



January 5, 2020

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FROM OUR PASTOR

Client: Excuse me, how much do you charge?

Lawyer: I charge one thousand dollars to answer three questions.

Client: Wow--that's a bit expensive, isn't it?

Lawyer: Yes. What's your third question?

--What did the hen say when she saw scrambled eggs? What mixed-up kids.

--What did the mama shoe say to the baby shoe? Don't stick your tongue out at me!

--A noun and a verb started dating. They had a happy relationship for a while, but eventually they broke up because the noun was too possessive.

--When is a door not a door? When it is a-jar.

--Steak puns are a rare medium when well done.

We start off the New Year on a light note. God's blessings as you enter 2020. The New Year often brings with it a resolution to do something that will benefit ourselves. Unfortunately many do not keep it up. As we begin this year, perhaps we can take our faith a little more seriously. What is our resolution, our plan of action to grow in the faith? Resolutions often focus on us. Something that we want or want to do better. A resolution to grow in the faith, grow in the practice of the faith will also benefit those around us. Living out the faith more generously will help those around us get to heaven, our ultimate goal.

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Epiphany, the three kings, the Magi. There is a great deal of tradition built up concerning these three kings. Exact details about them, their trip, or what kingdoms they ruled is not really recorded in the scriptures. But they did leave everything behind to find the newborn king. They worked together and even asked Herod for help in finding baby Jesus. Considering the times it was not easy and ending up at a stable was probably not what they expected. Yet that is often the same for us; living the faith out, takes us places we would not have expected or calls us to things we did not plan on.

In 2020 I encourage you to try those paths that may be new to you. Allow yourselves, like the Magi, to be led by a star or by your heart to unexpected places.

Perhaps you have not tried using FORMED. Our parish has a subscription for everyone. Go and try it out. New to me is CAST Media that is trying different things in the realm of the media to help Catholics grow in their faith. They have some powerful stories. Many podcasts that cover a range of topics. We seem to be in a hurry so they have developed Catholic Bytes 60 Seconds. There are so many tools out there. Like anything we value, we give it time. That is true with our work, family, sports or entertainment. How much time do we give to prayer? The scriptures? Or service in the name of Jesus to our neighbors?

We don't have to take ourselves seriously, but what of the faith and Jesus' promise of eternity?

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

DAILY ROSARY

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00 PM

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays beginning at 9:00 AM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of January 5, 2020

Sat. Jan. 4 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of
Carol Bonafacchi

Sun. Jan. 5 8:00 AM For the *Harry & Mary Galvin*
Family

10:00 AM For *our Parishioners*

Tue. Jan. 7 5:30 PM For the repose of the souls of
Jim & Gerrie Carney

Wed. Jan. 8 8:00 AM For the *Deceased Members of*
the Sersen, Peseck, Narowitz and Reindel Families

6:00 PM For the repose of the soul of
Jan Schmitt

Thu. Jan. 9 8:00 AM *Special Intention*

Fri. Jan. 10 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Leo Hamm

Sat. Jan. 11 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of
Francis McCoy

Sun. Jan. 12 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Ardith G. Rose

10:00 AM For *our Parishioners*

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Art Randall, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Margaret Gabay, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, Jim Czajka, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Loescher, Fran Watry, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher, the Johnston Family, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, Dave Lewis and Marie Boehm.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader and Will Post.

March for Life! Chicago, Jan. 11, 2020 ~ Pro-Life Wisconsin sponsoring buses from Wausau, Plover, Onalaska and Tomah See www.diolc.org/respect-life for more information

March for Life! Washington, D.C., Jan. 22-26, 2020 ~ Diocesan pilgrimage for youth and adults. For information or to register on line, visit www.diolc.org/yya/march-4-life-2020/

**Stewardship Corner ~ Dec. 28, 2019—Jan. 1, 2020
(530 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$10,776.27	\$ 3,276.00
On-Line Giving		1,300.00
Christmas		646.00
Solemnity of Mary		1,895.60
Children's Envelopes	19.23	19.84
Loose Offering	596.15	705.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$11,391.65	\$ 8,856.44
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 56.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 307,574.55
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 286,423.41

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to current date

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday Jan. 8 Religious Ed Classes
Thursday Jan. 9 8:45 AM PCCW Meeting—RH
10:30—1 Rosary Makers—RH
Friday Jan. 10 8:45 AM Friday Folders

2020 Prayer Network Schedules and Nursing Home Rosary Schedules are in the rack in the gathering area.

The January PCCW meeting will be Thursday, January 9th in Reardon Hall following the 8 AM Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Tuesday, January 21st at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

**The Knights of Columbus
will be hosting a
WILD GAME FEED**

**on Saturday, January 11th from 6—8 PM
in Reardon Hall.**

\$10 for adults and \$5 for children. There will also be a gun raffle. Raffle tickets available from our KC's. Please join us!

Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Working Together, Sharing Joy, Standing Firm in the Faith"

Our 2019—2020 target is \$37,940.00.

77 families have pledged \$22,480 to date. Thank you!

Pledge forms are available in the gathering area and at the rectory office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of January 4th & 5th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Jaime Pouille
Extraordinary Minister: Dorothy Gorski
Servers: Gracey & Karter Kobylski, Brayden Housworth
Greeters: Marge Tremain, Joan Potter, Donna Bollig
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Gift Bearers: Roxanne Shragal
Scrip Seller: Donna Miller
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Gerald Gardner,
Fran Lunenschloss

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Schaller, Mary Ann Strack
Servers: Christopher & Noah Fry
Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey, Ameila Gunther
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
Gift Bearers: Betty Kryka
Scrip Seller: Melissa Fry
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, Mike Lubinski, George Tremel,
Arnie Penzkover

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Bill Curran, Sue Hollenbeck
Extraordinary Minister: Joelle Curran
Servers: Hudson Randall, Carter & Nathan Field
Greeters: Kris Mazur, Bill Thill
Musicians: Ann Benz, Martin Wolf
Gift Bearers: Jon & Jodi Field
Scrip Seller: Jodi Field
Ushers: Jon Field, Corky Tralmer, Kurt Salverson,
Bill Thill, Steve Powers

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:
Marcia Jakubik & Bonnie Duffy

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of January 11 & 12

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Jerilynn Kolba
Extraordinary Minister: David Hoffmann
Servers: Nolan Powers, Aedyn Lubinski, Owen Lubinski
Greeters: Marge Tremain, Joan Potter
Musicians:
Gift Bearers: Donna McCoy & Family
Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Gerald Gardner,
Fran Lunenschloss

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Bridget Gunther, Gail Boehm
Servers: Emma Eilers
Greeters: Larry & Tina Moore, Amelia Gunther
Musicians:
Gift Bearers: Gary Rose
Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, Mike Lubinski, George Tremel,
Arnie Penzkover

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Howard Boppart
Extraordinary Minister: Gina Boppart
Servers: Christian Brow, Carter Field, Eli Boppart
Greeters: Kris Mazur, Bill Thill, Devan Minard
Musicians:
Gift Bearers: Christian & Candi Brow
Scrip Seller: Gina Boppart
Ushers: Jon Field, Corky Tralmer, Kurt Salverson,
Bill Thill, Steve Powers

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary: Jan Mullenberg

GIVEN: Unveiling the Mystery of Marriage: Marriage Enrichment Retreat ~ Saturday, January 18th from 8:30 am—2:30 pm at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. GIVEN retreats help couples foster a deeper relationship that is rooted in Jesus Christ and His Church. For more information, visit: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment

All are invited to come and watch the extraordinary film, "Unplanned," on Thursday, January 30th from 6-8:30 pm at St. Mary Parish in Lyndon Station. Admission is free and all are welcome. This movie is being presented in coordination with Pro-Life of Wisconsin. Dan Miller, the State director of Pro-Life Wisconsin will be available for questions before and after the showing, as well as provide an introduction to the movie. More information is available on the posters in the gathering area.

Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen—there's a better way! Join the Financial Peace University class and learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future . . . Interested? Join Maggie Horabik at St. Francis of Assisi Parish starting Monday, January 27, 2020. Feel free to message Maggie at maggie.horabik@gmail.com with your questions or sign up at fpu.com/1103758 !



2020 Gala ~ Saturday, February 8th at The Lodge in Mauston! Entertainment provided by "Piano Fondue" Duelling Pianos!

Formed ~ Pick of the Week

Join us in celebrating the Epiphany of our Lord by listening to **"The Case for Jesus"** by Dr. Brant Pitre on formed.org. Dr. Pitre exposes the problems with and debunks the lies of the many false theories that have resulted in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christianity.



Local Scrip Merchant of the Week:

Rudig Jensen Ford, New Lisbon ~ Need new tires, battery, auto repairs? Check out Rudig Jensen in New Lisbon. They will take good care of you.

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR SCRIP TODAY AFTER MASS!