

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

5:30PM † Lucy Swierc

by Casper & RosaLee Moczygemba

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30AM † Dorothy Cione

by Eugenia A. Galli

9:00AM † Fred & Carol Gawlik

by Wesley & Pam Maris

MONDAY, JANUARY 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop

6:30PM † Lillian Moczygemba

by Dalton & Georgia Moczygemba

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

6:30PM † Kirby Rogers

by Leo Jr. & Jeanette Lyssy

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30AM † Arlene Mzyk

by Kyle & Tisha Williams

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

No Mass

FRIDAY JANUARY 9

7:00AM † Cecilia Pruski

by Felix & Patsy Sekula

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

5:30PM † Efrem Sprencl

by Wilfred & Dianne Dziuk

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 The Baptism of the Lord

7:30AM † Ben C. & Betty Pawelek

by Keith & JoAnn Jarzombek

9:00AM † Our Parish Family

by Fr. Andrzej

Serving The Lord ~ January 10th & 11th

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion:		Lectors:	
Saturday	5:30PM Margo Dziuk	Saturday	5:30PM Margo Dziuk
Sunday	7:30AM Carter Hill	Sunday	7:30AM Kaitlyn Hill
	9:00AM Mary Jane Stulting		9:00AM Greg Crawford
Altar Servers:			
Saturday Alexander B & Charles B		Sunday 7:30AM Seth L, Kenna L, Alberto G	
		9:00AM Kyleigh S, Matthew S, Avery S	

Money Counters

Jan 4 Shirley Palitza, Lanelle Pollok, Lillian Sekula	Jan 18 Wilfred & Dianne Dziuk
Jan 11 Pat & Karissa Jarzombek	Jan 25 James & Sophie Dziuk

Christmas Offering \$ 5,313. ~~ Assumption Seminary \$2,619. ~~ Sunday Church Support \$3,144
Thank you & may God bless you for your generosity!

The Jesus Prayer - Growing in Faith

January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus, reminding the faithful of the power and reverence due to His Name: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). A fitting prayer for this month is the Jesus Prayer, long cherished in Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox traditions: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Simple yet profound, this prayer can be repeated throughout the day. Prayed attentively, it deepens love and reverence for Christ, invokes His saving grace, and helps cultivate a steady spirit of prayer, humility, and interior peace. "The things that we love tell us what we are." St. Thomas Aquinas

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Have you ever had a moment where you've been so joyful that your heart "throbbed and overflowed"? (Is. 60:5) Perhaps this prompt might call to mind moments we have been chosen or noticed, especially when we otherwise felt sidelined or forgotten. (Imagine expecting to be picked last for the team, only to be someone's first choice!) Today's first reading speaks of a moment like that. While the nations of the earth are shrouded in darkness, God shines his light and glory on Jerusalem, and all the nations come streaming to her bearing precious tributes. Similarly, our Gospel speaks about how God chose Bethlehem - a seemingly insignificant town - to be the birthplace of his Son: "And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people." Like Jerusalem and Bethlehem, we, too, have been chosen by God. As we continue our celebration of Christmas, our hearts are filled to overflowing when we recall that by taking on our flesh, God has chosen to make his home with us for all eternity.



GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER. INVITATION. WITNESS. ACCOMPANIMENT Paul reminds us that God has chosen us, not only for ourselves, but for the sake of others: "You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit." God gives Paul a special revelation to know the mystery of God so he could preach the Gospel to the Gentiles and to all peoples. We who know the joy of having been chosen to be God's beloved sons and daughters have the beautiful task of helping others to know that they, too, are chosen by God. Because of this, evangelization is not simply an item on our spiritual to-do list; it is a work of joy - the joy of helping others to discover their own "belovedness" as children of God. And of course, this message is for everyone!

INVITATION One of the best presents we can offer to someone is our presence. Make an effort this week to intentionally spend time with someone who may feel lonely or forgotten, setting aside other tasks to focus entirely on them. The goal is to help them feel special and chosen as a way of giving a glimpse of God's love that chooses each of us out of the many. May the gift of your presence help them to remember how very loved they are.

Why is the feast of the Epiphany important? The Feast of the Epiphany, celebrated this year on January 4, is important because it celebrates the public revelation of Jesus Christ as Savior of the whole world. The word epiphany means “manifestation” or “revealing.” Originally, the feast commemorated the visit of the Magi, wise men from the East, who followed the star to Bethlehem. In honoring the Magi, the Church proclaims that salvation is universal and that Gentiles are fully included in God’s plan. Traditionally, Epiphany also encompasses two other key moments of revelation: Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan and His first miracle at the wedding at Cana. At His Baptism, the Father’s voice and the descent of the Holy Spirit reveal Jesus as God’s Son. At Cana, Jesus manifests His divine power publicly for the first time. Together, these events reveal who Jesus truly is. Epiphany calls us to respond as the Magi did: to seek Christ, to worship Him, and to offer Him our lives. It reminds us that faith is not meant to be hidden, but proclaimed. Growing in Faith

New Year, new habits build change that lasts

Starting and maintaining New Year’s resolutions can be difficult for the same reason cultivating virtue is difficult: both require forming new habits. Perseverance rarely comes from sheer willpower alone. Practical strategies, supported by grace, make growth more sustainable. Begin with achievable goals. Set yourself up for early success by practicing self-denial in small, manageable ways. Learning to say no in minor matters builds the discipline needed to resist greater temptations later. Replace, rather than simply remove. It is often easier to abandon an unhealthy habit when it is substituted with a better one. Just as swapping potato chips for pretzels can make dietary

changes more attainable, uprooting vice is aided by cultivating the opposing virtue. Greed is weakened by generosity. Seek accountability. A trusted friend, exercise partner, or prayer companion can provide encouragement and consistency for change. Knowing someone is watching makes it more difficult to give up when motivation fades. Above all, rely on grace. God invites us to call upon Him, especially in moments of weakness, often marked by anger or anxiety, fatigue, hunger, or sadness. In those moments, turn to the Holy Spirit for strength and consolation, trusting the Lord’s promise: *“The Lord will fight for you; you have only to keep still”* (Exodus 14:14). Growing in Faith

THIS & THAT

CCD – Class resumes January 7th. No Class January 14th.
Thank you for participating in the fund drive to benefit Veterans! CCD students collected and remitted \$1,027.61 to the Boot Campaign, a 501(c)(3) organization. Thank you for your generosity!
Please pick up your Offertory Envelopes at the back of the church. If you wish to have a set & do not see yours, please contact the office.

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday January 12th after the 6:30pm Mass.

ATTENTION: Effective January 1, 2026, Diner Rental rate for parishioners is \$250.

Give of your time this year. We are looking for volunteers to blow the leaves off of the BBQ/Diner Pavilion during Feb, March & April twice a month or as needed. We have a blower that can be used.

The Altar Society will lead the Rosary this Sunday, January 4th at 5pm. All are welcome to start the new year in asking our Blessed Mother to pray for us.

CDA News: St. Genevieve court will have their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 13** at the Sisters’ Convent in Falls City after 6:30 mass-around 7:00PM. We will be discussing plans for Lenten Retreat and Valentine party. Please come-your input is important.

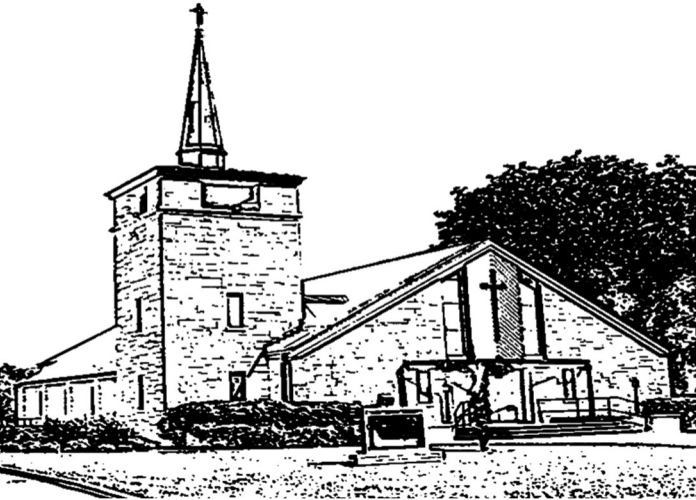
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8AM-2PM
Closed Thursdays

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday 5:30PM
Sunday 7:30AM & 9:00AM

DAILY MASSES & HOLY DAYS
As scheduled.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY
30 minutes before every Mass

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION
Monday after Mass

SACRED HEART DEVOTIONS
First Friday: Exposition & Benediction after Mass
Except during Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays of Lent at 6:30pm, followed by mass

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
Please make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Call Rectory to schedule at least two weeks in advance. **A birth certificate must be shown.** Godparents shall request letter from their Parish.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING
Please call the priest when sick or before going to the hospital, if possible.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
30 Minutes before every Mass

VISITING OF THE SICK & ELDERLY
First Fridays & upon request.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Wednesday 6:00PM.

LAMENTATIONS
Saturdays of Lent after 5:30 Mass