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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6 pm @ St. Isidore
Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. John
Weekday Mass Schedule
As stated in the weekly bulletin
Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

Main Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
8 am - 5 pm
Friday:
7 am - 3:30 pm

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**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2020**

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We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for *them*, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. ***"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."*** **Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?**

"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem," the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answer say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be *"overjoyed"* at seeing the Light of the World.

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January 8th @ 8:30 am - Arlo Whitman

January 10th @ 8:30 am - John & Dolores Apel

January 12th @ 8:30 am - Leonard & Geraldine Broulik

Weekly contributions needed..... \$5,673.08

December 22, 2019

Budget, Adults	\$5,217.00
Loose Coin/Currency	\$ 239.48
Christmas	\$ 500.00
Religious Retired	\$ 20.00
Total Collected.....	\$5,976.48

YTD collection needed	\$141,825.00
YTD collections received	\$138,319.71
YTD over/ short	\$ 3,505.29

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2019 Contribution Statements will be mailed out the week of January 20th. If you would want your statement sooner please call the main office (319-895-6246)

during office hours to speak to Loraine and she can either send in the mail or you may pick up at the Main Office. We thank you for your weekly support.



All parents wishing to baptize a child must register to attend baptism catechesis session in the parish prior to the baptism. To register call the main office 895-6246.

Baptism catechesis scheduled dates for:

- February 11, 2020
- May 12, 2020
- August 11, 2020
- November 10, 2020

Penances and Prayers

*God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than candlelight
under the rafters of a barn:
Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay, And Wisdom's
born in secret in a straw-roofed stable.**

When I was younger, I wrote music to and recorded Thomas Merton's poem, "**Epiphany Carol.**" If you have never read it, search it out on the internet. Merton's words are profound and paint a picture of the awesomeness of Jesus, the newborn King of Kings, lying in a simple straw bed. The shepherds and Wise Men are drawn to pay homage to the One who has been born above all others and brings with him hope for a broken world.

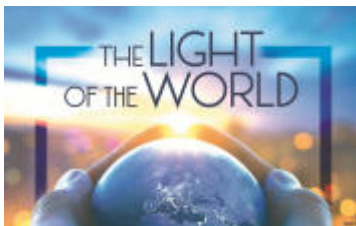
As Merton correctly points out, the gifts we are called to bring to this baby and lay at his feet are our prayers and penances, next to those gifts of worldly wealth. What is it that you have to bring to the stable on this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord? Unless those prayers and penances lead to a new way of living, our gifts will be void of meaning. What we lay before him speaks to the change in us that he has given to us by his birth. Our daily stewardship is resembled in those gifts. If we are to truly echo the kingdom of God in our lives and actions, what we ultimately offer to him is no less than our entire selves. This baby will give his entire self for us, and his work must continue through our hands and feet.

*While we unnumbered children of the wicked centuries
Come after with our penances and prayers,
And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay
Beside the wise men's golden jars.**

*Excerpts from "Epiphany Carol" by Thomas Merton

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Mass Times:

St. Isidore the Farmer:
Wednesday's @ 8:30 am
Thursday's @ 8 am
Saturday's @ 6 pm

St. John the Baptist:
Tuesday's @ 8 am
Friday's @ 8:30 am
Sunday's @ 8:30 am

Liturgical Ministers for January 12th

8:30 am: Sacristan: Jim Kendall
EM: Marty Fall Donna Herring
Cindy Kendall Marylynn Murray
Dave Klostermann Pam Kraus
Mark Kraus Joe Lynott
Merri Lueth Shawn Lueth

Lectors: Sharon Grice Tom Wieseler

Servers: Graham Vavricek Claire Thuerauf
Sabrina Bleile Landon Stolte

Greeters: John & Cindy Pospisil
Brian Dake
Brett & Diane Kimm
Ruth Horton



Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

This Week

Tuesday, January 7th

6:30 pm - Pastoral Council Mtg.

Wednesday, January 8th

6:00 pm - Catechist In-service for all grades @ St. Isidore

Thursday, January 9th

6:30 pm - RCIA Session

Sunday, January 12th

Pre-school FF
9:30 am - K - 3rd grade FF
2:30 pm - Pro-life Speaker

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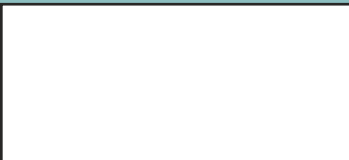
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