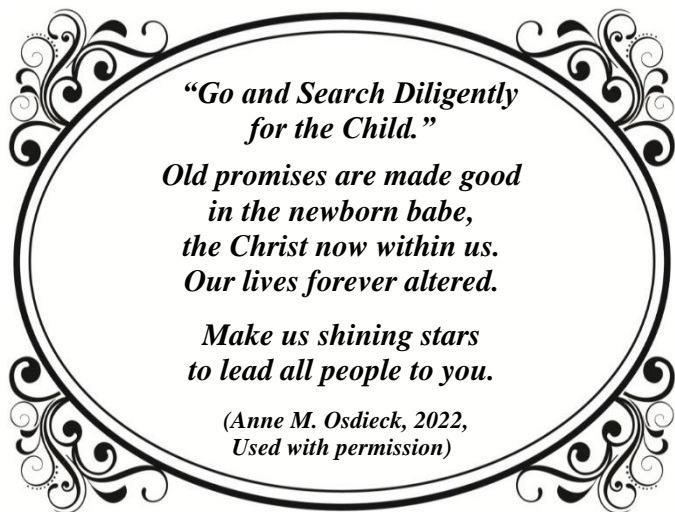


January 2 – The Epiphany of the Lord



Herod Was Correct

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

King Herod, the most powerful man in the region, was greatly troubled to hear about the birth of a king. Why would a reigning king fear a little child? Perhaps because he believed if word spread that a future messiah had been born, the Jews would be harder to control. They were easier to dominate when they were without hope, without a leader.

Herod was correct. Wise men from the East looking for the King of the Jews fulfilled prophecies that foretold all nations would come to Israel looking for a messianic leader.

Herod was also troubled because, if indeed this newborn was a king, he had a pretender and a competitor right under his royal nose. King Herod was correct again.

Although Jesus did not pretend to overthrow the Romans, he did come with authority and would upend the existing order. Jesus would preach to the heart and demand that no one sit on that throne except God his Father.

The painter, Pseudo Domenico di Michelino, in Adoration of the Kings, presents the arrival of the Magi as a procession of vassals showing homage to their king. Kneeling, bowing, and standing erect with gifts in hand, authorities from far away are reverencing the newborn royalty who sits on Mother Mary’s lap. His royal hall is the hillside, his scepter a baby finger, his royal family is Joseph and Mary.

These Gentile kings were the first to do what all of creation and all of history have been doing since then—bending their knee to the King of the Universe. Herod was right to worry.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

January 2 – Rosemary Schroeder
January 9 – Tom Tunny
January 16 – Dale Tunny

MASS INTENTIONS

January 1 – Clara Marie Wagner
January 2 – Wayne Schutte
January 8 – Charles and Lucille Simon
January 9 – Don Gilland

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – January 15 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Tara Ricke

Gifts: Ken and Terry Harmeyer

Eucharist Minister: Judy Steuri

Sunday – January 16 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Donna Harlemert, Jane Pictor

Gifts: Ken and Janice Fry

Eucharist Minister: Vicki Wagner

Saturday – January 22 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Judy Steuri

Gifts: Mike and Cathy Wagner

Eucharist Minister: Terry Harmeyer

Sunday – January 23 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Amanda Schutte, David Hardesty

Gifts: Steve and Ann Wagner

Eucharist Minister: Leslie Hicks

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3033.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$ 15.50
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 141.00</u>
Total Collection	\$3189.50
Capital Improvement	\$1265.00
Christmas Flowers	\$10.00
Christmas Offering	\$3108.00
Religious Retirement	\$30.00
Feast of Mary	\$120.00

MAY GOD BESTOW HIS ABUNDANT TREASURES UPON YOU!

“Lord, your light gives us strength and shows us the way to God. Remove my blindness that I may see the light of goodness, peace, and love within myself and others.” (From Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney)

THANK YOU – The family of Francis Vawter wishes to thank you for your prayers and kindness to us during his final days of life and death. Thank you especially for the funeral meal served by Rita Kress, Susan Schutte, Judy Steuri, Dean Schuerman, and Cindy Weisenbach, and to all who donated food for the meal. We give thanks to God and to you for your goodness!

DONATION – A donation of \$75.00 from the parish was given to National Child Safety Council in care of our local law enforcement. Their thank you in part reads: “On behalf of your local law enforcement department, parents and their children, we thank you for recognizing the need for this type of life-saving prevention program. Your donation may directly save the life of a child.”

FATHER JOHN – “Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. I plan to continue to pray with you as long as I can. May the Child of Christmas bless you!”

GIVING TREE – “Dear Parishioners of St. Maurice, Words just seem inadequate to express our deepest appreciation for your tremendous generosity to us. Thank you for all your donated items for our Sisters. This is such a wonderful savings to us. Please know how grateful we are and we are certainly keeping you in prayer. God bless each of you abundantly. Gratefully, Sisters of St. Francis”

BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked this weekend in the St. Anne Room following the Masses.

CHURCH CLEANING – Committee #1 with Jodi Meister as chairperson will be cleaning church for the month of January. Thanks, ladies, for keeping our church clean!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – “They who give, have all things; they who withhold have nothing” (Hindu Proverb). Thank you to ALL our liturgical ministers who served at our Christmas and New Year Masses. We especially give thanks to our Liturgy Committee for the many hours they spent beautifying the inside and outside of the church with Christmas decorations. Our visitors were overwhelmed at the beauty of the church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Preschool through Grade 5 will have religion class on Wednesday, January 5, 6:45 PM. Welcome back following your Christmas break. The Lord will be waiting for you!

Junior High and High School will meet for class on Sunday, January 9, 8:30 AM.

THE LORD’S LAUGHTER – Sign seen in a Maryland store: “This too shall pass. It might pass like a kidney stone, but it will pass.” (Lorene Irving Lutherville, Timonium, MD, The Joyful Noiseletter)

So Help Me God

No matter how firm our resolutions, we can't make ourselves better people by ourselves. God empowers our good works when we rely on his aid. H.P. Nichols, a 19th century poet, wrote:

*If I resolve, with the new year, a better
child to be,*

*'Twill do no good at all, I fear, but
rather harm to me,*

*Unless I try, with every day, no angry
word to speak;*

*Unless, each morn, to God I pray to keep
me mild and meek.*

*Then let me try with all my might, and
may God help me too,*


*Always to choose the way that's right,
whatever act I do.*

A Prayer for Epiphany

O Lord Jesus Christ, heavenly King, thank you for bringing both Jews and Gentiles to hear your voice. Enable us to follow your holy Word, as those from the East followed a leading star. Give us grace to confess your holy name. Rule us by your Spirit, so that the joys of your birth may increase in us.

Hear our prayers and cries. Accept our offerings, which you yourself have given us: the gold of our faith, the incense of our prayers, and the myrrh of our contrite hearts. Deliver us from the destructive ways of sin, and lead us in the ways of peace and in the paths of righteousness. Grant us all, when this life is done, a participation in the joys of the Year of Jubilee in heaven, where we shall praise and serve you and the Father who live and reign in unity with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen. (Wilhelm Loeh)

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
					New Year's Day (observed)	New Year's Day Mass for Epiphany 4:00 PM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Feast of the Epiphany 10:00 AM 			Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM		Mass for Baptism of the Lord 4:00 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Religious Education Classes 8:45 AM Feast of Baptism of the Lord 10:00 AM			Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Liturgy Meeting 8:30 AM RE Classes 8:30 AM Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM	Martin Luther King Day		Faith Formation Meeting 4:30 PM RE Classes 6:45 PM			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Day of Prayer for Unborn Children
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
RE Classes 8:30 AM Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM			Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM			The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month: For true human fraternity: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.			