

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Patty Daft)
- 12:00 PM—Coffee and donuts

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

Christmas Weekday, *St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*

- 6:30 PM—Knights Dinner and Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Christmas Weekday

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

Christmas Weekday

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service and coffee
- 6:30 PM—Faith Formation, K-8

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

Christmas Weekday

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

Christmas Weekday

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

Christmas Weekday



And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them.
Matthew 2:9

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

1 Jn 3:22—4 :6
Ps 2;7b-8
Mt. 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

1 Jn 4:7-10
Ps 72:1-4,7-8
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

1 Jn 4:1-18
Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4
Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17
Lk4:14-22a



Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13
Ps 147:12, 15, 19-20
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21
Ps 149:1-6a, 9b
Jn 3-22-30

Sunday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10
Acts 10:34-38
Lk 3:1516, 21-22

Some Dates to Note

- Jan. 15—Social Action Committee Meeting
- Jan. 17—Finance Council Meeting
- Jan. 22—Liturgy Committee Meeting
- Jan. 22—Parish Council Meeting

**Catechists Needed
Sixth Grade**

We are in need to a catechist when classes resume on January 9. We need a sixth grade catechist. Please prayerfully consider if this is a way you might minister to our parish and our kids.

Too often people who would make great catechists feel that they “don’t know enough”. It is not a matter of knowing but a willingness to share faith. Thanks to all those who serve as catechists now.

Contribution Statements From the Diocese of Davenport

Statements will be mailed to those who donated to the Annual Diocesan Appeal in 2018. A separate contribution statement will also be mailed to those who donated to the Catholic Foundation in 2018. If you donated to both the Diocese and the Foundation, you will receive two statements. Both statements will be mailed January 25, 2019 and marked as important on the envelope. If you have questions regarding your contributions contact the Diocese: 563-324-1911.

Parish contributions statements will be available before January 31.



Knights of Columbus Dinner and Meeting

Tuesday, January 8

Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:00.

All men of the parish are welcome.

The meeting was postponed a week because of the holiday.



Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... Thank you for your gifts.

Envelopes	\$17,713.00
(\$1,255.00 in auto tithing)	
Christmas.....	\$200.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$247.00
Retired Religious.....	\$800.00



"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
Luke 3:22

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Becky Maher)
- 12:00 PM—Removing Christmas Decorations

Putting Away Christmas Decorations

Immediately following mass on Sunday, January 13, we will take down the Christmas decorations and put them away. If you can possibly and stay and help, it will be much appreciated. They come down much faster than they go up.



Faith Formation News

Classes will resume Wednesday, January 9, 6:30 to 7:30.

“Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others.”

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel)





FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LOR—By Fr. Larry Rice

Today, January 6, 2019, the Church celebrates the feast of Epiphany. In popular tradition, this day commemorates the arrival of the three kings at the stable in Bethlehem where Christ was born. The gospel reading for the day—Matthew 2:1-12—tells the story.

Over the years, a lot of tradition has grown around this story. Many people will tell you that the magi were three kings, named Caspar, Balthazar, and Melchior, and they may note that Caspar is traditionally depicted with darker skin. But if you read those twelve short verses from Matthew's Gospel, it becomes clear that we really know very little about the magi.

We don't know their names. We don't know where they came from—Matthew only says "from the east." We don't even know that they were kings. The word used by Matthew is "magi," meaning someone learned in esoteric knowledge. Some translations call them "astrologers," but the only basis for that is the statement that they were following a star.

And even the star itself is a mystery. Astronomers can chart the movement of the stars back in time, but they can't seem to agree about the existence of an astronomical event that would explain the reference. And even the most casual observer would have a hard time explaining what it would mean for a star to move through the sky and then stop over a particular place.

Regardless of who the magi were and how the star showed them the way, the most significant part of this event is the identity of the one who is made know—Jesus, the newborn king, who is worthy of homage by all men and women. The meaning of the epiphany that occurs in this gospel passage is that the "the newborn king of the Jews" is revealed to and recognized by people from far and distant lands. The appearance of mystical signs in the sky makes the point that all of creation is changed by the appearance of Christ. Because God has chosen to become human, all creation and all the people of the earth can experience the redemption he has come to bring. Fr. Rice is Vocations Director for the Paulist Fathers. Copyright © 2015, 2018, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

God's abundant blessings

Dc. Joe

Thank you to all who helped make our Christmas celebration so beautiful.

Thank you to the choir for the beautiful music, to those who helped decorate, to the liturgical ministers, to all who attended our services. It is such a wonderful experience to worship and give God praise with all of you.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA) WE MADE IT

Thanks to your generosity, we have made our goal this year.



Flu Season is Here

While we will not be making any changes to the liturgy at this time please keep the following in mind:

Hand Sanitizer: There is a large bottle of hand sanitizer by the front door. If you are not feeling well, or just as a general precaution, everyone is urged to use the sanitizer as they enter the church.

Sunday Obligation: The Obligation to attend Mass on Sunday other Holy Days of Obligation, is the ordinary expectation of Catholics. Obviously, extraordinary circumstances such as sickness, travel, or severe weather excuse the faithful from this obligation. If you are not feeling well, especially during this time—flu season, please stay at home and do not risk spreading infection to others.

Sign of Peace: Members of our congregations should not be offended if someone chooses not to shake the other person's hand at the sign of peace. If you are ill (and still come to Mass), the appropriate response to someone extending a sign of peace might be to bow to them and say, "Peace be with You", to avoid bodily contact or one might wave slightly at the other person.

Reception of Holy Communion: While it is the teaching of the Church that the Fullness of the Body and Blood of Christ are contained in the Holy Eucharist, under the form of the Host that is distributed at the Mass, the Church has also extended the privilege to receive communion in the form of wine. However, if you are feeling sick, please receive communion in the hand, and refrain from receiving communion under the form of the Blood of Christ.

SAINT OF THE WEEK RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT—FOURTH CENTURY

Feast Day—January 7

Born in Catalonia, Spain, he was already an accomplished academic and preacher when he joined the Dominicans in 1222. Called to Rome as papal confessor in 1230, he collected conciliar and papal degrees in a standard work used by canon lawyers for nearly 700 years. Returning to Spain in 1236, he devoted himself to converting Muslims and Jews, establishing schools to teach Arabic and Hebrew, and launching the Inquisition in Catalonia. He was Dominican master general for two years. Copyright ©2018 Catholic News Service—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



January 6, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Joe Hayden & Mary Dell Flattery

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Hayden, Tom Grimm, Marcia Grimm, & Linda Barnum

Altar Servers: Will Owens & Rita Krueger

Greeters: Karen Van Dusseldorp & Joann Carrothers

January 6, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers

Altar Servers:

Greeters:



Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Diane Wood

Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum)

Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood

James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan

For all who have died.

For vocations, our parish, and our faith formation program.



THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing." Psalm 2:4
Psalm 2:4

Grandchildren

She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

Poinsettia Memorials

- Ed & Mary Dell Flattery & family ----- Thor & Dorothy Nicodemus
Ed & Helen Flattery
- Bill & Meta Hill ----- Deceased Members of the Hill and Kintz Families
- Irma Bell and family ----- Mike Bell
Jeannette Weldon
Darrell Holder
- Nancy Hopkins ----- William and Mary Hopkins
Randy & David Hopkins
Naomi Poston
Aunt Ann Curtis
Elizabeth Duich
- Dan and Mary Newton & Family ----- Jim & Betty Clarke
Melvin Newton
- Mike and Mary Holmes ----- Lewis and Blanche Myers
- Gen Gannon ----- Deceased relatives and friends
- Mike Hanna ----- The Hanna Family
The Hage Family
The Hartnett family
- Rita and Jerry Krueger ----- The deceased Ernst and Krueger Family Members
- Tim and Tracey Wilson ----- Norbert and Betty Jenn
Samuel Blocklinger
Shane Suchting
Jamie Lewis
Deceased members of the Jenn and Wilson Families
- The Rosonke Family ----- Linus and Marilyn Jaconbs
- Gordon and Sharon Jones ----- Sara Cabbage
Chad Little
Justin Little
- Maggie Clark ----- Duane Clark
Margaret and Frank Millburn
- Walt and Kathy Williams ----- Harry and Irene Wilson
Max and Edith Williams
- Jusin and Regina Teed and family ----- Royce Flemng Jr.
Ty Carlson
Scott Guy & Scott Pierce
Dana Doty Curtis
Our grandparents
- Reg and Karen Van Dusseldorp and family ----- Deceased members of the
Werner and Van Dusseldorp families
- Pat and Elsie Ross ----- The Ross and Sorensen families
- Pray for these and all of the dearly departed during this Christmas season and for those who miss them..

