

January 6, 2019
Epiphany of the Lord

Solemnity



Magi From The East Follow A Star

Like the magi, every person is born with a call that we must answer, a vision to follow and a goal to be achieved. To respond we must be willing to journey forth from home into an unknown future. On our journeys, we too will encounter Herods. Just as the magi were guided by the shining light of a star, so will our paths be lit and our journeys made easier by the help God sends our way.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by
 Mary & Charlie Bartos
 in thanksgiving for all God's blessings.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 12
 4:30 p.m. Hilda & Jerome Baca
 Sunday, January 13
 8:00 a.m. Ludmila & Paul Pokluda

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Baptism of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104
Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

Sanctuary Light – January 27, February 3, 10 & 24
Bulletin Sponsor – January 20 & 27
Altar Flowers – January 13, 20 & 27

The Sanctuary Light will be lit
 this week in memory of
 the Vrana & Schaefer Families.



2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment \$7,761.00
 Contributions So Far \$ 7,250.00
 Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 511.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Betty Patalik
Carol & Gene Patalik
Nancy & Thomas Petru
Rosemary & Arthur Klekar
Josie & Alphonse Kubenka

We thank all those who have contributed towards our D.S.A. assessment so far. We are counting on all so we can pay off our debt. Almost there. **HELP!**

ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Mariella Herzik Lemon
In Memory of Mary Ann & Emil Lev
In Memory of Elaine Greive Petrash
Betty Patalik

2019 Church Support Envelopes

As in the past offertory envelopes have been mailed to parishioners who use them or who have expressed the wish to have them. If you have been overlooked and want to support the Church through the Sundays offertory envelope system, do please call the Church office. Many thanks for your continued support. Keep up the good work. Thank you.

The Christmas Season Events / Happy New Year!

I thank Liz Janak for putting up the Jesse Tree; Randy Barta for coordinating the Christmas Concert and Lori Janecka for coordinating the Social afterwards; Lori & David Janecka and Robin & Gary Cerny for putting up the outdoor manger scene; the Janeckas and the Altar Society members for decorating the Church for Christmas; Pat Masek and the ladies who baked cookies for the homebound; Hostyn Hill Greenhouses and all those who contributed to the Christmas Flower Fund for the purchase of the poinsettias; the organists, songleaders and Christmas choirs; and all who worked behind the scenes to pull it all together. Thanks also to Marcus Jasek our faithful sacristan and to Georgie Cerny for taking care of the altar linens throughout the year.

I also thank all parishioners and friends who remembered me with cards and gifts. I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness and the sentiments behind it. I will be in touch with you soon.

Once again, it was a beautiful Christmas celebration. I appreciate what you do for the Church and for me personally. As in the past, I pledge to continue serving you to the best of my ability.

Happy New Year and God bless,

REFLECTION

The Manifestation of Christ to the World

Epiphany means “manifestation,” referring to the appearance of Jesus. The significance of this day is not just the arrival of the magi, but also the coming of Gentiles to adore the coming of the newborn King of the Jews. The event recognizes Jesus’ rule over the entire world.

All the readings for today reveal, in a way, a different manifestation of who Christ is for all who believe. The first reading from Isaiah lays before us the image of light, proclaiming that our light has come, that it shines upon us, and that it is a beacon for all nations. In Saint Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, he speaks of Christ as the one who gathers all to share in the same promise, the same inheritance, making them members of the same body. The gospel recounts the wonderful story of the magi, who recognize the “newborn king,” and who come to worship him.

Led by a star the wise men come in search of the infant king. They represent all who search for truth in wonders of creation and in wisdom of their own cultures of origin. Because they searched with eyes of faith they were able to recognize the gift of God when they found him, even though he did not conform to their initial perception of a royal heir.

They came from the far corners of the earth: Gentiles who followed the light and who found the new king whose reign would bring justice and righteousness into human affairs. They returned home, enlightened by their visit to God’s place of revelation. Their encounter shows that in Christ the light of God is given to all people of goodwill: Jew and non-Jew alike.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



January 6 – Arthur Klekar
January 7 – Betty Patalik
January 8 – Jeanette Henke
January 10 – Edward Brautigam

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



January 6 – Nancy & Thomas Petru
January 8 – Jenelle & Daniel Cerny

Prayer for Blessing the Home on Epiphany

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – TODAY JANUARY 6

ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Pancake
Breakfast



The Altar Society is hosting Praha Pancake Sunday on January 6th starting at 9 a.m. Join us in the Praha Hall for pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, cereal, juice, coffee & milk. All are welcome. A free will

donation will be appreciated.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Heaven and earth bow down to the newborn Jesus. A star leaves its celestial course to shine above the birthplace of the Lord, foreign sages come to do him homage with rare and expensive gifts, and even King Herod senses that Christ’s true power outshines the importance of his royal throne. One of the first mysteries of our faith is that all this glory and power manifests itself in the simplicity of a stable, in a helpless infant born to two people without rank, traveling on their way to a national census. The glory of the Savior is found in the most common of places, in the most basic surroundings, among the simplest of people. This is Good News, revealing the radical pervasiveness of God’s grace, present to us in the most ordinary and everyday circumstances of our lives. No part of the human experience is too mundane for the presence of God.

National Migration Week – Jan. 6-12, 2019



we are one family under God

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2019, *Building Communities of Welcome* draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.

Unfortunately, in our contemporary culture we often fail to encounter migrants as persons, and instead look at them as unknown others, if we even notice them at all. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, as fellow children of God, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious or fearful of them. During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends.