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CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

January 6, 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord

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Baptism of the Lord - Sunday, January 13, 2019
Regular Sunday Schedule

Join us for *Vespers* to close the Season of Christmas, followed by a Eucharistic Procession
January 13, 2019 4:00pm

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
Blessing of the Home
Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort

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 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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Friday	8:00am - 7:00 pm
Saturday	9:00am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00am - 5:30 pm

PARISH LIBRARY HOURS

Sat. 5:30 PM; Sun. 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Church Nursery: We offer year-round nursery during both the 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses for children ages 1-3. Children play with caring staff while you are able to fully participate in Mass. The nursery is closed on holidays, but children are always welcome at Mass.

NEW PARISHIONERS
Welcome to St. John's!

The Next New Parishioner Meeting: January 12/13

The new parishioner meeting will be held after each Mass the weekend of January 12/13. The meeting will start 15 minutes after Mass in St. Joseph Hall.

All are welcome to attend.

The bulletin deadline is 12:00 noon on Thursday, 10 days before the Sunday publication date. All submissions will be edited for length and content and are subject to final approval. Space is very limited. Thank you for your cooperation. Send requests to: **stjohnsnb@pclink.com**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, January 07, 2019
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Church
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Skluzacek (Darwin Larson+)
7:00 PM Baptism Class ~ 208
7:00 PM RCIA ~ 206

Tuesday, January 08, 2019
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Church
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Paul (Darrell Monson+)
9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese
9:00 AM Sunday Scripture ~ 204
1:00 PM Caregivers Support Group ~ 204
6:30 PM Respect Life Committee Meeting ~ LL108
7:00 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting ~ 208

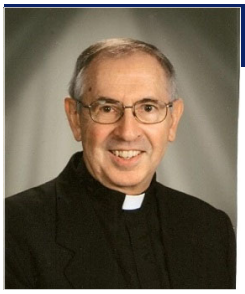
Wednesday, January 09, 2019
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Church
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Paul (Dee Hauber+)
9:15 AM Faithfully Fit ~ LL106
9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211
9:30 AM Scripture w/ Sr. Clarinda ~ 210
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Church
5:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Paul
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus ~ 211
6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group ~ LL106
7:00 PM Series on the Sacraments ~ St. Joseph Hall
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ LL101

Thursday, January 10, 2019
6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Church
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Paul (David Hill+)
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel of the Angels
9:15 AM Circle of Women ~ 206
1:00 PM Quilters ~ LL108 J. Jugan Senior Center
6:30 PM Catholic Watchmen ~ St. Joseph Hall
7:00 PM Bible Study w/ Sr. Clarinda ~ 210

Friday, January 11, 2019
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Church
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Paul
7:30 PM Charismata ~ Church

Saturday, January 12, 2019
9:00 AM ODM Leader/ Catechist Training ~ SJH
3:30 PM Confessions ~ Church
4:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Skluzacek (Bill Witkowski+)

Sunday, January 13, 2019
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Paul (Pro Populo)
8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
9:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel
9:30 AM RCIC ~ 207 St. John Neumann
10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ Chapel
10:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Skluzacek (Tim Witkowski+)
10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
11:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel
12:00 PM Baptism ~ Church
4:00 PM Vespers ~ Church
5:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Jaspers (Regina Bisch+)



From the Pastor: Father Michael Skluzáček

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The Epiphany of the Lord

The Gift of Presence

The bishops of the six dioceses in Minnesota (St. Paul and Minneapolis, Crookston, Duluth, St. Cloud, New Ulm, Winona-Rochester) have designated the Solemnity of the Epiphany as "**Immigration Sunday Minnesota**." The U.S. bishops have designated January 6-12, 2019 as "National Migration Week." On this Twelfth Day of Christmas we recall the story of the "Magi from the East" who travelled far from their home country to find the Christ Child. Once they found him in Bethlehem, they were welcomed as they shared their gifts with their newfound friends. The Three Kings were like migrants, travelling a long way from their home country for a very specific purpose. They found hospitality at their destination, Bethlehem.

The mystery of the Epiphany has much to teach us about the virtue of hospitality. We are focusing on hospitality this year at St. John's, inviting all parishioners to welcome friend and stranger alike in our parish. The Three Kings teach us the importance of welcoming the stranger and being enriched by an encounter with new people. The Magi were not so welcome in Jerusalem. Herod saw the king they were seeking as a threat and sought to use the Magi to find him so he could eliminate him. But when the Magi arrived in Bethlehem, they were welcomed. Mary and Joseph welcomed them, offered them hospitality, and they shared gifts. The Magi offered gifts to the Christ Child, and Jesus gave them the gift of his divine presence.

One of the winning posters in our Knights of Columbus sponsored "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest declared, "*As many wait for presents, we await the Lord's Presence.*" The presence of the Lord Jesus is the greatest gift we have been given. We adore that presence at every Mass, in our Adoration Chapel and in the tabernacle. Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist. Just being in the presence of Jesus is a great gift. Our presence is also a gift to others. Recall your Christmas celebrations, and loved ones visiting from afar. What did you enjoy more, the *present* they gave you, or their *presence*? We love being in the presence of those we love. That is the gift of hospitality – to share the gift of our presence with others.

During this New Year, let's seek to grow in the virtue of hospitality in our parish. Let's find ways to share the gift of our presence with others. Perhaps we can do that by reaching out to get to know someone at church whom we don't yet know. Perhaps you're not accustomed to going to St. Joseph Hall after Mass for hospitality. You might try going once a month, or every so often. There's great food as well! Introduce yourself to someone and find out who they are. Share something of your life with them and ask them about their life. Another suggestion is to come to the monthly new parishioner gathering – all are welcome! Meet our new parishioners, introduce yourself, and let them know how glad you are to have them in our parish.

Welcoming the stranger is one of the corporal works of mercy. The Magi were strangers when they arrived in Bethlehem, but they became friends of Jesus after being welcomed by Mary and Joseph. Let's all strive to make more *friends of Jesus,* by welcoming all who come to our church. May our *presence* lead others to the *divine Presence, Jesus.*

Vespers and Eucharistic Procession – next Sunday – January 13, 2019 – 4:00 pm

Come and celebrate **Vespers,** the Evening Prayer of the Church, **next Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the main church. We will bring the Christmas Season to a close with a Eucharistic procession through the church, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Timothy Sandquist, who was with us as a deacon in summer 2016, will be our guest homilist. Many priests will be in attendance and participate in the Eucharistic procession. Everyone is invited and welcome. All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to participate in the procession. Please sit in the pews reserved for you.

Epiphany House Blessing

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.
A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance. It can also be written somewhere inside the home.
+20 C M B 19+
The letters C, M, B have two meanings:
• They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
• They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."
The "+" signs represent the cross and 2019 is the year.

Here's a suggested format for the blessing:
All make the Sign of the Cross.
Leader: "Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reader: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, 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."
After their audience with the king they set out.
And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.
They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.
Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house or inside above the front main entrance, or next to an entrance:

+20 Christus Mansionem Benedicat 19+ or +20 C M B 19+

These words mean. "May Christ bless this house" or you may use the names of the Magi

+20 Caspar Melchior Balthazar 19+ or +20 C M B 19+

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who have entered eternal life:
Margie Duncan

Those who are ill: Elaine Bechard, Barb Gregerson, Lloyd Mans, Mary Spitzka, Elaine Loscheider, Bev Stampfle, John Demont, Michael Ferdelman, Shirley Hill, Jon Clark, Jim Montury, Lucas Kramer, Bill Ivory, Cassie Cramer, Georgianna Warden, Donna Yenish, Mary Wegerson, Stephen Sandquist, John Leibrich, Scott Lemke, Mark Nelson, Nella Pitzen, Joan Roemer, Mary Lou Long, Donna Reinkober, Helen Sullivan, Victoria Stratton, Alfred Duku-Celestino, Ellie Warchol, Fulton Francis Dobbs, Virginia Hudoba, Carl Stampfle, Marcy Eder, Jeff Drew, Daniel Welter, Doug Brekke, Jack & Marcella Longnecker, Joe Szepieniec, Stanley Kruta, Philip Jarosz, Joni Grieman, Sara Groehler, Zach Boryczka, Tom Miller, Jean Schaaf, Greta Stefanich, Jean Lanzel, Deloris Wolcyn, Evelyn Arneson, Vic Spaulding, Madi Rippy, Sydney Rippy, Sarah Lumaya, Richard and Patricia Gigrich, Marianne Brekke, Patricia Beaubien, Delores Demont, Sally Norgren, Gerry Kuglin, Norma Stanisha, Steve Lauinger, Michael Warchol, Nancy Kiuii, Catheryn Klukas, David Martin, Mary Brunner, Kathy Brownrigg, Loretta Witkowski, Jessie Johnson, James Wehr, Carol Ruff, Juanita Zamor, Anne Saylor, Richard Pellow, Mary Puffer, Janet Doud, Gay Jacobsen, Carol Johnson, Anita Leibrich, Charlotte Thrun, Rose Maciaszek, Fred & Deana Irish, Connie Pearson, Mike Fritz, Rita Kochevar, Catherine Schonhardt, Barb Cant, Linda Puffer, Mark Puffer, Jenny Reicks, Robert & Annette Kirwan, Thomas Daley, May Gariepy

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Stable on the Harvest Table

The stable was hand crafted out of Pecky Cypress, circa 1972, for the New Church Edifice by Alphonse Kortas.

The background painting was designed and executed by either Sister Frances, O.S.F. or by Sister Ann, O.S.F.

The stable has been returned to Saint John's through the generosity of Judy (Kortas) McHugo.

In your Christian charity, please remember Al in your prayers this Christmastide.

FROM THE OFFICE OF DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

Join Sister Clarinda for Sunday Morning Scripture, Tuesdays at 9AM

Men's Fellowship - Thursday Morning 6:30-8:00am Now – January 24, 2019 Presence – The Mystery of the Eucharist DVD Series. Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. "Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist " explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.
Come for the donuts, stay for the truth!! Questions, call Dave @ 612-616-4013

CIRCLE OF WOMEN, Room 206, 9:15-11:30am We invite women of all ages to join us for our next gathering on Thursday, January 10. Our speaker, Linda Abel-Thomas, will be speaking to us on how to be "Still in the Spirit". Her energetic and inspiring presentation will include musical reflection time led by Amee Heigl. Childcare is available. Any questions, please don't hesitate to call Michelle at (763)442-4936 or Carrie at (612)275-2236. Brochures are available in the kiosks. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday!

The Sacraments: Our Points of Contact with Jesus Christ - Join your fellow parishioners for a 4-week series on The Sacraments. Fr. Paul, Fr. Skluzacek and Jessica Balzarini will give four powerful presentations demonstrating the immense importance of the seven Sacraments. In each Sacrament, Christ communicates his very life to us and allows us to participate in his work. The evenings will include a presentation, discussion, and a time for prayer.
When: Wednesday evenings, January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th from 7:00-8:30pm You're welcome to attend one, two, three or four sessions (the fee is $10 for 1, 2, 3 or all sessions) **Where:** St. Joseph Hall **Who:** Adults and teens are welcome to attend (limited spots for childcare provided) **Fee:** $10 includes program materials and hospitality (Scholarships are available). Registration forms can be found in the kiosks.

Bible Study with Sister Clarinda - The 3 letters of Johannine & Introduction to the Book of Hebrews (11 sessions) Among the books of the New Testament, the Letter to the Hebrews stands out for its rhetorical and theological brilliance. It is arguably the greatest Christian sermon ever preached or written. Its author deserves to be revered as the patron saint of preachers. He has presented the essential claim of Christian faith that Christ died for our sins in a persuasive argument with a deep emotional appeal. One way to introduce this book is to describe Hebrews as a sermon in written form, of uncertain origin, intended to encourage perseverance in Christian faith. The author describes his work as a "message of encouragement". **Registration form can be found in the kiosks. Classes begin January 9/10.**

The Catholic Watchmen **Calling all Catholic Men!** As the new year approaches, look towards growing closer to God and to those within the faith! Watchmen offers a chance to elevate your faith and meet your fellow Christian Men! The next St. John's parish Catholic Watchmen Night is **Thursday, January 10,** from 6:30-9:00pm in St. Joseph Hall. Join other St. John's men for fellowship, food, beverage, and a new presentation about our faith. Questions? Contact Fr. Paul frshovelain@stjohnnyb.org

The SJB Knights of Columbus have provided financial grants for parishioner Eagle Scouts to help them complete their Eagle Scout projects. These projects have benefited the parish and community. The Knights meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month for about an hour. Men 18 and over are eligible to join.
If interested in joining, please visit http://www.kofc.org/un/en/join/sign-me-up.html

Charismata Do you prefer the music at our 5:30pm Mass on Sunday evenings? The same music group plays for our monthly Charismata event. We meet on the 2nd Friday of each month from January through May. It's a time to be filled through praise and worship, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and prayer team ministry. Join us on January 11 at 7:30 pm.

Baptism Prep

New parents are invited to our next Baptism Prep session on January 7th. Our young facilitator couples are eager to meet you and journey with you and your family as you work towards Baptism for your child. It's best to attend our prep session before the baby is born but the office will need at about one month to process paperwork and get your items ready for the Baptism Day.
To begin, it's as easy as an email to Jodie Wolla asking for the Baptism prep registration form. Contact her today wollaj@stjohnnyb.org.

Cana Dinner 2/16/19

THE SCHOOL OF LOVE: MARRIAGE, FAITH & OPENNESS

Presented by Pat and Kenna Millea

All married and engaged couples are invited to join us for an evening of conversation, wine and dinner.

Invitations available beginning January 2019.

Pat & Kenna were married in 2009. Kenna works as a Marriage & Family Therapist and Pat has served for 12 years in Catholic Youth Ministry. They have four children and are expecting twins. They share their experiences of faith and family - in good times and bad - with JOY, HUMOR and BEAUTY.

St. John the Baptist Wines to Wishes 2019

Join us for Wines to Wishes on Saturday, February 2, 2019

Silent Auction 5:30 - 9:00pm

Casino Games 6-9pm

Live Presentations 9-10:30pm

Hors d'oeuvres & cash cocktail bar

Proceeds will be used to purchase flexible seating furniture for our classrooms.

For more details or to register online,
Please visit www.WinestoWishes.com

Questions?
Contact: Rita Arndorfer arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org or
Michelle Barsness barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org

Are you looking for a Christ centered, Catholic education for your child?

The Preschool and Kindergarten Information and Enrollment Night will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2019, from 6 -7:30pm. At the event, you will learn more about the school, have the opportunity to tour the campus, as well as receive information about registration for the 2018-2019 school year. Most importantly, you will learn why St. John the Baptist is the perfect fit for your child.
If you are interested in enrolling a student in grades 1-8 and would like to set up a private tour of the school, please visit our website www.stjohnnyb.org or contact the school office (651-633-1522).

Legion of Mary welcomes four new pledged members: Jason Tauer, Terry Ratajczyk, Kathy Graf, and Minda Alipio. The Legion of Mary serves our parish through visiting the sick and homebound, prayer and service through the patronage of Our Blessed Mother Mary. Interested visitors always welcome – meeting every Wednesday at 9:30 am.

Did you know....

In the early days of the Booya Dinner at St. John's, the work was made more difficult because there was no running water in the old church basement. All the water to wash dishes, vegetables, chicken, etc., had to be carried from the rectory next door.

SAVE THE DATES

50TH ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER SERIES

Fr. Michael Joncas
January 20, 2019 1:00-2:30pm
Vatican II - Its Effect on the Building of the Church

Nicholas Markell
March 3, 2019 1:00-2:30pm
How the Statuary, Stained Glass & Icons Speak to Us

Refreshments served after both events
Please mark your calendar

Caring for the Caregiver

Please join our confidential Caregiver Support Group on Tuesday, January 8 at 1pm in room 204. Questions? Mary Hartz 651-633-8333 ext. 1229

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
~ Isaiah 60:1

Catholic High School Open Houses

Saint Agnes High School Open House – Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30PM. Saint Agnes School is located at 530 Lafond Avenue, Saint Paul, MN. Please visit www.SaintAgnesSchool.org for more information

Benilde - St. Margaret Open House - Monday, January 7, 2019 from 6-8:30pm. Benilde-St. Margaret School is located at 2501 Highway 100 South, St. Louis Park, MN 55416. Register at bsmschool.org/visit.
We look forward to meeting you!

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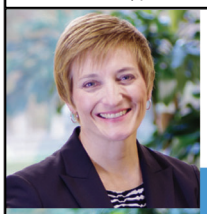

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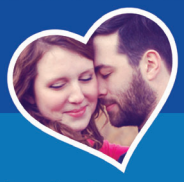

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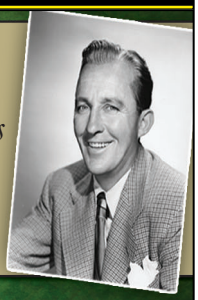

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