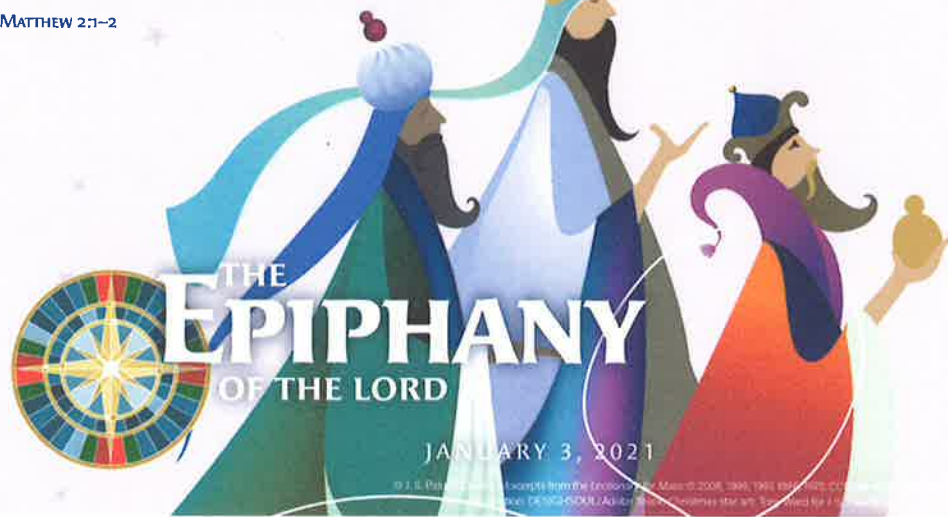


MAGI FROM THE EAST ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM, SAYING,  
“WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS?  
WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING  
AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE.”

MATTHEW 2:1-2



In Matthew's Gospel today we see two extremely different perspectives, two different reasons for searching for Jesus. In some ways, this resembles the polarization of our nation in today's time. What one group sees as good for the nation, those with opposing views think will wreck the country. The Magi were astrologers who saw a vision in the sky and were trying to find a way to follow it and discover the new king of the Jews. Herod heard about this king, and his reaction was dark and negative. He saw the birth of such a king as a threat to his power as the Roman leader of the country and wanted the Magi to pass on to him what they knew about this Christ child. Similarly, on a more personal level, we can either feel threatened or excited by changes that may come, depending on our perspective.

### GIVING HOMAGE

In our minds, it is easy to mix up bits and pieces from Luke's account of the shepherds coming to see Jesus in the stable and the story of the magi. Clearly, it has

taken the magi time to get here, and the reading speaks of them coming to the house where the star led them. Nevertheless, they "prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures . . ."

How do we do this? Do we continue looking for Jesus, even if it takes a while and he is not where we expect to see him? Are we paying attention to the signs showing us the way? What gifts do we have with which to pay him homage? After seeing him, the Magi were warned in a dream not to go back the way they came. But if we have seen the Christ child, how can we go back to where we were? We must continue to respond to God's call to move forward and grow in our lives. We must seek the right and just path and turn away from the "Herods" and inherent evils in our life.

Today's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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#### Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

8:45 a.m. St. Joseph, Flush

10:45 a.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. on Wednesday at St. Bernard

4:00 p.m. on Saturday at St. Bernard

7:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. Joseph

or call for an appointment.

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Call for appointment.

#### Sacrament of Marriage

Must notify pastor at least  
6 months in advance.

#### Shut-Ins

Call Joanne Burgos 785-456-7869  
for Holy Communion

## ST. BERNARD – WAMEGO

Mon Jan 4: 8:00 am +Alice Schmidt  
 Tues Jan 5: 8:00 am +Tre Brochers  
 Thurs Jan 7: 8:00 am Parishioners  
 Fri Jan 8: 8:00 am +George & Cecilia Muckenthaler  
 Sat Jan 9: 8:00 am +Terry Kolde  
 Sat Jan 9: 5:00 pm +Earl Daylor  
 Sun Jan 10: 9:00 am No Mass  
 Sun Jan 10: 10:45 am No Mass

+deceased

**Confession:** Fr Mike will be having confessions inside St. Bernard's at below times.

Wednesday (January 6)-4:45-5:30 pm

Saturday (January 9)-3:00-4:00 pm

Donations		Budget	
Last Week	Year To-Date	Budget	(Deficit) or Surplus
\$21,487	\$232,431	\$195,000	\$37,431

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## ST. JOSEPH - FLUSH

Sat Jan 2: 5:00 pm No Mass  
 Sun Jan 3: 8:45 am No Mass  
 Sun Jan 3: 5:00 pm No Mass  
 Tues Jan 5: 6:00 pm No Mass  
 Thurs Jan 7: 6:00 pm No Mass

+deceased

**Stewardship last Sunday: \$3,355 Thank you**

**Mass Schedule:** There will be **no** 5:00 pm mass this weekend. The 65+ crowd is welcome to attend St. Bernard's Saturday night mass at 5:00 pm. Families are welcome to attend St. Bernard's Sunday 10:45 am mass. Fr. Mike has decided to alternate weekends for St. Joseph. He will have mass every other weekend. The following Sunday (Jan 10) Fr. Mike will again have a 5:00 pm mass at St. Joseph's.

**Collection Envelopes:** There are still quite a few boxes of collection envelopes to be picked up.

**K of C Pro Life Baby Shower:** The Flush K of C will be holding a Pro Life Baby Shower the entire month of January. A baby crib will be set up at the back of the church for baby items and monetary donations, or contact Richard Dugan, Gary Fike, Donny Umscheid, or Kevin Heptig with your donations. Thank you!

**Memory Poinsettia Flowers for:** R.A. Umscheid, Clem Rethman Family, Edward & Anna Eichman & family, Walter & Thelma Kennedy & family, Delbert & Jim Eichman, Alice Gereau, Jim & Nyla Wilson & family, Albert & Mary Winter, Mary Ann Stewart, Fr. Biehler, Adam Brockish, Pete & Dorothy Ebert, Gayland & Ruth Brockish, Mick Brockish, Pat & Lucille Heptig, Dick & Clara Ebert, Fred & Ella & Jerome Siderewicz, Rose Ann & Kelly Kuhlman, Frances Morong, Lawrence & Margaret Ebert, Paul Ebert, Fred Ebert, Jerry Ebert, Dale Ebert, Harley Schoenrock, Leona Gaydusek, Art Heiman.

MASS TIME & DATE	PRECIOUS BODY	PRECIOUS BLOOD	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS/GIFTS	CANTOR/MUSICIANS
Sat. Jan 9: St. Joseph 5:00 pm	No Mass					
Sun. Jan 10: St. Joseph 5:00 pm	Fr. Mike		Ben Jilka	Taylor Umscheid Halle Reitz	Duane Jones JudyJones	
Sat. Jan 9: St. Bernard 5:00 pm	Nicole Roscovious		Ramona Stueve		Pam Fulmer Anita Culbertson	
Sun. Jan 10: St. Bernard 9:00 am	No Mass					
Sun. Jan 10: St. Bernard 10:45 am	No Mass					

**BOTH PARISHES**

**The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 3, 2021**

All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.

— Psalm 72:11

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor,  
Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you  
and the glory of the Lord appears over  
you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth  
will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are  
coheirs, copartners in the promise in  
Christ Jesus through the gospel  
(Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived,  
looking for the newborn king of the  
Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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**PROMISE FULFILLED**

Isaiah reminds the people of God  
that the land shall be restored to their  
possession, they shall rejoice to see  
their people return from the bondage  
of exile, and they shall be a light to  
the nations. In other words, through  
the people of Israel, the Savior shall  
come to all people who seek God with  
a sincere heart. This brings joy and  
the radiance of God's glory to all the  
world and to all people everywhere.  
Through the fidelity of the people of  
God, and through God's fidelity to  
them, all people shall become God's  
children and rejoice in the fulfillment  
of God's promise to Israel.

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**THE HOLY STAR**

O Father, may that holy star  
Grow every year more bright  
And send its glorious beams afar  
To fill the world with light.

—William Cullen Bryant

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O Come Let Us



Adore Him



**ST BERNARD**

Mass this weekend (Jan 2 & 3) will be full  
mass schedule.

Next weekend (Jan 9) will be Saturday  
night only at 5:00 pm.

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**Adoration:** We will not have Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament on Dec. 23, 24,  
25 and Dec. 30, 31, Jan. 1. Adoration will  
resume on Wednesday, Jan. 6.

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**First Friday Breakfast:** Since the first  
Friday in January is New Year's Day, we  
will be moving the breakfast to Friday,  
Jan. 8.

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**Pro-Life Baby Shower:** Sponsored by K  
of C will be the month of January. A crib  
will be placed in the narthex to receive  
items new or in very good condition. Ide-  
as for babies are newborn or 0-3 month  
clothing, receiving blankets, preemie  
clothing, diapers, bottles, lotion & pow-  
ders, bibs, or baby towels & wash cloths.  
For monetary donations please contact  
Gene Scherer 316-530-4985.

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**K of C Meeting:** Monday, January 4 at  
7:30 pm.

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**Memory Poinsettia Flowers For:** Bud &  
Ruth Keating, George & Eleanor Juene-  
man, Louis & Bernadine Stegeman, Felix  
& Elsie Stegman, Joe & Patricia Ward,  
Doyle Diederich, Clem & Mary  
Waskowick, Eddie Wilburn, Skip & Mi-  
chael Kane, Leo & Peg Wilburn, Earl Day-  
lor, Calvin & Gladys Magnett, Clarence &  
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ler, Jean & Eugene Prockish, Mary Jo  
Hageman, Margaret Annan, Travis Prock-  
ish, Eugene & Jean Prockish, Louis &  
Cleona Weixelman, Vincent & Rose Marie  
Schletzbaum, Raymond & Lola Mae  
Scherer, Ron Dean, Robert & Kathryn  
Stallbaumer, Harold & Marty Fund, Rudy  
& Connie Elizondo, Jack Deweese, Gary  
Deweese, Mary Riat, Bill Pope Family,  
Bernard Peterson Family

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**Mark Your Calendars for 2021 Parish  
Auction:** St. Bernard's Auction is sched-  
uled for February 20, 2021. It will be a  
virtual auction, and masquerade theme!  
Stay tuned for more info!

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**BOTH PARISHES**

**GENTLENESS**

Feelings are everywhere—be gentle.

—J. Masui

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**"Every Day in Love"**

If you ate too many cookies at Christmas, it  
won't ruin your health if you eat well the  
rest of the year. Unfortunately, you also  
can't expect one salad per year to make you  
healthy! It's the little things, done daily,  
that affect our lives. Start this new year  
right by taking 7 date nights with your  
spouse to learn some simple, effective dai-  
ly habits that will fill your 2021 with love!  
7 Thursdays, January 21- Mar 4, 7:30-9pm  
Live on Zoom, with recordings available to  
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ble More info and register: [archkcks.org/](http://archkcks.org/)  
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[bdupont@archkck.org](mailto:bdupont@archkck.org)

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**Holy Rosary Rally in Honor of Our  
Blessed Mother & Our Lady of Fatima:**

Please join us for the January Holy Rosary  
Rally in Honor of Our Blessed Mother and  
Our Lady of Fatima—which will be held  
on Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to  
4:15 pm at All Saints Parish, 811 Vermont  
Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101.

We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and  
Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary fol-  
lowed by Benediction and the opportunity  
for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapu-  
lar. For driving instructions or future dates  
for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary  
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it [www.rosaryrallieskc.org](http://www.rosaryrallieskc.org)

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**Thank to all who remembered us this  
Christmas with cards, goodies, and gifts.**

~Fr. Mike & parish staff

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8,  
10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8;  
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10,  
12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2,  
14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-  
20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b;  
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps  
29:1-4, 3, 9-10  
or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts  
10:34-38 or  
1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

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