

January 3, 2016

Epiphany



Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"As you kneel at the feet of the child Jesus on the day of his Epiphany and see him a king bearing none of the outward signs of royalty, you can tell him: '... Make the foundation of my personality my identification with you.'"

-St. Jose Maria Escriva (1902-1975)

MERRY CHRISTMAS! No, this is not a misprint, and no, you are not accidentally reading last week's bulletin. The Catholic Church celebrates Christmas for another week, all the way this year until January 10th. So Merry Christmas!

Today, we celebrate in particular the Feast of the Epiphany, that great event in which as we hear in the Gospel reading for Mass, three Magi from the East come to Bethlehem in search of the new baby King with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold is the gift fit for a king, and so this gift proclaims Jesus as King. Frankincense is a gift used by priests in offering sacrifice to God, and so it tells us that Jesus is the High Priest, and myrrh is an ointment which was used for burial, and so it prophesies about Jesus' eventual death and burial. In other words, these gifts tell us who this baby is.

I love this quote from St. Jose Maria Escriva because it once again is an example of the entire story of our lives being presented in one sentence. The three Magi traveled miles and miles of desert lands, in search of the newborn King, falling down in adoration and worship before this little baby once they found Him. They risked EVERYTHING to follow their spiritual instincts and the wondrous star to the side of the crib in which Jesus lay. They didn't know exactly where this King was, they just knew that they had to find Him.

The beautiful thing is, my brothers and sisters, we don't have to go searching for the King of Kings. We know exactly where He is- He is here, present among us, and in a special and unique way, in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Church. Do you see? We are infinitely more blessed than the three Magi because while they had the opportunity to see and worship Jesus in the flesh, we have the opportunity every time that we come to Holy Mass to not just see and worship Jesus, but to receive Him into our very selves through Holy Communion. Which is why St. Jose said what he did- if Jesus truly lives inside of us through Holy Communion and through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit through our Baptism, then He must be the very foundation of our lives, of who we are. It's not about being unique, or being our own boss, or living our lives our own way; happiness, holiness and interior peace comes through allowing God to be in control of our lives. As St. Paul says, "Now, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). Lord Jesus, open our eyes to see the wonder of your love, transform us into your likeness, and make your loving Heart the foundation of our lives. Amen. *Fr. Steve*

Friday Discussion Group: We will meet Friday morning on January 8th after Mass and continue our discussion on the psalms. Coffee and rolls will be available. Hope to see you there.

The Diocese of Duluth is sponsoring a diocesan wide Day of Fasting and Prayer in Reparation for a Culture of Violence and Disrespect of Human Life on Friday January 22, 2016. Masses and Adoration will occur throughout the diocese. In addition to the local effort of prayer and fasting, Northlanders are encouraged to join others in the state for the Annual March for Life on January 22. If you would like to travel the diocesan group, buses will depart from the Cathedral of Our Lady in Duluth after 7 AM Mass and travel to the Twin Cities to participate in the Annual March for Life and return to Duluth at 5PM. The cost is \$5 per participant and a light snack will be included.

For more information and registration go to www.dioceseduluth.org.

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Saturday	SAINT BASIL THE GREAT AND SAINT GREGORY NAZIANZEN	01/02/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Liz Scheidt Plate: To be assigned Chalice: Carol Anderson & To be assigned Servers: Spencer Ross & to be assigned	
Sunday	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	01/03/16
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Deacon Scott & Family</i> Reader: Mike Hoffman Plate: Linda Hoffman Chalice: Chris Lemke & Gina Lemke Servers: Nathan Campbell & Anthony Lemke	
Monday	SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON	01/04/16
8:15 a.m.	No Mass	
Tuesday	SAINT JOHN NEUMANN	01/05/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Fr. Steve Laflamme</i>	
5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice	
Wednesday	SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE	01/06/16
6:30 p.m.	Religious Education—Grades 5-11	
Thursday	SAINT RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT	01/07/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Connie & David Mukavitz</i>	
Friday	WEEKDAY DURING CHRISTMAS	01/08/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Larry & Shannah Groothausen</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Friday Discussion Group	
Saturday	WEEKDAY DURING CHRISTMAS	01/09/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Gloria Uremovich Plate: To be assigned Chalice: Beth Egan & Liz Scheidt Servers: Karly Fleischer & Ava Fosness	
Sunday	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	01/03/16
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre, K thru 4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Deacon Scott & Family</i> Reader: Religious Education Student Plate: Deacon Scott Peters Chalice: Joanne Button & Laura Lien Servers: Casey & Kaitlyn Underdale	

Baptized in Christ: We welcome Giovanni Jace Uremovich to the community of faith and we congratulate his parents Matt and Desiree on this happy occasion. May this child grow in age and grace before God!

During this Sunday's Mass, our parish joyfully welcomes Sam Klein into full communion with the Catholic Church May God bless Sam and his wife Stephanie with the joy and peace that the newborn Savior brings!

† **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Florian Burger, Joe Haynes, Ron Kor and Ron Ostendorf.



† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Al Aldinger, Patty Amitrano, Bill Carlson, Kathleen Despiegler, Lori Dybvig, Jean Farley, Patty Harrison-Isakson and Jim Kioski .

† **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, Jacob Kearin , James Mickle, Ryan Ray and Christopher Uremovich.

Prayer Requests: 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 by calling the church office 834-4659.

Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board
"Like" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

TOBIT (Theology of the Body for Teens) Camp is open for registration. The dates are January 15-17th at Big Sandy Camp in McGregor, MN. Please contact the parish office to register.

Confirmation Retreats: This is a requirement for confirmation and is for 11 grade students. February 19-20 (Duluth), April 8-9, 2016 (Hibbing). Please turn your registration form in early to the parish office so we can register you.

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

Last Week's Contributions

Christmas	\$2,298.00
Weekend Collection	\$1,911.00
UCA	\$3,597.72
Bldg. Fund	\$165.00
Altar Flowers	\$35.00

UCA - 100%
\$24,897.72 of \$24,897.72

Thanks to your generous we made our goal!

