

January 7 - Feast of the Epiphany

Epiphany



*Look!
Look up, Jerusalem!
Here comes the world
running to walk in your light.*

*We are the sparkling and the dim,
the kings and the beggars,
the border agents and
the undocumented.*

*Lord,
shine your light on us all.
May your star
chase away our darkness
and fill us with your radiant love.
Make us your epiphanies
overflowing with wonderful care
for each other.*

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SET YOUR FAITH ON FIRE

**...My daughter has set my faith on fire
because of her desire to learn more about
our faith.**

**...Setting my faith on fire has helped me
increase my faith. My attitude about life
has changed. I now try to think of others
first.**

**...My parents have helped me set my
faith on fire by being good role
models.**

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Jan. 10 7:45 AM NO Morning Prayer
Fri., Jan. 12 7:45 AM NO Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan. 6 4 PM Julie Eckstein
Sun., Jan. 7 10 AM Art Simon
Sat., Jan. 13 4 PM Dale Tunny
Sun., Jan. 14 10 AM Thomas Merkel

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – January 13 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Glen and Diane Bohman
Carl and Joni Lunsford

Server: Macey Moorman

Cantors: Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning

Lectors: Dottie Hellmich, Elizabeth Hermesch

Euch. Ministers: Bill Deller, Janet Deller
Judy Steuri, Katy Schmidt

Sunday – January 14 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Jeff and Cindy Weisenbach - *back*
George and Mary Bultman - *back*
Duke and Keri Johnson - *side*

Servers: Shaylee Volz, Jodi Muckerheide

Cantors: Gene and Patty Simon

Lectors: Doug Stier, Grace Truesdell

Euch. Ministers: Ben Harlemert, Rita Kress
Scott Simon, John Muckerheide

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$6066.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 17.64
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 325.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$6408.64
Capital Improvement	\$380.00
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$380.00

How Great Is Our God!

*You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or
exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize
the possibilities and challenges offered by the present
moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.*
(Thomas Merton)

STEWARDSHIP – The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

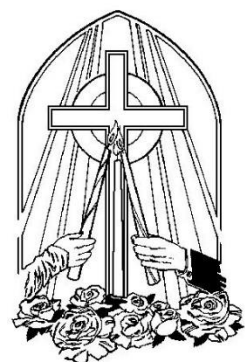
SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn January 7 through January 14 for Julie Eckstein.

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

EPIPHANY PARTY – The Epiphany party will take place this Sunday, January 7, 4:00 - 6:00 PM weather permitting. (Bulletin printed on Thursday.) If it is canceled, the announcement will be made at the Masses. The party includes a soup supper. You will also be invited to take home a ritual for blessing your home.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE – "Thank you so much for getting together the wonderful gifts for Clarity. We sure do appreciate your wonderful love for us. May God bless." (Clarity)

NAPOLEON LOCKER – Thank you to Matt and Kim Brancamp for donating the processing of the quarter pound of beef from our fall raffle. We are grateful for your kind gesture!



DID YOU KNOW – 40 parish couples have been married 40 + years! If you were married in another church besides St. Maurice we may not have that information, so please e-mail or call us. Save this date on your 2018 calendar: **Sunday, April 8, 6:00 PM, for a grand celebration!**

RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, January 10, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served.

Classes for Grades 6 through 12 next Sunday, January 14, 8:30 AM.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Thanks for the electric guitar you gave me for Christmas," little Chris Cody said to his uncle the first time he saw him after the holidays. "It's the best present I ever got."

"That's great," said his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?"

"Oh, I don't play it," the little fellow said. "My mom gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and my dad gives me five dollars a week not to play it at night." (ChristiansUnite)



SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

On this Sunday of Epiphany, Isaiah calls across the millennia to praise Jerusalem and extol the hope that it represents for the world. Today, Isaiah might praise us for all of the wonders we do: for our lofty buildings, our mastery of the skies, our miracles in medicine, and the places where peace still hangs on.

Pope Francis envisioned a clearer epiphany when he said in 2013: "In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, that there are so many children without an education, so many poor persons. Poverty today is a cry. We all have to think if we can become a little poorer, all of us have to do this."



Including Youth:

Gentiles were "the others," in the usual mentality until the initial community of believers realized the universality of Jesus' mission. Unfortunately, at parish liturgies, it's easy for youth to feel like "the others," in comparison to the assembly of adults – the ones who really belong and run the church – as sometimes evidenced by their standing in the back of the church.

But the Magi, central characters in the Gospel, were unconverted Gentiles. Ephesians makes it clear that Gentiles are "coheirs, members of the same body." We need to acknowledge youth now – as distinct from waiting until they become 20- or 30-somethings.

