

January 8 - Feast of the Epiphany



A Christ for Every Nation

"Go back where you came from!" What if the Magi heard this when they came to the place where the Child was and heeded that derisive message? The "signs of the times" that they read told them a king had been born. They might not have known exactly where to look, but they recognized that king when they found him. These righteous men were not Israelites, yet God revealed this great mystery to them. Furthermore, there is no indication that they eventually became Israelites. Rather, "they departed for their country" (Matthew 2:12). God really does not play favorites.

Then how are we to understand the claim of being God's Chosen People, whether ancient Israelites or the Christian community? What's the point of being chosen if you are not the favorite? While acknowledging God's special love for his Chosen People, both Isaiah and Paul answer this question. The prophet claims that "nations will walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning" (Isaiah 60:3), and Paul writes, "the stewardship of God's grace...was given to me for your benefit" (Ephesians 3:2). In other words, some have been chosen by God to bring the light of God's love to others.

The feast of Epiphany celebrates two important realities - the revelation of God to all people and the responsibility to reveal that astounding mystery to others. The Magi personify both realities. They were men of another faith tradition to whom God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation, and they returned home and probably proclaimed to others the wonder of that mystery. (Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA)

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

January 8 - Keith and Barb Coyner
January 15 - Floyd and Erma Harlemert
January 22 - Lucille Simon

MASS INTENTIONS

January 7 - Julie Eckstein
January 8 - Mary Gilland
January 14 - Chad White
January 15 - Cletus Wagner

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday - January 14 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Morgan Busch, Allie Harmeyer
Lector: Tara Johannigman
Gifts: Ken and Terry Harmeyer
Eucharist Minister: Roseann Wirth

Sunday - January 15 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: David Hardesty, Grace Truesdell
Gifts: Steve and Ann Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Leslie Hicks

Saturday - January 21 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Morgan Busch, Ava Wagner
Lector: Judy Steuri
Gifts: Mike and Cathy Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Terry Harmeyer

Sunday - January 22 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Amanda Schutte, Amy Kinker
Gifts: David and Jenny Hardesty
Eucharist Minister: Cindy Weisenbach

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3538.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 8.00
Loose Collection	\$ 365.00
Total Regular Collection	\$3911.00
Christmas Offering	\$400.00
Feast of Mary	\$580.00
Capital Improvement	\$845.00
Utility	\$25.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIVING!

"The Magi humbled themselves before the unheard-of logic of God. They welcomed the Lord not the way they had imagined him to be, but as he was, small and poor. Their prostration is the sign of those who place their own ideas aside and make room for God. It takes humility to do this." ~ Pope Francis

REST IN PEACE – We remember and pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI. Called to the heavenly kingdom by the Lord, may he rejoice forever at the banquet table of heaven.

BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked this weekend in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Shannon Kuntz and Jodi Meister will be there to assist you.

CHURCH TOUR – Thanks to Carolyn Richards and Scott Simon for remaining in church during the Church Christmas Tour and greeting those who came to see the decorations and offer prayer.

SO SORRY – Ben Harlemert also helped Ron Wagner run the cable for the bell system. We are grateful to him, also, for his help. Ben's name was accidentally omitted in last week's bulletin.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK – Sunday, Jan. 8, 8:30 AM – 175th Committee
– Wednesday, Jan. 11, 4:30 PM – Faith Formation
– Thursday, Jan. 12, 6:00 PM – Finance Committee
6:30 PM – Parish Council

CHURCH CLEANING – Committee #1 with Jessica Bruns as chairperson will be cleaning church for the month of January. Thank you, ladies, for keeping our church clean!

DID YOU KNOW – Fr. John Geis continues to administer the anointing of the sick in homes when requested. If you or a loved one wish to be anointed due to an upcoming surgery or weakening of health, please call Sr. Shirley and she will arrange this with Father. He is happy to serve the parish in this way. We are grateful he is willing to serve in this way as well as his being present at our Saturday Masses.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED – Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will meet for class on Wednesday, January 11, 6:45 PM.

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED
– Classes for Grades 6 through 10 will meet on Sunday, January 15, 8:30 AM.

THOUGHT TO PONDER – It will take all eternity to hear the Father's word of love for you.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023
MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Winter Blood Drive – Tuesday, February 7

Ash Wednesday – February 22
7:00 PM Celebration of Mass

“The Church's Ministry of Exorcism”
by Fr. Vincent Lampert – March 7, 6:00 PM

Easter Sunday – April 9

SMORGASBORDS:
Saturday, April 15, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Saturday, November 11, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Fall Blood Drive – August 1

Parish Mission by Father Bill Rhinehart –
September 16 to September 20

*****175th Anniversary Closing: Mass with Archbishop**
Charles Thompson – December 3, 2023

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

January 14 – Dennis Wagner, Gary Wagner
January 21 – Brian Horan, Eric Busch
January 28 – Ken Harmeyer, Steve Gilland

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS





January 15 – Kevin Tunny, Steve Wagner
January 22 – George and Mary Bultman
January 29 – Paul and Arlene Gehl

THANK YOU – Neal's Funeral Home always paid for our Catholic calendars, but since the company stopped printing them, Travis gave the parish a donation of \$150.00. We give thanks!

BLOOD DRIVE – St. Maurice is hosting a Community Blood Drive in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 7. Appointments are being scheduled from 11:00 to 1:00, and from 2:30 until 5:00. Donors can schedule online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon or call Arlene Gehl, 812-852-4394. All donors will receive a Hoxworth wearable blanket along with the heartfelt gratitude of patients in need of life-saving blood.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – What do you call an owl with a sore throat? A bird that doesn't give a hoot! (Lisa Eisenberg and Katy Hall)

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD Mass 10:00 AM	New Year's Day (observed)				 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM - Noon	Mass for Epiphany 4:00 PM Pick Pockets
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
175th Committee Meeting 8:30 AM RE Classes 8:30 AM FEAST OF EPIPHANY Mass 10:00 AM Pick Pockets	FEAST OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD  "You are my Son."		Faith Formation Committee Meeting 4:30 PM RE Classes 6:45 PM	Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM		Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Liturgy Meeting 8:30 AM RE Classes 8:30 AM SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00 AM	Martin Luther King Day		RE Classes 6:45 PM			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
RE Classes 8:30 AM THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00 AM Day of Prayer for Unborn Children		 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PEACE	RE Classes 6:45 PM FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
RE Classes 8:30 AM FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00 AM				<u>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</u>  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.		