

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).

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 11
2:00 p.m. Kozelsky-Gramlich Wedding
4:30 p.m. Hilda & Jerome Baca
Sunday, January 12
8:00 a.m. Hattie Stryk

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the 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, 19 & 25
Sanctuary Light: January 12, 19 & 26
February 9, 16 & 23
Bulletin Sponsor – January 12, 19 & 26
February 2, 9, 16 & 23
Altar Flowers – January 19 & 26
February 2, 9, 16 & 23

2019 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2019 Assessment \$7,813.00
Contributions So Far \$ 6,300.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 1,513.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Leona Herzik Gail & Dennis Stryk

We thank all those who contributed towards our D.S.A. assessment so far. We are close to paying off our debt to the bishop. We are counting on you to make our quota for 2019.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – TODAY

ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



Come out and join us in the Praha Hall for the first Praha Pancake Sunday for the year. It brings our community together for fellowship

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, cereal, juice, coffee & milk will be served. All are welcome. A free will donation will be appreciated.

Volunteers welcome: The time commitment is from 7:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. All of the supplies are provided we just need your helping hands and smiling face!

The dates for the remaining 2020 Pancake Sundays are: February 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4 and November 1. Please contact Lori Janecka and let her know when we can count on your help.

ORIENTATION

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.

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.

WEDDING BANNS



Jodi Ann Kozelsky & Wade Stephen Gramlich

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!



January 7 – Betty Patalik
January 8 – Jeanette Henke
January 10 – Edward Brautigam



January 6 – Nancy & Thomas Petru
January 8 – Congratulations Jenelle & Daniel Cerny
on your 20th Wedding Anniversary

The Christmas Season Events / Happy New Year!

I thank Liz Janak for putting up the Jesse Tree; Lori & David Janecka and Robin & Gary Cerny for putting up the outdoor manger scene; the Janeckas and the Altar Society members for decorating the Church for Christmas; Pat Masek and the ladies who baked cookies for the homebound; Hostyn Hill Greenhouses and all those who contributed to the Christmas Flower Fund for the purchase of the poinsettias; the organists, songleaders and Christmas choirs; and all who worked behind the scenes to pull it all together. Thanks also to Marcus Jasek our faithful sacristan and to Georgie Cerny for taking care of the altar linens throughout the year.

I also thank all parishioners and friends who remembered me with cards and gifts. I very much 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 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.

Happy New Year and God bless,

Fr. Gabriel

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

National Migration Week – January 5 – 11: 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*

Additional Christmas Flower Donations

Elaine & Johnnie Hoffman
IMO Frances & Joe Svatek, Frances & Alois Anderle
IMO MM Doug Brown, M/M Thomas Petru, Robert W.
Petru, B. F. (Red) Dailey
IMO Eugene A. Patalik Sr., Jean Finney, Anastasia &
Frank Patalik, Annie & Frank Cerny