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Feast of the Epiphany

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Alison Coort / Office Administrator

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Week of January 8th – 14th

Tuesday, January 9th / 12:00 Noon

+Jim Ranson & +Victor Masi

(Requested By: Joan Ranson)

Wednesday, January 10th /

Exposition & Adoration / 11:00AM

Mass 12:00 Noon -

+Deceased Members of the Nikipierowicz Family

(Requested By: Wiesia & Roman Nikipierowicz)

Thursday, January 11th / 9:00AM

SI Sarah Mercer

(Req. By: Annette & Ron Downey)

Friday, January 12th / 12:00 Noon

+Ron Groulx

(Req. By: Gerry Vanlierop)

Saturday, January 13th / 4:00PM

+Deceased Members of the Remanausku Family

(Req. By: Anonymous)

Sunday, January 14th / 9:00AM

SI Anna Maria Ertler

(Req by: Walter Grys)

Sunday, January 14th / 11:00AM

For the People of the Parish

Let us pray for those who have died especially

Jim Tremblay

and for those who have asked for our prayers ...

Jaymie Ward, Phillip Tomkin, Joe Hanrath, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Ron & Margaret Smith, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, Sharon & Ben Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Pat Morra, Kirsten MacDonald, Marion Majkot, Peter Poustie, Pam and Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Carole Ruttan, Kevin Phillips, Stephanie Jarvis, Ian Bruce, Mabelle Claer, Kristen Hackett, Janine Wright, Jim and Patricia Tremblay, Ed-

Offertory

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Christmas, December 25, 2023

Sunday, December 31, 2023

New Year’s, January 1, 2024

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WHAT DOES EPIPHANY MEAN?

Epiphany is God’s self revelation to the Gentiles. Epiphany means appearance or manifestation. The feast commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealed him to the Magi, who had already received hints of Him from Jewish scriptures. The story of the three wise men coming from the east is true “gospel” in that it announces to us the “good news” about Jesus. Their story is an anticipation of the “revelation” of Jesus to the Gentiles, the non-Jews. While God revealed himself to Israel through his Law and his mighty deeds, the Gentiles could only perceive his eternal power and divinity through creation. This ends with the coming of Jesus who, by preaching to the Gentiles in Galilee, gives light to the people who sit in darkness and in the land over-shadowed by death (Mt 4:14-16). After his resurrection, Jesus commands the apostles to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28:19). The Acts of the Apostles chronicles the story of the Church after Pentecost. It is a chronicle of the spread of the good news to the Gentiles. God is light and when his light shines into our darkness, we begin to see clearly. So, now, this light is all around us piercing our darkness in so many ways. Millions of quiet acts of generosity and kindness on the part of anonymous individuals each day illuminate the lives of many. A certain amount of sensitivity and openness is required to see the light which God is. Dwelling and focusing on the negative and reveling in humanity’s failings will guarantee that we miss the light when it passes by. The light of God is within each one of us if only we open our hearts to it’s presence. The story of the Magi is, therefore, the story of the Gentile Christians of Matthew’s time, it is also our very own story. When the Irish missionaries and those from other parts of Europe came to bring the Good News of Christ to the continent of Africa, we got converted and were baptized. And this is continuing all over the world till today. Tradition has presented the three Magi to be white, dark brown and black. Does this not express the truth that God, through Jesus his Son, reveals his glory and goodness to all people and races? This message teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring him their hearts. Since the Magi came with joy in their hearts to visit the Christ child, God allowed them to see wonderous things.

Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - January 13th / 14th, 2024

4:00PM MASS

9:00AM MASS

11:00AM MASS

Lectors

Victoria Baumgart

Gisele Neigel

June McDonald

Bob Lacroix

EMC

Catherine Treacy

Eleanor Wolfle

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Lou Luvison

Natasha Aben

Ian Etherington

Urszula Lewgowd

Counters

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Bob Moore

&

Jo Ann Giesler

Parish Pastoral News

Week of January 8th - 14th, 2024

Confirmation / The Parent Night Information Night, for parents and students who are wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, will be Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you know of someone whose child does not attend the Catholic school and is wanting to receive this Sacrament please have them contact the Parish Office.

The 2023 - 2024 Sunday Missals are now available at the entrance of the Church. The cost per missal is \$5.00.

Hot Lunch Program / In order to keep this program running, we need your financial support. Our Parish volunteers serve 35 to 40 people every week. Any monetary donations are greatly appreciated. You may use the Poor Box at the entrance of the church, or any envelope designat-ed as Hot Lunch. Again, thank you for making this possible!

Parish Nurse News / The clinic will resume on Tuesdays January 9, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm. in the Knights of Columbus room in the Parish Hall. If you would like to see me, I will check your blood pressure, review your medication, discuss chronic disease management, discuss pain management, review your lab and x-ray results, discuss matters of mental health concerns, or any other issues that may be on your mind. I can also help you with your knitting! Please take advantage of this clinic, it is a ministry of-fered here at St. Mary’s.

The “Let’s Get Physical” Exercise Class will re-sume on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome, there is no charge for these classes. We will concentrate on gaining Strength and Balance using a Yoga based program. Please dress com-fortably and bring a yoga mat.

2024 Offertory Envelopes / For the first few weeks, please enter your name and address on the envelopes to help ensure we have the correct information on file.

2024 Offertory Envelopes / are now available at the entrance of the church. Please be sure to take your box, un-less you are fine with someone else receiving your charitable donations’ receipt. If you do not see a box there with your name on it, please contact the office. It is purely an over-sight on our part. Some envelope numbers have changed so do not use previous years’ envelopes.

To The Area And The Parish / Whether you are new to the area, or here for a short visit, you are most wel-come. We hope and pray that the memories that you have created here in the Muskoka area, will bring you all joy in the future. May God’s peace be within you always.

St. Mary’s Lending Library / It has been carefully organized with good spiritual reading. You can take the book or books home with you. When you are finished, please return them to the library. Thank you and enjoy.

Readers, Ushers, and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion (EMC) / Perhaps you have consid-ered one of these ministries, especially if you are not pres-ently involved, or you are new to the parish. If you are in-terested, please contact the office (see cover of bulletin) . Your participation in these ministries helps to bring our community together as we serve one another.

Oremus, Let us Pray / is a prayer book with many beautiful traditional prayers, commentaries, and more. We have ordered a number of copies and are selling them for \$20.00 each. Contact the office for a copy.

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Parish Group Meetings /Events

Tuesdays

11:30AM -1:00 PM

Parish Nurse Available / Knights of Columbus Room

Tuesdays

12:00 PM - 1:00PM

Hot Lunch / Parish Hall

Wednesdays

9:30 AM

Gentle Exercise Class / Parish Hall

Wednesdays

6:00 PM

Choir Practice / Choir Loft

Thursdays

6:00 PM

Huntsville Community Band Practice / Parish Hall

Sunday

January 7th

RCIA / Parish Hall / 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday

January 9th

SVDP Meeting / 6:30 p.m. /Hall

Wednesday

January 10th

Meeting for Parents and Confirmation Candidates / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Hall

Saturday

January 13th

First Reconciliation Class / Parish Hall / 2:45 p.m.