

January 8, 2017

Epiphany of the Lord Solemnity



Our Savior Is Born to Die For Us

The action of the Magi resembles a liturgy of sorts where gifts are offered that both acknowledge Jesus' special role and interpreted his significance for us. Through his death on the cross (myrrh), Jesus becomes the saving sacrifice (frankincense) that liberates sinners, ratifies his Messiahship and establishes the Kingdom of God among us (gold).

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by the Lee Schoenfeld Family in his memory.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 14
6:30 p.m. Anita Winkler
Sunday, January 15
6:30 a.m. Henrietta & Frank Simper
9:30 a.m. Frances Pilat

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Responsorial Psalm: 40
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel: John 1:29-34

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Thomas Hoyer and Robert Shockley.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Lee R. Schoenfeld
and for the comfort of his loved ones.
May he rest in peace.



**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Willie Perez.**

WELCOME

We welcome Fr. James Ramsey to St. Joseph's. Fr. Ramsey will preside over the weekend Masses in Moulton and Praha while Fr. Gabriel is away.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

*In Memory of Frances Pilat
Laura & Richard Mudd
Lanelle & Bradford Haynes
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*In Memory of Frances Pilat
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*In Memory of Frances Pilat
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ORIENTATION

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.



The Solemnity of the Epiphany marks the apex of the Christmas Season. The Feast of Epiphany celebrates the universal saving concerns of God, which are shown in Jesus. It attests to the universal scope of Jesus' mission and

God's all-inclusive plan of salvation. All human beings have worth and dignity; all have value and are intended to enjoy God's gift of salvation.

Prayer for Blessing the Home on Epiphany

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

Mass – Sunday (6:30 a.m.), January 29
Sanctuary Light – January 29
Bulletin Sponsor – January 15 & 29
Altar Flowers – January 15 & 29

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m., Family Room
– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
WEDNESDAY – Christian Mothers Prayers, Family Room
– Champions Club Meets, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., YMC
THURSDAY – KC Bingo, former KC Hall
FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

REFLECTION



How Ready Are You For The Journey?

The Magi from the East had only a rumor to go by and the natural witness of a star. They were however moved to embark on a very long journey. The scribes on the other hand had studied the scriptures; they knew the prophetic texts, and yet they did not make a move. Like the scribes, many of us know a great deal about Jesus and his teachings, but has this knowledge moved us to conversion, transformation, or growth? This great Feast of Epiphany challenges us to allow our knowledge of and relationship with Jesus to direct our lives, move us forward and maintain our willingness to journey wherever Jesus may lead us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 8 – Lalie Bartos, Margaret Chudej
Jan. 9 – Tony Yanez
Jan. 10 – Cody Bartos, Christina Fojtik
Jan. 12 – James Fikac, Maggie Mejias
Jan. 13 – Michael Darilek, Joseph Wenske
Jan. 14 – Frank Darilek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan. 8 – Congratulations Martha & James Filipp
on your 40th Wedding Anniversary
Jan. 13 – Lillian & Steve Fojtik
Jan. 14 – Elizabeth & Sam Sustr



Congratulations
Joyce & Kenneth Hanzel
on your Silver Wedding Anniversary
January 11, 2017

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Jan. 9 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Jan. 11 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program; 9-11 C.C.D.
Next Sunday – No C.C.D. (Stock Show)
Jan. 22 – C.C.D. / * 4th Grade Youth Mass
* All K-11th Grade C.C.D. Students are reminded to be in their classrooms by 9:15 a.m. so they can process into Church with their teacher and classmates.

YOUTH CENTER DONATION
In Memory of Frances Pilat
Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK JANUARY 8 – 14, 2017

Creating a Culture of Encounter

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2017 draws attention to Pope Francis' call to create a culture of encounter, and in doing so to look beyond our own needs and wants to those of others around us. In the homily given at his first Pentecost as pope, he emphasized the importance of encounter in the Christian faith:

"For me this word is very important. Encounter with others. Why? Because faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others."



With respect to migrants, too often in our contemporary culture we fail to encounter them as persons, and instead look at them as others. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious

of their intentions. This week, Catholics are called to participate through prayer and action to try and ease the struggles of immigrants, migrants and vulnerable populations and to reflect on the Church's obligation to welcome the stranger as children of God who are worthy of our attention and support.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 16 – Free Concert featuring Eric Genuis, 7:00 p.m., St. Michael Church, Weimar. Tickets required for entry. For more information and to reserve your tickets go to www.godsembrace.org. Hosted by God's Embrace Ministries.

February 12 – Tenth Annual Catholic Knowledge Bowl 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Our Lady of Sorrows, Trinity Hall, Victoria. You may register for the following teams (four persons per team): Adult Team (over the age of 18); Teen Team (13 – 18 years of age, who are in High School); Family Team (at least one child 5 years or older with adult family members). Registration deadline is January 31. To register your team or for more information contact the Diocese of Victoria at 361 - 573 - 0828 or go to www.victoriadiocese.org.