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The Epiphany of the Lord

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Sirach 1-2, 8-12 "The wisdom of God lives in his people."

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	04	5:00 p.m.	SH	Jeanette Timmons	✠	The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	05	8:30 a.m.	KW	Sally & Boyd Forester		The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	05	10:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		The Epiphany of the Lord
Tuesday	07	8:30 a.m.	ML	Ruth Ann Simon	✠	Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	08	6:00 p.m.	ML	Jaqueline Wood	✠	Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	09	8:30 a.m.	KW	Sally & Boyd Forester		Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	10	8:30 a.m.	SH	Norman Fischer	✠	Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	11	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	12	8:30 a.m.	KW	John Dohm	✠	The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	12	10:30 a.m.	ML	Charlotte Ringer	✠	The Baptism of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord

In our gospel reading of the day, the diligent search for the Child Jesus by the magi, who represent humanity is an indication to us that human quest for meaningful life can only be met by Christ when we give Him our best, our heart...in fact, our all. The magi, who represented humanity in our gospel reading today, gave their best; gold, frankincense, and myrrh, to Christ when they finally found Him. There is no other precious gift that we can give to Christ apart from our hearts. When we give our hearts, which is the symbol 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 wonderous deeds of God in our lives. There might have been certain situations that were covering us up in the past, which prevented us from shining to the world as God wants us to. These situations will not persist forever. God has the power to dispel the darkness that seemed to swallow us up and enable us to shine wherever we find ourselves. That power of God is manifested through Christ, who is revealed to us today as the light, which dispels all forms of darkness in our lives. The **"Herods"** may rise up against us. Doing all they can to stop what God has destined us to become but let us remember that He who protected the Child Jesus and defended Him against the wickedness of King Herod is the same God whom we serve. Brothers and sisters, let us be certain that God will not abandon us to our ill-fate. Let us be aware of the fact that the stewardship of God's grace given to us is a special one for the benefit of all whom we encounter. Just as light does not shine for itself, but for others to see, we pray for the grace of God to let our light shine in the darkness for all to see in order to give glory to God. *-Father Emmanuel*

CHURCH NEWS

All Parishioners:

- **“Tuesdays with the Diocese”** is an adult formation opportunity offered through the Diocese of Dodge City. Join other adults from the Dodge City and Salina dioceses to enrich your faith by attending one or all of these Zoom meetings on the following Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.:
“The Lord’s Day” – Fr. Ted Skalsky offers reflections on how to keep the Lord’s Day holy.
“The Synod is Done – Are We Done with Synodality?” – Fr. Robert Schremmer and Guests
“Second Vatican Council – The Universal Call to Holiness” – Fr. Frank Coady on how the laity can live out this call in prayer and practice.
To sign-up and receive the link to attend one or all of these meetings, go to dcdiocese.org/af

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Edna Swayden, Karma Redgate, Isaac Venters, Theo Miller, Ken Ricke, Kelli Young, Lennes Rankin, Adalynn Amerin, Ralph & Myra Dick, Eileen Schmidt, John Eck, Juanita Ricke, Hugh Rankin, and Mary Eck.

For the Faithful Departed:

Charlotte Ringer, Rayann Rucker, Jacqueline Woods, Alicia J. Widdows, Kelly Capansky, Sandy Ricke, Bill Nittler, Londa Fischer, Beatrice Ricke, Ruth Blick, 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, Michael Castaneda.

Ministry Schedule for January 11th – 12th

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	Carol Ricke Marilyn Traffas Darrin Hern	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 Becki Clouse
Sacristan	Karin Traffas	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
Rosary	John Hern		Leroy and Diane Seiler