

January 4, 2015

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany of the Lord, Year B,



Pastor's Note(s):

Gifts from Afar: The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and is mentioned only in Matthew's Gospel. We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death. (*Sunday Connection Loyola Press*).

Thank You:

To all who contributed to the Sacred Liturgy during the Christmas Season: cantors and musicians, decorators and ministers, and to our donors of course.

A special thanks for the gift of \$2000.00 to the United Catholic Appeal 2014 by a parish couple who wish to remain anonymous. Along with the addition of \$859.67 from our General Fund, we have met our assessment for the year. I am deeply grateful to everyone who made it possible. Every gift, no matter how great or small, counts!

Please participate in both the weekly collections and of course the Building Fund! May the Lord richly bless everyone. A Happy New Year! *Fr. Michael*

Blue Book Discussion Group: Please join us after Friday morning Mass on January 9, 2015 for breakfast in the Parish hall. We will continue to discuss interesting points from the Advent Christmas blue books and also future plans. Come and be filled!

Men's Conference — The Duluth Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Marshall School Auditorium in Duluth. The featured speaker is Deacon Ralph Poyo, from North Carolina, a sought-after speaker for Franciscan University Steubenville Youth Conferences and a founder of New Evangelization Ministries.

Women's Conference — The third annual Catholic Women's Conference is scheduled for March 7 at Marshall School Auditorium in Duluth. The two featured speakers are Hallie Lord, author, editor and founder of the Edel Gathering, speaking on the beauty of the church's teaching on the vocations of marriage and authentic womanhood, and Kelly Wahlquist, assistant director of the Catechetical Institute for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The first 400 women who register, and attend the conference, will receive a copy of Pope Francis' Book "The Joy of the Gospel." Go to our parish website to register for either of these the great opportunities.

Northland Family Programs is offering a Free Introductory Session this January on the FertilityCare™ System, a natural and effective family planning method. Learn how to avoid or achieve pregnancy safely and naturally with a proven method that's 98% effective and 100% natural.

Essentia Health, St Mary's Medical Center in Duluth on January 12th at 7:00 pm

Essentia Health, St. Mary's Hospital in Superior on January 26th at 7:00 pm

Pre-registration is necessary for all sessions. To pre-register or for more information call Kathy at 218-786-2378 or 1-800-842-0279



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Saturday	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS	01/03/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Emily Newhouse Reader: Liz Scheidt Chalice: Carol Anderson & Beth Egan Servers: Duke Gilbert & To be assigned	
Sunday	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	01/04/15
11:00 a.m.	Mass —Intention for All Parishioners Reader: Mike Hoffman Plate: Linda Hoffman Chalice: Nancy Olsen & Laura Lien Servers: Kaden Edlund & Hayden Johnson	
Monday	SAINT JOHN NEUMANN	01/05/15
Tuesday	SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE	01/06/15
10:00 a.m.	Mass—Intention † Burt Magnusen	
Wednesday	SAINT RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT	01/07/15
8:15 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Carol Burger	
6:45 p.m.	Religious Education—Grades 5-11	
Thursday	WEEKDAY DURING CHRISTMAS	01/08/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary’s, Silver Bay	
6:30 p.m.	Men’s Prayer Group	
Friday	WEEKDAY DURING CHRISTMAS	01/09/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass—Intention † Shirley Wurster	
Saturday	WEEKDAY DURING CHRISTMAS	01/10/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Bob Zapolski Reader: Paulette Moreland Chalice: Deacon Tim Egan & Liz Scheidt Servers: Spencer Ross & To be assigned	
Sunday	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	01/11/15
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass —Intention for All Parishioners Reader: Confirmation Student Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Joanne Button & Nancy Olsen Servers: Hayley & Megan Larson	



Gentle Reminder: to Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Ushers, and Altar Servers: “Can’t Serve” times are to be in to Judy Fleischer by the 15th of the month. Post to MSP or call 834-3109 or e-mail cookteller@frontier.com. Thank you again for your ministry!!

- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Patty Broadbent, Pat Harrison, Toni Johnson, Joann Ostendorf and Ron Kor.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, Craig Fallgren, Jane Griesy, Patty Harrison -Isakson, Jim Kioski, Ray Weeks, Shawn & Tom Wisniowski and Theodore Joseph Wisniowski.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, James Mickle, Craig Moe, Ryan Ray and Christopher Uremovich.



Please call the church office if you’d like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed – just call the church office to let us know that you would like to renew the request.

Youth Happenings

**Check out our Youth Bulletin Board
‘Like’ us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group**

Church School resumes Wednesday, January 7 for grades 5-11 & Sunday, January 11 for grades Pre,K-4.

Theology of the Body teen retreat: The diocesan TOBIT Retreat theme this year is “Discover God’s Plan for Love and Life!” The retreat is for students in grades 9-12. Delve into St. John Paul II’s teaching on Theology of the Body. Mass, talks, adoration, praise and worship, confession, games, sledding, bonfire, friends and small groups fill the weekend. The retreat will be held Jan. 16-18, at Big Sandy Camp in McGregor. Cost \$135. Register at www.diceseduluth.org under Youth Ministry.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR OUR YOUTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

Last Week’s Contributions	
Weekend Collection.....	\$2,929.72
Bldg. Fund.....	\$405.00
UCA	\$2,215.00
Rel. Retire.	\$25.00
Christmas	\$2,911.00

