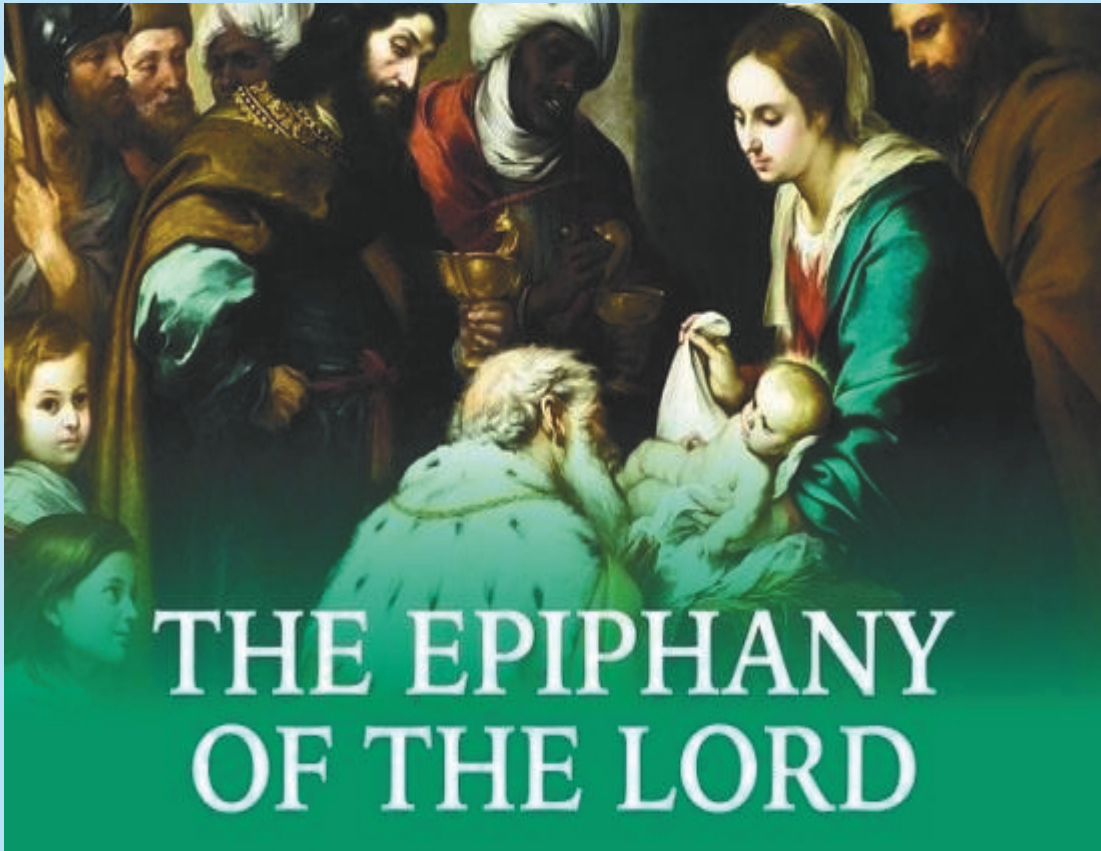


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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 2020
Feast of the Epiphany

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

In person 4:15 pm Saturday
Streamed 10:15 am Sunday

Reconciliation

2nd and 4th Saturday of the month
following 4:15 pm Mass

Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the sick

Please call the parish office for each

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet Baby Jesus is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today.

When the magi entered the house, it says, "they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage." Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, which symbolize Christ's kingship, divinity and humanity.

Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God's house weekly, and we are in His presence. When we meet Him, do we offer Him our gifts — our time, talent and treasure? As Christian stewards, we are called to respond with love, reverence and gratitude.

Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ's many manifestations in our lives. We just need a grateful disposition to receive them.

The Catholic Steward



Mary Leibl,
Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer Opportunities & Parish Needs

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"
Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Do you have family, neighbors or friends who are unable to attend Mass? If you would like to take communion to them in their homes, call the Parish Center or see a Sacristan before Mass. If you do not have a pyx one will be provided.

Decorations: We will be taking down and putting away the Christmas decorations after the 4:15 pm Mass on Saturday Jan 9th. We invite anyone who is able, to stay after Mass to help with this project.

I invite anyone who could help with this volunteer opportunity to contact me through the parish office or email me at mleibl@st-matts.org

THANK YOU to all who helped make our Christmas services memorable and brought joy during this time of pandemic. To **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, gave us strength and hope. To **Alan** who filmed the 4:15 pm Mass, making it possible that those unable to attend in person could watch the streaming on Christmas Day. To those who served in some way at Christmas Eve Mass: Lectors **Kathy & Anthony**, Eucharistic ministers **Jeanne, Jerold, Mary & Maggie**. To those who served at Christmas Day Mass: Lectors **Becky & Dave**, Eucharistic ministers **Joanne, Joe, Ginny & Dave**.

THANK YOU to **Kathy & Al** who devoted weekends putting together the 5 Christmas trees that are in the sanctuary. Shaping the trees and making sure every light was lit. They have taken on this project for many years and we are extremely grateful!

THANK YOU to **Steve & Bob** who hung the Christmas wreaths in church and the garland at the front entrance.

THANK YOU to **Janelle, Dave, Jesus, Angela, Cecilia, Antonia, Andrea, Frank, Christian, Rochell, Tim, John, Bob & Mary** who brought the Nativity statues from the chapel closet and set up in the sanctuary. Also Carried Christmas trees from chapel and placed in the sanctuary.

THANK YOU to **Paul, Mary & Christian** who placed the candle holders around the perimeter of the church and to **Frank & Crisanto** who came on Christmas Eve to light those candles.

THANK YOU to **Vicki** who manned the vacuum cleaner and vacuumed up all the needles in chapel and church proper!!

THANK YOU to **Joanne, Ann, Kathleen, Janelle, Jackie & Izzy** who used our new long handle collection baskets at the Communal Penance Service to collect money for Neighborhood House!

We are a Volunteer Parish and our Volunteers helped to make the Christmas Season special at The Church of St. Matthew!!!!

News and Events

Saint Matthew's motto-to be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.

WITH NUMBERS RISING IN MINNESOTA, IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO DO THE FOLLOWING BEFORE ATTENDING MASS

While Saint Matthew welcomes all to our parish, we want to have a safe environment for everyone. Before attending Mass, please consider the following questions and if you answer "yes", please do not attend Mass in person, but rather follow us on our website.

1. In the past 14 days have you been exposed to Covid-19 or been in contact with someone who has been exposed?
2. Are you or any one you know experiencing any of the following symptoms you cannot attribute to another condition; fever, chills, new cough, new sore throat, new headache, new loss of smell or taste, new muscle aches or new shortness of breath?
3. **For everyone's safety and health, masks are required; distance is requested; and signing in for contact tracing is necessary.**

CHANGES FOR IN-PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

1. The long-handled collection baskets will be used for the regular and any special collections. There will NOT be a basket near the entrance.
2. Please follow these guidelines for communion reception.
 - A. Use personal sanitizer [that you brought]
 - B. Come forward with your mask in place.
 - C. Keep distance as you come forward.
 - D. Keep your left hand as flat as possible.
 - E. Accept the host from the person distributing; take 2 or 3 steps to the side; move your mask up or down; communicate yourself; replace mask and return to your place. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR

In the next few days you will receive a mailing containing two things.

1. Please return a financial pledge card for 2021. Your pledge allows the parish to project what the parish income will be in 2021, Your pledge will help the parish finance council and parish council make important decisions regarding projects and improvements to our church and grounds. Remember: it is not a binding contract, Circumstances change and we understand, we do hope that your pledged amount would be an amount you are able to maintain.
2. The pastoral council wants to continue "keeping in contact" with all parishioners...as was done in April and May. Someone will attempt to call you during January. Would you be willing to call a dozen other parish families? Please see the mailing about this ministry of hospitality and care.

We thank you in advance; and we ask God's blessing for you in the New Year. Be safe and well.

John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on January 3rd for the Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW members.

The sanctuary lamp will be lit January 2 - January 9 in memory of **Ted & Connie Rivera & Linda Owens.**

Contact Linda Rivera at lriviera@st-matts.org or 651.224.9793 by 1:00 pm Monday-Thursday if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE:

Feast of the Holy Family

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 2, 4:15 pm - Mass - in person

Sunday, January 3 10:15 pm - Mass - online

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 9, 4:15 pm Mass - in person

(un-decorating after Mass—help will be welcomed)

Sunday, January 10, 10:15 pm Mass - online

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

January 6, 2021 is an at-home family learning evening; families will get the lessons for their children on January 6 and can work on the lesson at home. In-person classes resume in mid-January.

2021 CALENDARS

Calendars for 2021 will be available to parishioners at 4:15 pm Mass or you may stop by the parish center to pick one up .

SISTER ANNE BECKER

Several parishioners have requested Sister Anne's address in Mankato, we are sure she would love to hear from her friends here at St. Matthew's. Her address is, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001.

DUE TO EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE, THE WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE UPDATED AT A LATER DATE. .

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Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Closed on Friday

Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 am** for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2 /January 3 Feast of the Epiphany

4:15 pm Our Parish
Arthur Geis†

Sunday, January 3, Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Monday, January 4

Cancelled

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, January 8

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, January 9 /January 10 Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

4:15 pm Our Parish
Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members†

Sunday, January 3, Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 4 - Friday , January 8

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes **Meals Are Being Served As Take-Out Only At This Time**

Monday, January 4

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

Tuesday, January 5

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

Wednesday, January 6

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open

1:00 – 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

Faith Formation At Home Learning This Week

Thursday, January 7

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

Friday, January 8

Saturday, January 9, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Observed)

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

After: un-decorating the worship space.

Sunday, January 10, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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