



Lord,
every nation
on earth
 will adore you.

Pastor's Perspective

*Feast of the Epiphany

For many Christians around the world, this is the "gift-giving" day in the Christmas season, connecting those gifts to the gifts the magi brought to the child Jesus. But the most important part of this feast is the way it universalizes the faith experience and what it means to seek and find salvation. Herod and his advisors are surprised to hear about the 'new born king' from these magi. They are not the ones that 'see the star' and follow it. They are not the ones who are willing to have their entire lives changed because of that birth. Rather, it is the foreigners, the strangers, the Gentile, the unclean, who are led to the child and who offer him their gifts. Obedient to the message of the angel in a dream, they do not tell Herod but return by a different route to their homeland.

It is not surprising that this brief, colorful story in Matthew's gospel gave rise to all sorts of traditions, legends, and symbolic interpretations over the centuries. Who could resist imagining how these men achieved their wealth, how many there were, where they were from, why they chose the gifts

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Touching the Mysteries "Scripture and the Rosary"



This five week series focuses on the biblical stories that provide background for the mysteries of the rosary. The stories of Jesus are the best way to focus our prayer, and the rosary has provided a traditional format for doing this over the centuries. After an overview session, there are four remaining sessions, each devoted to a set of mysteries: Joyful...Luminous...Sorrowful...Glorious

Tuesday mornings: OR

9:30 a.m. beginning

January 9, 2007

(followed by Jan. 16,

Jan. 23, Jan. 30, Feb. 6)

Wednesday evenings:

6:30 p.m. beginning

January 3, 2007

(followed by Jan 10,

Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7)

Cost is \$10

Sign-up by poster in hallway to Parish Center.

Books available in the parish office.

Here's what's happening this week!

Monday, January 8:

- *Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- *RE Gr. 1-6 at 4:45 p.m.
- *Adult Bells 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *9:30 a.m. "Scripture and the Rosary"
- *Jr. Choir 5:00
- *RE Gr. 1-6 at 4:45 and 6:30 p.m.
- *RCIA 6:30 p.m.
- *Budget Committee 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *Teen Bells 7:00 p.m.
- *Art & Environment 10:00 a.m.
- *6:30 p.m. "Scripture and the Rosary"

Thursday, January 11:

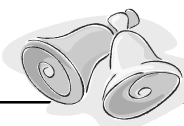
- *7:00 Choir

Saturday, January 13:

- *3:00 Confessions

Regular Parish Office Hours

- Mon. - Wed. — 9 :00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Thursday — 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday—12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday — 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



**Taizé Prayer
Wed., January 17
6:30 p.m.**

Join us for this experience of prayer, meditation, and song

**Registration Weekend at our parish...
January 20-21, 2007 after all the masses**



Take this opportunity to register in the parish and to receive a welcome packet plus important information on our parish.

Enjoy our coffee and donuts while taking a minute to officially become a member of our parish family.

Meet parishioners, staff members, and members of our Hospitality Committee.

Protecting God's Children Workshops



St. Clement is hosting a Protecting God's Children (PGC) Workshop Sunday, January 14, at 12:00 noon. Protecting God's Children is a workshop that focuses on creating safe environments for children by preventing the opportunity for sexual abuse to occur. This session will include videos and discussion, along with a light meal. All parish volunteers are asked to attend a session within six months of volunteering, along with completing a background check. To register for this informative afternoon, go to: www.virtus.org, click on Registration (on left side of screen) or call Debbie Knoblock at 586.752.6591.

If this date won't work for your schedule, please register online for one of these neighboring workshops:

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|---------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|
| — January 13, 2007 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Blase | Sterling Heights |
| — January 27, 2007 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Isidore | Macomb Township |
| — February 1, 2007 | 6:30 p.m. | St. Kieran | Shelby Township |
| — February 10, 2007 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Thecla | Clinton Township |
| — February 15, 2007 | 6:00 p.m. | St. Lawrence | Utica |
| — February 20, 2007 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Lawrence | Utica |
| — March 7, 2007 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Lawrence | Utica |
| — March 14, 2007 | 6:00 p.m. | St. Lawrence | Utica |



**2006-2007
Religious
Formation
Program**

October-May

Early Childhood

(ages 3-4-5 years)

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Sessions: Jan. 14, 21

NO Session: Jan. 28

Grades 1-6

Monday: 4:45-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 4:45-6:00 p.m.

& 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Sessions: Jan. 8/9, 15/16, 22/23

NO Session: Jan. 29/30

Grades 7-8

Sunday: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

In weekly blocks of time

Sessions: Jan. 7, 21, Feb. 4, 11

Finding the Lord

Mt. 2:1-12



As a young man recovering from a motorcycle accident lay in the hospital, he began to think about what he had done with his life, where had he gone up till then. The answer was nowhere. He had lived for thrills and excitement. He had wasted the best years of his life

Next he thought about his relationship with God. The Magi didn't have the Lord from the start. They had to set out to look for him and persevered until they had found him. The young man had the Lord from the start being baptized and raised in a Christian home. But after the age of fifteen he stopped going to church and gave it all up. He lost the Lord as he turned his back on him.

That was a very dark night for him when all this came crowding in on him. But when the darkness was at its thickest a beautiful thing happened. He suddenly realized that the Lord's light hadn't been extinguished. It had continued to shine all those years, except it was hidden by clouds. And a wonderful truth dawned on him: Even though he had abandoned the Lord, the Lord had not abandoned him! All those years the Lord had been searching for him. He was overcome with joy. He never thought that he mattered to anyone, least of all to the Lord.

When the Magi found the Lord they offered him wonderful gifts. Now that the young man found the Lord, what could he offer him? At a loss at first he suddenly realized that he could offer himself. But first he knew he had to find himself before he could offer himself as a gift to anyone else.

Now instead of being full of bitterness about life in general and about his accident in particular, people began to see a change in him. He had a smile and a cheerful word for everyone. He had found the Lord and we cannot find the Lord without being changed.

We all need a star to follow. We are truly blessed if the star of the Lord has risen before us, and twice blessed are we if we follow that star steadfastly all our lives. If we find our lives have changed as a result—the change will be for the better. It will be such that it will bring us a joy the world cannot bring!



**PREPARATION FOR THE
SACRAMENT OF
FIRST EUCHARIST
PARENT & CHILD
SESSION #1**

Tuesday, January 30

or

Wednesday, January 31

6:30 p.m.

Parents with a child or children ready to prepare for this sacrament will be receiving more information in the mail. Please call the office to sign up for one of the above nights to attend. 586-781-9488.

The Light of Christ

*Christ's light was not lit once in Bethlehem and then extinguished.
For over two thousand years his light has shone upon the world.
And it will continue to shine on all who believe in him and follow him.*

*The light of Christ is a persistent light,
and has the power to draw people to its shining.*

It shines in the midst of disasters and upheavals.

It is a defiant light, which no darkness can overpower.

Its purpose is not to judge us,

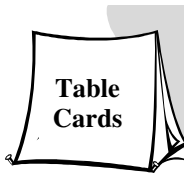
but to show us the way to the Father's kingdom.

*God has called us out of darkness into
the wonderful light of his Son.*

We must live as children of the light.

*So, let us imitate the Magi, and
walk in the light of the Lord.*





May we always follow you

“And suddenly the star they had seen rising went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight.”
 Matt 2:9-10

Long ago, three who have been called wise, journeyed to the small town of Bethlehem. They followed a star that led them to the powerlessness of God lying in a manger. It was the last place on earth one would expect to find the “Creator of the Stars”, yet that is where those beams did shine. We call such a moment of awe an epiphany. An epiphany is a manifestation of the Divine Presence right in the midst of daily life.



“Creator of the Stars,
 God of Epiphanies,
 You are the Great Star.
 You have marked
 my path with light.
 You have filled my sky with stars
 naming each star, guiding it
 until it shines into my heart,
 awakening me to deeper seeing
 new revelations
 and brighter epiphanies.
 They shine on me wherever I go,
 and every time I feel the shine
 I am called to follow it,
 to sing it,
 to live it all the way
 to the cross and beyond.

O Creator of the Stars,
 you have become within me
 an unending Epiphany.”



Attention Rainbow Teens

There will be a mandatory parent/teen meeting on January 7 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for all those attending Rainbow. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to give Mrs. Peters a call.

Teens—Mark your Calendars

- **January 7** — Teen session 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **January 20-21** — Rainbow Conference
- **February 11** — Pancake Breakfast (please sign up now)
- **February 11** — Teen Session 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Attention all 9-12 Graders

Sign up now for the St. Benedict’s retreat for teens that will be on February 16-18. If you need time to get away from it all, relax, and look deeper into your faith, this retreat is right for you. We only have a certain number of slots left, so please sign up with Mrs. Peters today.

Teen Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast February 11, 2007 (Sign up now!)



St. Peter Church Presents...

“Welcome to Your Kids Culture”

This presentation is for parents of teens ages 13-17. Presented by Mr. Art Bamert on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fr. Welch Hall of St. Peter Church, 95 Market Street, Mt. Clemens, MI. Phone 586.868.5134 for information. No fee.

“C.S.I. — Cultural and Social Investigation”

This presentation is for teens ages 13-17. Presented by Mr. Art Bamert on Thursday, January 11, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fr. Welch Hall of St. Peter Church, 95 Market Street, Mt. Clemens, MI. Phone 586.868.5134 for information. No fee.

Dinner and Retreat for Ladies

“Change of Heart” with Sr. Angela Hibbard, I.H.M. on Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is \$5.00. Call 586.868.5134 to register by January 19. Located in the Fr. Welch Hall of St. Peter Church, 95 Market Street, Mt. Clemens, MI

MCREST Meal Volunteers Needed

SS. John & Paul will be providing lunch and dinner for MCREST guests at St. Clement in Romeo on Wednesday, January 31, 2007. Lunch help will report to St. Clement at 11:00 a.m. with lunch being served at noon. Volunteers will stay for clean up. Dinner volunteers should show up at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. Again, volunteers will stay for clean up.

If you would like to volunteer to help prepare and serve either one of these meals, or if you would like to donate food or a dessert, please call Kathy at the parish office at 586.781.9010.



You (or someone you know) may need occasional assistance in order to remain living at home on your own. If you are in need of someone to do small home repairs, run errands, provide transportation, light housekeeping or a friendly phone call, please let us know! We have volunteers who are waiting to be called to offer their assistance. Please follow the steps outlined below in requesting the help you need and we will do our best to honor your request. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

If you are calling after office hours, please follow the prompt for Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers and press "6". You may then leave your message specifying what type of help is needed. Again, you will be contacted about available help.

Meeting your needs is important to us so it is crucial that you follow the procedure outlined above when requesting help. Thanks for your assistance!

Income Tax Preparation Help



Samaritan House is once again sponsoring an Income Tax Preparation Program. Beginning the end of January and through early April, Samaritan House will offer Federal and Michigan Income Tax preparation to individuals with a gross income of \$20,000 or less and families with a gross income of \$38,000 or less. This is a cooperative effort between the IRS and Accounting Aid Society. People will be seen by appointment only. For additional information, interested people may call 586.677.7590.

Visitation North Spirituality Center: January Topic

"An Introduction to Centering Prayer" will be explored on Saturday, January 13, 2007 at the Visitation North Spirituality Center. In our busy lives, we may be looking for guidance and encouragement in the practice of daily prayer done in a quiet, wordless presence of God. The method of Centering Prayer envisioned in the thought and guidelines offered by Abbot Thomas Keating will be learned and practiced.

The facilitator will be Mary Ann Flanagan, IHM. This topic will be presented from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. The registration fee is \$20.00 (including a non-refundable \$10.00 deposit) and is due January 8, 2007.

Visitation North Spirituality Center is located at 7227 Lahser Rd., Bloomfield Hills between 14 and 15 Mile Roads on the Marian High School grounds. You can register by calling 734-242-5520 (and mail deposit) or email visitation@ihmsisters.org (and mail deposit). Please send deposits to: Visitation Spirituality Center, 529 Stewart Rd., Monroe, MI 48162

Adoption

Do you have extra love in your heart to share with a child? If you would like to learn more about adoption, we invite you to attend a free information meeting at Adoption Associates, Inc. in Farmington Hills on Tuesday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. or on Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. This informal presentation offers information on building families through domestic infant adoption and through international programs in China, Russia, Guatemala, Ethiopia, and Haiti. To RSVP, please call Adoption Associates, Inc. at 248.474.0990.

Alzheimer's Support Group to Meet

Caregivers of family members with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia are invited to attend a support group meeting on Monday, January 15, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at A Friend's House Adult Day Services in Clinton Township.

Sponsored by Catholic Services of Macomb and the Greater Michigan Chapter of Alzheimer's Association, the group provides information and support to those caring for or concerned about family members with memory loss.

A Friend's House is located at 15945 Canal Road (between Garfield and Hayes) in Clinton Township. On-site respite services are also available for a small fee. Pre-registration is required. For information or to register for on-site respite services, call A Friend's House at 586.412.8494.

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they did, and so on. Interestingly, many of these embellishments fit quite well with the meaning of the gospel story, even when they go far beyond it. For example, these men who seek the meaning of the star are not called 'kings' but 'magi,' a class of wisdom-seekers who believed in astrological signs. But the custom of making them kings enhances the meaning of seeking salvation in Christ, especially in those centuries that saw kings as divinely appointed. Even if everyone else bows before the king and almost worships him, every king must ultimately find a way to acknowledge that they are to worship someone greater than them.

Another example would be the gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh. All were signs of wealth in the ancient Near East. But for Christians who knew the whole story of Christ's life, death and resurrection, they could take on symbolic meaning. Gold to refer to Christ's kingship; frankincense to refer to Christ's divinity; myrrh used in embalming to refer to Christ's suffering and death. Or, the custom of three magi. The three gifts in the story are not said to be given by three people (no numbers are given) or that each one brought one gift, but the human imagination quickly developed that thought. Eventually, some even gave them names, the most common being Gaspar (Casper), Melchior, and Balthazar. More interestingly, they were usually imaged as from different ethnicities or races. Again, not in the story but truly the meaning of the story: God's offer of salvation in Jesus is not just for one group but universal, for all. To limit it would be to be like Herod, seeking Christ for our own needs and purposes, not God's.

For Catholics, the feast of the Epiphany is one of the many ways that God's love is celebrated not just as an ethereal, other-worldly love, or as some force at work in our hearts, but as a love that enters history, embraces humanity, and wants to transform actual lives. Let us continue the Christmas-Epiphany season, taking the meaning of 'epiphany' as our reflective note this week: 'to shine forth.' Where does God's love shine forth in our lives right now? Where does it need to shine forth more clearly, if we are to make that love of God known in

this world today, 2007, United States, Michigan, Washington Township, our neighborhood and family and community?

***Baptism of the Lord**

The parish vocation committee views the feast of the Baptism of the Lord as a chance to highlight how each of us has a basic vocation: to live out a Christian life. That vocation is the most important one we can have. It defines who we are, no matter what other career or life choices we make. Our baptismal identity should make a difference to us in how we practice and work at our jobs, careers, professions, and life choices. We do them as Christians who know that we have been baptized into Christ's life and death, so as to share in his resurrection.

Since the feast of the Baptism of the Lord falls on a Monday this year, we will use next **Sunday, January 14th**, to highlight our baptismal vocations. There will be some materials available after Mass. The vocation committee invites families and individuals to create an expression of how each of us is currently living out our baptismal vocation. In addition, we will focus on the sprinkling rite at the beginning of Mass and ask that people come forward to be blessed by that water and to recognize their baptism in a conscious, explicit way.

***G.R.A.C.E.**

You will be seeing this acronym often in the weeks and months ahead. It stands for "**G**rowing and **R**esponding **A**s **C**atholics **E**veryday." With that title we are trying to capture a sense of how God's life forms us as Christians not just when we are children but throughout our lives, everyday. We are in the processing of shaping a new religious formation model for the parish that involves a whole community approach and an inter-generational approach. The week of March 4th will be our first test of this approach as part of our current religious education year. Everyone—not just children, not just families with children—everyone is invited to these formational sessions. In fact, it only works well if we get participation from all the generations, young and old, and all the parts of the parish, the whole community.

"Inter-generational" suggests that move from a child and school-based model that implies we somehow graduate "out of" religious formation to an ungraded, multi-generational model that implies we never come to an end of formation or growth in faith. Moreover, an inter-generational model begins with the premise that is best to have people of all ages involved in an experience, in the learning, in the sharing, in the living out of a faith experience. It does not mean that we never gather in age-appropriate groups—that will continue in its own way—but that we make the centerpiece a gathering of every group in the community.

"Whole community" language then becomes connected to this new model. Do we focus on one thing for seven year olds, a completely other thing for 10 year olds, then another for teens, and even another for adults? Yes and no. There are certainly times and places and needs to do that. But as a centerpiece of parish formation we also want to bring that whole community together around common themes and experiences. The way one developer of this model puts it: the community gathering should look more like Sunday, less like school and less like a retired citizens group. As part of that whole community approach, there will be formational themes, materials, and activities appropriate for different age groups or even just for an individual adult—but a common theme, at times common prayer, and other ways to draw the community into a formation process together.

What about the sacraments and sacramental preparation? These will continue along the current lines that involve the parents as well as the child, and invite the whole community to be praying for those preparing for such sacraments. What about Scripture studies? These can continue as well. What about youth ministry? Again, it will continue in conjunction with the new model. In fact, once we get it fully in place and working, the new model will allow for a common monthly focus and experience, with follow up material, with ways to deepen Catholic understanding available for the home and on our website, and still give us time for more concentrated focus on various

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groups within the parish.

G.R.A.C.E. is coming. Are you willing to be part of G.R.A.C.E.? Are you going to G.R.A.C.E.? What is the G.R.A.C.E. theme and experience for this month? These are the types of questions we want the parish to be discussing and thinking about as we move forward. Mark your calendars for the week of March 4th. There will be four different options for times—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evening—all of which will be explained in registration forms in the bulletin in the weeks ahead.

The amount of work in preparation for each G.R.A.C.E. week is enormous. But the staff is willing to undertake it, in the hope that we can move formation from something 'given to' students after school to being something 'we all do' throughout our lives.

G.R.A.C.E. is coming. Are you willing to be part of G.R.A.C.E.?

May the New Year bring us both challenge and success, surprise and joy, peace and hope.

Fr. Buersmeyer

The New Year

Faithful Companion,
in this new year I pray:

to live deeply, with purpose,
to live freely, with detachment,
to live wisely, with humility,
to live justly, with compassion,
to live lovingly, with fidelity,
to live mindfully, with awareness,
to live gratefully, with generosity,
to live fully, with enthusiasm.

Help me to hold this vision
and to daily renew it in my heart,
becoming ever more one with you,
my truest Self.

—Joyce Rupp

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Contributions Statements for 2006

Statements will automatically be sent to those families who have contributed \$250 or more during the 2006 calendar year. If you did not contribute \$250 or more during the year and would like a statement, please call the parish office at 586.781.9010 and we will gladly send you one. Look for the statements to arrive by the end of January.

Gordon Foods Fun Funds

We received a check for \$13.09 from Gordon Foods for rebates earned on Fun Funds purchases by parishioners. Since August 2004, we've earned \$179.27 which will be put toward the purchase of a new sign on 28 Mile Road.

Fun Funds generates cash rebates through Fun Funds purchases made at Gordon Food Stores (GFS). To enroll, all you have to do is fill out and return the postage paid self-addressed enrollment card. Applications are available in the office or at the store. The rest is easy—just present your Fun Funds card to the GFS cashier when you check out. Thanks for remembering the parish when you shop.

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SS. John & Paul Parish is in need of sponsors for the bulletin

Why advertise in a church bulletin?

- Advertising in the weekly parish bulletin is one of the best returns for your advertising dollar
- The advertising expense is tax deductible
- It is localized advertising; it's in the area that you serve
- Advertising helps promote your business throughout the community and with your fellow parishioners
- The bulletin gives excellent exposure to the business person because it's reaching more clients
- Parishioners feel secure dealing with bulletin sponsors
- The parish and the business both benefit

Kathleen Ford, representing Diocesan Publications (our bulletin publisher) will be here this week renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If you are interested in advertising or know of someone who might be, please call the parish office 586.781.9010. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. Thanks to you, and Diocesan Publications, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

Words of Wisdom

- ~ Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.
- ~ When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
- ~ God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?
- ~ Peace starts with a smile.
- ~ Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Online Offertory

Did you know that SS. John & Paul has parishioners who support the parish by using online banking? Every week we receive offertory checks that our parishioners have authorized their bank to send us. These offerings are treated just as if it was dropped in the Sunday collection since an envelope number is printed on the check.

Electronic Sunday Offerings is another way to consistently support the parish automatically. Electronic Sunday Offerings (ESO) is a pre-authorized payment plan where parish members authorize monthly or bi-monthly deductions to be made from their checking or savings account to the parish's account.

If either of these opportunities to support the parish appeals to you, you can pick up an ESO form in the literature racks or set the church up for a weekly automatic donation on your personal computer using online banking.

North Macomb Vicariate Newsletter

News from parishes in our North Macomb Vicariate is available online at www.NMVonline.org. The newsletter also lists the mass time for every parish in our vicariate. For the current issue and archives of past issues of the newsletter, check out the page entitled "View the North Macomb News". You can also use Yahoo! or Google's search engine by putting in the search line: North Macomb Vicariate or North Macomb Vicariate News.

Pray for our sick



Mary Angelosante, Rita Bayer, Suzanne Bawol, Mary Burcar, Bill Cauley, Vivette Clark, Ralph Cleary, Lorraine Dawe, Chris Del Pappa, Lauren DeNio, Art Donovan, Antoinette Errante, Alojzy Filipowicz, Krystyna Green, May Hoenle, Ronnie Housewright, Janet Johnson, Anna Kaltz, Hayden Kroll, Jacob Main, Bernice Mayer, Agnes Mehlick, Bob Mehlick, George Mehlick, Trudy Mehlick, Adele Miller, Larry Newsom, Denise Olejniczak, John Pakledinaz, Dorothy Puffpaff, Hank Roman, Mary Rupert, Albert Sabbe, Alice Sabbe, Camille Smith, Michelle Smith, Tommasina Smith, Mary Sorrow, Barbara Supina, Karen Shea, Duane VanPamel, Richard Waluk, Toni Willoughby, Arthur Wiczko, Evelyn Wiczko

Pray for our military



Noel & Greg Ales, Nick Bassett, Augie Biache III, Mike Boback, Andrew Eppens, Eric Eppens, Tony Gentilia, David Krzycki, Jonathon Krusinski, Chris Krusinski, Paul McGowan, David Newberry, Ryan Ribant, Thomas Schmidt, Vincent Titeriga, Daniel Trendell,

Readings for the Week of January 7, 2007

Sunday, January 7: Is 60:1-6; Ps 29; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday, January 8: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Ps 97; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Tuesday, January 9: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday, January 10: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday, January 11: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95; Mk 1:40-45
Friday, January 12: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday, January 13: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday, January 14: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Stewardship Report

December 23-24, 2006

Weekly budget\$11,600.00
 Offertory.....\$8,893.51
 No. Sunday envelopes used.....273
Total offertory\$8,893.51

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Debt Reduction / (8).....\$405.00
 Children's Env. / (17).....30.38
 RFR / (1)\$25.00
 Year end donation / (27).....\$9,625.00
 Christmas (327)\$18,242.00

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December 30-31, 2006

Weekly budget\$11,600.00
 Offertory.....\$9,054.95
 No. Sunday envelopes used.....288
 ESO (30th of month)\$1,604.50
 No. ESO26
Total offertory\$10,659.45

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Debt Reduction / (6).....\$570.00
 Children's Env. / (5).....6.38
 RFR / (1)\$20.00
 Year end donation / (8).....\$890.00
 Holy Day (18).....\$101.00
 Christmas (21).....\$1,265.00

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will we go and what will we offer as homage to this newborn King and Savior?

Sponsor of the week

Sheena's Marketplace



Eucharistic Prayer Requests

Saturday and Sunday

January 6-7, 2007

Pasquale Cocco by Wife & Family
 Rudy Keller by S. Keller
 Geri Dale by Klozik Family
 Stanley & Francis Tasky by R. Hunsucker
 Gertrude & Richard Shoobridge by E. Willard Family

Monday, January 8, 2007

Marie Eileen Hardin by D. Cook

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

Edward Woytalewicz by Wife & Family

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

Werner Glombowski by Dobbs Family

Saturday and Sunday

January 13-14, 2007

Dorothy & Tim Cronenwett by Family
 Gerald Hatcher by Wife
 Patricia Hoensheid by Hernacki Family
 Rod Blonde by Family
 Clemente Truden by A. Truden

| Liturgical appointments for January 13-14, 2007 | | | | |
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| | 5:00 p.m. | 8:00 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. |
| Celebrant | Fr. Buersmeyer | Fr. Buersmeyer | Fr. Buersmeyer | Fr. Sayes |
| Lectors | N. Peters G. Pagliarella | J. Sova J. Giffin | K. Brunner T. Fletcher | M. Greenway J. Schnepf |
| Eucharistic Ministers *Captain | A. Peters* D. Peters D. Peters K. Peters I. Stavenow | R. Schultz* M. Sobetski A. Weaver P. Dobbs T. Dobbs | B. Quayhackx* P. Quayhackx J. Sabina J. Sabina C. Seidel R. Seidel J. Witek | C. Gregory* B. Greenway S. Brunet J. Gilbertson D. Jiannuzzi |
| Altar Servers | H. Becker N. Hepner | —Open— | J. Seidel Z. Compeau | F. Avolio A. Stirzinger J. Yankee |
| Greeters | I. Stavenow G. Laird | S. Boettcher T. Boettcher | B. Brunner D. Bernia | P. Waligore |
| Ushers | Team #1 B. Diebboll L. Foltran R. Pewinski J. Wright | Team #3 B. Dale E. Fannon S. Krajewski A. Sova R. Chapman | Team #5 L. Monfils M. Bayer B. Janowiak K. Partyka A. Saylor | Team #7 B. Cauley R. Kopera L. LePage J. Martino B. Jiannuzzi M. Bytner |
| Collection Counters | Sharon Bourgeois, Mike Adkins, Donald Byrne, Len & Jacqueline Monfils, Dick & Pat Podolski | | | |