

# The Epiphany of the Lord

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St. Patrick's, Enderlin - Holy Trinity, Fingal - Our Lady of the Scapular, Sheldon



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## MASS INTENTIONS Jan. 2 – Jan. 10

Sat: 5pm Enderlin – Dan Lindemann+ *by T&A Roach*

Sun: 8:30am Fingal – *Pro Populo (For the people of the parish)*

Sun: 10:30am Sheldon – Ann Bingham+ *by K&S Bartholomay*

Mon: Private Mass

Tues: 5:00pm Fingal – Daniel Steidl+ *by Kathy Sherman*

Wed: 9:00am Sheldon – Ann, Joseph & Marian *by K&S Bartholomay*

**Thu: 10:30am Enderlin** – Paul Spiekermeier+ *by T&A Roach*

Fri: 7am Enderlin – Ardys Spiekermeier+ *by T&A Roach*

Sat: 5pm Enderlin – Corrine Anderson+ *by T&A Roach*

Sun: 8:30am Fingal – Daniel Steidl+ *by Kathy Sherman*

Sun: 10:30am Sheldon – *Pro Populo (For the people of the parish)*

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Please inform the parish 3 months before the birth of your child so that a Sacramental preparation may be scheduled. Thank you.

**RECONCILIATION:** 30 mins before Mass, Fri. 30mins after Mass; 15 minutes after last Sunday Mass; and by appt.

**MATRIMONY:** Please talk to Father 12 months before any desired date for this Sacrament so that the Sacramental classes may be scheduled. See wedding policy handbook on the website under Sacraments tab.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please do not wait until you are on your death bed to be Anointed. Please plan ahead, if you are able, as the priest isn't always immediately available. If you are in doubt as to whether you should be Anointed, please contact Fr. Chris using the emergency number above.

**FUNERAL PLANNING:** Please schedule a time with Fr. Chris to plan your funeral, especially if your spouse or kids are not practicing the Catholic Faith. Please don't put that burden on your family while they are mourning your death.

## Holy Mass Schedule Change – January

**Saturday 5:00pm in Enderlin**

**Sunday 8:30am in Fingal**

**Sunday 10:30am in Sheldon**

**Prayer Box:** Please pray for the following: Bishop Folda, Michael Markman, James “Sonny” Gilbert+, Cecelia Wadeson, Msgr. Val Gross+, Msgr. Joseph Senger+, Daniel Steidl+, Msgr. Jeff Wald+, Lydia Roth+, Bob Olson, Kevin Loibl+ and family, Dale Ell, Fr. Riley Durkin, all those in our families and everyone far from the Mercy and Life of the Living God.

## Prayer for Epiphany

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. We implore your mercy, O Lord, that the star of your justice may shine always bright in our minds and that our true treasure may ever consist in our confession of you. Amen.

\*\*\*Please *email* Fr. Chris any bulletin items by Wednesday\*\*\*



## Ministers for – Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Enderlin SUNDAY VIGIL 5:00pm**

Proclaimer: Josh Lemnus

Money Counters: Tim Michaelson & Eveleen Armbrust

### **Fingal SUNDAY 8:30am**

Proclaimer: Helen Carpenter

EMHC: Not needed

### **Fingal Church Cleaning Families**

All of Jan: D&H Carpenter; N&K Puhr

### **Sheldon SUNDAY 10:30am**

Proclaimer: Raelee Bartholomay

EMHC: Not needed

Money Counters: Ryan Bartholomay & Karen Bueling

### **Sheldon Church Cleaning Families**

1/10/2021 Jessica Schimming

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## Parish Info

### **Thank you!**

A big thank you from Father for all the cards, gifts and goodies! He's very thankful for all of you! Know too that 10% of you gifts will be tithed/donated by him to the Rectory Endowment Fund.

### **COVID-19 Updates**

Please find updates involving the Church and COVID-19 on our website or on our Facebook page.

### **Decorate the Sanctuary for Ordinary Time**

Jan. 9-10 after all Masses.

### **Holy Trinity Council Meeting**

Jan. 19 @ 5:30pm in basement social hall.

### **St. Patrick Council Meeting**

Jan. 21 @ 7pm in basement social hall.

### **Our Lady Council Meeting**

Jan. 28 @ 7pm in basement social hall.

### **Providing a Youth Group Meal**

If you are willing and able to provide a meal for about 7 hungry high schoolers, 1 catechist and a priest at 6:30pm on Wednesday evening at St. Patrick's, please go to this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544ABA92AA2FB6-youth> and feel free to sign up, or talk to Father! Thanks!

## Diocesan Info

### **Retrouvaille Weekend for Married Couples**

- Feb. 5 in Minneapolis

No marriage is beyond hope! A program to help couples heal and renew their marriages. Info: [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

### **Upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekends**

- Feb. 12 – Online/Virtual

Give the gift of your time and love by taking your spouse on a Marriage Encounter. Info: [www.wwme.org/](http://www.wwme.org/).

### **Trusted Sister Redeemed Women's Conference 2021**

Feb. 19-20 conference put on by the Diocese for all women. See poster on bulletin board for more info.

### **Catholic Charities of North Dakota Info**

Catholic Charities offers 5 main services to the people of our State: Phone #: (701)235-4457

- 1) Counseling;
- 2) Guardianship;
- 3) Pregnancy/Parenting;
- 4) Adoption;
- 5) Disaster Relief.

- Please visit [www.CatholicCharitiesND.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesND.org) for more info.

- Or also check out [www.catholiccounselors.com/](http://www.catholiccounselors.com/).

### **Abuse in the Church - Report an Incident**

- Write or call Victim Assistance at: Diocese of Fargo, 5201 Bishops Blvd. S., Ste. B, Fargo, ND 58104. Mark your letter "Personal and Confidential". (701) 356-7965. [victimassistance@fargodiocese.org](mailto:victimassistance@fargodiocese.org).

## Christmas Reflection

From a sermon by St. Bernard, abbot

*The kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed.* Thanks be to God, through whom we receive such abundant consolation in this pilgrimage, this exile, this distress.

Before his humanity appeared, his kindness lay concealed. Of course it was already in existence, because the mercy of the Lord is from eternity, but how could men know it was so great? It was promised but not yet experienced: hence many did not believe in it. *At various times and in various different ways, God spoke through the prophets, saying I know the plans I have in mind for you: plans for peace, not disaster.*

What reply did man make, man who felt the affliction, and knew nothing of peace? 'How long will you keep saying "Peace, peace" when there is no peace?' And so the angels of peace weep bitterly saying Lord, who has believed our report?

But now at last let men believe their own eyes, because *all God's promises are to be trusted.* So that it cannot escape the notice of even troubled eyes, *He has set up his tabernacle in the sun.* Behold, peace is no longer promised, but conferred; no longer delayed, but given; no longer predicted, but bestowed. Behold, God has sent down to earth a bag bulging with his mercy, a bag that, at the passion, is torn open so that our ransom pours out of it onto us. A small bag, perhaps, but a full one: for it was a small child that was given to us, but in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead.

After the fullness of time had come, there came too the fullness of the Godhead. He came in the flesh, so that at least he might make himself manifest to our earthly minds, so that when this humanity of his appeared, his kindness might also be acknowledged. Where the humanity of God appears, his kindness can no longer be hidden. In what way, indeed, could he have better commended his kindness than by assuming my flesh? My flesh, that is, not Adam's, as it was before the fall.

What greater proof could he have given of his mercy than by taking upon himself that very thing which needed mercy? Where is there such perfect loving-kindness as in the fact that for our sake the Word of God became perishable like the grass? *Lord, what is man, that you make much of him or pay him any heed?*

Let man infer from this how much God cares for him. Let him know from this what God thinks of him, what he feels about him. Man, do not ask about your own sufferings; but about what God suffered. Learn from what he was made for you, how much he makes of you, so that his kindness may show itself to you from his humanity.

The lesser he has made himself in his humanity, the greater has he shown himself in kindness. The more he humbles himself on my account, the more powerfully he engages my love. *The kindness and humanity of God our Saviour appeared* says St Paul. The humanity of God shows the greatness of his kindness, and he who added humanity to the name of God gave great proof of this kindness.

