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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	1	5:00 p.m.	ML	Jeanine Rinke	†	Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	2	8:30 a.m.	SH	KaSondra Mantey	†	Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	2	10:30 a.m.	KW	Jerry Blevins	†	Epiphany of the Lord
Tuesday	4	8:30 a.m.	ML	Mike Lynch	†	Memorial of Elizabeth Ann Seton
Thursday	6	8:30 a.m.	KW	Rick Junger	†	Thursday after Epiphany
Friday	7	8:30 a.m.	SH	No Mass		Friday after Epiphany
Saturday	8	5:00 p.m.	ML	Parishioners		Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	9	8:30 a.m.	SH	Jerry Ricke	†	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	9	10:30 a.m.	KW	Sally and Boyd Forester	†	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: The Star Shines On Those who have tried to follow the Creator of the stars often find themselves in the midst of an Epiphany. They are called to follow stars that seem beyond their reach.

Once a mother whose son had been murdered saw a star that said, "Forgive." The star led her to a prison, to the murderer. The light of the star enabled her to discover within her own heart a mercy she didn't know she possessed. The mercy belonged to the Creator of the stars but it was hers to use when she was in need. She used it well.

There was another woman who had an Epiphany that wouldn't stop. The star she saw shone right into the hearts of the poor. The compassionate ministry that continues in the Catholic Worker houses has turned Dorothy Day into a star that keeps on shining. . . .

Martin Luther King, Jr., saw a star that is still shining. It was a star of hope for those who were suffering from the oppression and evil of racism and prejudice. He followed that star to his death. He is the patron saint of those who find it hard to follow stars.

And then, there was that man of God from San Salvador. His name? Oscar Romero! He was elevated to the office of archbishop because it was believed he would be a safe, middle-of-the-road person, one who keeps peace by being silent. Perhaps that is who Oscar used to be, but everything changed one day. He had an Epiphany. He saw a star of truth that shone straight through all the lies, impelling him to speak out against injustice. He spoke. He died. His star shines on.

And you? You must add your own names to this list. Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr, *Seasons of Your Heart*

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 "

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Lennes Rankin, Mark Huffles. Greg Pennock, Adalynn Amerin, Myra Dick, John Dohm, The Ringer Family, Earl Kuhn, Cortlyn Hill, Ella Rundle, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Pete Eck, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Betty Schmidt, Jerry Blevins, Mary Contrell, Phillip Simpson, Mike Lynch, Dennis Larkin, Joyce Ditgen, KaSondra Mantey, Mabel Boor, Amari Allen, William "Bud" Becker, Gwen Spade, Vernon Rinke, 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:

Triston Boor, Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

A New Ministry for Young, Married, Catholic Men

Mark your calendars for **6:00 AM, Wednesday, January 12th at Holy Rosary Parish in Medicine Lodge** for the initial meetup of a new ministry. This ministry, called *Into the Breach*, is designed to challenge young married men to develop a stronger Catholic faith and identity. We live in a time of crisis for religious faith and family life. Husbands and fathers are challenged to protect their families from a culture that has contempt for religious faith and values. Come hungry. Breakfast will be served. We'll be done by 6:45 AM, in plenty of time to get to work. For more information contact Brian Withrow at 620-213-0391 (cell).

Topeka March for Life

The Diocese of Dodge City will be making a pilgrimage to Topeka for the annual IGNITE-Mass, Rally, and March for Life. We will leave on January 24th and spend the night in Topeka and return on January 25th. Our parishes will be picked up and dropped off in Great Bend. To register, signup in the parish or visit www.dcdiocese.org/offices/respect-life. Contact our DREs or Emma Showalter at 620- 227-1540 (dcyouth@dcdiocese.org) with questions.

New Daily Mass Schedule

We have added daily Masses to our schedule. Beginning January 4th, daily Masses will normally be: Tuesday in Medicine Lodge (followed by the Rosary), Thursday in Kiowa, and Friday in Sharon. All daily Masses will begin at 8:30 a.m. Please check the bulletin and website for updates and changes.

Ministry Schedule January 8th – 9th

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	J.D. Thompson
General Intercessions	Brayden Schmidt	Tom Tharp	Julie Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Ricke Michelle Eck Paul Totty	Linda Forester John Forester Delores Moreno	Norman Clouse Frances Land Brian Withrow Julie Thompson Volunteer
Servers	Brayden Schmidt Vondie Landwehr Lane Crenner	Volunteer	Volunteers
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Norman and Becki Clouse
Sacristan	Karen Traffas	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
Rosary	John Hern		Leroy and Diane Seiler