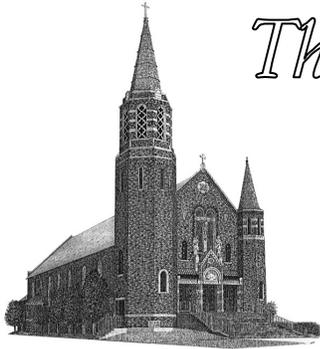
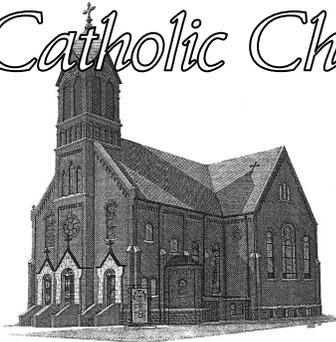


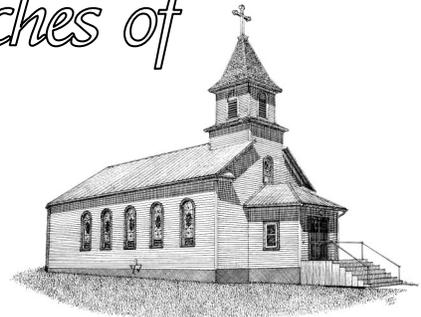
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The Epiphany Of The Lord

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From the Pastor's Desk

As we continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus in our Christmas Season, God continues to “reveal” to us through the Church’s liturgy just who this child is. “Reveal” is a perfect word for us to use on this first Sunday of the New Year of 2021 because we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. An *epiphany* is a manifestation or a revealing of something. We hear in our Gospel reading that the *magi* come to adore this newborn child. These travelers from the East bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to give to the child. And it is in these gifts that three particular things are “revealed” to us about Jesus. Gold, a symbol of royalty, represents his *kingship*; frankincense, used in worship, points to his *divinity*; and myrrh represents his *humanity*, particularly in his passion and death.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you for your wonderful prayers, well-wishes, cards and gifts for Christmas. I really appreciate it very much! I wish each of you a very Blessed and Happy New Year! God Bless you! *Fr. Shannon*

News and Events

Sts. Peter & Paul’s bell update from Fr. Shannon: As I shared with you the last couple weeks, a new control system for our bells will need to be purchased which will cost \$11,500. I also mentioned that if we were able to purchase the system and pay in full by the end of the year, we would save 10%--a considerable savings indeed. I am very happy to share some exciting news: to date, we have

The Week’s Schedule

Sun.,	Jan. 3	8:45 a.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Sebastian+, Elizabeth+, & Virgil+ Scherr & Family
		11:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael Robert Vetter+ & Family
Mon.,	Jan. 4		No Mass
Tues.,	Jan. 5	4:00 p.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Willie Rohrich+
Wed.,	Jan. 6	8:00 a.m.	Mass Followed by Adoration at Sts. Peter and Paul Margaret Geigle+
Thur.,	Jan. 7	8:00 a.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul Joni Miller+ & Family
Fri.,	Jan. 8	9:00 a.m.	Adoration at St. Mary
		10:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary Pete Kocher+
Sat.,	Jan. 9	4:00 p.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Gary & Aggie Haak & Family
		7:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Mary Pete & Phyllis Glatt+ & Family
Sun.	Jan. 10	8:45 a.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Felix & Clara Silvernagel+ & Family
		11:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael All Parishioners

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: The sacrament is available in Strasburg from 3:15-3:50 p.m. on Saturdays, in Hague from 6:15-6:50 p.m. on Saturdays, and at St. Michael Church 10:30-10:55 a.m. on Sundays. The sacrament is also available 15 minutes before weekday Masses or at your convenience by calling the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Strasburg on Wednesday, following the 8 a.m. Mass. No Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary’s Parish in Hague on Friday due to New Year’s.

received contributions in the amount of \$12,715! With this tremendous and generous response, we were able to order the new system and obtain the discount. The total was \$10,350. The excess funds and any further donations—which will be greatly appreciated, will be put into a “bell fund” to be used for installation costs of the new system and for repair and maintenance on our physical bells. Thank you to all who have contributed! It will be so wonderful to hear our bells ringing again!!

Sympathy & Prayers to the family, relatives, and friends of Carolyn Hoener—sister to Irene Heidrich, Pius Fischer, and Rueben Richter. May they rest in peace.

Catholic United Financial has requested that the St. Mary's Council meeting that is scheduled for this Sunday, January 3rd, be postponed until further notice.

Parish Members: Any members who want to get a contribution in for 2020, please do so by this coming weekend, January 2nd & 3rd. Please mark your envelope if it is for 2020. I plan on doing the year end contributions next week.

St. Michael's will have Religion Classes next Sunday January 10th, before the 11 a.m. Mass.

Fr. Leonard Eckroth's Mailing Address: Emmaus Place, 1020 N 26th St, Apt. 1, Bismarck, ND 58501-3186.

A **Parishioner** has purchased a book for every parish family this Christmas entitled, **"I Heard God Laugh"** by Matthew Kelly. Please take a copy home with you. — There are also homemade **"Rosaries"** that Fr. Shannon has Blessed that were sent to us from a gentleman from New York, and also the Catholic Devotional that is sent to our parishes every year. These items are all in the back of your church. Please help yourselves.

The New Living Faith Booklets for January—March 2021 are in the back of church.

Strasburg & Hague Parishioners: *Your "2021" Church Contribution Envelopes are in the back of Church.* If you did not get envelopes and would like to have them, please call Alice at 336-7172 and I will get them ready for you as there are many envelopes left. If any children or students would like envelopes, please give me a call. This is for Strasburg & Hague Parishes. I will be very happy to get them ready for you.

Please call the Rectory Office at 336-7172 for any reason before coming over. Fr. Shannon & I need to be careful with this COVID pandemic going on. There are times I am working from home due to the COVID. Any questions, please leave a message on the answering machine & we will get back to you. **Thank You for understand!**

Thank You to everyone who donated to the **"Retirement Fund for Religious"** Special Collection. It is much appreciated!

North Dakota March for Life: You are invited to partake in the first-ever North Dakota March for Life, taking place at the North Dakota State Capitol on January 29, 2021. On January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court handed down the Roe v. Wade decision that made abortion legal, allowing many to choose to have an abortion without government intervention. Since then, over 62 million lives have been lost due to abortion. To begin the event on January 29th, Bishop Kagan will

celebrate Mass at 11:00 AM for the general public at the Cathedral (separate Masses are being arranged for Catholic School junior high and high school students so as to allow for adequate social distancing). Following Mass, groups are welcome to march (or drive) to the Capitol grounds for a program beginning at 12:30 PM to include a keynote speaker and a period of silence for the 62 million lives who have been silenced by abortion in the United States since 1973. For more information on how you can participate in-person or remotely visit www.umary.edu/ndmarchforlife.

Pray for the sick: Nathan Leier, Eileen Weisbeck, Wylis Silvernagel, Geneva McCord, Leo Roehrich, Beth Kelsch, Gene Millner, Victoria Schumacher, Dick Shaw, Tony Baumgartner, Fr. David Zimmer, Phyllis Fischer, Myron Mattern, Marvin Feist, Eugene Getz, Ron Kramer, Todd Moch, Leo & Nancy Weber.

Pray for our deceased: Carolyn Hoener, Rueben Richter, Veronica Masset, Ervin Selzler, Magdalena Wolbaum, Timothy Feist, and Marlon Ohlhauser.

Stewardship—A Way Of Life: The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

Stewardship Thought: As we begin this new year, let us take time to plan and make stewardship of time and talent a part of our lifestyle and stewardship of treasure a part of our budget.

Vocation Views: God's glory continues to shine in our world. Where do you need to carry the light of Christ? Consider being a light for the world as a Church minister. (Isaiah 60:1-6)

Liturgy Assignments

Sts. Peter & Paul, Strasburg

Weekday Lector: Volunteers!

January 9th at 4:00 p.m. — Saturday

Lector: Jessa Heidrich
Head Usher: Robert Heidrich



January 10th at 8:45 a.m. — Sunday

Lector: Mark Mittelieder
Head Usher: Darnell Silvernagel

St. Mary, Hague

January 9th at 7:00 p.m. — Saturday

Lector: Victoria Volk
Head Usher: Donavan Silbernagel
Money Counters: Andy Hulm & Andrea Hulm



St. Michael, Rural Linton

January 10th at 11:00 a.m. — Sunday

Lector: 4th Grade
Sacristan: Kenny Schlosser
Money Counters: Darin Horner, Arnold Vetter, Dale Nagel
Rosary: 4th Grade

