

Sunday, January 4, 2009: Epiphany

FAITH CORNER

CHRISTMASTIDE

Epiphany is the twelfth day of Christmas, traditionally the end of the Christmas celebration.



On this day, we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. We tell a story about astrologers who came to worship the newborn Son of God. They are a sign that the Savior has come for all people.

National Catechetical Directory

In Jesus Christ the Christian is joined to all history and all human beings. The story of salvation, set in the midst of human history, is no less than the working out of God's plan for humankind: to form His people into the whole Christ, "that perfect man who is Christ come to full stature."

(#88, see also #s 46, 51, 53, 63)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs," and acquires Israelitica dignitas (are made "worthy of the heritage of Israel"). (#528)

Readings for the week after the Epiphany Monday, January 5 (St. John Neumann)

1 John 3:22-4:6; Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 6 (Blessed Andre Bessette)

1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 7 (St. Raymond of Penafort)

1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, January 8

1 John 4:19-5:4; Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17;
Luke 4:14-22a

Friday, January 9

1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, January 10

1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b;
John 3:22-30

Sunday, January 11

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11;
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3); Acts 10:34-38 or
1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

Masses, Intentions & Services

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| Sat. | Jan. 3 | 5:00 p.m. | Living & Deceased of Clara Miller Family |
| Sun. | Jan. 4 | 9:30 a.m.+ 11:00 a.m. | Ralph 'Blackie' Augustine People of the Parish |
| Wed. | Jan. 7 | 7:30 a.m.+ | Bertha Binder |
| Fri. | Jan. 9 | 7:30 a.m.+ | Philmina Pfannenstiel |
| Sat. | Jan. 10 | 5:00 p.m.+ | Alvin Leiker |
| Sun. | Jan. 11 | 9:30 a.m.+ 11:00 a.m. | Alfred 'Luke' & Greg Honas People of the Parish |

WELCOME

Please extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our parish family:

Darrell & Connie Dreher;
Dana Augustine and family

A HUGE THANKS to all who helped the Art & Environment Committee decorate the Church for Christmas. Everyone put in a lot of time and hard work. We appreciate it more than words can express. We couldn't have done it without you!!! Also a special thank you to Tracy Logleiter and family for preparing and serving the food. Thanks a million!

The Art & Environment Committee

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| June Allen | Pam Dreiling | Susan Geist |
| Stephanie Hagans | Mary Hickman | Sara Humphrey |
| Jessica Speno | Julianne Wolf | Linda Wood |

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WILL BE TAKEN DOWN on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2pm as we return to the celebration of Ordinary Time on our church calendar. Your help would be appreciated as we end the Christmas season.

Church Repairs

To Date \$49,799

Titling: Your Gift to God Our 2008/2009 fiscal year started July 1, 2008

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| Week Collection of Dec. 28 | \$ 24,753 |
| Budgeted Weekly Collection | \$ 11,663 |
| Collection Year to Date | \$341,634 |
| Budgeted Collection Year to Date | \$303,238 |
| As of Dec. 28, 2008 we are over/(under) budget | \$ 38,396 |

The parish tithe for May went to St. Paul's Catholic Mission, First Call for Help, Hospice, and St. Joseph's Food Pantry.

MONEY COUNTERS

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| Jan. 4 | Clint & Marie Froelich |
| Jan. 11 | Richard & Trina Gottschalk |
| Jan. 18 | Laura Hertel & Lucy Hutchison |
| Jan. 25 | Melvin & Karen Bruggeman |

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Faith Formation News

Classes in session,

-- Wednesday, Jan. 7

-- Wednesday, Jan. 14

Sunday, Jan. 18 – First Eucharist Retreat 1:30 to 3pm at IHM for all First Communion Candidates and parents



CYO News

Next Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 18, 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall

Jr. CYO News

On Jan. 10, the St. Nick's Jr. CYO will be gathering with the Jr. CYO organizations from St. Joseph's parish and St. Mary's parish for a fun night of bowling at Centennial Lanes in Hays. Cost is \$5 per person (which includes both the bowling and one drink). The event begins at 7pm and will end at 9pm. Wear your St. Nick's Jr. CYO shirt if you have one!

Catholic Websites

Adults – Catholic Online

<http://www.catholiconline.org>

Families – Catholic Exchange

<http://catholicexchange.com>

Children – Holy Spirit Interactive Kids Zone

<http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids>

Teens - PhatMass

<http://www.phatmass.com>

Holy Family Elementary

Dec. 22 – Jan. 5 - Christmas Vacation

Jan. 6 - No Preschool PC Class; Parent-Teacher Conferences, 7:30am to 8:30pm;

-- Kdgn. through 6th Grade Back in Session

-- Parent-Teacher Conferences Grades Kdgn.-6th Grade – 4 to 7pm

Jan. 7 - No PA & PB Preschool classes; Preschool Conferences, 7:30am to 8:30pm

Jan. 8- June Birthday Mass & Dinner

-- No PC Preschool class; Parent-Teacher Conferences, 7:30am to 8:30pm

-- Parent-Teacher Conferences Grades Kdgn.-6th Grade – 4 to 7pm

Jan. 9 - No School

Jan. 12 - Home & School Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Little Theatre



 **Thomas More Prep-Marian**
www.tmp-m.org

-- Thomas More Prep Marian will have Christmas Break starting Dec. 22, 2008, with classes resuming on Jan. 7.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Candles for Crownpoint collection this year. Many families will have light to guide their way through your generosity.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 10 & 11

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EM

Jo Good

Keith Dreiling

Marilyn Gabel

Marvin Kaiser

Bernice Kaiser

Mary Mellick

Sylvia Reinhardt

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EM

Theresa Flax

Gene Flax

Sheila Pfeifer

Kelly Schmidt

Kevin Splichal

Nancy Urban

Rose McFarland +

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EM

Shannon Stauth

Geralyn Allen

Carrie Gottschalk

Jayne Inlow

Mary Lou Mastin

Jan Stauth

Bob Wasinger

Proclaimer

Tom Toepfer #1

Mary Toepfer #2

Altar Servers

Sarah Gottschalk

Rachel Muirhead

Alexis Ralph

Proclaimer

Keith Gustin #1

Clare Gustin #2

Altar Servers

Sarah Jo Gustin

Halle Lang

Braden Splichal

Proclaimer

Andrew Allen #1

Karen Aten #2

Altar Servers

Tori Aten

Gracie Wasinger

Alexis Wasinger

Hospitality

Galen Gottschalk

Neil Legleiter

Sacristan

Henry Reinhardt

Gift Bearers

Mary Mellick Family

Hospitality

Greg Lang

Sacristan

Wilfred Kreutzer

Gift Bearers

Richard Gottschalk

Hospitality

Harold Haselhorst

Sacristan

Nolan Allen

Gift Bearers

Corey Sorenson

Next Seniors Bunko, Jan. 8

The next Bunko party will be Thursday, Jan. 8, at 2:30pm, in the St. Nicholas of Myra parish hall.



Bulletin Ads are being renewed at this time. We have one spot to be filled by a business. If you are interested in filling this spot, please contact Ramona at 628-1446.

THE DAYS AHEAD

Jan. 4 All American Breakfast, 7:30am to 12:30pm, American Legion, Benefits: Hospice

Jan. 6 St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm

Jan. 7 Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm

-- Finance Council Meeting, noon

-- Liturgy Meeting, 7pm, Rectory

Jan. 8 RCIA, 7pm

Jan. 10 Men of Myra, 7:30am

Jan. 11 Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am

