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The Epiphany of the Lord • January 6, 2013

## The Magi traveling to find Jesus

By Morgan Marks, 1st grade



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage"... After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them." Matthew 2:1-2, 9a

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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Sun. ....9:00 am

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am -4 pm

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Weekday**  
Tues.- Fri. ....7:30 am  
**Weekend**  
Sat. ....5:30 pm  
Sun. ....7:30 & 10:30 am

**24 HOUR ADORATION**  
8 am Fri. - 7:45 am Sat.

**RECONCILIATION**  
Tues.-Fri.....7:00-7:20 am  
Sat. ....4:30-5:00 pm  
Call the office to schedule a time for confession if you want to receive this wonderful sacrament outside the regular schedule.

**BAPTISMS**  
Fill out a registration form and attend a 1 hour class to schedule the date for your child's Baptism. Call the office for more information.

**MARRIAGE**  
Call the office 9 months in advance to set up dates for required classes for marriage preparation. Couples and/or parents should be registered members of the parish.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

*For the week of Jan. 6*

Saturday Vigil, 5:30 pm

†Fr. Allan Moss

Sunday, 7:30 am

All parishioners of both parishes

SF-9:00 am

Stimson family intentions

10:30 am

Open

Tues., 7:30 am

Open

Wednesday, 7:30 am

†Tom Walsh

Thursday, 7:30 am

Open

Friday, 7:30 am

Chris Hoffmann

*For the week of Jan. 13*

Saturday Vigil, 5:30 pm

†Tom Walsh

Sunday, 7:30 am

Open

SF-9:00 am

†Hank Nelson

10:30 am

All parishioners of both parishes

† indicates the Repose of Soul

If you would like to have a mass intention added to the calendar, please contact the office.

## Catholic Services Appeal Rebate

“On behalf of Archbishop Nienstedt, I want to thank you and your parishioners for your support of the needed work of the Catholic Services Appeal. This year, a portion of all donations from your parishioners are returned to your parish for Catholic formation, educational programs, or for the greatest needs facing your Church. May it help build up the Body of Christ in your parish community.”

Gratefully, Mike Halloran

Director of Development and Stewardship

St. Joseph parish rebate - \$3,950.50

St. Francis parish rebate - \$1,409.13

**Discretionary Fund** - Thank you to all who contributed to the Discretionary Fund collections taken at the Christmas Masses. Your thoughtful generosity will truly be a blessing to someone in need.

St. Joseph parish collection - \$2,952.42

St. Francis parish collection - \$1,884.00

## Caregivers One Day Retreat

Saturday, February 16, 2013, 9 am - 2 pm

Church of the Annunciation, Mpls., MN

Fr. Peter Williams will present “Living the Compassion of Jesus.” The retreat will include Mass, Adoration, Conferences, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and quiet time for prayer and reflection. Cost is \$15, lunch included. For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Sean or Joan Curtan at 651.291.4543 or email [curtans@archspm.org](mailto:curtans@archspm.org). Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family & Life Outreach to Persons with Disabilities.

## Q. Besides the three kings, what is significant about the Epiphany?

**A.** Epiphany means "manifestation" or public display. The feast is usually celebrated on January 6. In the U.S., it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. The feast originates from a story that is unique to Matthew (2:1-12). The account speaks of magi from the East coming to offer homage to the newborn king of the Jews, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts given. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience that the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps to get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

## SCHEDULE OF MINISTRIES

■ SATURDAY VIGIL, JANUARY 12

◆ 5:30 pm Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jodi Gilbert, Deb Roach, Virginia Johnson\*

Reader: Larry Julik-Heine

Altar Servers: Ashley & Shelby Peltier

■ SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

◆ 7:30 am Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Joe Weinberg, Peggy Baillargeon

Rick Rafflesberger\*, Deb Rose\*

Reader: Tom Lunzer

◆ 9 am Mass (St. Francis)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Paul Gifford, Anne Nelson, Nick Barbato

Darlene Kazmierczak\*

Reader: Mike Harnetty

◆ 10:30 am Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Teresa Steele, Char Gudmunsen,

Jan Rintoul\*, Sharon McCurdy

Reader: Scott Weyenberg

Altar Servers: Sophie Jury & Anthony Will

\*Indicates people to cleanse Sacred Vessels

## The Baptism of the Lord January 13, 2013

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Thanks to the parishioners of both St. Francis and St. Joseph who helped decorate the churches so beautifully this Christmas Season. Your efforts greatly enhance our worship experience.



## Today's Gospel Reflection

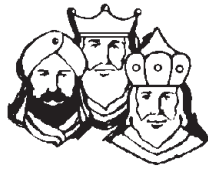
When people in the entertainment industry reach a top level of fame and expertise in their profession, we talk about them as having a lot of star power. These are the men and women who eclipse lesser lights in the entertainment constellation. No matter the generation, there are always names like Monroe, Taylor, Burton, Olivier, McCartney, Springsteen, Madonna, Hanks, Streep, or Sarandon who will shine brighter than others who will also have their name inscribed on the Walk of Fame. Stars at this level of their craft can basically ask for whatever they want because they are sought after by just about everyone. Their performances, whether a live concert or on the screen, have the ability to unite people in a common experience.

The real "star" of Matthew's Gospel today is not the one that appears in the sky to the Magi. Yes, that star is an important sign - it led the Magi from the east to Jerusalem where they learned of the prophecy about Bethlehem. That star led them to the home of the Child they would worship. This Child is the real star of the Gospel story. He comes into the world. In the midst of conflict and division, exemplified by Herod's distrust and fear, Jesus comes as the newborn king to save his people from their sins. As Matthew tells it, Jesus is the One who unites faithful Jew and believing Gentile bringing together all those who would seek the truth and follow his teaching.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the world. His revelation means that people must choose whether to follow him or not. Herod had that choice. So did the Magi. Men and women from every race and nation come to Christ. Once they choose to follow Christ, they become brothers and sisters of one another. Christ unites all believers in a common experience, his call to love. That's star power beyond imagining!

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## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER NEWS & UPDATES



## Christmas Blessings

**Thanks** to Larry and Jill Bol Christiansen for cleansing the sewer systems of the church. Your willingness to help our parish is greatly appreciated.

**Are you hurting after an abortion?** Hope and healing is a phone call away. Contact Project Rachel for confidential individual referrals at 651.291.4515 or e-mail: [respectlife@archspm.org](mailto:respectlife@archspm.org).

**2012 Archdiocesan Newly Married Retreat with Jeff & Emily Cavins**  
**Sat., February 2, 2013, 9 am -2:30 pm**  
**St. Charles Borromeo in St. Anthony**  
 This retreat is for all couples married 0 to 7 years wishing to have a happy, holy and healthy marriage. For more information or to register, call the Marriage, Family and Life Office at 651.291.4488 or go to [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org). The cost is \$40 per couple and includes lunch.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 6--9 am Mass, No Rel. Ed.  
 Knights of Columbus Donut Sunday  
 Jan. 13--9 am Mass-II am Rel. Ed.  
 Rosary Sunday  
 Jan. 20--9 am Mass-II am Rel. Ed.

**The Rosary** is prayed at St. Francis Church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 8:40 am. Please come to Mass early and join us!

*How far...*



*Would you travel?*

St. Francis Financial Contributions	
Weekly needed income:	\$ 1,519.23
December 23	1,471.00
Children's Collection	4.17
December 25	2,607.34
Children's Collection	10.33
Year to date (7/1/12):	2,834.43

## ST. JOSEPH NEWS & UPDATES

### Christmas Flowers/Memorials

Thanks to David & Roberta Whittier for their donation, in memory of Jason Whittier and Evelyn Larson, to help purchase altar flowers for the Christmas Season. Our apologies that you were not included in the Dec. 23rd bulletin insert.

**Thank you** to Amy Klein for coordinating our Children's Christmas Play. Also, thanks to Henry Novotny for his beautiful accompaniment and to the many parents who assisted. The children were adorable and the show was a delight.

### Prayer Service of Life

**Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 10:30 am**  
**MCCL Rally to follow**

On this 40th commemoration for the tragic Roe v. Wade decision, join Bishop Lee Piché for the annual Prayer Service for Life. This event will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Parking space is limited and roads may be obstructed due to a nearby event. Please consider car-pool or bus. See [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org) for more details.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 5--4:30-5:00 pm Confession  
 5:30 pm Mass  
 Jan. 6--7:30 & 10:30 am Mass  
 Jan. 9--5:30-7:45 pm Rel. Ed. & Choir  
 Jan. 12--4:30-5:00 pm Confession  
 5:30 pm Mass  
 Jan. 13--7:30 & 10:30 am Mass  
 Jan. 16--5:30-7:45 pm Rel. Ed. & Choir  
 Jan. 17--5:30 pm Parish Council  
 7:00 pm Finance Council  
 Jan. 19--4:30-5:00 pm Confession  
 5:30 pm Mass  
 Jan. 20--7:30 am Mass  
 10:30 am Liturgy with Children



St. Joseph Financial Contributions	
Weekly needed income:	\$ 3,250.00
December 16	3,386.10
Children's Collection	19.52
December 25	3,154.03
Children's Collection	17.15
Year to Date (7/1/12):	9,377.87

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