

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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Celebration of the Sacraments

Eucharist

Please note the schedule in this bulletin.

Marriage

Active parish membership of 6 months is
required before a wedding date may be set.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 9:30 am, or call for an appointment.

Baptism

Please call the parish office 2 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office anytime.



January 3, 2010 • Epiphany of the Lord

Working with the Scriptures (*Mt. 2:1-12*)

As you read these words it's almost two weeks *after* Christmas. However, due to publication deadlines, I am writing them several days *before* Christmas, which puts me in something of a predicament. I find myself asking you, a week before Christmas has even arrived, what difference Christmas 2009 has made in your life? To put it another way, what difference has *Christmas* made in your life? Or, even more to the point, what difference *does* Christmas make in your life?

Matthew's Gospel describes a world of class distinctions and crooked politicians and prejudice. He describes a world divided between those who 'have' and those who 'have-not'. In other words, Matthew describes a world very much like our own. But then something happens - something that makes a difference.

"And you, Bethlehem...from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel (Micah 5:1-2)." Shepherds were looked down upon. They spent their lives moving from place to place with their sheep - and they smelled like it. There were many shepherds around Bethlehem. "[B]ehold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem..." The magi were astronomers, the 'college professors' of their time. "They prostrated themselves and did him homage." Picture Harvard faculty bowing down before the janitor's son! "Then they...offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Evidently these men were also wealthy. It must have cost quite a lot to make such a trip, not to mention the cost of their gifts. Something was happening - something that would make a difference.

But that was 2000 years ago (or two weeks, depending on how you count). Christmas is over and Valentine's Day hearts have replaced Santa in the mall. But wait a minute - maybe that's OK. In fact, maybe that's exactly the point. Christmas isn't about power or presents, Christmas is about love (think Valentine's Day hearts). And since love isn't generally something that you'd expect to find at the mall (or in the workplace?) Maybe, like the magi, it's something we're supposed to *bring* there. Maybe that's what would make the difference! The magi went away changed, departing "...by another way." Can we say the same two weeks after Christmas 2009?

Vinal Van Benthem

Welcome

We welcome into the community of St. Joseph's through Baptism...

David Paul Drexler
Noah John Nicolini

**Please Pray For...**

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:
Yvonne Kokke-Bauer.

Please also remember our nursing home residents and shut-ins.

Please remember to pray for our parishioners or family members of our parishioners who have died:

- Leona Rogers

Congratulations to Our**Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners**

December 17—Mary Weygandt—\$25.00
December 18—Robert and Audrey Busch—
\$25.00
December 19—Paul Freund—\$25.00
December 20—Lawrence Freimuth—\$50.00
December 21—Peggy Busch—\$25.00
December 22—Katie Vanden Boomen—
\$25.00
December 23—Bob and Mary Ellen Eggert—
\$25.00

Religious Education

Confirmation: Juniors in high school are invited to attend a parent/teen information meeting for Confirmation, 10:00AM at St. Mary Parish, St. Anne Room, or 7:30PM at St. Joseph, Holly Hall, January 3(today). Confirmation preparation begins in February and continues through the summer. Confirmation will be in October, 2010.

First Eucharist: Parents of children in second grade are invited to a First Eucharist parent meeting, 6:30PM, Jan. 5 at St. Joseph, Holly Hall, or 8:30AM, Jan. 7 at St. Mary, Community Room. Parents will choose important dates/times for First Eucharist at these meetings.

Youth Ministry

We hope that you had a very blessed Christmas! May Christ's birth bring joy and gladness to your heart during the rest of the Christmas season!

Middle School students join us for an Open Gym Night on Friday, January 8 from 7-10PM at St. Thomas More. Friends encouraged to come too!

High School students - join together for a day about Relationships! Drew Mulloy (from our First Night of Classes in September) will be joining us - never a dull moment with him! Friday, January 22 from 1-7PM at St. Thomas More. Appleton schools have half day of school. \$12. Friends are welcome!

Contact Celia McKee for more information about Youth Ministry programs at 738-7413 or iprf@inter-parish.org.

Don't Forget! It's This Week!

It's about to start! Thursday, Jan. 7 at St. Joes.

The Natural Step for Communities Study Circle will help with a look at our community and our environment. Please join us. Call John Gosling at 734-2615 for details.

Adult Education

Fathers of the Early Church - What do you know about the earliest teachers of the church? How the early church celebrated Mass and Sacraments? What heresies about Jesus existed? How early Christians understood the Eucharist? How our understanding of the Trinity was formed? Dr. John Craghan will lead us in four nights of exploration on Ignatius of Antioch (cir. 110), Justin Martyr (165), Tertullian (160-220) and Augustine (354-430) on four Tuesday evenings, Jan. 12-Feb. 2, 7:00-8:30PM, St. Joseph Parish Center. Check out registration forms available in clear plastic stands available at the back of both St. Mary and St. Joseph churches.

Evenings for Parents:

Family Resiliency, Wednesday, January 20, 6:30-7:30PM, St. Mary Parish Center, Room LL07.

Find out if your family deals with crisis like a rubber band or a toothpick. Research tells us there are key elements that are critical to building strong families. This session will give you ideas of how to start to build on your strengths to make even stronger family relations.

Rules, Rituals and Routines, Wed., Jan. 27, 6:30-7:30PM, St. Mary Parish Center, Room LL07.

Children need to have structure in their life. To add to the structure of family life, research tells us it is important to establish rules, rituals and routines. Examples of everyday living will be shared and how to make applications in our families.

Presenter for both family sessions will be Karen Dickrell, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension, Outagamie County. Karen is also chairperson of St. Pius X Parish Council here in Appleton. **Please pre-register by calling Carol at 739-5119 or e-mail: cjensen@stmaryparish.org.** Seating limited to 25. Babysitting available for up to 10 children, if pre-registered before Jan. 15, 2010.

Beginning February 16 (evenings) and February 18 (mornings), **scripture study** on the **Gospel of Luke!** Watch future bulletins for details.

Christ Renews His Parish

Our first team of men from St. Mary and St. Joseph parishes will experience a Christ Renews His Parish weekend next Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8-10. Please keep them in your prayers throughout this week and next weekend.

Gentle Stretch Classes - Tuesday Mornings - St. Mary Parish Center

Gentle Stretch 1 - 9:30-10:30AM (no need to get down on the floor)
Gentle Stretch II - 11:00AM-Noon (participants must be able to get up and down from the floor).

During either class your entire body will move through a series of exercises designed to increase your balance, flexibility and range of movement. Classes taught by Barb Welsch, St. Mary Parishioner and Certified Group Exercise Instructor. Cost, \$40.00 for a six week session. Start Jan. 12, 2010. **Free demo classes on Jan. 5 at 9:30 and 11:00AM.** To register call 419-0897 or register on January 5.

Catholic Central School News

There has been a "Miracle on South State Street" and we are so very grateful to all who helped giving us an early Christmas present. Our fine school will be open for many years to come. Catholic Central extends to all parishioners a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2010!!

Financial News

Tithing Needed	\$15,692.00
Dec. 20 Tithing.....	\$16,273.32
Children's (Dec. 20)	\$43.95
Christmas.....	\$16,042.51
December 27 Tithing.....	\$14,868.17
Children's Collection.....	\$165.55

Thank You!
May God bless you for your Generosity to our parish ministries.

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2010

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/
Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/
Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4/
Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/
Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/
Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or
40:1-5, 9-11/
Acts 10:34-38 or
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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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." - Mt 2:1b-2

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Monday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

12:05 pm Dec. Amelia Mae Heinz

Tuesday, January 5, St. John Neumann, bishop

12:05 pm Dec. Helen Guyette

12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, January 6

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

Thursday, January 7

4:30 pm Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, January 8

12:05 pm Dec. Larry Gage

Saturday, January 9

4:30 pm Dec. David Maslanka

Sunday, January 10, The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am Robert Weber

9:00 am Members of St. Joseph Parish

10:30 am Dec. Les Knopp

6:30 pm Dec. Larry Bernecker

This Week in Our Parish

Monday

Faith and Light, 7:00PM, Rm. LL11

Tuesday

Social Concerns, 6:30PM, Rm. 205

Twinning Mtg., 6:30PM, Rm. 209

First Communion Parent Mtg., 6:30PM

Holly Hall

Wednesday

IPRF Classes Resume

First Eucharist Mtg., 6:30PM, Parish Center

Thursday

Fundraising, 5:30PM, Rm. 210

Choir, 6:30PM, church

Prayer Shawl, 6:30PM, Rm. LLO9

The Natural Step, 7:00PM, Rm. 214

Next Sunday

RCIA, 9:00-11:15AM, Rm. 209

Choose Life

A new year brings thoughts of new life. What better place to start than at the beginning—with the human embryo? “Embryonic human beings, no less than human beings at other developmental stages, should be treated as subjects of moral respect and human rights, not as objects that may be damaged or destroyed for the benefit of others.”

Presidential Council on Bioethics, 2002

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Scrip is available after all masses this weekend.
2. Religious Education Classes Resume this Wednesday, January 6.



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Catholics Come Home

Want to feel more comfortable talking about our Catholic faith?

Join us for this free “Evangelization 101” workshop. Jan. 12, Bishop Wycislo Center, Green Bay, 6:30-8:30PM or Jan. 26, St. Paul, Combined Locks, 6:30-8:30PM. You’ll prayerfully consider your answer to the questions:

- * Why am I Catholic?
- * Why do I attend Mass?
- * What do I know about Jesus?

and get some practice talking to others in a safe and structured environment.

Registration requested for an idea of how many handouts needed. Register now at EvangWorship@abdioc.org or 920-272-8281.

Ministry of the Week

Funeral Lunch Volunteer

Setup the parish hall for funeral lunches, serve the lunches, and clean up after. COMMITMENT: On an as-needed basis. Time commitment generally is from 10:30AM until 1:30PM per funeral lunch.

When the Going Gets Tough

Consider coming to Monte Alverno Retreat & Spirituality Center, Appleton: a sacred place where people find God in quiet and solitude, and there, are able to reaffirm their priorities. Weekend and mid-week retreats on the theme of “When the Going Gets Tough: Franciscan Helps for the Journey” are offered many times during the year. Private time for reflection can also be scheduled. Contact Monte Alverno, 733-8526, montealverno@juno.com, www.montealverno.org. God is always here for you.