

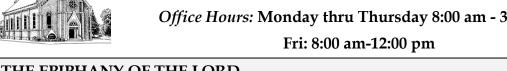
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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**JANUARY 7, 2024** 

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#### RECONCILIATION

3:45 pm St. Felix Saturday Sunday 7:30 am St. Agnes

Father is also available for individual confessions by appointment.

#### **INFANT BAPTISM**

Please call the Parish Office to arrange your child's baptism as soon as possible. A baptism preparation is provided for first-time parents.

## **M**ATRIMONY

Recently engaged? Please contact the Pastor to begin preparing for this holy union. Preparation is required for all marriages at least six months before your wedding.

#### **RCIA**

Everyone is invited to follow Christ in the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office to ask about becoming Catholic.

#### MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If you or a family member are sick, hospitalized or homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, contact the parish office. Those who are seriously ill or anticipating surgery should make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as soon as possible.

#### **MASSES & INTENTIONS**

Tuesday, January 9	8:00 am	St. Felix	Word and Communion Service
Wednesday, January 10	8:00 am	St. Agnes	Word and Communion Service
Thursday, January 11		St. Felix	No Mass
Friday, January 12		St. Felix	No Mass
Saturday, January 13	4:30 pm	St. Felix	Pro Populo
Sunday, January 14	8:00 am	St. Agnes	† Herbert and Irene Hemann
	9:30 am	St. Felix	† Patricia (Wodele) Gasik

Bulletin Deadline: Submissions for the bulletin are due by 10:00 am on Wednesday. All items may be edited

## Father Prince Raja Pastor

Christ our light has come into the world and shines in the darkness. On this feast of Epiphany he manifests himself to us in a unique way. The feast of the Epiphany is the mystery of the Lord's manifestation to all peoples, represented by the Magi, who came from the East to adore the King of the Jews. The word 'epiphany' comes from Greek, meaning a 'showing' or 'manifestation'. Matthew who recounts the event, stresses how the Magi arrived in Jerusalem following a star, seen at its rising and interpreted as a sign of the birth of the king proclaimed by the prophets, that is, of the Messiah.

Today's First Reading from the Book of Isaiah speaks of a prophecy that was made approximately seven hundred years, prior to the birth of Christ, expresses the joy of the Israelites as they returned after years of captivity and entered the holy city Jerusalem. The prophecy of Isaiah gave them hope that the promised Messiah would soon rise among the people and that His glory would be seen by all.

Matthew tells us that the Magi or the Wise Men found Jesus by following a star, which thus is traditionally known as the Star of Bethlehem, and accepted the interpretation of the star and followed it to discover the King they were seeking. On finding him, without hesitation or doubt, they pay their homage and present him three symbolic gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Three gifts are explicitly identified in Matthew, which are found only in Yemen. Many different theories of the meaning and symbolism of the gifts have been brought forward. While gold is fairly obviously explained, frankincense, and particularly myrrh, is much more obscure. All three gifts are ordinary offerings given to a king. Myrrh, being commonly used as anointing oil particularly at death, frankincense as a perfume, and gold as a valuable precious item. The three gifts had a spiritual meaning: gold as a symbol of kingship on earth, frankincense or incense as a symbol of priesthood, and myrrh, the embalming oil as a symbol of death. This story points to the future of Jesus.

I will be leaving for my vacation to India to meet my Archbishop and my family. I will be celebrating Mass at our sister parish too. Kindly keep me in your prayers.

## St. Felix Catholic School Eric Sonnek, Principal

As we start a new calendar year, I would like to thank everyone for your wonderful support as we move into another great year. We have a busy month ahead and would like to share dates and events with you.

## January 13th

Youth Mass at 4:30 pm

## January 17th

School Mass with Bishop Barron at 10:00 am

## January 28th through February 3rd

Catholic School Week

#### February 3rd

Catholic School Week Celebration Mass and Dinner at 4:30 pm

I hope that you can make these events as it is a great way to support our students and show great community support.



Camp Summit is a 4 day, 3-night summer camp for middle school youth entering grades 6-8. Camp Summit is a Catholic camp offering youth an opportunity to deepen their faith, try new things, and meet new friends! Camp

Summit is a ministry of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota.

Camp Summit is hosted at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center along the Root River and bluffs of Lanesboro, MN.

The mission of Camp Summit is rooted in Jesus Christ as the Source and Summit of our Catholic Faith. With discipleship at the core of what we do, Camp Summit strives to empower the youth of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester to grow deeper in their faith while building stronger relationships within their parishes, diocese community, and beyond.

The camp is either offered July 22 - July 25 or July 29 - August 1

St. Felix School and Parish is looking to see if there is any interest. Please contact Mr. Sonnek at <a href="mailto:esonnek@stfelixschool.org">esonnek@stfelixschool.org</a> or 651-565-4446, if you are interested or know of a family that is interested.

**Liturgical Roles - St. Felix** 

Saturday, January 13, 2024- 4:30 pm

Servers Ushers **EMHCs** Sacristan Reader Youth Youth Carol Schmit Staff Youth

> Offertory: Youth

Sunday, January 14, 2024- 9:30 am

Ushers Servers **EMHCs** Reader Sacristan Paul Flicek Matthew Risch Heidi Flint Greg Riester Diane Vetter

Offertory: John and Erma Anderson

Cody Sanderson

Liturgical Roles- St. Agnes

Tiffany Risch

Sunday, January 14, 2024 - 8:00 am

**EMHCs** Servers Reader Tony Lamey Rick Vaplon Jeff Tentis Maria Sholing

John Miller Sacristan Mary Schwalbe

Our prayers go out to the

family of **Patricia Maringer** who passed away December 22, 2023. Her funeral Mass was Friday, December 29th at St. Agnes Church.

Our prayers go out to the family of **Elizabeth Richards** who passed away December 22, 2023. Her funeral Mass was Saturday, December 30th at St. Agnes Church.



**Thank you** to everyone that used the SCRIP program this Christmas Season! Just a reminder that you can purchase SCRIP all year long at the Parish Office.

Volunteers are needed at St. Felix on Sunday, January 7th at 11:00 AM. to help take Christmas trees down. Many hands make light work.



## **Prayer for Epiphany**

Lord Jesus.

may your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the magi:

that we too may be led into your presence

and worship you,

the Child of Mary,

the word of the Father,

the King of Nations,

the Savior of Mankind;

to whom be glory for

ever.

grounds updates after Mass on January 20th and 21st in the gym.

There will be a **St. Felix Parish Meeting** regarding building and

On Wednesday, January 17th Bishop Barron will be at St. Felix. He will be celebrating an All School Mass at 10:00 AM.



Amen.

## Meetings & Events Calendar ~ January 7th thru January 20th

Sunday 7	Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Saturday 13
Scrip Sold After Mass St. Felix  Hospitality Sunday After 9:30 AM Mass Holy Family Rm  KC's/Serra Club Epiphany Party 4:00 PM St. Agnes Hall		Word and Communion Service 8:00 AM St. Felix	Word and Communion Service 8:00 AM St. Agnes RCIA 6:00-7:15 PM	No Mass  Eucharistic Adoration 9 AM - 7 PM St. Felix	No Mass	Youth Mass 4:30 PM
Sunday 14	Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Saturday 20
		Word and Communion Service 8:00 AM St. Felix	Word and Communion Service 8:00 AM St. Agnes  All School Mass with Bishop Barron 10:00 AM St Felix  RCIA 6:00-7:15 PM	No Mass St. Joe's Meeting 7:00 PM VFW	No Mass	St. Felix Parish Meeting After 4:30 PM Mass Gym



**Thank you** to everyone who helped make St. Felix Church beautiful for Christmas!



Thank you to all of the volunteers that sold SCRIP over Christmas. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the December Critical Need Blood Drive at St. Agnes, 33 units of blood were collected and when divided into 3 separate blood components that



has the potential to help up to 99 patients in need. The next blood drive is scheduled for August 20th.



December 31st	St. Agnes	St. Felix	
Contributed last week	\$5,574.00	\$7,182.00	
Weekly offering budg- eted	\$1,800.85	\$7,743.46	
Overage (Shortfall)	\$3,773.15	\$(561.46)	
Contributed YTD	\$43,096.00	\$178,454.19	
Budgeted fiscal YTD	\$49,018.04	\$209,733.56	
YTD overage (Shortfall)	\$(5,922.04)	\$(31,279.37)	
Budgeted for the year	\$93,644.00	\$402,660.00	



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Get ready for a night of a whole latte of fun at the **Brew Ha Ha Fundraiser for St. James Coffee!** Please join us **Friday, February 9, 2024** at the Empire Event Center at Best Western Apache. Tickets go on sale Monday, November 6th. Seating is limited so grab your tickets soon at St. James Coffee or online at <a href="https://www.stjamescoffee.com">www.stjamescoffee.com</a>.

What's brewing at the Brew Ha Ha?

- Wine and Spirits Tasting: Sip and savor a variety of exquisite beverages while enjoying live music that'll lift your spirits.
- Silent and Live Auction: Bid on unique items and experiences, adding a touch of excitement to the evening.
- Dinner and Program: Indulge in a delectable dinner while enjoying a program designed to entertain and enlighten. We welcome Bishop Barron as our keynote speaker. His insights are sure to inspire and uplift. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from a true luminary!

Your presence at the Brew Ha Ha directly supports the mission of St. James Coffee. We hope to see you there!



<u>Goal</u>

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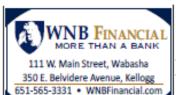
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