

January 3, 2016

## ***THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***

### **Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:**

*"As you kneel at the feet of the child Jesus on the day of his Epiphany and see him a king bearing none of the outward signs of royalty, you can tell him: '... Make the foundation of my personality my identification with you.'"*

-St. Jose Maria Escriva (1902-1975)

MERRY CHRISTMAS! No, this is not a misprint, and no, you are not accidentally reading last week's bulletin. The Catholic Church celebrates Christmas for another week, all the way this year until January 10<sup>th</sup>. So Merry Christmas!

Today, we celebrate in particular the Feast of the Epiphany, that great event in which as we hear in the Gospel reading for Mass, three Magi from the East come to Bethlehem in search of the new baby King with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold is the gift fit for a king, and so this gift proclaims Jesus as King. Frankincense is a gift used by priests in offering sacrifice to God, and so it tells us that Jesus is the High Priest, and myrrh is an ointment which was used for burial, and so it prophesies about Jesus' eventual death and burial. In other words, these gifts tell us who this baby is.

I love this quote from St. Jose Maria Escriva because it once again is an example of the entire story of our lives being presented in one sentence. The three Magi traveled miles and miles of desert lands, in search of the newborn King, falling down in adoration and worship before this little baby once they found Him. They risked EVERYTHING to follow their spiritual instincts and the wondrous star to the side of the crib in which Jesus lay. They didn't know exactly where this King was, they just knew that they had to find Him.

The beautiful thing is, my brothers and sisters, we don't have to go searching for the King of Kings. We know exactly where He is- He is here, present among us, and in a special and unique way, in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Church. Do you see? We are infinitely more blessed than the three Magi because while they had the opportunity to see and worship Jesus in the flesh, we have the opportunity every time that we come to Holy Mass to not just see and worship Jesus, but to receive Him into our very selves through Holy Communion. Which is why St. Jose said what he did- if Jesus truly lives inside of us through Holy Communion and through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit through our Baptism, then He must be the very foundation of our lives, of who we are. It's not about being unique, or being our own boss, or living our lives our own way; happiness, holiness and interior peace comes through allowing God to be in control of our lives. As St. Paul says, "Now, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). Lord Jesus, open our eyes to see the wonder of your love, transform us into your likeness, and make your loving Heart the foundation of our lives. Amen.

**Family Faith Formation & Adult Faith Formation** will meet next on **Wednesday, January 6 at 6 pm**. The evening will start with dinner at 6 pm, followed by classes for everyone at 6:30 pm. The Adult Faith Formation will continue our journey through the Sacraments with Father Steve. The **Adult Faith Formation is open to everyone**, not just the parents, so please join us as we all grow in our faith together. Child care is available for younger children.

A big **THANK YOU to EVERYONE** who helped make our Christmas celebration a HUGE success; from the decorations to the Celebration of Our Savior's Birth. God has truly blessed our parish with such amazing talent!

**Pancake Breakfast** -The Knights of Columbus will serve their famous pancake breakfast after Mass next **Sunday, January 10**. Please join us for great fellowship & delicious pancakes. If you attend Mass on Saturday, please come back Sunday morning for the breakfast. We'd love to see you and would enjoy visiting with you. Free will donation.

**Help is needed** to take down the Christmas Decorations after the Pancake Breakfast next **Sunday, January 10**.

Save the Date: **St. Mary's Annual Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on **Wednesday, January 27**.

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**Parish Office** Located in Rectory 8 am - 2 pm Monday - Thursday **Office/Rectory** 226-3100 **Fax Machine** 226-3116

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**Eucharistic Adoration** Wednesdays 8:45 am - 3:00 pm **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** 226-3639 or 226-3351

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<b>Saturday</b>	<i>STS. BASIL THE GREAT &amp; GREGORY NAZIANZEN</i>	<b>01/02/16</b>
6:30 p.m.	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
7:15 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for John Grahek</i> Reader.....Maria Riederer Cantor.....Terri Frericks-Blood Plate.....Shelley Fredrickson Chalices....Don Seipke Chalices....Jeff Asmussen Servers.....Jason Blood & Zack Fredrickson	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i>	<b>01/03/16</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
8:30 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Ed Hynes Cantor.....Kim Josephson Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Mike Rowlee Chalices....Cindy Rowlee Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Jada Kirk	
<b>Monday</b>	<i>ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON</i>	<b>01/04/16</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>ST. JOHN NEUMANN</i>	<b>01/05/16</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Rosary</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Elizabeth Johnson</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>ST. ANDRE BESSETTE</i>	<b>01/06/16</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Rosary</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Jim Morcomb</i>	
8:50 a.m.	<b>Adoration</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT</i>	<b>01/07/16</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Rosary</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Danny Valerius</i>	
8:50 a.m.	<b>Prayer Group</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY</i>	<b>01/08/16</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Rosary</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Deanna Larson</i>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY</i>	<b>01/09/16</b>
6:30 p.m.	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
7:15 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Jamie &amp; Sarah Frericks</i> Reader.....Tom Frericks Cantor.....Marilyn Frericks Plate.....Rose Elam Chalices....Mary Wright Chalices....Jeff Asmussen Servers.....Jason Blood & Laurese McKinney	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	<b>01/10/16</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
8:30 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Marge Jorgenson Cantor.....Joanne Curry Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Sue Bahar Chalices....Jerry Bahar Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Jake Stadler	

**LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS**

General Collection.....	\$3834.00
UCA.....	\$36.00
Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$520.00

**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

- † **Parishioners:** Lino Rauzi, Marj Von Schenk, Lois Hynes, Lillian Miller, Betty Dugas, Tom Bott, Gale Fredrickson, Susan Gelatic, Lanay Frericks, Alma Ferris, Richard Keseley, Suzanne Seguin, Terry Scallen, Vicky Johnson, Angie Pruse, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson.
- † **Clergy:** Fr. Ben Hadrach, Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Dawn Stefanich, Alexa & Rauri Byrnes, Grace Kramer, Liam Traut, Elizabeth Johnson, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Ariana Marek, Kerry Larson, Diane Mayer, Don Hedin, Betty Westaby, Dick Kunz, Johnny Jerabek, Amy Buckner, Mae Dehnhoff, Elsie McGuire, Jim Morcomb, and Delaney, Cooper, Thomas & William Kutcha.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

**2016 Catholic Men's Conference:** *Men of Faith, Men of Action*, is scheduled for **February 13, 2016**, at the Marshall School in Duluth. The conference schedule and registration forms (on-line and hard copy) are available at [www.duluthcatholicmen.org](http://www.duluthcatholicmen.org). Hard copy registration forms are also available in the parish office. Conference registration is \$30 for registrations submitted on or before February 1, 2016, and \$40 after February 1.

**WOMEN OF FAITH: Everyday Faith with Timeless Saints** will be held on **Saturday, February 27, 2016**, at Marshall School in Duluth starting at 7:30 am and ending in a Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm. The powerful speaker Colleen Carroll Campbell who is a national speaker, former presidential speech writer and author of the inspiring spiritual memoir, "My Sisters the Saints," will be presenting on this topic. Before Mass the women will enjoy a brief comedy performance by a Chicago comedy troop called Bible Bingo. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Sirba and families are encourage to join in. You can register at [www.dioceseduluth.org](http://www.dioceseduluth.org) or call 218-724-9111 or e-mail [duluthcwc@gmail.com](mailto:duluthcwc@gmail.com) for any questions.

**Dine at the Lemon Wolf Café in Beaver Bay** - When placing your order ask about the Catholic Church Benefit. A donation equal to 10% of your bill will be given to the Catholic parish you attend on the North Shore.

Please remember to pick up your **2016 calendars and envelopes** in the back of the church.

Please join our **Thursday Morning Prayer Group**, we meet every Thursday morning immediately following daily Mass.