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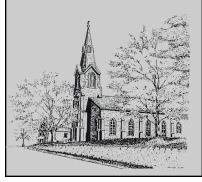
**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE** Saturday—5 PM Sunday-8 & 10:30 AM **SACRAMENT OF** RECONCILATION SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

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### JANUARY 8, 2023 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Dear friends,



Today's Feast of the Epiphany reminds us that Jesus came to transform our human existence to make it possible for us to become His presence in our world. The Gospel of John tells us that "the word became flesh and dwelt among us." The greatest gift we are given is the invitation to be Christ in our Christ dwells in each of us and He invites us to allow the Christ within us to be life to those in our world.

This week is Vocation Awareness Week, a time when we are invited to think and pray for people to respond to God's invitation to serve others.

There is a great connection between the Feast of the Epiphany and praying for vocations. Responding to the call to serve in the church is really all about letting the Christ within us bring life to the all people.

The fundamental vocation of each of us is to do what God asks of us. We use language like "doing God's will" to speak about this. Instead of asking "what will make me happy?" or "what would I like to do?", the real question for each of us is "What is God asking of me?" That's not an easy question to ask in our contemporary world which tends to see the fulfillment of each persons desires as the highest good that we should all strive for. When we are willing to put our needs aside and embrace what God is asking of us, we will find the fulfillment and peace we are seeking in life. Let's pray for each that we will have the courage to respond to God's call in our life.

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We are familiar with the rhythms of life around us: winter gives way to spring which gives way to summer and then moves into fall before it become winter once again. There are rhythms to our life as a parish. The beginning of school in August, working in our booths at the Fall Festival, conducting our CPC campaign in the fall, selling lottery tickets, then making preparations for our fish frys, then beginning the lawn mowing season. All hands on board as we fix our famous chicken dinner in July. In between, we are baking kuchens, making burgoo and homemade sausage. There is a rhythm to our church year as well. On the Feast of the Epiphany, there is an ancient custom in the Church of announcing the dates for special feasts that are celebrated in the coming year. This year we begin the season of Ordinary time with the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15th. The Season of Lent begins

with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. The Feast of St. Joseph, our parish Feastday, is normally on March 19th but since that day is a Sunday, the actual day for

the Feastday is March 20th.

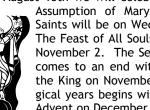


On March 21st, Bishop Siegel will be with us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Feast of the Annunciation is on Saturday, March 25th. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 2nd. Holy Thursday is on April 6th, Good Friday on April 7th, Holy Saturday on April 8th and Easter Sunday on April 9th.

We will celebrate First Communion on Sunday, April 30th. The Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on May 21st.

The Feast of Pentecost will be on May 28th.



On August 15th we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. The Feast of All Saints will be on Wednesday, November 1. The Feast of All Souls will be on Thursday, November 2. The Season of Ordinary time comes to an end with the Feast of Christ the King on November 26. The new Liturgical years begins with the First Sunday of Advent on December 3rd.

> Leaning into the journey of life, Fr. Gene Schroeder

IT'S TIME TO WRAP UP OUR LOTTERY SALES

FOR THIS YEAR? Thanks to everyone who has purchased a ticket. We have had a few tickets returned to us that have not been sold. Here's your chance to be a lucky winner this year! Call the parish office and we'll deliver the tickets to you!



### REST IN PEACE POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI



BORN: APRIL 16, 1927 MARKTL, BAVAERIA GERMANY ORDAINED A PRIEST JUNE 29, 1951 NAMED BISHOP OF MUNICH MARCH 24, 1977 CREATED CARDINAL JUNE 27, 1977 ELECTED POPE APRIL 19, 2005 DIED: DECEMBER 31, 2022 O God, true shepherd of all the

faithful, look with kindness on your servant Pope Benedict XVI, whom you set as head and shepherd of your Church. We give you thanks for your grace at work in him as he has led us by word and example: in his teaching, in his prayer, and in his great love. Grant eternal rest to him, and let your perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace!

### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST



SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 5:00 PM MASS: Bettye & Boobie Maurer, Rose Loehrlein, Ritz Ziliak, Kenny & Annette Maurer, Delores & Merl Hoefling, Cheryl Gries, Beth Ann Hoefling, Ron Happe, John Buchart (1880),Rosina Buchart (1880).Friedric Roeleke (1892), Joseph Ritter (1960), Sylvester Schnepper (1967), Viola (2012) & Francis Englert

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM MASS: Joe James, Carol Linz, Gerald Drone, Darren Drone, Kenny Jarvis, Laymon, Judith, & Barry Jarvis, Teresa Francis, Bud & Sharon Werner, Jim & Dolores Niemeier 10:30 AM MASS: Alvina & Florian Schenk, Herman Schneider, Catharine Kissel (1887), Bettye (2008) & Boobie Maurer

### MONDAY, JANUARY 9 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**6:30 PM MASS:** Henry Tenbarge (1907), Mary Hillenbrand (1975)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**7:30 AM MASS:** Sr. Ivo OSF (Philomena Weigand, 1900), Henry Storssen (1919), Victor (1968) & Marcella Brugger

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Catherine Lautenschlerger (1872), Wilhelmus Funk (1875), Anthony Tieken (1962), Catherine (2010) & Clarence Miller

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Catharine Burgart (1887), Eileen Will (1961), Kenny Hoefling (2013), Larry Hoefling (2021), Dick (2022) and Mary Ann Klausmeier

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 SAINT HILARY

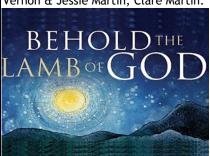
NO MASS: Roy Thornton (1931), Infant Wurth (1944)

# SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**5:00 PM MASS:** Fritz Martin, Paul & Betty Horak, Paul Becker, Dick Horak, Lawrence & Bernadine Spahn, Cecelia Reising (1986)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**8:00 AM MASS:** Carol Linz, Rebecca "Becky" (Terwiske) Matheis, Elmer & Charlotte Schaper, Doug and Stan Schapker, Vernon & Jessie Martin, Clare Martin.



10:30 AM MASS: Eric Seib, William, Mary Catherine, Willie, Joyce, Kathy, Carol, Sylvester & Walter Nieten, Barb Gertiesen, Florence Staton, Agnes Koester, Elizabeth Sutherland, Joan Baughn. Mary Kissel (1955)



Each Monday we invite people to come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament from 7 am to 6:30 pm. You can sign up to come for a regular hour each Monday or just come when you can.

### STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.



| January 1, 2023        | \$<br>10,124.00  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| WEEKLY BUDGET          | \$<br>19,692.00  |
| TOTAL INCOME TO DATE   | 485,280.16       |
| BUDGET TO DATE         | \$<br>531,684.00 |
| MAINTENANCE COLLECTION | \$<br>10.00      |
| CHILDREN'S COLLECTION  | \$<br>12.00      |

Thanks to our young stewards: Jarrett & Daxton Brown, Beatrice,
Bernadette, Paul & Peter Reckelhoff

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| ST. VINCENT'S FOOD PANTRY | \$<br>5.00   |
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May we continue to be blessed by your faithful financial support to our parish and to our outreach ministries. Remember that you can SEND YOUR COLLECTION THROUGH THE MAIL:

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# PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES

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NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: Marie Gumbel, Carl Kempf

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JANUARY 8: Terry Fehrenbacher, Mary McIntosh, Jackie Puntney, Glenn Shane

JANUARY 9: Laney Fehrenbacher, Berta Kares, Kylie Lincoln

JANUARY 10: Camden Collins, Butch Feulner,

Leann Helmer, Randy Kuester, Bernadette Reckelhoff

JANUARY 11: Danny Gries, Jane Luigs, Elliot Macke, Jonathan Mochau, Elizabeth Nims, Joanie Schneider

JANUARY 12: Linda Feulner, Debbie Preske, Greg Vanbibber

JANUARY 13: Tyler Carlisle, Mike Collins, Sarah Glaser, Steve Gries

JANUARY 14: Mendy Dossett, Matthew Fleck, Steve Frey, Dan Hartmann, Steve Lannert, Todd Lehman, Zackery

Schneider, Vivi Spaetti, Jacob Weinzapfel, JANUARY 11: Randy & Jeannine Shumate

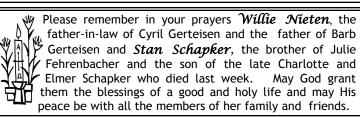
JANUARY 12: Chip & Megan Altstadt,

Andrew & Rachel McCauley



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Three Wise Women would have.....
Asked directions, arrived on time, help
deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made
a casserole, brought practical gifts and
there would be Peace on Earth.

### CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME



In this year of Eucharistic Renewal, we continue reading Pope Francis's teaching letter (encyclical) entitled Laudato Si—Caring for Our Common

Home and seeing the real presence of God in all things.

A feeling of intimate union with other beings of nature cannot be authentic, if at the same time there is no tenderness, compassion and concern for human beings in the heart. The inconsistency of those who fight against the trafficking of animals at risk of extinction is evident, but they remain completely indifferent to the trafficking of people, they do not care about the poor, or are determined to destroy another human being who does not like them. This jeopardizes the sense of the struggle for the environment.

It is no coincidence that, in the canticle in which he praises God for creatures, St. Francis adds: "Praised yes, my Lord, for those whom they forgive for your love". Everything is connected. This requires a concern for the environment combined with sincere love for human beings and a constant commitment to the problems of society.

On the other hand, when the heart is truly open to universal communion, nothing and no one is excluded from this fraternity. Consequently, it is also true that indifference or cruelty towards other creatures of this world always ends up moving in some way to the treatment we reserve for other human be-



ings. The heart is one and the same misery that leads to mistreating an animal does not take long to manifest itself in the relationship with other people.

Any mistreatment of any creature is contrary to human dignity. We cannot consider ourselves people who truly love if we exclude part of reality from our interests: Peace, justice and the safeguarding of creation are three completely connected issues, which cannot be separated in order to be treated

individually, on pain of falling back into the reductionism. Everything is related, and all of us human beings are united as brothers and sisters in a wonderful pilgrimage, linked by the love that God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us, with tender affection, to our brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.

Today, believers and non-believers alike agree that the earth is essentially a common heritage, the fruits of which must benefit all. For believers this becomes a matter of fidelity to the Creator, because God created the world for everyone. Consequently, any ecological approach must integrate a social perspective that takes into account the fundamental rights of the most disadvantaged.

The principle of subordination of private property to the universal destination of goods and, therefore, the universal right to their use, is a "golden rule" of social behavior, and the first principle of the whole ethical-social order. The Christian tradition has never recognized the right to private property as absolute or untouchable, and has emphasized the social function of any form of private property.

St. John Paul II recalled this doctrine with great emphasis, saying that "God gave the earth to the whole human race, so that it sustains all its members, without excluding or privileging anyone". These are pregnant and strong words. He remarked that "a type of development that did not respect and promote human, personal and social, economic and political rights, including the rights of nations and peoples, would not be truly worthy of man."

TO BE CONTINUED

### CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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After a long hiatus, we will be offering Children's Liturgy of the Word beginning this Sunday, January 8th at the 10:30 am Mass! Children who haven't received their First Communion are welcome to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word during a portion of the Mass. Simply come to 10:30



SUNDAY MORNINGS 10:30 AM Mass

am Mass, and Fr. Gene will call any young children up to walk over to school for a lesson on the Mass readings. If you are interested in being a volunteer teacher at the 10:30 am Masses, please contact Jessica Reckelhoff.

### **TURN OUT THE LIGHTS!**

As we get into wintertime, our parish facilities get used more and more...and that's a good thing. That is why we have them. But as we use our facilities we also want to use them in a

responsible way. We spend a great deal of money on utility costs (over \$60,000 a year) so we need everyone's help to keep these costs as low as possible. So let's work together to make sure lights are turned off, especially those in the bathrooms, and all the doors are shut. Doing these simple things will be a big help to keep our utility costs down.

When we recognize that that nothing has to go right for us to be happy, and that people do not have to behave for us to love them, then the journey of our life can become surprisingly simple.

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