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The Epiphany of the Lord

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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	06	5:00 p.m.	ML	Ruth Ann Simon	✠	The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	07	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	07	10:30 a.m.	SH	KaSondra Hern Mantey	✠	The Epiphany of the Lord
Tuesday	09	8:30 a.m.	ML	Special Intention for the Seiler Family		Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	10	6:00 p.m.	ML	Ruth Ann Simon	✠	Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	11	8:30 a.m.	KW	Joe Jaso	✠	Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	12	8:30 a.m.	SH	John Dohm	✠	Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	13	5:00 p.m.	ML	Harold & Mary Hartley	✠	The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	14	8:30 a.m.	KW	For an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life		The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	14	10:30 a.m.	SH	Steve & Helen Eck	✠	The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

In our gospel reading of the day, the diligent search for the Child Jesus by the magi is an indication to us that human quest for meaningful life can only be satisfied by Christ when we give him our best, our heart, in fact, our all. The magi, who represent the world in our reading today, gave their best to Christ when they finally found him; gold, frankincense and myrrh. As I indicated to you during the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, there is no other gift that is more precious to be given to Christ than our hearts. When we give our hearts which are the symbols of our personality to Christ, then he who is the Eternal Light from God will shine upon us and we will rise up in splendor to glorify the wondrous deeds of God in our lives. What situation of life is covering you up that you are unable to shine to the world as the light that God wants you to be? Do you think that God has not gotten the power to dispel the darkness that seems to swallow you up, and enable you shine wherever you find yourself? Come on friends, God has it all. That power is Christ given to us today as the light which dispels all forms of darkness in our lives. The "Herods" may rise up against you, doing all they can to stop what God has destined you to become, but do not forget that He who protected the child Jesus and defended him against the wickedness of King Herod is the same God whom you serve through Jesus his son. So, brothers and sisters, be certain that he will not abandon you to your ill-fate. Let us be aware that the stewardship of God's grace given to us is a special one for the benefit of those whom we encounter, just as light does not shine for itself but for others to see. Will you let your light shine in the darkness for all to see and give glory to God. – Father Emmanuel

CHURCH NEWS

- **Attention Women of St. Boniface:** Please join us for the Altar Society meeting on January 8th at 7pm. Come and join the fun and bring a book to exchange!
- **Attention to all Parishioners:** There will be a Protecting God's Children Awareness Session offered in Pratt on Wednesday, January 24th, 2024 from 6:00p.m.- 9:00p.m. This will be located at Sacred Heart Church (Inside Cafeteria) at 332 N. Oak St. Pratt, KS 67124. Please contact Tonya Kiley at (620) 388-1455/tkiley@sacredheartpratt.com
- **Attention to all Parishioners:** The Dodge City Diocese will be offering two Pastoral Ministry Formation Classes in the Spring of 2024 over Zoom. Fr. Terrance Cline will be teaching a class on THEO 4003 Christology (3-hour college course) More than creed or culture, Christianity is a relationship with a person. Fr. Robert Schremmer will be offering a class on THEO 4881 Roots and Wings - Source and Summit (1 hour college course). For more information, or to enroll in classes, please contact Coleen Stein at cstein@dcdiocese.org
- **Attention to all Parishioners:** The Dodge City Diocese will be hosting the Pilgrimage for Life again on January 27th, 2024. You can find additional information and register for the event at DCDIOCESE.ORG/OFFICES/RESPECT-LIFE. Please register for this event by January 16th.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Edna Swayden, Karma Redgate, Isaac Venters, Theo Miller, Rayann Rucker, Ken Ricke, Jim Pulliam, Kelli Young, Kathy Dohm, Lennes Rankin, Adalynn Amerin, Ralph & Myra Dick, Eileen Schmidt, John Eck, Juanita Ricke, Hugh Rankin, Mary Eck, Sandy Ricke.

For the Faithful Departed:

Beatrice Ricke, Ruth Blick, John Dohm, Ruth Ann Simon, Randy Ricke, Roger Ringer, Helen Eck, Shirley LeClair, Norman Fischer, Peyton Theis, Sandy Blick, Herbie Landwehr, 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, Luke Fisher.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays: Aaron Schreiner (January 8th), Lane Crenner (January 8th), Zack Barker (January 12th), Ashtyn Schmidt (January 14th)

Anniversaries: John & Barbara Hagood (January 9th)

Ministry Schedule for January 13th – January 14th

Week 2	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Mason Eck	Chris Tharp	Brian Withrow
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	John Hern	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
General Intercessions	Mason Eck/John Hern	Tom Tharp	Julie Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Paul/Jacque Totty Michelle Eck	Linda Forester John Forester Delores Moreno	Norman Clouse Brian Withrow Julie Thompson
Servers	Drake Schmidt Ashtyn Schmidt	Volunteer	Volunteer
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Norman and Becky Clouse
Sacristan	Karin Traffas	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
Rosary	John Hern		Leroy and Diane Seiler

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