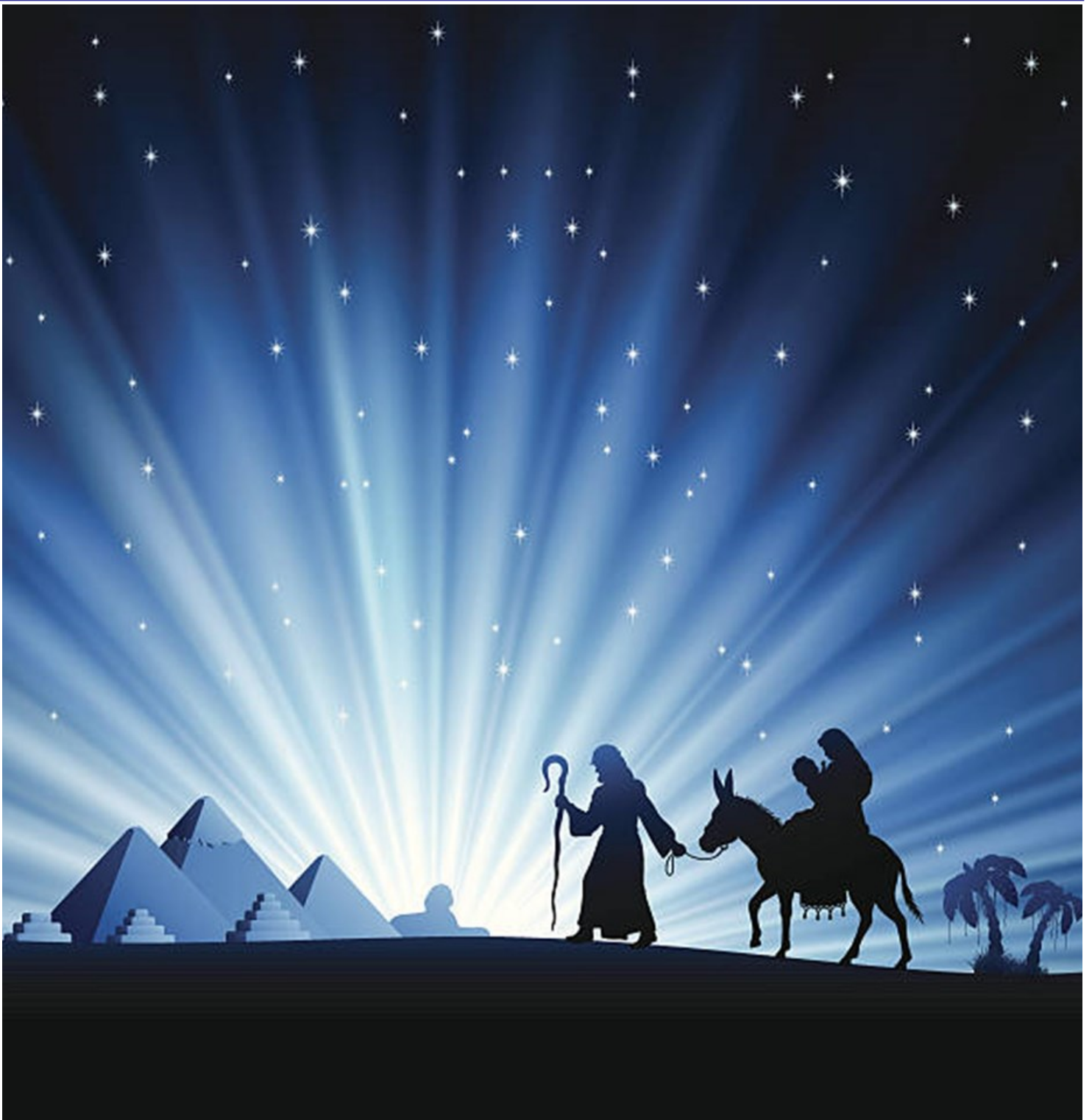


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*December 29, 2019 ~ The Feast of the Holy Family*

## Worship or the Week of December 30

### Monday, December 30

**Rdgs:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40  
**No Morning Eucharist (Fr. John day off)**  
**6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (St. Mark)**  
**Kerns-Schmitz**

### Tuesday, December 31

St. Sylvester I, Pope  
**Rdgs:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18  
**No Morning Eucharist**  
**5:00 p.m. Wedding (St. Mark)**  
**Kerns-Schmitz**  
**5:30 p.m. Eucharist (St. Joseph)**  
**Vigil of the Holy Day**  
**Msgr. Francis Friedl †**

### Wednesday, January 1

Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
**Rdgs:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21  
**9:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mark)**  
**Gary Eglorf**

### Thursday, January 2

Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen  
Bishops and Doctors of the Church  
**Rdgs:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28  
**No Morning Eucharist**

### Friday, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
**Rdgs:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98; Jn 1:29-34  
**No Morning Eucharist**  
**10:30 p.m. Eucharist (Elkader Care Center)**  
**Keith Kobliska †**

### Saturday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious  
**Rdgs:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98; Jn 1:35-42  
**4:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Joseph)**  
**Jim Hosch †**  
**6:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Mary)**  
**Tom & Dona Danaher †**

### Sunday, January 5

The Epiphany of the Lord  
**Rdgs:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12  
**8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Patrick)**  
**For the People**  
**10:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mark)**  
**Mary Bea Smock †**

## Worship or the Week of January 6

### Monday, January 6

St. André Bessette, Religious  
**Rdgs:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2; Mt 4:12-25  
**No Morning Eucharist**

### Tuesday, January 7

St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest  
**Rdgs:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72; Mk 6:34-44  
**8:00 a.m. Word & Communion (St. Patrick)**  
**8:00 a.m. Word & Communion**  
**(Sacred Heart)**

### Wednesday, January 8

**Rdgs:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72; Mk 6:45-52  
**8:00 a.m. Word & Communion (St. Mark)**  
**8:00 a.m. Word & Communion**  
**(Convalescent Home)**

### Thursday, January 9

**Rdgs:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72; Lk 4:14-22  
**8:00 a.m. Word & Communion (St. Mary)**  
**11:30 a.m. Rosary for Peace (St. Mark)**

### Friday, January 10

**Rdgs:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147; Lk 5:12-16  
**8:00 a.m. Word & Communion (St. Joseph)**

### Saturday, January 11

**Rdgs:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149; Jn 3:22-30  
**4:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Joseph)**  
**For the People**  
**6:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Mary)**  
**Howard Hildebrandt †**

### Sunday, January 12

The Baptism of the Lord  
**Rdgs:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38;  
Mt 3:13-17  
**8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Sacred Heart)**  
**Marie Shea †**  
**10:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mark)**  
**Irene Fishel †**

Please Join Us for our Second  
Community Meeting—Suicide  
and Other At-Risk Behaviors  
—on Sunday, January 12,  
from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at

Starmont School's Cafeteria. Come and learn  
more about the warning signs of suicide from  
Amy Holst, a leader in the field of at-risk  
behavior.



### ***Every knee shall bow...***

Well, not quite! I ask your prayers for my upcoming knee surgery in Des Moines. The coordinating surgeon is a former Wahlert student, and I have a group of folks who will be able to assist with the therapy and



appointments. Surgery is scheduled for January 6—Feast of the Epiphany! I thank in advance the priests who will be covering the weekend worship, and especially our pastorate staff who will keep things running smoothly—as always. The priests from St. Francis Xavier Dyersville will be covering any funerals. If you have any specific questions during my time away (January 1-24), please contact Sandy Klaus, Business Manager (563-928-7200). Of course it would be good to hear from you in the meantime as I hear the rehab can be challenging. My address:

Father John Haugen  
2900 SW 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA 50315 (until Jan 24)

**The Emmaus Pastorate RCIA Team** will meet at the apartment at St. Mary at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6. All team members, including session leaders and sponsors, are asked to attend this meeting.

**Don't Forget—The Beauty in Christ Conference, January 26**—There is still time to register.

**As a Follow-up to the Active Shooter Presentation** held on September 15 at Elkader, the Pastorate has formed an Active Shooter Committee.



This committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m., hosted by St. Joseph Parish in its Parish Center. Two representatives from each parish are on the committee. Emergency management, law enforcement and medical personnel will help craft the policies. Each parish will develop a procedure based on these common policies.

### **2020 VISION...**

Wow. A vivid grade school memory is printing “1962” on a piece of that grayish paper that looked as if logs were floating around in it. And here we are in “2020.”

What’s your 2020 vision? Having a vision, a direction, some type of plan is how humans find meaning and purpose in life. The more resilient (and I might add happy) of us are able to make adjustments to the big picture when life direction changes course on us. So I ask again: What’s your 2020 vision?

Vision is about direction more than details. Vision is about the context more than the content.

Vision is about the “how” much more than the “what.”

Several years ago in Lent we reflected:

*“If you want something you’ve never had before,  
you need to be willing to do something  
you’ve never done.”*

What’s a longing in your heart for 2020? Are you tired of pretending? Has your spiritual life faded to a dull grey? Do prayer and church seem to be a drag, or worse, an annoyance? Do you wish things—your life, your marriage, your relationships, your faith,—were different? You do? Great! NOW is the time.

Begin by telling Jesus about your disappointments and your heart. Ask the Holy Spirit to direct and guide you to a 2020 Vision for your life. Then submit to a daily routine of asking Jesus into your day. Follow it up with committing yourself to weekend worship, no matter **WHAT ELSE** is happening that weekend. Resolve to go to Reconciliation once **BEFORE** Ash Wednesday (February 26), and make **GRATITUDE** your aim in everything you do.

**Change won't just happen.  
We need a vision.  
Make yours “2020 VISION”!**

**Happy and Holy New Year!**

## Financial Stewardship—

**Holy Family**—Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too!



**Epiphany**—Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.

### *Our Sympathy and Prayers to~*

- ♦ *Diane and Mike Sperfslage and family on the death of Diane's father, Marvin Nickol, who passed away in Dyersville on December 17.*
- ♦ *Betty and Richard Dinan and family on the death of Betty's daughter, Wendy Lord, who passed away recently in Rhode Island.*

### *Congratulations to~*

- ♦ *Adam and Katey Clodfelter whose daughter Aurora was baptized on December 28, at St. Joseph Church.*

## St. Mary Christmas Program

# January 4, 2020

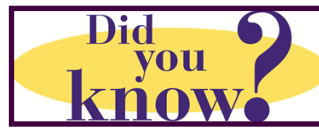
## following 6:00 p.m. Mass

Do you see that?  
Do you hear that?  
Do you smell that?

### It's Christmas!

Some of the songs of Christmas have been sung for over a hundred years, and every time we sing them we fill the air with the good news of the birth of Jesus.

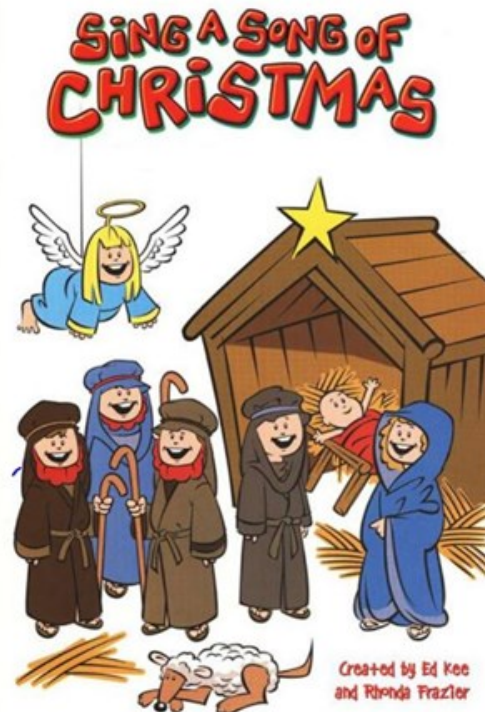
Please join us as we celebrate Jesus's birthday with cake and ice cream after the program.



Did you know that over the past year parishioners from St. Joseph Parish contributed 30 pounds of ground beef, 82 pounds of ham, 118 pounds of turkey, 7 pans of lasagna, and 11 pans of breakfast casseroles for various Parish events?

**The 2020 Men's Conference** will take place on Saturday, March 14, at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids. The keynote speaker will be Patrick Madrid, with Archbishop Jackels presiding at Mass. More details may be found at [www.CatholicMenOnline.com](http://www.CatholicMenOnline.com). Registration is now open.

**Tithing Reports** for December 21-22, December 25, December 28-29, January 1, and January 4-5 will not be available until the bulletin of January 11-12 because of the early deadlines for the bulletins. We would also like to remind parishioners that there will be no bulletin published for January 4-5.



**How to be a Good Steward of Treasure in the New Year**—To adopt a practice of sacrificial giving, follow these steps:

- ♦ First, agree to return to the Lord in gratitude a portion of everything He has given you. Add a line to your personal budget for God, and give of your first fruit, not just what's left over.
- ♦ Second, sacrificial giving means making a sacrifice. The cost of a movie for four with popcorn and drinks can be upward of forty dollars or more. This is often less than a parishioner donates to the Parish in a month.
- ♦ Third, get specific about the size of your donation. Planning for it on a weekly/monthly basis will allow you to take from your first fruits, and not wait to the last minute when money may be less plentiful. An easy way to accomplish this is to sign up for online offerings to the Parish. By doing this you can plan the amount each month, the day that it will be debited from your account and similar to other things that you pay monthly online.

### St. Patrick, Colesburg

#### Sunday Eucharist Celebration

First & third Sundays of month—8:00 a.m.



**Congratulations** to the following second graders who are making their First Reconciliation today (December 29) at 11:45 a.m.—Mason Bonert, Dagny Kuhlman, Max Mormann, Miles Mormann, and Hayden Wulfekuhle. Please remember them in your prayers as they receive this special

Sacrament for the first time today.

**A Big Thank You** to all who donated food, cleaned, prepared the environment, served as liturgical ministers, served lunch, cleaned up and in any way helped with our Parish Center Dedication on December 15. It was a wonderful celebration and was made possible because of terrific people willing to help. You are much appreciated!

### St. Mark, Edgewood



**Trivia...Catholic Style** will be held Monday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you've never experienced

a trivia night, please come for the fun and laughter. Everyone is welcome. Snacks will be provided. There will also be a brief Parish Life meeting with updates for the coming year.

**Lectors for St. Mark** will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, in the church. This is a great opportunity to discuss changes to the Lector Ministry and ask/answer questions. Call the pastorate office (563-928-7200) if you are unable to attend. All lectors must attend a training session before being put on the schedule.

**Rosary Leaders**—If you signed up to lead the Rosary at St. Mark, please plan to meet in the conference room at St. Mark on Tuesday, January 7, at 9:00 a.m.

**St. Mark Parish is Pleased to Welcome Nancy Schroeder** as our new custodian. Nancy, we are glad to have you as a member of our staff.

**It Takes Many People to Prepare for Liturgical Celebrations**—decorating needs to be done; poinsettias purchased; ministry schedules to plan; liturgical ministers to find; introductions and petitions for liturgy to be composed. I'm sure that this list is incomplete. These celebrations don't just happen. Many people put in a lot of time and effort to prepare for them. **A HUGE THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way. Give yourselves a pat on the back for a job well done. Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and blessings to you and your families in the New Year.

**There will be no Thursday evening adoration and reconciliation during the month of January.**



## St. Joseph, Elkader

We Light the Candles the Weeks of—  
December 28—in memory of Msgr. Francis Friedl  
January 4—for Father John as he undergoes knee surgery.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Christmas Pizza Party on Saturday, January 4, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. All members of the Knights and their families are invited to attend. This party is an opportunity to invite potential future knights and their families to meet and socialize with current Knights of Columbus members and their families. Please call John Nikolai (563-964-9321), Bruce Collins (563-245-2377), or Dave Gibney (563-245-1597) for reservations.



Thank You to the St. Theresa Parish Life group for their donations and work in organizing and preparing Maid Rite sandwiches for the supper at the Emmaus Pastorate Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 11. The dinner was delicious and was enjoyed by over 350 parishioners.

Finance Committee Meeting, January 8,  
5:30 p.m., in the Parish Center.

## St. Mary, Strawberry Point

Thank You to Cheryl Harris and her helpers for organizing, wrapping and delivering the gifts from the giving tree. And thanks to St. Mary parishioners, five Starmont families had a happier Christmas.

### Sacred Heart, Volga Sunday Eucharist Celebration

Second & fourth Sundays of month—8:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Parish Life Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, at 6:00 p.m.

The Food Pantry at St Mary Says "Thank You" to all at Sacred Heart for the awesome monetary donation from your breakfast. All monetary donations are used to buy food for the pantry. When there is a bounty of donated food that is more than the St Mary pantry can use, it is given to the Clayton County Food Shelf.

## Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

We celebrate the liturgical feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 1. This feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which



means "God-bearer." On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word." Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace." New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace," further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

## The Feast of the Epiphany

### They Kneled Before the Child

There are those who see, but don't really see, because they have no perception. The stargazers in Matthew looked beyond the ordinary child because they did have the power of perception.

Because they saw past the surface, they did something that was almost beyond belief: they fell on their knees before the Child Jesus. Throughout the years since then, many individuals have shown exceptional insight. One of them, Charles de Foucauld, said, "When a person has seen Jesus, he must go home by a different road: the way of repentance, not the way of the past."



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