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Tuesday No Mass

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday No Mass

Friday No Mass

Saturday 4:15 pm

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January 3rd, 2021

*The Epiphany of
The Lord*

The eternal gifts of joy, hope, and peace are bestowed on those who choose to live in the light of Christ.

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Isaiah joyfully foretells of the light that emerges from darkness at the coming of Christ. In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds his listeners that, whether Gentile or Jew, they are all a part of the one body of Christ, the Church. In the Gospel, the three wise men visit the Christ-child, bearing gifts to pay him homage.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday January 5th

NO MASS

Wednesday January 6th

NO MASS

Thursday January 7th

NO MASS

Friday January 8th

NO MASS

Saturday January 9th 4:15

Trey Barnett

Sunday January 10th 8:00

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Sunday January 10th 10:00

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our past,
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Saturday January 9th 4:15 pm

Lectors:

Delores Posinski & Carolyn Kimich

Rosary: Delores Posinski

Altar Servers:

Allison Wisnoski, Jillian Wisnoski, Jacob Borski

Ushers:

Darrell Wagner, Michael Wisnoski, Stephan Pasket, Johnny Pasket Jr.

Sunday January 10th 8:00 am

Volunteers

Rosary: Barbara Dibello

Sunday January 10th 10:00 am

Lectors:

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Rosary: Theresa Guidry

Altar Servers:

Owen Otto, Evan Otto, Haden Sechelski

Ushers:

Ed Marek, Gary Klodzinski, Daniel Klawinsky, Don Sowell

Do You See What I See?

Today's Gospel answers this question quite definitively: No! Not everyone saw the guiding star in the sky. Not even those who, presumably, knew the prophecy found in the reading from Isaiah. That ancient prophet announced to the people of Jerusalem: "Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1). In fact, he promised them they would be so embraced by that light, they themselves would shine brightly with its radiance. But when the time came, not everyone saw it. Or, having seen it, they did not recognize it.

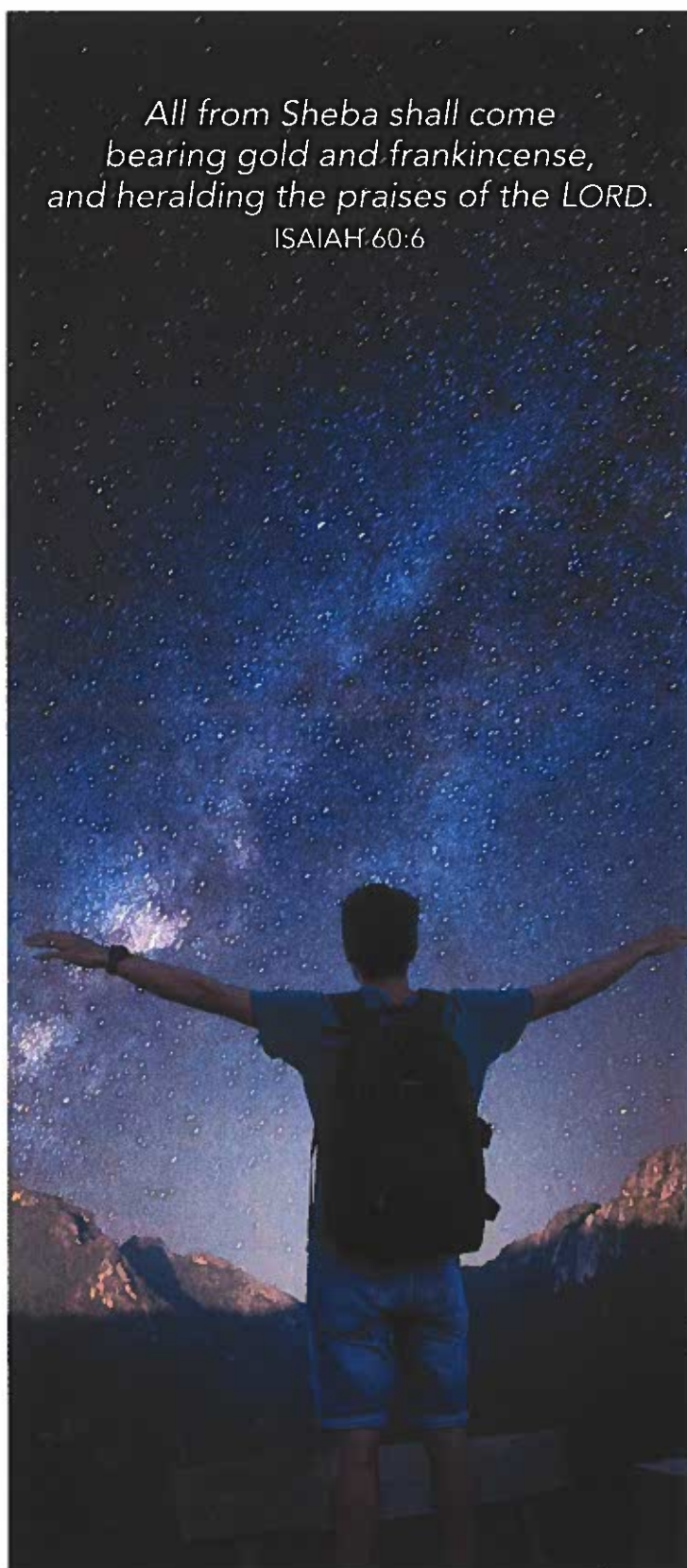
The people of Jesus' time were not ignorant of these prophecies. They knew what they meant and to whom they referred. Consequently, when the stargazers who saw the light inquired about it, those to whom they inquired knew where to send them. So what was the problem? Why were those men in Jerusalem not excited about the star? Very simply, a new king meant a rival king, and those who had power weren't eager to relinquish it.

We know that not everyone in Israel rejected Jesus. Shepherds had already thrilled at this birth. Someone in Bethlehem had opened his home to this child and his parents. Now we add to them the stargazers from another country. It seems the invitation to come to him is extended to all: political and religious leaders, the unsophisticated and marginalized, the established homeowner, the foreigners in their midst. They are all asked: "Did you see what I saw? What do you think of him?"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✱ How open are you to new thinking?
- ✱ God's invitation is offered to all. Is there any group of people you might have marginalized?



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Dear Padre,

A friend who is a fundamentalist insists Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I say there's no way it could have. Who is right?

Catholics believe each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial fact-telling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there is a saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1-12. And there is a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably did not happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true king, the light to all nations, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR
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ADORATION OF THE MAGI BY BARTOLOME ESTEBAN MURILLO/WIKIPEDIA

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship....For worship involves making an exodus from the greatest form of bondage: slavery to oneself. Worship means putting the Lord at the center, not ourselves.

EPIPHANY HOMILY, JANUARY 6, 2020



Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious

1 Jn 3:22-4:6

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann,
Bishop

1 Jn 4:7-10

Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11-18

Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

JANUARY 9

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21

Jn 3:22-30

Sunday

JANUARY 10

Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11

1 Jn 5:1-9

Mk 1:7-11



Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Please contact the parish office if you wish to register or know someone who would like to become a member of our parish.
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Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions January

Intention for Evangelization: – Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Announcements

2021 Envelopes now available.

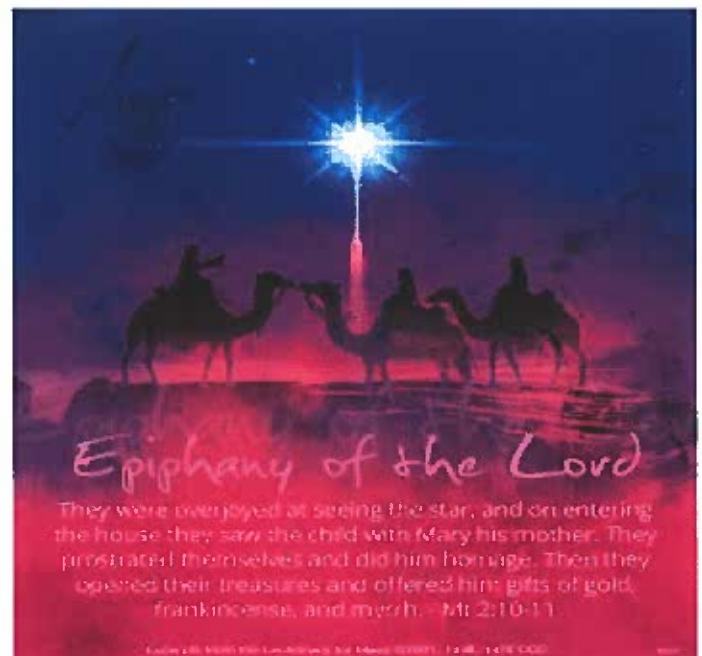
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No weekday masses next week - January 5th to 8th 2021

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New Altar Server, Ushers', Rosary Leaders and Lector list
are now available in church and on the website.

The voices of the prophet Isaiah, the Apostle Paul, and the three kings – Balthazar, Caspar, and Melchior – resound today in one joyful chorus. They are reminding us that Christ, our Light, has come to dispel the darkness of sin and death and to remain with us forever.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we come to the close of the year, I would like to thank you for your generosity, love, and support this year. Thank you for the many Christmas gifts, baked goods, and delicious homemade food you gave to Matthew and me. The kindness, love, and support you show me help me grow in love for my priesthood and my love for all of you.

2020 has been a dark and challenging year for us all. However, we just celebrated Advent and Christmas, seasons filled with hope, love, joy, and Jesus, the Light of the world-conquering darkness. From the Gospel reading on Christmas day, John reminds us, “What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:4-5). That is the great promise of Christmas. Darkness will never overcome the Light!

As we welcome the Light of the world as Bethlehem humbly did years ago, may that Light dispel the darkness of 2020. May that same Light from heaven draw us away from misinformation into truth, just as it once did the Magi, and guide our feet into delightful adoration of the One who has come to heal and save us from all our ills.

With the clergy and St. Stanislaus Kostka staff, I warmly wish you, your families, and all your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a better New Year.

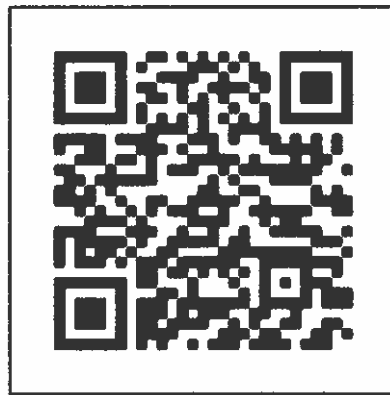
Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Eli Lopez

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The Feast of the Epiphany

"THE GRACE OF GOD HAS APPEARED, BRINGING SALVATION TO ALL." —TITUS 2:12-13

As the first 11 chapters of the Book of Genesis remind us, God's plan for salvation and right relationships began much earlier and extended much wider than the Jewish covenant. It included all peoples or nations (Latin: *gentes*, thus Gentiles). The Feast of the Epiphany (from the Latin, *epiphania*, or Greek, *epiphaneia*, meaning "manifestation" or "appearance.") celebrates God's universal salvation in Christ as it was first manifested to non-Jews as described in Matthew's Gospel account of the Magi (2:1-12).

The story of the Magi (Greek: *magoi*, meaning learned scholars or wise persons, possibly Zoroastrian astrologers from Persia), which only appears in Matthew's Gospel, reads like his Gospel in miniature because its themes echo the rest of the Gospel. Jesus comes into the world—and also into each person's life—which demands a decision about how to respond to his presence and his invitation to a new relationship. Some will reject him, as do the Jewish leaders and King Herod, and some will accept him, as do Joseph and Mary and these wise foreigners

who followed a new star-sign to find the new king who would be worshiped by all people.

Matthew describes how the Magi discovered a bright new star rising in the Eastern skies. At that time it was believed that what happened in the heavens with the stars and planets influenced what would happen on earth. So they interpreted this new star as a sign that a great new king was to be born. To discover the identity of this new king, they followed the star to an obscure village in the Roman province of Judea where they found a child to whom they gave their royal gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

For the first time, Gentiles honor the Jew who was God's promised messiah and savior, who in turn offers them the gift of salvation. The Epiphany reminds us that God is still mysteriously at work, drawing all humanity into a greater realization of the divine presence and plan to reorder our world as God intended it to be through Jesus' presence with us.



LEARNING FROM THE MAGI

The Magi's star is not just a source of wonder and illumination but it is also the guide for their journey. A journey is a good way to discover a new meaning for ourselves. As we move outwardly toward our goal, we are changed inwardly by the trip. The Magi follow their star and finally find the child in the lowliest of surroundings.

It requires "eyes of faith" to affirm that this vulnerable child in ragged swaddling clothes is really the anticipated great king whose birth will change the course of the ages. But trusting their belief and the clues from the Jewish scriptures, they are willing to acknowledge his royal status and pay him homage. Their commitment is expressed in their gifts. Having found and identified God present in their lives, they offer gifts that stand for themselves. They offer the treasures of their realms—gold, frankincense and myrrh—as signs not only of their reverence for the greatness of the royal child but also of their willingness to worship and serve him.

Once their gifts have been given, the Magi return to their land and their previous lives. But their discovery of the star and the journey it led them on would certainly change them. We too will be changed by our desire to discover the divine in our midst. Like the Magi, once we have experienced God's surprising presence in us and around us in the events of our lives, life can never be the same again. We will see the same old things, but in a brand new way. When we wonder, when we illuminate our lives by using scripture, and when we dare to follow our star to find God in our midst, we certainly will be changed forever.

WHERE IS YOUR STAR?

An Epiphany Household Activity

What was true for the Magi remains true for us today as we continue to search for God and for meaning in our lives. In the darkness of our lives, we look for a star to help us discover God's presence through scripture and the sacraments, through nature, through significant experiences that draw us into the mystery of birth and death, and especially through other persons.

The Magi believed that the new star in the heavens was announcing the birth of a new "super king." So they dared to follow their star to discover his identity. But following a star is a precarious undertaking, not only because the journey is long and leads to the unknown, but also because often our friends and family do not interpret the star the same way we do.

Like these Magi, someone or something has been the star that sparked your interest in Jesus, that drew you either rapidly or reluctantly to him, and that involved you in a life and death story that demands all of your gifts and your full dedication to follow and serve him.

**Gather your household around the table and
invite each member to share their own answers
to the following questions:**

- In the midst of your everyday activities, what is or has been the bright "star" that has drawn your attention, that caught your eye, that caused you to stop for a moment to wonder about God's presence in yourself and in creation? Is or was it:
 - something in your situation at home or at work?
 - an accident or a diagnosis of a serious illness?
 - the face of a beloved? The antics of a child?
 - the breathtaking beauty of a sunset? or music? or the beauty of the world?
- Where do you think you are now being led by your star?



Epiphany Morning Prayer

Father, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star.
Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.
—*The Liturgy of the Hours*

January 3, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The Christmas tree has become a fire hazard, shedding needles everywhere. The kids have cast aside their new toys. Perhaps we've overspent this holiday season and are vaguely anxious about the bills. The bookmark in our Advent devotional is stuck at Dec. 9, and we've already blown a couple New Year's resolutions. And yet, the words of prophet Isaiah shake us out of our doldrums: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you ... Raise your eyes and look about." Freed from the busyness of the holiday season, we get a kind of do-over. Even on the grayest of winter days, Christ's light breaks through in this new year and presents new opportunities to open ourselves to the activity of the Holy Spirit acting in our lives. Let us pray for the grace to recognize it.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I love the feast of the Epiphany because I went into labor with my oldest son that night; he came into the world on a rainy, blustery Monday morning in 1998. I remember the joy my healthy baby boy brought to me and my husband, his grandmas, aunts, uncles and cousins. Imagine the joy the Wise Men must have felt when they followed that star and saw baby Jesus for the first time! They praised the Christ Child with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God still dwells among us today, and the Light of Christ beckons us all to follow it. As we bless our homes this Epiphany and pray, "May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love," let us witness to God's presence in our homes and in our hearts by offering Christ our very own gifts - of our lives and our abiding faith in him.

PRAY the Blessing of the Home and Household: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love."



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New Every Morning

It's a new year. Not only do we turn over a page on the calendar, we begin a whole new calendar. For many, a new year brings promise of a new start, but many don't have such an optimistic view.

The bills from over-spending at Christmas are starting to come in, and there's no more money now than there was a month ago. Your boss is still the same old hard-to-get-along-with guy he was before. Then there's the problem of the extra ten pounds you put on due to all the goodies you consumed. None of this is new. The calendar may say a new year, but only the date is new.

Even the Preacher of Ecclesiastes moaned that there's nothing new. *What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun*" (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

Jeremiah, the "Weeping Prophet," had his troubles too. He wrote, "I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me" (Lamentations 3:19-20). But Jeremiah had another perspective, one that we should adopt as well. He follows those words with, "Yet this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Verses 21-23).

Instead of looking around us at our circumstances or inside ourselves where there is no hope or inspiration, let us look at God's unfailing compassion and his blessings which he pours out on us daily. Let us spend our prayer time in thanks for all he has done for us and provided for us, rather than in lamenting our sorry state. Let us look to his wisdom to manage his gifts to us in a wiser manner so that we

might please him and be of service in his Kingdom. Especially let us thank him for the gift of forgiveness and the new start he gives us minute by minute.



There Is a Lad Here

The whole world thrilled to the story of Robert Hill, many years ago. This thirteen year old boy, hearing about the work of Albert Schweitzer, decided to help by sending a bottle of aspirin to the good doctor's hospital in Africa. Since his father was in the Army, stationed in Italy, he asked the commander of the Air Force to deliver the bottle of aspirin in one of his planes. A radio commentator reported the incident on his program with the result that Robert Hill flew into Africa with four tons of medical supplies valued at thousands of dollars, on planes provided by the Italian and French governments. When Dr. Schweitzer saw the boy, he said, "I never knew a little child could do so much for my hospital." Some would say this was a matter of charity or compassion; but at a deeper level, it was a matter of stewardship. Here was a lad, very much like that boy in Scriptures who offered a few fishes and loaves, who gave what he could in service to others.

Beginning Again

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). Sometimes it's good to get back to the basics. When the whirlwind of holiday events and celebrations is over, it's time to gather our wits and prepare for the coming year.



Time to get our bearings. Time to think afresh. Time to take stock of the past year, for some remembering its blessings, for others, sorrowing over its setbacks.

Whether rejoicing or sorrowing, however, God is there with us. He laughs with us in our times of joy and wipes away our tears of sadness. He is always here. He was here "in the beginning." He created it all. When *"the earth was formless and empty, [and] darkness was over the surface of the deep, the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said,*

'Let there be. . . And there was . . .'" (Genesis 1:2, 3).

All it takes is a word from God's mouth and there it is. He created it, he owns it, and he loans it to us for our use. In addition, all the time, he is there with us; never will he leave us (Hebrews 13:5). This is no time for regrets over the past, for God has forgiven and forgotten our sin. There is no cause for worry over what the New Year will bring, for God has already been there.

Each of us can make a new beginning; in fact, each day, each moment can be a new beginning. God promises to provide for all our needs. Paul wrote, *"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 4:19). Believing this promise, we do not need to fear for our futures, financial or otherwise. We do not need to store up wealth for some calamity. We can afford to be generous givers because, as believers, we are covered by God's promise to care for us.

By God's grace, let us make that new beginning, then, living according to God's plan for us and managing the vast resources he has loaned to us to the best of our abilities, honoring him in all we say, in the way we live, and through our generous offerings as we work to make his name known.

On the Lighter Side

"Somebody has well said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."



Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!

Stewardship

Stewardship is both an old and new concept. In the Old Testament, the concept of stewardship is based on man's willingness to recognize God as the provider of all essential elements of life. Then, as people received their harvest or an increase in their herd, they gave God the first fruits of that which they brought in from the fields or vineyards and the first fruits of the increase of the herds. By bringing these tithes and offerings to the storehouse, the religious system was supported. The Levitical group was able to lead in worship and administer the affairs of the law. This kept the nation on an even keel.

The New Testament concept is based upon the idea of grace and not law. The motivation for giving is the love that people have for their Lord and his Kingdom's work. People are to give from their heart because of the change that had occurred in their lives.

There is a great similarity between the old and new concepts of stewardship as they are presented in God's Word. Notice what the Bible says:

Who is to give? The Old Testament book of Malachi says "Ye." The New Testament proclaims "Everyone of you" (I Corinthians 16:2).

What is to be given? Malachi 3:8,10 states, "Tithes and offerings." Paul says in I Corinthians 16:2, "As God has prospered you."

When are we to give? "When the storehouse is open to receive the tithes and offerings," says the writer in Malachi 3:8-10. Paul makes it even more plain. He says, "Upon the first day of

the week..." (I Corinthians 16:2).


Where are we to give? The instruction of the Old Testament is "into the storehouse." I Corinthians 16:2 tells us, "In store."



Why are we to give? The Old Testament (Malachi 3:10) explains the reason as being to supply the needs; so that there would always be a sufficient amount in the storehouse. The New Testament (I Corinthians 16:2) states it plainly, "...that there be no gatherings when I come."

God's financial plan has been in force for more than 3,500 years. It has worked in every generation whenever and wherever people have practiced it. It has never been too demanding or restrictive. When practiced by God's people, it has provided for the work that needed to be done and God has blessed those who followed his plan.

Something Old ... Something New

God's plan is both. It has worked and continues to work today. 

This is a new year: 2021. When you resolve to make the changes in your life that have been nagging at you, don't forget our responsibilities as stewards of God's gifts. This is our chance to renew our efforts to share the grace bestowed upon us.



All is Given to Us!

God gives me shelter.

Not just any shelter, but a house with a sound roof and inside there is furniture and pictures on the walls. There is heat, air conditioning and a television.

God gives me food.

Not just food to sustain life, but a rich variety of delicious dishes, and marvelous tools with which to prepare them.

God gives me clothing.

Not just a covering for my body, but beautiful things with many different textures and bright colors.

God gives me friends.

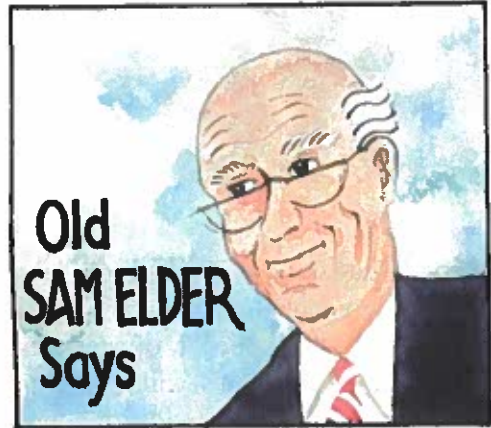
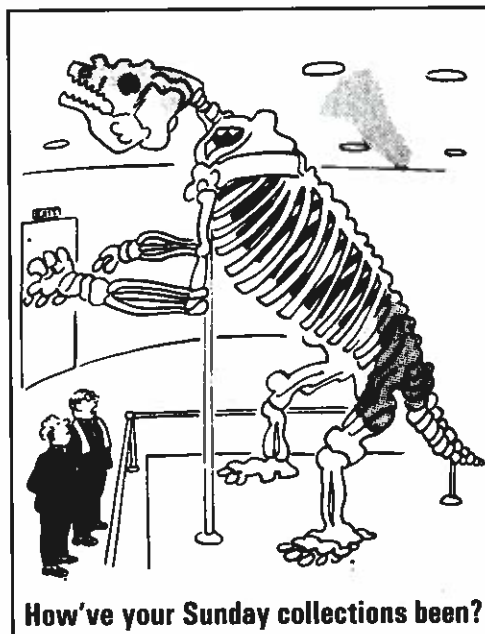
Not just acquaintances, but people who care about me.

God also gave his only son so that I might be eternally happy.

All that is asked in return is that you love God, have faith in God and that you share God's Word.



God has given you a gift, a charism. A charism isn't something you earn. It's a gift entrusted to you for the sake of the whole community, including your church. The only question is whether you will put it at the service of the community or not. Pray that you will grow in your understanding of stewardship of your talents and abilities.



Old Sam Elder remarked to Pastor Don Goodly, "I have concluded that the rich and poor have something in common. Take Bob Rich, he has repeatedly risked his inheritance on questionable investments, hoping to make a killing. Conventional investments are too mundane! With his expensive lifestyle, he wants to make a quick fortune so he can retire handsomely. Bob is always thinking of money and looking for that fabulous deal. Bob also loses a lot of sleep."

"On the other hand, Paul Poor is fighting the battle of minimums. In our community, you can't find a rent for less than the minimum. Food tends to cost a certain minimum per week. Old shabby clothing and shoes eventually wear out. Paul lives in "genteel poverty" without enough income to live adequately; yet, too well off to receive assistance. A health crisis or an accident could mean bankruptcy or going on welfare. Paul dreams of how just a few extra dollars would ensure his paying his way.

Pastor Goodly asked, "What can they have in common? They are as far apart as the poles!"

"Yes, pastor," began old Sam, "but both are thinking about money or the lack of it or the related problems of taxes, inflation or insurance, to the point that they rarely think about God; rarely think about spreading the Good News

Agent of Change

Change is occurring around us all the time, but being sensitive to it is necessary to be able to respond to it. To be an agent of change, we must realize that there is an ongoing need to wake up before it's too late.

If you put a frog in a pot of cold water and then gradually turn up the heat, the frog won't jump out and will ultimately be boiled to death. It is capable of jumping out, yet the urgency or change in the situation fails to stir the frog into action.

If we could change the world, how would we want to go? For God or against God? If we have faith in God and realize the power of God's grace within us, we accept God's will and use the gifts bestowed upon us to further God's kingdom.

I can't change the world, but I can do my own small share. Many calls come to us, for our time, talent and treasure to change it one step at a time. Do we respond to these calls on the personal level, family level, church level, community level? Do we act as an agent of change to make the world a better place even if it is only one step at a time?



"God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well" (Romans 12:6). "Be sure to use the abilities God has given to you ... Put these abilities to work; throw yourself into your tasks..." (1 Timothy 4:14-15). Finally, we should remember Colossians 3:23-25, which tells us to work cheerfully in all we do, just as though we were working for Jesus.


Steward of the Month

Our Man!

Submitted by: lora, Lake Placid, NY

I have recently been introduced to Nip Rogers, a local artist in our small community. Since meeting Mr. Rogers, I have learned of the many different avenues he chooses to serve the Lord.

It is better to give than receive and Nip is a prime example of this stewardship to God. As a starving artist, he never speaks of his own woes. Instead he helps unload the truck at the local food pantry or helps the homeless find places to live. He donates his art to a show to support a school in Africa, helps his parents through the aging process, and he visits locals who are sick or in need of a smiling face. He is also a hospice volunteer, an active church member, a good friend to all and always greets folks with a positive attitude and a smile. He is a shining example of being a light for God and his people.

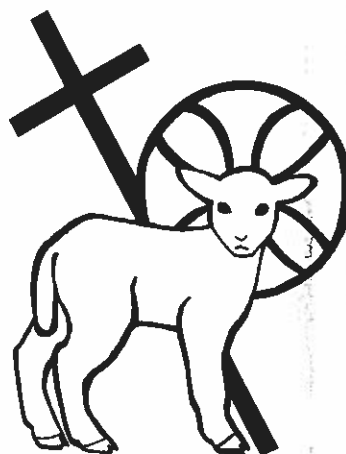
He is a father to four and has made memories for his children to last them a lifetime through his Christianity to others. You just gotta meet this man. 



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Old Sam Elder...

or never think about the needs of their fellow man. For both men, preoccupation with their treasure, or the lack of it, has shut God out of their lives. ✠



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Altar Society : Meets the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be Thursday January 7th at 6:00 in the rectory. All Catholic ladies are welcome.

Baptism: Classes are necessary for baptism. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

Birthdays & Anniversaries : On the 1st weekend of every month Fr. Eli will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month following each Mass.

Cemetery Guidelines: If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the cemetery, please contact Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113. If work needs to be done you must call Charles Posinski first.

Choir Practice: Do to COVID-19, No practice at this time.

Counseling: Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses, addictions, and marriage/family problems. All counselors are Catholic and provide services in a way that is faithful to the teachings, values and traditions of the Church. Their closest office is near The Woodlands, but counselors are also available by video session. For more information, see their website at www.gratiaplenacounseling.org or call (832) 532-0129, or email info@gratiaplenacounseling.org

Divine Mercy: Every Friday after the noon Mass . Everyone is welcome to join us.

Gabriel Project: Pregnant. Scared. Need to talk! Gabriel Project offer assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances. Please call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 or St. Mary's Catholic Church 936-894-2223

Knights of Columbus : KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us. All Catholic men are welcome. **Next blood drive January 24th, 2021**
Contact Deen Miller 936-524-1700 for membership information.
And James Moran 936-825-7866 for rental information .

Marriage: There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being married in the Catholic Church. Please call the office for more information.

RCIA & RCIC: Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Children or adult confirmation. Please call the church office at 936-873-2291

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before Wednesday & Friday Masses (Please call ahead to let the Priest know) and 3:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays

12 Hour Adoration: Our church is open every Monday 8 am to 8 pm.
Everyone is welcome to join in the worship with the scheduled persons.

January 2021

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Fr. Eli will be attending a conference January 4-8; January 17-18

Weekly Collections:

December 26th & 27th \$ 3,219.00

Christmas \$ 2,490.00

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

January 24, 2021

Bishops' for Latin America

Our Church is open for daily prayer during office hours.

Office hours are Tuesday-Friday 8 to 4



Please pray for those in active military duty:

Andrew Anderson, Austin Barnes, Andrew Burzynski,
Don Fontaine, Travis Hayes, Cody Klawinsky,
Travis Klawinsky, Joe A. Lopez,
Matthew Macejewski,
John McKnight, Phillip Walkowiak

Please pray for our parish family who are ill and/or homebound:

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Gladden, Briley Gladden, Dolores Holler, Kerrie Karr,
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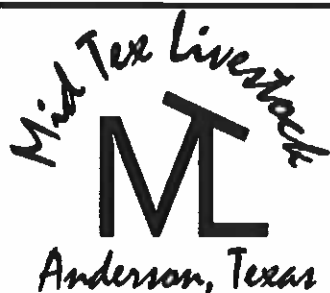
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