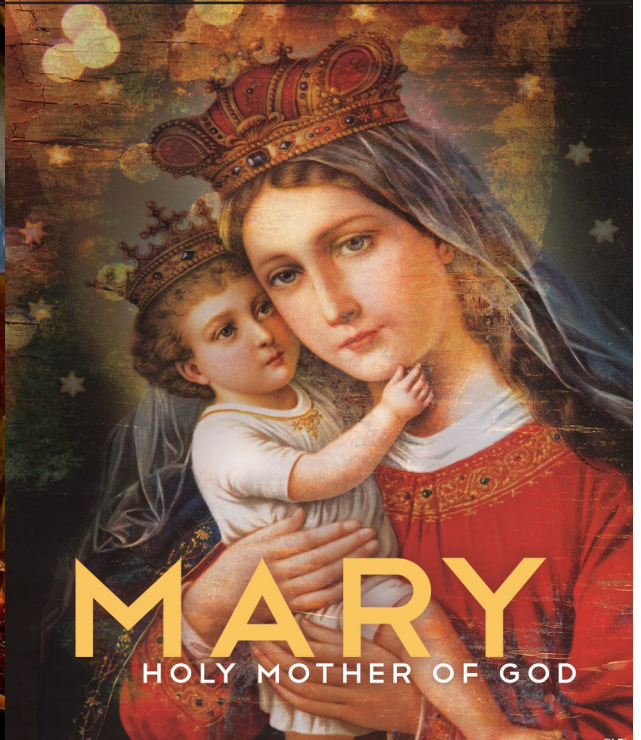


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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
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Cromwell-Wright

ST. MARY'S
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Floodwood



MASS SCHEDULE and CONFESSIONS

St. Louis

105 4th Ave E , Floodwood, MN 55736

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Tuesday -Wednesday: 8:30 AM

Adoration after weekday Masses.

Confessions half hour before Mass on Sunday
and Saturday from 10:00-11:00 AM

Immaculate Conception,

5944 Hwy 210, Cromwell, MN 55726

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Thursday: 8:30 AM

Adoration after Thursday Masses at the church

First Thursday Mass at Villa Vista: 8:30 AM

Confessions half hour before Mass on Saturday

St. Mary's

9999 Hwy 133, Meadowlands, MN 55765

Sunday: 8:00 AM

Friday: 8:30 AM

Adoration after Friday morning Mass.

First Saturday : 8:30 AM

Confessions half hour before Mass on Sunday

(Confession also available by appointment)

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Theresa Polich Bookkeeper

Andrea Dickenson..... Secretary

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(Bulletin deadline is Thursday at 12 PM)

Tri-Parish Website: nemncatholic.com

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Before any detailed arrangements are made, parents must attend a pre-baptism class.

Funerals: Arrangements are to be made with the priest before publication in newspapers.

Weddings: Arrangements are to be made in person with the priest at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls: Inform the Rectory or Office of the ill and homebound.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "**They were overjoyed at seeing the star.**"

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus.

— Father John Muir

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTION

1/09	8:30 AM	St. Louis
1/10	8:30 AM	St. Louis
1/11	8:30 AM	St. Louis
1/12	8:30 AM	Immaculate Conception Ramona Diehl - B
1/13	8:30 AM	St. Mary's
1/14	5:00 PM	Immaculate Conception Our Parishioners
1/15	8:00 AM	St. Mary's John Taray +
	10:30 AM	St. Louis Henri Reiling +

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

- 1/09 - Baptism of the Lord
- 1/10 - St. Nicanor, Martyr
- 1/11 - St. Alexander, Bishop and Martyr.
- 1/12 - St. Anthony Mary Pucci, Priest
- 1/13 - St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of Church

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Collection Counters

February 12

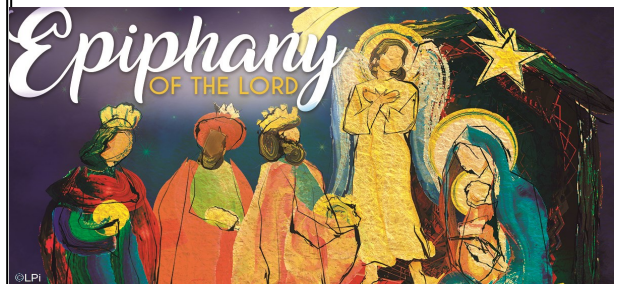
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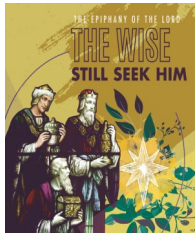
Carrie, Kay

February 19

St. Louis

Michael, Mary





The story of the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus, the newborn King, is a great one, isn't it? They had a great big star in the sky to lead the way. I am no Boy Scout, so I am not sure how well I would do following a star like that. But the important point here is that God led them to the manger. The manger was a place that unless God specifically showed you this was where the Christ Child was born you wouldn't have believed it. You would have passed on by.

In our lives, there are no big stars in the sky leading us where we need to go. It isn't so easy sometimes discerning where God is leading us. We may seek to use our gifts wisely, but in what manner and to what end is not always clear.

This is where prayer can make a huge difference. If we seek to cultivate a prayer life where we are mindful of the presence of God throughout our day, then the call is easier to discern. We can help the process by intentionally offering to God in the morning the entirety of the day to come: all our actions, all our time, and all our decisions. In the evening, we can examine the past hours of the day and reflect on when we responded well to Christ's call and when we fell short. Then we resolve to begin again tomorrow, inviting Christ to be with us every step of the way. God may not offer a star in the sky to lead us, but if we invite us on our journey each day, the path will be much clearer.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
01 / 02 / 2023

Immaculate Conception

ENV	\$ 329.00
PLATE	\$ 45.00
UCA	\$ 525.00
Cemetery	\$ 20.00

St. Mary's

ENV	\$ 775.00
PLATE	\$ 16.00
UCA	\$ 50.00
Christmas	\$ 80.00

St. Louis

ENV	\$ 1,065.00
PLATE	\$ 40.00
UCA	\$ 20.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- ♦ Adoration after Thursday Masses at the church.
- ♦ First Thursday Mass at Villa Vista: 8:30 AM.

ST. LOUIS

- ♦ **Liturgical Duties Scheduling:** We will be compiling the counter, Lector, and Greeter schedules going forward. We will start the eucharistic minister scheduling on Easter Sunday. We are asking for volunteers. Please share a little of your time and talents. Call the Parish office @ 218-476-2367. Or, see Fr. Pio after Mass.
- ♦ Parish Council will be meeting today following morning Mass.
- ♦ There will be an **Ecumenical Christmas Program and Dinner on Friday, January 13th, at the Event Center.** Doors are open at 6:00 PM. There will be a dinner paid for by the five (5) Churches in the community at 6:30 with some Christmas presentations by the various churches. All members of the community are invited to attend and bring friends. This will be our third year holding this event. It is a great event for families. Anyone who wishes to sing a song or recite a poem is welcomed to do so.

ST. MARY'S

- ♦ **First Saturday** of every month: Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary at **8:30 A.M.**

ALL PARISHES

- ♦ **2023 Parish contribution envelopes** are available at the back of each parish. Please pick yours up.
- ♦ **Thank you** to everyone who helped decorate the churches for Christmas!

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