Barb Truzinski Mary Haase	Rita Martinson Lynn Kluntz, Mary Klaseus	Jaci Kopet, Ann Pohlfig John T. Kluntz		
January 13 & 14	Glen O'Connor	Jim Losinski	Mary Klaseus (Volunteer Needed)	Janet Walechka Robbie Kopet	Rita Martinson Lynn Kluntz, Mary Klaseus	Jaci Kopet, Ann Pohlfig John T. Kluntz		
January 20 & 21	Kathy Dauk	Bill Stangler	Dick Davis (Volunteer Needed)	Barb Truzinski Mary Haase	Kathy Dauk, Nick Klaseus Mike Keogh	Ray & Barb Truzinski Danny Holmes		
MARYSBURG	LECTORS		USHERS/ COLLECTIONS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST		GIFT BEARERS	
	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM
January 6 & 7	Chris Biehn	Sarah Guentzel	Larry Davis Albert Weinandt	Greg Germscheid Mike Germscheid	Chris & Ann Biehn Phil Rothmeier	Sue Leiferman Rich McCabe, Barb Folden	Joe & Becky Meyer and Family	
January 13 & 14	Becky Meyer	Leo Riley	Raphael Malecha Phil Rothmeier	Pat Corrow Bill McCabe	Rita Ramy Anne & Larry Davis	Mike Lyons Colleen McCabe, Jim Folden	Anita & Phil Rothmeier	
January 20 & 21	Annie Davis	Jim Folden	Clint Kortuem Nate Page	Tim Krenik Jon Sullivan	M. Kammerdiener Chris & Ann Biehn	Leo Riley, Pat Baker Sue Leiferman	Martha Weisgram Jo Ann Kortuem	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD MASSES WITH FR GRAFSKY 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30 AM MARYSBURG Co e & Rds Sunday at Nativity †BEFFICE FORTIER ALL PARISHIONERS	8 No Mass	9 No Mass M'BURG FINANCE COUNCIL, 6PM M'BURG PARISH COUNCIL, 7PM	10 Mass 8 am at Mburg Religious Ed: Gasses 6:30 †DONNA FIGHIETTI	11 No Mass	12 Mass 8 am at Nativity	13 VIGIL OF 2ND SUNDAY IN OT FR ROBERT HAZEL CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH NAT Penance: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB, Penance: 5:30-5:45 MASS: 6 PM
14 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FR ROBERT HAZEL, CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30 AM MARYSBURG DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY 6-9 PM CHURCH OF ST. MARY, Le Center ALL PARISHIONERS †STASIA G-FISTENSEN	15 No Mass MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	16 No Mass	17 Mass 8 am at Mburg Religious Ed: Gasses 6:30 †VERNE VAN HALWAERT	18 No Mass NATIVITY FINANCE COUN. 6 PM NATIVITY PARISH COUN. 7 PM	19 Mass 8 am at Nativity †STEVEN HENDLEY	20 VIGIL OF 3RD SUNDAY IN OT NAT Penance: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB, Penance: 5:30-5:45 MASS: 6 PM ALL PARISHIONERS
21 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30 AM MARYSBURG †MIKE & ANDY STIFLUK †DARLENE TREANOR	22 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	23 No Mass	24 No Mass Religious Ed: Gasses 6:30	25 No Mass	26 Mass 8 am at Nativity †JOAN MCCABE	27 VIGIL OF 4TH SUNDAY IN OT NAT Penance: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB, Penance: 5:30-5:45 MASS: 6 PM
28 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30 AM MARYSBURG	29 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	30 Mass 8 am at Nativity	31 Mass 8 am at Mburg Religious Ed: Gasses 6:30	1 No Mass	2 Masses: 8 am at Nativity 6:30 pm at Marysburg	3 VIGIL OF 5TH SUNDAY IN OT MASS: 4 PM (NO PENANCE) MB, Penance: 5:30-5:45 MASS: 6 PM

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday, 4:00 pm - Nativity

Saturday, 6:00 pm - IC of Marysburg

Sunday, 8:30 am - Nativity

Sunday, 10:30 am - IC of Marysburg

RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Sat. 3:15-3:45 pm - Nativity

Sat. 5:30-5:45 pm - IC of Marysburg

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, 8 am: Marysburg

Tuesday, 8 am: Nativity

Wed, 8 am: Marysburg

Thursday, NO Mass

Friday, 8 am: Nativity



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Penance Schedule Change

Penance will be cancelled at Nativity Church next Saturday, January 6th. Fr. Adams and Fr. Shofner will be out of town. Fr. Grafsky, a well-known retired priest from Montgomery, will be celebrating the Masses with us throughout the weekend. Because of a commitment earlier in the afternoon, Fr. Grafsky not be available for penance.

Super Bingo

Come on SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018, 12:30 P.M. to All Saints Catholic All Saints Church, Madison Lake. For Tickets Call 507-243-3319 or Mail Check to All Saints Super Bingo 2017, Box 158, Madison Lake, MN 56063. In case of inclement weather, Super Bingo will be held on February 11, 2018.

Holy Hour for Life

There will be a Holy Hour for Life on Sunday, Jan. 21, immediately following the 10:30am Mass at **St. Joseph the Worker Church in Mankato**. January 22nd marks the 45th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States. Since that time, millions of lives have been lost and millions of others have been adversely affected. Please join us in praying for healing and conversion of hearts. You may bring a baby item for a local pregnancy help center and place it in the pack-n-play near the sanctuary.

Thank You for Your Contributions

Weekend of December 30 & 31, 2017

Marysburg: \$1,560.75

Nativity: \$1,572.00

DACA Postcard Campaign

This weekend has been proclaimed Solidarity with Immigrants and Refugees by Archbishop Hebda. We are asked to stand together with young Dreamers, Families, and all who have been displaced by war, hunger, and economic inequalities. Let your voices be heard in your families, with your friends and in our communities and workplaces!

Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Bishop Cozzens are encouraging Catholics to speak out on behalf of young immigrants in our communities who are facing an uncertain future because of the recent decision to end the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. They encourage people to contact their congressional representative to voice your opinion.

You will find Archbishop Hebda's video on www.archsmp.org, click on NEWS, and then click on on the headline that says "Support for DREAMers - DACA Postcard Campaign"

Some ready made post cards are available in the entrance to the church for your use. You may use the addresses below to mail your postcards to your Congresspersons:

- **Senator Amy Klobuchar:** 302 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510
- **Senator Tina Smith:** 309 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510
- **Representative Tim Walz:** 2313 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

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Cross Catholic Outreach

Father Robert Hazel will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



Fr. Robert Hazel

Fr. Hazel was ordained in 1966. His ministry included parish work in the Archdiocese, chaplaincy at the University of Minnesota and extended foreign mission service in India and Venezuela. With his retirement in 2006, Fr. Hazel gladly joined Cross Catholic Outreach because he believes we can do something to bring peace, justice and service to the poorest of the poor. He also continues his work with Retrouvaille, a ministry dedicated to helping troubled marriages and for those who are in hurting and in need of counseling. We will **not** be having a second collection on the program's behalf.



"Dead to the world, Alive in Christ!"

Dead Theologian Society

Coming next week on January 14, for all youth 8th grade through Senior High in High School. Fr. Adams is hosting this popular program, the Dead Theologian Society at St. Mary Church in LeCenter. Come at 6 p.m. Supper, fun and prayer will be provided! Gatherings continue on the second Sunday of each month. Come and have fun, learn about a rockstar in the faith, eat well and spend time with Jesus. Adults are also welcome to come and pray before the Eucharist.

Attention Marysburg Parishioners

The most recent Parish Council Minutes are available in the main entry of the Church! Feel free to peruse the minutes at your leisure to see what the council has been working on to serve you, its parishioners.

Did you know that regular Parish Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (meeting dates are published in the parish bulletin) and, that the meetings are open to all members of the parish? Did you also know that your concerns can be brought to The Council? By merely submitting a written request to a member of The Council at least one week prior to the date of the next regular meeting, the council chair can allot time for you on the meeting's agenda?

The names of the council members are listed in the weekly Church bulletin. We welcome your input!

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Prayer Service for Life 2018

Join us at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, Monday, January 22, 10:30 a.m. for the Annual Prayer Service for Life, followed by MCOL's March for Life at the State Capitol. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome. Please consider carpooling or utilizing buses as parking and street access are limited. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage, Family & Life at 651.291.4488 or visit at www.archspm.org/events.

Catholic Watchmen Rally

Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 - 9 p.m., St. Bartholomew, Wayzata. Bring a friend! Bishop Andrew Cozzens will speak on "Christ the Man: Why God the Father begot a Son and what that means for all sons of the Father". There will be time for Adoration and Confession. Dinner will be provided. Register at TheCatholicWatchmen.com. (Free-will offering). Questions? Contact Enzo Pandazzo at randazzov@archspm.org or 651-291-4483.

Your Life, Your Legacy: Grandparents Seminar

Sunday, January 28, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rosemount. We all want to leave a legacy. We all want to be remembered. But, how do you do that exactly? The answer is Legacy Writing. A combination of personal reflection and communication, Legacy writing is a perfect way to start planning your estate in a faith-filled way. You are invited to hear Bill Marsella speak on Legacy Writing. Find details and register at www.CatholicGrandparenting.org. Questions? Contact Susanna Parent at parents@archspm.org or 651-291-4411.

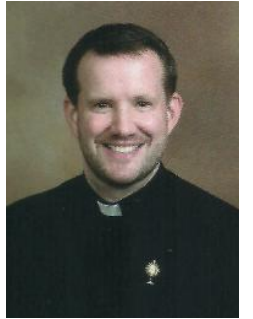
Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus. The Gospel of Matthew is the only Gospel to record their visit (Matthew 2:1-12). Traditionally, there were three magi, though Scripture never actually indicates how many there were. We have ascribed to them the names Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. They come to the baby Jesus bearing three gifts—gold, frankincense and myrrh—which indicate who Jesus is and foretell what would later happen to Jesus. Gold is a gift for a King (Jesus is the King of kings); frankincense is a gift for a priest (Jesus is the High Priest); and myrrh foretells His death (myrrh was used to anoint the bodies of the dead).

The Oxford Dictionary defines "epiphany" as "a manifestation of a divine or supernatural being" and as "a moment of sudden revelation or insight". Even though today is the Feast of the Epiphany, there have been many moments of epiphany throughout Scripture. For example, when Jesus was an infant, his parents Mary and Joseph brought him to the temple to present him to the Lord. The prophet Simeon took one look at him and cried out: "My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people, a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel" (Luke 2:30-32). This is part of what is known as the Nunc Dimittis (the song of Simeon). It describes his own epiphany at having seen the Lord.



Desk of Father Christopher Shofner



Fr. Christopher Shofner

It seems that every person that looked upon Jesus, whether as a child or as a man, saw the Divine. They didn't see just a man, but they saw their Lord and God. Each person experienced their own "epiphany". Certainly, the magi experienced the same, as Scripture tells us they "prostrated themselves and did him homage" (Matthew 2:11) – who would do that for a mere infant? The revealing of Jesus as Lord spurred them to offer their gifts. This is

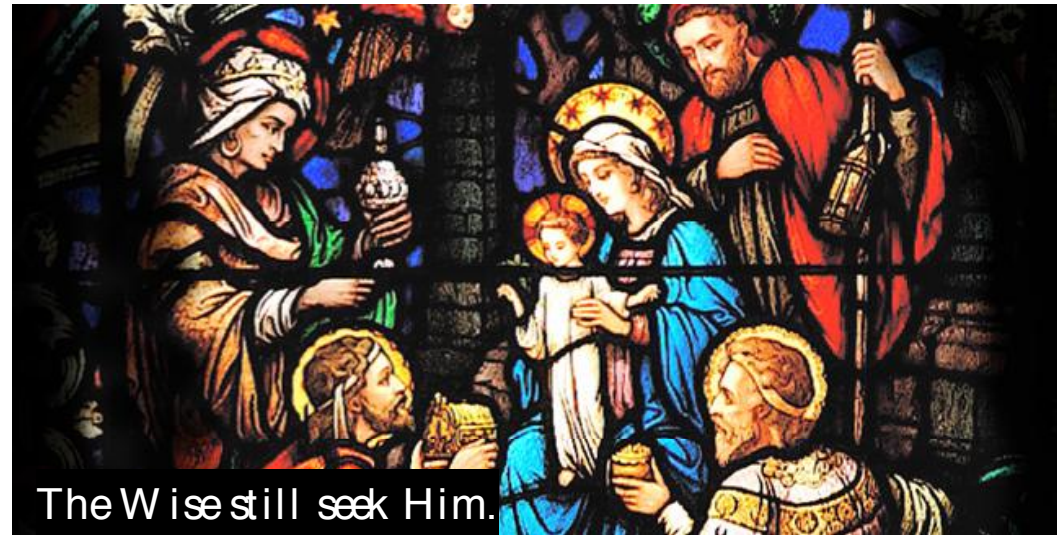
made-man. When that truly touches our heart, we are impelled to make Him an offering. What gifts, then, do you bring before the newborn King to lay at his feet? The magi brought some of the costliest and most precious material gifts that they could find. We may not have the means to do that, but Our Lord does not necessarily ask that of us. What He does ask, nonetheless, is that we offer Him what is similarly precious to Him – our very lives – our hopes and desires, our joys, our fears and sorrows, even our will.

This is an act that we must renew every day. We must be ready to offer Him each day what is most precious to us and to Him. Sometimes that will be easy. Sometimes that will require great sacrifice. But always it will result in being given much more in return, because Our Lord receives the gift that we give Him and transforms it into something better. That's how His grace works.

On this Feast of the Epiphany, we pray that we may have a deeper realization of who Jesus is. And we pray that all people may come to Jesus and bow down in humble adoration, just as the magi did, offering gifts of their total selves.

God bless,

Fr. Chris Shofner, Fr.Chris@hotmail.com



the natural reaction of coming into the presence of the Divine – we want to make an offering. The magi offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Simeon offered words of prophecy. Others offered gifts of love and praise.

As we contemplate the newborn Jesus lying in the manger, we are given an epiphany too – the realization that this is no ordinary child, but God-