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January 7, 2024



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**“Where is the
newborn king of
the Jews?**

**We saw his star
at its rising and
have come to do
him homage.”**

-Matthew 2:2

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MASS TIMES

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 6:30 pm

Weekend Mass may be viewed online: www.saintjosephparish.org

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 12:05 pm

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.... 920-735-9380

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

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

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 9 until approximately 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.

REACHING IN, REACHING OUT, REACHING GOD

Br. Ray's Reflections

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and we hear of the trek of the Magi in searching for this newborn King. They struggled to follow the star and carry their precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to set before the King. We each struggle to follow the Star in our own lives so that we might place before the Lord, our King, the gifts of ourselves. The journey can be difficult and confusing.

There is a custom to bless our homes on the Feast of the Epiphany. If you've never done it, it might be a nice thing to do with your family. Using chalk, bless the arch of your front door with the following letters and numbers:

Begin with the first 2 numbers of the year: 20

Then add the initials for the 3 Kings: C + M + B (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar)

Last, add the rest of the year: 24

20 + C + M + B + 24

The CMB can also stand for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* which means "May Christ Bless this House."

With this blessing, we are reminding ourselves that our homes should be places of welcome and warmth for all visitors. There are so many in our world that find themselves in dark spots. They may feel alone or lost or just weary by the journey of their lives. They need a place of rest and refreshment. They need a place where someone will listen and hear their struggle. As we bless the physical residence, we are also blessing our hearts. We pray that our hearts might be a dwelling place of hospitality and comfort for all those who come through our lives. Let us bless our homes and our church and ourselves that we might always welcome the stranger, the vulnerable and those searching for the Light!

Upcoming Sacrament Meetings

The **First Eucharist Parent ONLY meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00 pm** in Holly Hall. Parents of our 2nd grade students should plan to attend to learn about the expectations and preparation leading to the celebration in April.

The **Confirmation Teen/Parent/Sponsor meeting** for current 11th grade students of St. Joseph Parish is being held on:

Sunday, January 28 at 7:30 PM - St. Joseph, Holly Hall

Expectations and requirements for the preparation for the Sacrament will be discussed and materials handed out. Please come with questions as well as an open heart and mind!

St. Joseph parishioners, please pray for these students and their families as they begin a very special journey in their faith life!

Children's Choir



Our next children's choir rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, January 10 from 5:45-6:30pm** (between religious education classes).

Contact Marisa if your child (grades 1-8) is interested! We sing monthly at the 10:00 am Mass during the school year.

Volunteers Needed to Take Down Decorations

Volunteers are needed on **Thursday, January 11 at 10:00 am** to take down our Christmas decorations. If you are able to help, we will meet in Church. Thank you!

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next baptismal preparation session is on **Thursday, January 11 at 7 pm** in Room 209. To register for this session, contact Deacon Mark Farrell at: 920-422-2892.

Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners

December 24—Nico Nygard—\$25
December 25—Hollie & Robert Hamilton—\$100
December 26—Marne & Bob Heinrich—\$25
December 27—Sarah & Kyle Ehrhardt—\$25
December 28—Cathy & Mike Miller—\$25
December 29—Christine Stoegebauer—\$25
December 30—Meg Casey—\$25

Blessed Solanus Casey



He was known for his charity toward the sick, children and the poor. His ministry was especially noted during the Great Depression of 1929 when his concern for the poor inspired the Capuchins to establish a soup kitchen in Detroit which is still active today!

Fr. Solanus' message was always one of faith and to "trust in God."

Blessed Solanus, Pray for us.

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:

Dave Hendricks

Remember also our nursing home residents and shut-ins, and pray for the intentions recorded in our Prayer Book of Intentions.

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

Marion DeGroot

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Thank You Volunteers!

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped decorate Church this year. The decorations look amazing! Also, thank you to our volunteers who coordinated the Children's Christmas liturgy to tell the story of Jesus' birth.



Personal Witness Talk

Greg Pekarske-Siers will be returning to share what it is like to live with mental illness, "From a Mess to Success". Join us on **Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 pm in Holly Hall** for his presentation. Discover how you can be supportive to others.

Fox Valley Chorus

(Community Announcement)



The Fox Valley Chorus is excited to invite guest singers to their Open House on Tuesday, January 16 at 7 pm. New Year, New You! What a fun way to journey into 2024! Location: First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Church St, Neenah (Fellowship Hall entrance on Doty Ave.). Contact Terrie at 920-740-6551 or email foxvalleychorus@gmail.com. To learn more, visit www.foxvalleychorus.org.

The chorus welcomes women of all ages to experience first-hand the fun of creating four-part a cappella harmony. Prior musical experience or ability to read music is not necessary. Any woman of average singing ability, with or without vocal training, will find a part that fits her voice range.

Following the January 16th Open House, the Fox Valley Chorus is inviting women to any of their Tuesday evening rehearsals at 7:00 pm. Carpooling is available. Though most of its members are from the Fox Valley and surrounding areas, some travel an hour or two each week to be part of this energetic, award winning chorus. Members share fun social activities, an enlarged circle of friends and exciting performance opportunities.

Financial News (12/23/23 - 12/25/23)

Tithing Needed	\$16,777.00
Weekly Tithing.....	\$76,034.19
Auto Withdrawal	\$645.00
Children's Collection.....	\$18.00
IRA's/Donations	\$12,975.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Readings for the Week of January 7

Sunday: Is 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)

1 Jn 5:1-9

Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20

1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11

Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25

Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Ps 89:16-17, 18-19

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a

Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Mk 2:13-17

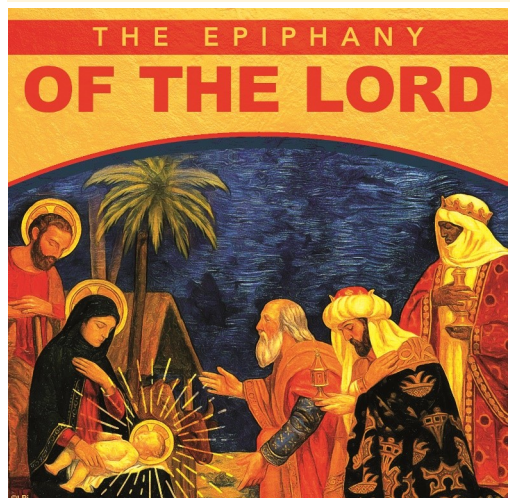
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

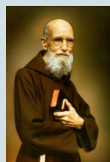
Jn 1:35-42

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SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



Blessed Solanus Casey
Pray for Us

Tuesday, January 9

12:05 pm Dec. Charles DeGroot
12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, January 10

12:05 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish

Friday, January 12

12:05 pm Dec. Doris Filz

Saturday, January 13

4:00 pm Dec. Rita DeGroot

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am Maria Cincotta
10:00 am Members of St. Joseph Parish
6:30 pm Robert & Mary Sue Streck

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 8

6:30 pm Social Concerns Meeting, Holly Hall

Tuesday, January 9

1:00 pm BINGO, Holly Hall

Wednesday, January 10

4:45 pm Grades K-5 Faith Formation Classes
6:30 pm Grades 6-11 Faith Formation Classes
6:30 pm Long Dark Nights Book Club, St.
Joseph Room

Thursday, January 11

10:00 am Taking Down Christmas Decorations
In Church
6:30 pm Parish Family Life Meeting, Holly Hall
7:00 pm Baptismal Prep Session, Room 209

Saturday, January 13

9:00 am Private Reconciliation

Parish Family Life Committee Meeting

A meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 PM in Holly Hall for all parishioners ages 2-92+ who are interested in being a part of the Parish Family Life Committee. The movie *Journey to Bethlehem* was the first Parish Family Life event and the committee is excited to begin planning additional events for the coming year!

Join us with your ideas of what activities you would like to do together as a parish family. Please contact either the Parish Office or Annette Hovie at: 920-442-9012 with any questions.

ST JOSEPH PARISH

It's a New Year – Let's Try Some New Experiences

Basket Experience

You are invited to a basket weaving experience on **Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM** in Holly Hall. We will be weaving a basic basket with a little color using ratan reed. No experience is needed. Lunch, refreshments and basket making materials will be provided. All you need to bring is a large bucket, a large towel, a flathead screwdriver and sharp scissors. The class will be led by Sr. Annette Johnson, a weaver of 23 years. The cost is \$15.00. To register, please place your name and phone number and a cash payment in a sealed envelope and drop it off at the parish center desk. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. Thanks to Sr. Annette for sharing her talents with us! (See photo below).



Set Your Intentions for the New Year

Monday, January 29, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Parish Center, Lower Level Rooms 10-12

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control (Galatians 5:22). Join us as we reflect on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and how we can live our faith through the Spirit in the year ahead. Our reflection will include crafting a Vision Board for our lives in 2024. Please bring a glue stick, scissors, and a number of magazines or calendars with colorful pictures and words.

Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office at: 920-734-7195 before Friday, January 26. Adults and teens are welcome to join us.



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