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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday evening at 4:00 pm & 6:30 pm at Tiff
Sunday morning at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:
8:00 am – Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.
8:15 am – Tuesday - Perpetual Help Devotions
& Rosary at 7:45 am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday at 3:00-3:45 pm or
by appointment.

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE: Please check the
bulletin inside for Mass times.

FOOD DRIVE of non-perishable foods for the
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January 7, 2018

Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018
The Epiphany of the Lord (B)
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

A mysterious scene barely comes to light before us. Are we inside or outside of a Roman portico? What is going on in the background? The central scene clearly shows the Child Jesus perched in the Virgin's arms and surrounded by swaddling clothes. A glow emanates from the Child that enlightens the three Wise Men processing toward Jesus. Their whole caravan chaotically crowds around and strains to see the king they have come to worship. A dalmatian wanders behind while a camel appears in the back lighting with a knowing smirk. The Ethiopian sage sympathetically stares out from the center of the painting and seemingly asks us if we understand the significance of their travels.

The arrival of these astronomers from the East sends a very important message for all of us at Mass today. Jesus is the light of the whole world, and all peoples—no matter how far or how lost—are invited by his attractive and saving light. This light came to the Chosen People and will be fully consumed in Jerusalem as Isaiah prophesies. Yet he will proclaim that all peoples are invited to be members of the same family and coheirs to the treasures of God's love and mercy. Faith in him and acceptance of his gospel truth is all he asks. So no matter how far you or anyone you know seems from Jesus and his truth, he loves them and wants them around his table to experience his love.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Monday
January 8
Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
or Is 55:1-11
Acts 10:34-38
or 1 Jn 5:1-9
Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday
January 9
Weekday
1 Sm 1:9-20
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday
January 10
Weekday
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday
January 11
Weekday
1 Sm 4:1-11
Mk 1:40-45

Friday
January 12
Weekday
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday
January 13
Weekday
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday
January 14
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

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January 7, 2018 Epiphany of the Lord

Monday, January 8

9:00 am –Taylor Rundel

Tuesday, January 9

7:45 am – Perpetual Help Devotions

8:15 am –Tom Wilson

Wednesday, January 10

8:00 am –Raymond Thebeau

Thursday, January 11

8:00 am –Jessica Christopher

First Friday, January 12

8:00 am –Kelly Coleman

Saturday, January 13

4:00 pm –Mary C. Portell

6:30 pm (TIFF) –Karen Boyer

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am –Parish Family

10:00 am – Shelly Sampson

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: February 2, 2018 (9 am-1:00 pm); January 6 at St. Joseph’s, Tiff, at 5:30 pm

NURSING HOME: February 2, 2018, 10 am @ Potosi Manor-Mass Intention- Aborted Babies

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS For January 13th & 14th : EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION:

4:00 pm –Faye Merseal, Donald Hedrick, Mary Etta Boyer
6:30 pm (Tiff) –Rae Govero & Volunteer
8:00 am Catherine Dickey, Glenn Bequette, Laura Busken
10:00 am –Rita Kamper, Charles & Laura Villmer

LECTORS:

4:00 pm –Becky Johnston
6:30 pm (TIFF) –Gail Boyer
8:00 am –Pam Boyer
10:00 am –Laura Villmer

OFFERTORY PROCESSION:

4:00 pm –Dorothy Yarbrough Family
6:30 pm (TIFF) – Volunteers Needed
8:00 am –Ed & Nancy Politte
10:00 am –Jean Anselman & Jayne Lawson

SERVERS:

4:00 pm – Rachel Heifner & Jewel Boyer
6:30 (TIFF) –Volunteers needed
8:00 am – Volunteers needed
10:00 am –Kaelyn Mosier, Nathan & Emily Hahn
CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Debbie Phipps
MUSICIANS: Ken & Krista (4 pm); Ron & Family (8 am); Tina (10:00am)
MONEY COUNTERS: Mary Ann Pratt & Phil Pashial (Jan. 15th)
Reminder; when counting the offertory please be sure to sign the money count sheet. Thank you!



THANK YOU ALL WHO ARE SO FAITHFUL IN THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH AND SCHOOL! GOD SEES YOUR SACRIFICE AND BLESSES YOU ABUNDANTLY!
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WEEKEND OF December 30th & 31st:

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St. Michael House Epiphany Party honoring the visit to the crib by the Magi is Sunday Jan. 7, 2-4 pm with free bingo games for gifts.

Father Tony, Father Jim and all St. Joachim, St. Joseph Parishioners:

As some of you may know Tom was diagnosed with Kidney Cancer over a year ago and one of his kidneys was removed. In July the cancer had returned in lymph nodes around the kidney that had been removed. He has been doing chemo treatments weekly for over 12 weeks. On the day after Christmas Tom was set up for his PET scan to evaluate how his treatment was doing with the lymph nodes and we had the most Blessed news that there is no sign of cancer in his body anywhere. Praise you Lord Jesus. First and foremost we want to thank God for his unfailing love for us and the tender mercy he shows us each day. We also want to thank each and every one of you that prayed unceasingly for healing in Tom’s body, those who offered Novenas, those of you who prayed on and with us during this time. Those who made prayer blankets that comfort us each day. Your loving prayers surrounded us and strengthen us daily. Tom will continue treatments but I know with God’s grace all things are possible. Thank you all from the depths of our hearts.

Love and Prayers for all your families,
Tom and Vicki Haynes

If you would like to send a birthday card to one of our long time & dedicated benefactors for her 95th birthday on Jan. 23rd, here is her address; Monica R. Koch, Naomi House Apt. 105, 3393 McKelvey Rd., Bridgeton, MO. 63044.
It would be nice to flood her mailbox with cards!!

Archdiocesan policy mandates that all who work with children be in full compliance with the Safe Environment Program. Compliance involves: 1) attending a Protecting God’s Children workshop; 2) reading and signing a Code of Ethical Conduct; 3) completion of a FCSR background check before a person begins their ministry which gets updated each even year.
Our parish is in the process of updating all necessary background checks for 2018. If you are no longer active in your ministry, please call the parish Child Safety Coordinator at:438-6181.
If you are interested in getting involved in a ministry, please let me know, too!
Thank you so much for your ministry at St. Joachim Parish.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES:

No parish council mtg. in Jan. Next one will be Feb 6, 2018.

Jan. 9-School Advisory Mtg. 6:30 pm
Jan. 11-RCIA Class 6:30 pm
Jan. 20- Blessing of the prayer blankets at 4 pm Mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

Next Chicken & Beef Dinner is January 7th.
Workers & desserts are always appreciated!
Jan. 10-Mens Mtg. 7 pm
Jan. 17-Ladies Mtg. 6:30 pm

St. Michael Adult Epiphany Party- Thursday Jan. 11.

Doors open at 10:30 am.
Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy provided.
Those with last names beginning A-M, are asked to bring a covered dish.
Those with last names beginning with N-Z are asked to bring a dessert.

THIS WEEKS READINGS Today’s readings reflect the joy of today’s event—the Epiphany of the Lord. Isaiah sings of the promise of post-exilic Jerusalem, receiving people and treasures from all nations. The author of Ephesians proclaims that in Christ Jesus we are all members of the same body, that Jew and Gentile alike have received the promise of salvation. The faraway magi in Matthew follow the star to Bethlehem and pay homage to the newborn king.

.QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Is there something I realize that I changed after encountering the Lord? Is there something I realize now that I should change?

**“Your Future Begins With Us”
News from St. Joachim School**

Mission Statement

The mission of St. Joachim Catholic School is to assist the parents and parish community in the shared responsibility of providing an excellent religious and academic education that is Alive in Christ for the children of Washington County.

St. Joachim students and staff are back to begin the third quarter of school. Everyone had a relaxing and fun holiday. Thank you for your kindness and generosity of gifts. We would also like to thank all the organizations that passed out coats, clothing, food, and toys to our families. God is very good to us.

Friday, Jan 12 is our year's first Faculty Meeting. 12:00 dismissal for students.

Please keep Saturday, Jan. 13 open to attend our Euchre Tournament and chili diner for the school. A flyer is attached for your convenience.

Catholic School's Week is Jan. 28-Feb.2. An agenda will follow for each day's special activities.

January 16 is our next "Three Year Planning" meeting at 4:00. Our goals have been set and we will be working on communication with the parish family.

May you have a blessed week

**Religious Education News
Serve Him with Joy and Gladness**

PSR Mission Statement. With the help of Jesus Christ, the Master teacher and power of the Holy Spirit, the Mission of St. Joachim PSR is to assist and support the parents in faith formation, spiritual development, and the transformation of their children to become full, active, and participating Catholics and Missionary Disciples .

PARISH BULLETIN NOTICE

Catholic School Scholarship applications for the 2018-2019 school years will be online beginning Feb. 1st.

2018-19 Scholarship Application available on January 29th, 2018!

Alive! In Christ is first-come, first-served for all new awards and younger siblings that may be eligible, so we encourage you to apply as early as possible. Approximately 500 new awards will be available. The application deadline for Beyond Sunday, SOAR!, Catholic Families Tuition Assistance (CFTA), and the Parish Employees Endowment Fund (PEEF) is February 28th, 2018. Any family who would like to be considered for these programs, even if you are applying for requalification, must apply between January 29th and February 28th, 2018.

Up to 60 new elementary school awards and 35 new high school awards will be available in Beyond Sunday.

Siblings attending the same school are not eligible in this program.

O Lord my God,
teach my heart this day where and how to see you,
where and how to find you.
You are my God and you are my All
and I have never seen you.
You have made me and remade me.
You have bestowed on me all the goods things I possess,
Still I do not know you.
I have not yet done that for which I was made.
Teach me to seek you!
For I cannot seek you unless you teach me
or find you unless you show yourself to me.
Let me seek you in my desire.
Let me desire you in my seeking.
Let me find you by loving you.
Let me love you when I find you!
Amen.
—Prayer of St. Anselm

**Operation 2018
by Michael Horn**

We have done it before. We sit and think and try to prepare for a new year. We want to lose weight or take up a new hobby or activity. We want to be more attractive or happy or change for the better. We want to be more patient, more disciplined, more holy, but how earnestly do we desire these things? Perhaps we failed to achieve our resolutions from last year. Who cares? How strong is our desire to attain them and our faith in God’s grace this year? Those will determine if we in fact reach our goals.

In our quest for authentic happiness, it is vital to remember the primacy of the spiritual life and how it must pervade all that we do. We need to assess our spiritual health daily and consider how we are doing. We might be very fit physically and emotionally. We might have an amazing job that pays well and fulfills us. However, if we neglect the spiritual component, we will never have all that we desire. We are finite beings longing for the Infinite, and only the Infinite can infinitely satisfy. So how are we doing?

My first recommendation as we enter 2018 is to ask ourselves how we pray most effectively. How do we connect with Jesus Christ on an individual level and on a communal level? The Eucharist is obviously a fantastic means for fortification of our spiritual lives. A personal encounter with our Lord is always found in this Sacrament of Sacraments. In addition, though, consider the other ways that the Mass offers us sustenance. The Word of God that we hear, the prayers prayed by the priest and the congregation, the intention of the Mass, and the songs we sing can all lead us to know the Lord and express our desire for Him. The Mass is the magnificent source and summit for our lives.

As for the numerous other ways we can pray effectively, we can think of our time in meditation on Scripture, a retreat, a sacred space, a devotion to the saints in heaven, or other spiritual practices. What is important is to stick to the practices that lead you to joy and a deeper knowledge and love of the Lord. I personally have been struggling with the Rosary lately. I realize that it is a necessary devotion, as Our Lady of Fatima told us. Sometimes, however, it becomes rote and dry for me. For this reason, I have switched from a focus on the mysteries to a focus on intercessory prayer for at least 50 individuals. I can pray for these individuals on the Hail Mary beads of the five decades. This enables me to pray for many beloved souls I know, and it is consoling to know that Mary is also interceding for them, and she is significantly more holy than I am.

My second recommendation for this new year is to reflect on the opportunities we are seizing on the communal level for growth. Do we plan to attend the Men’s Conference or Women’s Conference? What about a weekly or monthly Bible study or discussion group? Perhaps a service project in the parish? We cannot do this alone; there is strength in the pack. The great communities and apostolates of recent years show what a zealous group of individuals can accomplish when united as a community with a common mission.

Finally, let’s consider how we impact other people DAILY. How can we lead one more person to Christ each day? Is it through our kind words, a personal invitation to an event, our prayer for someone in the moment, our abstention from making a snarky comment, or simply our patience in a trying situation? Often, we must keep watch and do these things for our spouse or children. We have families, coworkers, friends, and acquaintances who are all called to follow Jesus. However, sometimes they need a gentle and loving reminder from us that Jesus wants everything from us, not our leftovers but our first fruits. He is not one thing among many but rather the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is not our last priority but our King above all Kings and Lord above all Lords.

Blessings to you for 2018! Let’s take care of the Lord’s business this year, no matter how fortunate or devastating the prior year has been. Avanti!

Michael Horn is Evangelization Coordinator in the Office of Laity & Family Life, Archdiocese of St. Louis.

WORD OF LIFE

“Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life.

Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. ... Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.”

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