

Holy Family Parish Cluster

January 3, 2021

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



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Mission Statement

A family of God constituted by the Holy Eucharist and strengthened by the Holy Spirit to make God known, loved and served.

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ORDER OF MASS

Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading [Isaiah 60:1-6](#)

Responsorial Psalm [Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13](#)

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading [Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6](#)

Gospel Acclamation [Matthew 2:2](#)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel [Matthew 2:1-12](#)

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer after Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus, hear me; Within your wounds hide me; Separated from you, let me never be; From the evil one protect me; At the hour of my death, call me; And close to you bid me; That with your saints, I may be, praising you forever and ever. Amen

Concluding Rites

A Spiritual Resolution for 2021

It's that time of year again where many of us take the time to make our annual New Year's resolutions. We all love resolutions because no matter where we are in our lives, there is always room for improvement. And one area we can always improve is our spiritual lives. The most important goal any of us can make for ourselves for the coming year is to strive to be more like Christ. So, here are a few suggestions to help us achieve that goal in 2021.

In order to be more like Christ we must know what Christ was like. The only place to find that information and learn how to put it into practice is in God's Word, the Bible. By reading scripture daily, we will let Him renew our minds and guide us, letting the Word transform us, becoming living examples of Jesus to the world around us.

Service to others is a cornerstone of our Catholic faith. What if we set a goal to do one random act of kindness every week for the entire year? Think about it. By the end of the year we will have impacted, at minimum, the lives of 52 people.

Maybe this year we can strive to improve our prayer life by praying a daily rosary. The rosary is a beautiful way to meditate on the life of Christ. Each mystery of the rosary focuses on Biblical events from the Gospels. Praying it, will draw us more deeply into reflecting on Christ's joys, sacrifices, sufferings, and glorious miracles of His life.

Perhaps now we go to confession twice a year: during Lent and during Advent. (Mostly because the church's Code of Canon Law tells us we must go at least once a year.) But this year our goal might be to go to confession once a month. It's never easy to face our sins and say them out loud, but receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently gives us the grace to fight those sins, and doing a good examination of conscience helps us to reflect on how well we are living a Christ-like life by following the commandments and the teachings of the Church.

Finally, we all love our phones, but we probably don't think about using them to improve our faith. Well, there are plenty of smartphone apps to help us become better Catholics. If we type "Catholic" in the phone's app store search index, we'll find a long list of apps including prayers, Catholic radio stations, Bibles, etc. Then instead of texting or checking email during our idle time, we can make use of these apps to learn more about our faith.

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany. Just as the Magi searched for the child king upon His birth, an important part of our personal faith journey involves seeking and searching for God. The Magi saw something new and promising, and they were willing to go look for it, not simply to sit back and hope God would bring it to them. So just like the Magi, we need to move ourselves in a new direction by setting a goal to improve our spiritual lives in the new year.

Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team



We would like to thank everyone that helped in any way at all of our wonderful Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses!! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May God continue to bless all of us in 2021!

WEEKLY ANTIPHONS

Entrance Antiphon

Tuesday 1/5

O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.
For me the measuring lines have fallen on
pleasant sites; fair to me indeed is my inheritance.

Wednesday 1/6

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my portion.

Thursday 1/7

Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice;
your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

Friday 1/8

A light has risen in the darkness for the upright of
heart; the Lord is generous, merciful and just.

Weekly Recessional Antiphon

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East
and see your children gathered from the rising to
the setting of the sun.

From Words Among Us

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat

Website - <https://www.chmiowa.org/retreat> and click
on the Retreat Calendar on the left-hand side for more
details, or call 563-336-8414 or email [olpre-
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**Tues, January 12 | 6:30-8:00pm Free Online
Telling Our Stories of Derecho**

Leaders: Dianne Prichard and Dennis Campbell

**Thurs, January 14 | 10:00am-11:30am Fee: \$20
Online: Finding Peace: Letting Go of Stress and
Worry (session 1)**

We will use the book Finding Peace: Letting Go of
Stress and Worry during this retreat. . Leader: Sr Linda
Greenwood, OSF. Finding Peace is a 3-week series
for you to come to one or all three of the sessions.

Cluster Parish Prayer List

1. Our Shepherds:

Bishop Thomas Zinkula, Archbishop
Michael Jackels, Fr. Francis Odoom,
Deacon Mike Shiel

2. The Aged & Infirm:

- Melvin Duwa, Dorothy Hasenmiller, Gloria Kage-
mann, Grace Kinney, & Dick Nodurft
- Betty Anderson, Jerica Christensen, Rich Kleineck,
Leonard Lasack, Paul Lasack & Marilyn Steven-
son

MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Place	Intention
Saturday 1/2	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Irene Duwa
Sunday 1/3	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Syslo Family
	10:00 am	Oxford Junction	Arthur Nefzger
Tuesday 1/5	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Barbara Charbonnet
Wednesday 1/6	5:00 pm	Grand Mound	Dennis Schrader
Thursday 1/7	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Scott Benischek
Friday 1/8	8:00 am	Oxford Junction	Rosine Regennitter
Saturday 1/9	5:00 pm	Toronto	Craig & Tom Simmons
Sunday 1/10	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Richard Vens
	10:00 am	Oxford Junction	Glen Regennitter

Dope Francis Prayer Intention For January Human Fraternity

**May the Lord give us the grace to live
in full fellowship with our brothers
and sisters of other religions, praying
for one another, open to all.**

DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt
4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34
-44

Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk
6:45-52

Thursday 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf.
11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b
[cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b
Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is
12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11