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Epiphany of the LORD

We saw
his *star*
at its *rising*
and have
come to do
him *homage*.

Matthew 2:2

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The Adoration of the Kings by Carlo Dolci, 1649

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Mass Intentions

Monday, January 3

7:30 AM LeEtta Perry

Tuesday, January 4

7:30 AM Warren Lonzo

Wednesday, January 5

7:30 AM Ken Kowall

Thursday, January 6

7:30 AM People of St Paul

Friday, January 7

7:30 AM Sean Sterr

Saturday, January 8

4:30 PM Scott Stryzik
William Markley

Sunday, January 9

8:00AM Thomas Jarecki
Helen Locher
10:00AM Mass of Thanksgiving
Carol Sterr Lehman

Please Remember Our Family and Friends in Your Prayers

Josephine Allegretti
Irene Bedeski
Britney Breseman
Norine Cepelcha
Robert Corcoran
Isaiah Cwik
Steve DeChiara
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Lois Yakich
Norbert Zelinski

Wisemen Still Seek Him Today

Happy New Year sisters and brothers!

The last couple of years have been tough ones. The Covid pandemic has brought fear, isolation, restrictions, illness and death. We probably all know someone who has died from this terrible plague. I don't know about you, but this chapter in life has caused me to reflect on the meaning of life, on what's really important. Some of those in authority speak of the "new normal." I don't know exactly how they define the "new normal," but I suggest that we, instead return to the eternal truth of what it is that we are celebrating this season.

Today's Gospel for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is one that we are very familiar with. It relates the journey of the Magi, the wisemen" of the East, who are seeking after the "newborn king of the Jews." In fact, they were searching for what all human beings are searching for, purpose and meaning in their lives, ultimately for God. It was not their great wisdom that brought them to Bethlehem, but God's revelation through the prophet that brought them to the home of the child. They encountered Jesus, God, incarnate and they departed to their country by another way, profoundly changed.

Many today are seeking what the Magi sought. They are "spiritual, but not religious." But God is revealed to us, not in some abstract or distant way, but in a personal and living way. The God of the universe seeks after us and has a plan for our us. The Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, reveal a plan of a loving Father, who seeks to restore the relationship with his children. The climax of the story is the birth of Jesus, the incarnate "Word of God" who came to save God's people. He lived on this earth and suffered and died for us and remains with us. Each week we come together to re-live the story and to be fed with the "Bread of Life." Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10)." Seek, if you like, but it may be easier to just let God find you. This is the "new normal" that I wish for all of you this year.

Liz and I wish you a blessed, healthy, and happy New Year.

Deacon John



Liturgical Minister Schedule			
Date	Lector	Hospitality	EMHC
January 8 Saturday 4:30 PM	Jim Roolf	Ed Pultorak * Rick Klimek Tina Klimek Sr Odelia Kloc Kim Roolf	Cathy Wilda Peter Wilda
January 9 Sunday 8:00 AM	Anne Theobald	Linda Deiss* Leon Brück Christine Englehart Marian Heinzel Alice Henderson Ginna Jones Ron Jones Frank Theobald	Mary Ann Schwerha Pat Stroud
January 9 Sunday 10:00 AM	Mary Lynn Crossen	Sue Swarthout* Carol Allen Annette DeLaurenti Robert Hobbs Sunny Hobbs Jay Ormins Matthew Ormins	Jacque Klika John Klika

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this Christmas Season
& Beyond!*



Fr Mark perfecting his golf moves with Ralph Emery.
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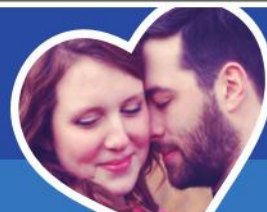
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