

January 5, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord

Solemnity



Our Savior Is Born to Die For Us

The action of the Magi resembles a liturgy of sorts where gifts are offered that both acknowledges Jesus' special role and interpretes his significance for us. Through his death on the cross (myrrh), Jesus becomes the saving sacrifice (frankincense) that liberates sinners, ratifies his Messiahship and establishes the Kingdom of God among us (gold).

Today's Bulletin is sponsored in thanksgiving to God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Olga Maresh

Saturday, January 11

6:30 p.m. Larry Supak

Sunday, January 12

6:30 a.m. The Welfare of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Marvin Rothbauer

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Baptism of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: 29

Second Reading: Act of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

Mass – January 18, 24, 26 (9:30 a.m.) & 31

Bulletin Sponsor – February 2, 16 & 23

Altar Flowers – January 19, February 2, 16 & 23

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Susan Jasek.

Praha Pancake Sunday Breakfast Today

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Ella Migl.

2019 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2019 Assessment \$17,333.00
Contributions So Far \$22,348.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Karin & Kenneth Filipp

Jeanette Targac

Donna & Tommy Perez

Murlene Simper

Sherry & Kevin Fishbeck

Gussie Machalec

Betty & Ronald Roznovsky

Anonymous Donor

Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck

We thank all those who have contributed towards our 2019 D.S.A. assessment,

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER FUND

We are very grateful to the following for their recent donation to the St. Joseph's Social Center Fund:

Gene Schoenvogel - \$7,000

(previously donated - \$2,000)

Fr. Gabriel Takes A Break

My dear friends,

After a good year's work, it is time to take a break to rest, pray, reflect and to re-connect with my friends and family in Ghana. This time away from my regular duties will offer me the opportunity to continue working on my lifelong mission – The Maison Center (a 501 (c) 3, charitable organization). The Center seeks to reduce poverty in Ghana through the sponsoring of the education of poor children.

In my spare time I will also teach the seminarians in the Deacon Class at the St. Gregory's Major Seminary, Kumasi.

In my absence, Mary Lou and Sofia will hold the fort, taking care of the Pastoral office. Do please contact the Parish Office for any pastoral needs. Fr. Pesek will help with the weekend Masses in Moulton and in Praha and the Friday morning Masses in Moulton. Arrangements have been made with Fr. Pesek to officiate at funerals. Do please contact Mary Lou to make arrangements.

I cannot thank you enough for what you do to make our church a beacon in our community and beyond, witnessing to the Gospel

I hope to be back before the Season of Lent to continue ministering to you. In the meantime, do pray for me as I do for you. Thank you very much and may God bless you abundantly.

Fr. Gabriel

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – No Gold Star Club Meeting

TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets

WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

THURSDAY– Quilting Group Meets

– KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any

Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

How Ready Are You For The Journey?

The Magi from the East had only a rumor to go by and the natural witness of a star. They were however moved to embark on a very long journey. The scribes on the other hand had studied the scriptures; they knew the prophetic texts, and yet they did not make a move. Like the scribes, many of us know a great deal about Jesus and his teachings, but has this knowledge moved us to conversion, transformation, or growth? This great Feast of Epiphany challenges us to allow our knowledge of and relationship with Jesus to direct our lives, move us forward and maintain our willingness to journey wherever Jesus may lead us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 5 – Jose Perez Sr., Robert Lee Simper
Jan. 7 – Eugene Anderle, Lucy Schoenfeld
Jan. 8 – Margaret Chudej
Jan. 9 – Tony Yanez
Jan. 10 – Cody Bartos, Christina Fojtik

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan. 7 – Beth & Aaron Gaertner
Jan. 8 – Martha & James Filipp
Jan. 11 – Joyce & Kenneth Hanzel

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D. Resumes
Jan. 6 - No K-2nd Grade After School Program
Jan. 8 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program; 9th-11th C.C.D.
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

In memory of Gene Selzer
In memory of Sophia Ellinghausen
In memory of Betty Martinez, Esther Nieto, Mary Nieto
In memory of Albina & Frank Novak, Mary & James Janak
In memory of Annie Lee Wood, Cecil Wood Sr., Rosalie Chude, Henry Chude
In memory of Henrietta & Frank Simper, Elexca & Joe Holub, Dianne & Julius J. Simper
In memory of Claudette Fojtik, Frances & Lonnie Fojtik, Agnes & Jacob Patek, Annette Fojtik

Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat - March 12-15: Registration forms are available at the main entrance to church.

2020 Church Support Envelopes: As in the past offertory envelopes have been mailed to parishioners who use them or who have expressed the wish to have them. If you have been overlooked and want to support the Church through the Sundays offertory envelope system, do please call the Church office. Many thanks for your continued support. Keep up the good work. Thank you.

National Migration Week – January 5 - 11, 2020

In his 2019 World Day of Migrants and Refugees message, the Holy Father reiterates the Gospel command to avoid despising “one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (Mt 18:10). It is not just about migrants: it is a question of seeing that no one is excluded. A globalization of indifference has led to many of us to ignore the cries of the poor, turn our backs on the marginalized, and remain indifferent to those struggling to find a better life. We are called to help create the conditions that will lead to a better life for everyone on the planet.

From January 5-11, 2020 the Catholic Church in the U.S. will celebrate National Migration Week. The theme for this year's celebration is “*Promoting a Church and a World for All,*” which reflects the need for Catholics to be inclusive and welcoming to all our brothers and sisters. It is a call for unity to stand in solidarity with and care for those who are excluded and marginalized. – *Cullen from USCCB: National Migration Week*

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The Solemnity of the Epiphany marks the apex of the Christmas Season. The Feast of Epiphany celebrates the universal saving concerns of God, which are shown in Jesus. It attests to the universal scope of Jesus' mission and God's all-inclusive plan of salvation. All human beings have worth and dignity; all have value and are intended to enjoy God's gift of salvation.

The Christmas Season Events / Happy New Year!

I thank Jamie Dornak, the Moulton ISD Band Director and the band members for organizing/performing at the Christmas Concert and the Catholic Daughters for sponsoring the social afterwards; Lori Janecka & Family and Donna & Hannah Perez and Mary Lou Dierschke for decorating the Church for Advent-Christmas; Lisa & David Rothbauer for putting up the outdoor manger scene; Hostyn Hill Greenhouses and all parishioners who contributed to the Christmas Flower Fund for the purchase of the poinsettias; Sharon Etlinger and the Christmas choirs; all the children who participated in the Christmas Eve pageant, those who sang in the choir, the parents and all who worked behind the scenes to pull it all together. Thanks also to Catholic Life Insurance Branch #16 for once again sponsoring the Breakfast with Santa, and to the cooks for preparing the delicious breakfast tacos.

I also thank all my friends who remembered me with cards and gifts. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and the sentiments behind it. I will be in touch with you soon.

Once again, it was a beautiful Christmas celebration. I very much appreciate what you do for the Church and for me personally. As in the past, I pledge to continue serving you to the best of my ability. Let's pray for each other.

Happy New Year and God bless,

Fr. Gabriel