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The Epiphany of the Lord Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6 The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Now it has been revealed that the Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	2	5:00 p.m.	SH	Edwin Schmidt	†	Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	3	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	3	10:30 a.m.	ML	Gladys Christensen	†	Epiphany of the Lord
Tuesday	5	9:00 a.m.	ML	Marie Ann Mantooth	†	Memorial of St John Neumann
Wednesday	6	5:30 p.m.	ML	Ernie Young	†	Wednesday after Epiphany
Thursday	7	8:30 a.m.	KW	Sergio and Elena Pilapil	†	Thursday after Epiphany
Friday	8	8:30 a.m.	SH	Jerry Ricke	†	Friday after Epiphany
Saturday	9	5:00 p.m.	SH	John Ditgen	†	Feast of The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	10	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Feast of The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	10	10:30 a.m.	ML	Evan Withrow	†	Feast of The Baptism of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: Finding Another Way Herod is a guy we know, a coward who appears secure in his status and power but is desperately afraid of losing it. We know what's coming, the slaughter of the infants in Bethlehem, the beheading of John the Baptist. And all because a man fears losing his position and facing social shame. The magi can read a man better than most, and their discernment, their recognizing that something is not right with Herod despite his words of encouragement, saves the life of the infant Jesus. As they avoid returning to Herod and find "another way," the magi move God's salvation story along.

Epiphanies are not easy on us. It can hurt to recognize the lie behind another's words. When I suffered an accident that severely limited my mobility, a person I considered a friend ignored me completely. Just four words—"How are you doing?"—would have helped. But nothing for weeks, and then a text after I had recovered: "You can always count on me." Those words stung because he had just demonstrated that they were not true. I could no longer trust him, and I needed to pray over it and move on.

This betrayal reminded me that our world is one of darkness and pain, and that we need the light of Christ to guide us. He shows us what is possible when we let go of fear, neuroses, and all the idols we cling to for false security. When we need it most, Christ will provide another way. Kathleen Norris

Word of Life

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

John and Barb Hagood, Earl Kuhn, Cortlyn Hill, Ella Rundle, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, Charlotte A. Ringer, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Mike Lynch, Ronald Ringer, Pete Eck, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Vernon Rinke, Eric Junger, Joe Hrencher, Gerard Ricke, Evan Withrow, Gladys Christensen, Victor Blick, Roman Blick Jr, Eulanda(Butch) Criser, Steve Eck, Ernest Young, Deven Leis, Art Junger, Ted Hauser, Jim Ricke, Laura Seiler, Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Captain Rebecca Wright Lopez, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

Low Gluten Communion Hosts

Low gluten hosts are now available. The gluten content is less than 20 parts per million making it almost gluten free. Please see the priest before Mass.

“The Search” Continues

Classes will resume on January 5/6 at 7 pm. We will then meet on January 19/20, 26/27 and February 2/3. We will not meet on January 12/13.

Priestly Vocation?

God made you for a unique purpose. Even before you were born, he knew your vocation, your mission in life. And if you are a faithful Catholic man, God may be calling you for a higher purpose—to become a Catholic priest. Call the vocations office or see Fr. Mark for more details.

“Wholly Father”

The book "Wholly Father; The Catholic Priesthood on the Far Side of the Moon" is online and ready to order at \$7 plus shipping. Not all priests are highlighted in the book; not all chose to be involved. For those who simply missed the invitation, a color electronic edition will be eventually placed online, in which additional essays will be added. If enough additional essays come in, a second edition will be printed. The essays represent one part of a four-part book on our priesthood and diocese.

Ministry Schedule January 9th – January 10th

Week 2	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Karin Traffas	Chris Tharp	Brian Withrow
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Hannah Schmidt
Lector 2	John Hern	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
General Intercessions	Brayden Schmidt	Tom Tharp	Julie Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Eileen Schmidt Carol Ricke Robin Inslee Marilyn Traffas Michelle Eck	Linda Forester John Forester Delores Moreno	Norman Clouse Frances Land Lisa Withrow Brian Withrow Julie Thompson
Servers	Brayden Schmidt Vondie Landwehr Lane Crenner	Volunteer	Grady Clouse
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Hoch Family	Norman and Becky Clouse
Sacristan	Eileen Schmidt	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
Rosary	John Hern		Leroy and Diane Seiler