

EPIPHANY of the Lord

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Adoration of the Magi
by Juan Bautista Maíno
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Worship in Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 3rd -
8:00am †Joe Blandford

Tuesday, January 4th -
8:00am Living & Deceased Members
Altar & Rosary Society

Wednesday, January 5th -
5:00pm †Bernard Starr

Thursday, January 6th -
8:00am †Claude Stachura

Friday, January 7th -
8:00am †Brian Blandford

Saturday, January 8th -
5:00pm †Luetta House

Sunday, January 9th -
8:00am †The Feddeler Family
11:00am Our Parishioners
12:30pm Spanish Mass
The Rosary is prayed before the weekday Masses

Readings for the Week of January 2, 2022

Sunday Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60: 1-6/ Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/
Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2: 1-12

Monday Monday after Epiphany
1 Jn 3: 22- 4: 6/ Ps 2: 7bc-8, 10-12a/
Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Ps 72: 1-2, 3-4, 7-8/ Mk 6: 34-44

Wednesday Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 4: 11-18/ Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13/
Mk 6: 45-52

Thursday 1 Jn 4: 19-5: 4/ Ps 72: 1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/ Lk 4: 14-22

Friday 1 Jn 5: 5-13/ Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 5: 12-16

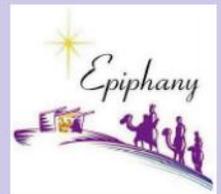
Saturday 1 Jn 5: 14-21/ Ps 149: 1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3: 22-30
Is 40: 1-5, 9-11/ Ps 104: 1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/ Ti 2:
11-14; 3: 4-7/ Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God – Saturday, 01 January 2022

Numbers 6:22-27. Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8. Galatians 4:4-7. Luke 2:16-21.

The Manger. The shepherds find Jesus, not in a crib, but in a manger, a feedbox for cattle. This image reminds us that he is indeed food for us now – Body and Blood in Communion. Let us also be amazed.

- What continues to amaze me about Jesus' gift of himself?
- How can I glorify and praise God this day and this new year?
- What mercy work can I do to help those in need of shelter?



The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity – Sunday, 02 January 2022

Isaiah 60:1-6. Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6. Matthew 2:1-12.

Gifts. The Magi, these foreign interpreters of dreams, do the following: follow a star, travel a great distance, trust the words of others, bring and give gifts. In some countries, Epiphany and not Christmas is gift-giving day. This twelfth-day (when on the traditional 6th of January) brings to completion the manifestation of Christ – first to the Jews and today to everyone. No one is foreign to God's good grace.

- How will I search diligently for Jesus?
- Because God is merciful to me, what mercy work can I do for another?
- What gifts will I give to others in need?



The American Flag in St. Edward Cemetery was flying January, February and March in loving memory of **Jim Lentz**. Thank you to the family for this tribute which is also a fundraiser for St. Edward Church.

Blessings



2022
happy new year

Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 8th - 5:00pm

Lectors	P. Kotlin & W. Kotlin
Greeters	B. Woroszylo & S. Spicer
Eucharistic Ministers	J. Klotz & G. Faitak
Sacristan	J. Leader

Sunday, January 9th - 8:00am

Lectors	Children
Greeters	Children
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Overmeyer & V. Hathaway
Sacristan	C. Overmeyer

Sunday, January 9th - 11:00am

Lectors	M. Fiene & B. Starr
Greeters	B. Erdelen & Open
Eucharistic Ministers	P. Metros & T. Jeffries
Sacristan	T. Jeffries

WHAT'S IT MEAN? The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainain*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Saint Edward Parish Family:

The beginning of a new year for me is a time to look both forward and back not only in my personal life, but in the life of our parish. We weathered some storms the last few years with cancellations, limitations, precautions, etc. and while we've emerged from all of it somewhat smaller in terms of the number of parishioners at Mass, I believe we are emerging stronger and more focused on moving forward as a parish.

Along with all the parishes of the diocese, state, country and around the world, we are in the midst of a universal synod called by Pope Francis. The focus of the synod is synodality – or in other words, how we “walk together” as Church moving into the future. A focus of that future is going to be not only more fully embracing our lives as disciples, but in particular as MISSIONARY disciples.

We are and always have been a Missionary Church. “Go and make disciples,” Jesus told his infant Church. We look back in Church history and read about all kinds of brave missionaries who brought the Good News of Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith around the world. Somewhere along our way, however, the missionary fervor and zeal of the Church (that means US) to share the faith with others has significantly diminished.

We have been blessed with the greatest gift of all: our faith. It's something we cannot and must not “keep to ourselves.” It must be shared with others, especially those who do not know Jesus Christ and the difference a personal relationship with Him can and will make in their lives.

It's interesting that recently the diocese put on a workshop about parish hospitality. That's one of the first elements of evangelization: hospitality. Pope Francis has called our parishes to be “islands of love and mercy” in a sea of apathy and indifference. I believe with all my heart that St. Edward is a welcoming parish where people can come and feel at home. But we can always do more - and we should do more.

Honestly, my preference this coming year would be to “take a break” from all the projects and improvements we've accomplished at Saint Edward over the past 5-6 years. I would like to. But I can't. It would make my life easier and much less stressful, but it would not make our parish better. We can't “sit still.” If we're not moving forward, then we're moving backward - and we cannot afford to move backward.

In that regard THE MAJOR project that will mark my time at St. Edward for however long I am blessed and privileged to be your pastor will be something that we will be exploring together in 2022. It is something that NEEDS to be done, but it also happens to fit in with those first steps of evangelization - creating an environment that in every aspect is hospitable, welcoming and accommodating.

The first thing that people see when they enter our church is the vestibule (or gathering space), which for us includes the entry into the worship space, the restrooms, the cry room, and a storage room. To put it bluntly, this area is way too small and way outdated to meet our current needs. We need larger, updated, handicapped-accessible restroom facilities. We need a cry room that is large enough to accommodate more than one family with child/children. We need more room to gather as a community, greet each other, distribute information, and routinely have tables set up for various purposes and functions. We also need an area where people can converse without noise carrying over into the church where people are trying to pray both before and after Mass. The solution is two-fold: we need a new entrance/gathering space, and we need to use all the current space we have presently in the vestibule to enlarge and upgrade the restrooms, increase the size of the cry room, and add space for storage.

Preliminary plans involve “adding on” a new entrance/vestibule/gathering space on the south side of the church building, and closing off what is now our main entrance/exit and upgrading all of that area in terms of better and larger facilities. This will be an involved, time-consuming, and financially-challenging undertaking, but it is time we begin to explore it with hope & determination as we build on our past and look to our future.

May God Bless and Keep You Always! Fr. Rick

Stewardship

Offerings for Weekend Dec. 18th & 19th-2021

Number of Envelopes Used.....	130
Adult envelopes	\$3,511.00
Children's envelopes	\$46.75
Loose collection.....	\$867.00
Christmas Flowers	\$75.00
Maint. & Grounds Fund.....	\$175.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
Online.....	\$1,414.05
Total Collection.....	\$6,188.80
In Memory of Rita Reynolds.....	\$50.00
In Memory of Marjorie Herlitz	\$75.00

50/50 Drawing Dec. 19-2021

Env.....	#77
Rollover	\$212.50
Payable to Church	\$215.50
Total Players.....	85

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Parish Goal	\$35,589
Amount Pledged	\$38,637
Amount Paid.....	\$37,220
Pledge Balance.....	.\$ 1,417

Number of Pledges 94

WE ARE \$1,417 SHORT OF PAYING OFF OUR PLEDGED AMOUNT. PLEASE PAY OFF YOUR PLEDGES NO LATER THAN JANUARY 2022. THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU!

Offerings for Weekend Dec. 25th & 26th-2021

Due to Holiday Schedule. Offerings were not available at time of printing.

See next bulletin



Please do not drop off any donations on church property for the rummage sale. We currently do NOT have the storage space. There will be drop off times posted closer to the sale date. If you have a special circumstance or any questions please contact John Leader at 219-406-8762. Thank you.



Millie Blandford and the Blandford Family wanted to thank everyone for making her 90th birthday so special. Millie did receive the 90 cards to surprise her for her birthday. The family appreciated all the well wishes.



Carol Gronkiewicz
Debra Terpstra

La Iglesia Católica Romana

El Santo Rey San Eduardo

2 de enero 2022



Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor

Epiphany of the Lord

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

READINGS:

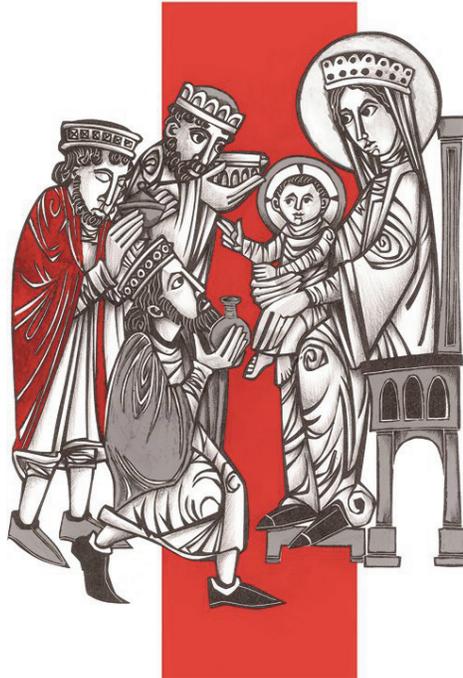
Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Today in our Christian tradition we celebrate the Epiphany or manifestation of Christ to the whole world. An epiphany can also be a new insight or realization. Gathered together on this Sunday of the Epiphany, what new insights about our faith and our God can we discover?

Listening to the readings proclaimed today, it will become apparent that God intends for the Good News of salvation to be shared by everyone. From the expansive vision of Isaiah to the radical inclusion of St. Paul, we are to understand that the journey of the magi is one that we all can undertake. The signs are there, in the heavens and in God's word. Let us all pack our bags and seek the Lord wherever the journey takes us.



Introducción a la Liturgia del Día

LECTURAS:

Isaías 60:1-6 Salmo 72

Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mateo 2:1-12

Hoy en nuestra tradición cristiana celebramos la Epifanía o manifestación de Cristo al mundo entero. Una epifanía puede ser también una nueva percepción o realización.

Reunidos en este domingo de

la Epifanía, ¿que nuevas percepciones acerca de nuestra fe y de nuestro Dios podemos descubrir? Oremos para permanecer abiertos a lo que Dios continúa haciendo por nosotros y cómo actúa en nuestra vida.

Al escuchar las lecturas que se proclaman hoy nos quedará claro que Dios tiene el propósito de que la Buena Nueva de la salvación sea compartida por todos. Por la amplia visión de Isaías y la inclusión radical de San Pablo se puede entender que todos podemos emprender la travesía de los magos. Los signos están presentes en los cielos y en la palabra de Dios. Empaquemos nuestras maletas y busquemos al Señor dondequiera que nos lleve la travesía.

Other Items of Interest

Monday, January 3rd -	
Tuesday, January 4th -	
8:30am	Altar & Rosary - g
Wednesday, January 5th -	
7:00-8:00pm	Spanish CFF - mm
Thursday, January 6th -	
10:00-11:30am	Food Pantry-plc
1:00pm	Cedar Creek Nursing Home Comm. Service
3:00pm	Lowell Nursing Home Comm. Service
Friday, January 7th -	
8:30am	Adoration
7:00pm	Benediction
7:00-9:00pm	Spanish Prayer - c
Saturday, January 8th -	
Sunday, January 9th -	
9:15am	CFF
9:30-10:30am	Bible Study - mm
5:00-8:00pm	Living Station call-out - c
6:00-9:00pm	Queen of Angels - g

Vicky's Voice



Hello Dear Friends,

Happy Feast of the Epiphany! Today we celebrate the three magi visiting the Holy Family. Once again, it's a story that we've heard over and over. But, as it usually happens, a new thought popped into my head when I read the Gospel.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother."

Upon this reading, I noticed the phrase, "overjoyed at seeing the star." My mind went to seeing the three magi, pouring over their books and scrolls, making calculations that this would happen. And then of them traveling with faith that what they had assumed, that there was a new born king, was true, but with a sliver of doubt. What if it was a fluke? What if they weren't right at all.

When they entered the house where Mary was with Jesus, they were **overjoyed**. They really were right. The star had led them to the right place. The place where they were meant to be. A new king really was born and even while the child was humble, they just knew that they were right. Everything was clear.

Have you ever had a moment like that? A moment where you knew for sure and certain that this was where you were meant to be? That the thing you were doing, or the place you were going, or the people you were with were just *right* that it brought you great joy? I've had that happen a few times in my life and it's a wonderful feeling. A feeling of peace and joy and happiness. But I will say, getting to that point takes some time.

Sometimes it's hard. Sometimes, we might think we know the way, but then that doubt creeps in. It can be brushed away when we remember the star that we are following. The Holy Spirit guiding us to Christ. Our roads may all look a little different, but if we keep our eyes open to where the star is leading us, where the Spirit is calling us, we too, will soon be overjoyed by finding Christ in our lives.

As we start this new year, let's take a minute to think about that. Where is the Holy Spirit calling us? Are we ready to start the journey towards Him? What do we need to help us prepare for the journey? Happy New Year!

Peace and all goodness, *Vicky Hathaway*

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Sunday Masses

8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (*Spanish Mass*)
(For Daily Mass Schedule see Page 2 of this bulletin.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 to 4:45 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday at 8:30 a.m., Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

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