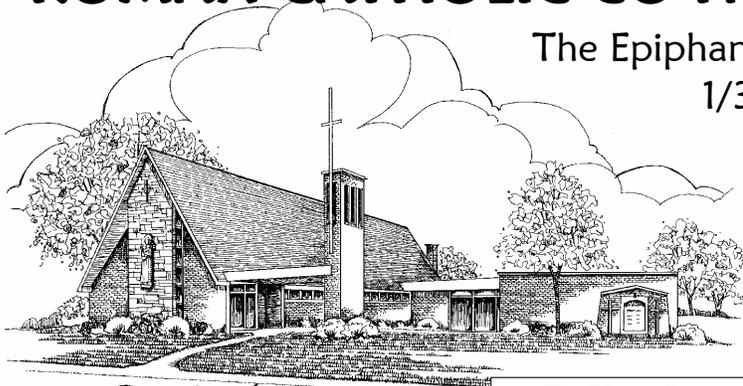


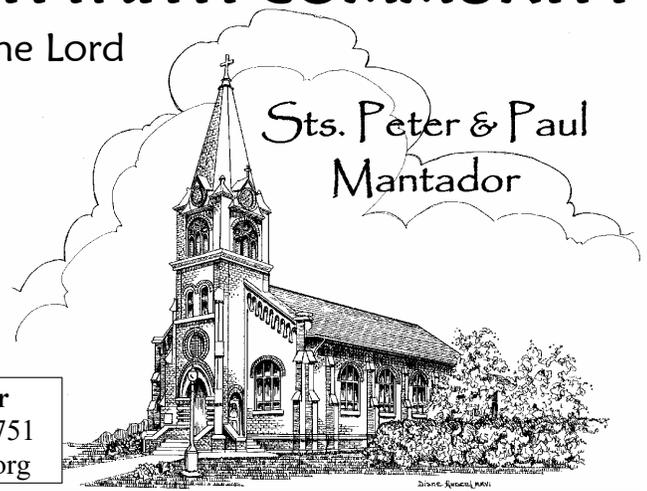
ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

The Epiphany of the Lord

1/3/21



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Sts. Peter & Paul
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St Anthony 1/9 5:00 pm

Lector Yvonne Ward

Usher Joe Erbes

Servers Pauly's

Sts Peter & Paul 1/10 8:30 am

Lector Cindy Reiland

Usher Todd Althoff

Servers Boyles

St Anthony 1/10 10:30 am

Lector Kari Foertsch

Usher Rich Spellerberg

Servers Foertschs

Mass Intentions Changes in Bold

Mon, 4 No Mass - (M) St Elizabeth Ann Seton

Tue, 5 StsPP 8:30 am Arlie Schultz (†) - (M) St John Neumann

Wed, 6 StA 5:45 pm Leo Althoff (†) - (m) St André Bessette

Thu, 7 StsPP 8:30 am Msgrs Wald, Gross & Senger (†) - (m) St Raymond of Penyafort

Fri, 8 StA 9:30 am Brian Franck & family

Sat, 9 StA 5:00 pm Harold Althoff (†)

Sun, 10 StsPP 8:30 am Arlie Schultz (†)

Sun, 10 StA 10:30 am All parishioners

Pray for the Sick/Elderly: Family & friends w/COVID, Loretta Althoff, Arnie Foertsch, Broden Frolek, Bill Giesen, Jacinta Goerger, Larry Goerger, Nargis Golwalla, Tony Heitkamp, Christal Hutchison, Erwin Lugert, Dennis Mauch, Diane (Jim) Mauch, Jim Mitchell, Alice Pausch, Alice Pellman, Elizabeth Thom, Wayne Ward, Aron Waxweiler, Frances Zajac. **Send names of loved ones** needing prayer to Fr Gunwall.

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St. Joseph, foster-father of Jesus, Protector and provider of the Holy

Family, Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Holy Mother of God, Mother of the Church, pray for us who have recourse to you. Jesus, Savior of all who have faith in you, save us by your Incarnation, your Passion & Cross, and your Resurrection.

For more information on the Christmas star research that I mentioned in my homily, you can visit bethlehemstar.com

Now take time today to reflect personally/as a family on the Epiphany of the Lord...

The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You. {catholic-daily-reflections.com}



Upcoming Events

Sun, 3 StA 11:40am Christmas drama

Wed, 6 StA 6:15pm Supper

7pm Family night

Thu, 7 StA & online - Jesus Bible study

Fri, 8 StA 6am Men's group

Questions of the Week

How can I become an instrument of the peace of Christ in the world? To whom do I need to bear that peace? 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?

Verse of the Week: "When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him." (Matthew 2:10-11a)

Homework of the week: *Join our parishes' Bible Study this week.* Whether you meet in person, join online, or watch, read, and reflect on all these things on your own time and schedule. It is better

to begin now in this new year even if it takes all winter and spring.

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life - As I mention on the front side, we have an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus together. Reserve Thursday evenings on your calendar and join in person, online or go through this study on your own schedule knowing that we are growing in Jesus Christ together. Contact Fr. Gunwall for a study book and book or to borrow the DVDs. See the basic information: Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today. Our parishes will begin the Jesus study on Thur., Jan. 7, at 7:00 pm.

We will meet each week to view an engaging video presentation by three men who have each led dozens of pilgrimages in the Holy Land - Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri. It was filmed in the Holy Land so we can experience the extraordinary world in which Jesus lived and taught-the historical context, the politics, the clashing cultures, the history, and the ancient land-and see where the most significant events of his life took place, from his infancy to his ascension.

We will learn how Jesus is God Incarnate, fully divine and fully human. We'll experience his intimacy with the Father, his revelation of the Father's love, and his gift of the Holy Spirit to each of us. Most importantly, our encounter with Christ will empower us to know and love him in a new and life-changing way.

After the video, we will have a group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Gunwall and register in the back of the church.. We hope you can join us! Contact Fr. Gunwall if you are interested.



The **Christmas season** continues for another week to the Baptism of the Lord. Celebrate each day the coming of our Lord Jesus among us. Give thanks that he is manifested and present to the world. We experience this gift of the Christmas season through God's Church. Rejoice.

Poinsettias donated in honor/memory of: Mike Jentz (JoAnne) (missed last bulletin)

Stewardship Moment: *"...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..."* (Matthew 2:11)

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

In the Community

Do you have questions and want to understand the ethical standards and moral guidance available in health care? Join Fr. Gunwall, Jack Kennelly, from SMP Health System, and Dr. Chris DeCock, from Essentia Hospital, for a short workshop. We will reference the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services: "first to reaffirm the ethical standards of behavior in health care that flow from the Church's teaching about the dignity of the human person; second, to provide authoritative guidance on certain moral issues that face Catholic health care today." The Catholic Church has centuries of experience and understanding of the human person and society to guide how we relate, serve, and care for those in need. See the PDF before we meet from mooretonmantadorcatholic.org/faith. Join us Mon., Jan. 11, at 7:00 pm using the link on our parish calendar page. Contact Fr. Gunwall with questions or specific items that you would like us to include.



Keeping the House of God beautiful!
Jan - Sts PP: *Barb Lingen, Jackie Lingen, Cindy Reiland, Donna Thiel / **St A:** *Brenda Klosterman, Shirley Breuer, Michelle Johnson, Diana Klosterman, Theresa Link, Carmen Marohl,



This week's celebrations: Michelle Johnson, Dale Althoff, Denise Hejtmanek, Janice Ward, Richard Mauch. Andrew & Bethany Mauch.

Happy Anniversary