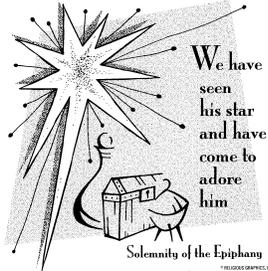


SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2015

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday, Jan. 5 | 8:00am | † Jennifer Weigel |
| Tuesday, Jan. 6 | 8:00am | † Jennifer Weigel |
| Wednesday, Jan. | 8:00am | For Barbara Stevenson |
| Thursday, Jan. 8 | 8:00am | † Arnie Schneider |
| | 10:30am | Gratitude for the Immaculate Conception Manor Care Nursing Home |
| Friday, Jan. 9 | 8:00am | For Eunice Banwarth |
| | 11:00am | Cindy, Mark & Family Park Place |
| Saturday, Jan. 10 | 8:00am | For Manuel Gre (TLM) |
| WEEKEND LITURGIES | | |
| Saturday, Jan. 10 | 4:00pm | † Mary Koeller |
| Sunday, Jan. 11 | 9:00am | † Cletus and Lucille Wunderlin |
| | 12 noon | Misa |



Private Reconciliation—every day, one hour before each Mass & Thursdays after morning Mass until 9:30am.
Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays beginning after 8am Mass and concluding with Rosary and Benediction at 8pm.

St. John Newmann was born in Bohemia in 1811.

His feast day is January 5.

He was looking forward to being ordained in 1835 when the bishop decided there would be no more ordinations. It is difficult for us to imagine now, but Bohemia was overstocked with priests. John was sure he was called to be a priest, but all the doors to follow that vocation seemed to close in his face. But John didn't give up. He had learned English by working in a factory with English-speaking workers so he wrote to the bishops in America. Finally, the bishop in New York agreed to ordain him. In order to follow God's call to the priesthood, John would have to leave his home forever and travel across the ocean to a new and rugged land.

In New York, John was one of 36 priests for 200,000 Catholics. John's parish in western New York stretched from Lake Ontario to Pennsylvania. Because of the work and the isolation of his parish, John longed for community and so joined the Redemptorists, a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned.

John was appointed bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. As bishop, he was the first to organize a diocesan Catholic school system. A founder of Catholic Education in this country, he increased the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from two to 100.

John never lost his love and concern for the people. The ability to learn languages that had brought him to America led him to learn Spanish, French, Italian, and Dutch so he could hear confessions in at least six languages.

REFLECTION—Epiphany of the Lord

"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." – Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!



With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Tim Hinderman, whose mother, Fran Hinderman died Saturday, December 27th. Eternal rest grant on to her Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6—Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6—Mt 2:1-12.

Monday: USA: St. John Newmann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:22; 4:6—Mt 4:12-17, 23-25.

Tuesday: St. Andre Bessette, Religious.
1 Jn 4:11-18—Mk 6:45-52.

Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
1 Jn 4:11-18—Mk 6:45-52

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13—Lk 5:12-16.

Saturday: BVM

1 Jn 5:14-21—Jn 3:22-30.

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4-, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11—Acts 10:34-38 or
1 Jn 5:1-9—Mk 1:7-11.



Anyone requesting prayer may call 348-6041. Please call in the morning between 8am & 9am. If no answer please leave your prayer.

ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

December 28, 2014

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 Offertory.....\$ 402.00
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| Saturday, Jan. 10 4:00 pm | Altar Servers | Sunday, Jan. 11 9:00am |
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| Max Frommelt Mic Frommelt | | Vince Momot Gabe Tashner Garrison Tashner |
| Lector & Leader of Prayer | | |
| Kent Schuerell | | Mark Ihm Jeanette Klaas |
| Barbara Stevenson | | Diane Eherenman |
| | Sacristan | |
| Christine Del Priore | | Karla Melssen |
| | Musicians | |
| Kim & Youth | | Classic Choir |
| | Greeters | |
| Tammie VanNatta | | Jerry McCabe Terry & Dee Woolf |
| | Rosary | |
| Frommelt Family | | Ave |
| | Vystrcil | |

Our weekly prayer intention for this week based upon the World Meeting of Families Event : is for Married Couples.

Thank you to Keith Schaefer and the KC's for their donations toward the purchase of the light in the north parking lot. If you would like to donate towards the lighting improvements that need to be made, you can place your donation in an envelope marked "Church Lighting Improvements" and place it in the collection basket or it drop it off at the rectory. Thank you for your generosity.



Southwest Wisconsin CEW

Invites you to a Christian Experience Weekend

Women's Weekend Feb. 20-22, 2015

Men's Weekend Feb. 27- Mar. 1, , 2015

Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) is a weekend away from our normally hectic life. It gives us a chance to slow down, reflect on life, expand our spiri-tuality, meet new friends and have fun. It is a great way to treat yourself. You deserve a great weekend!

The women's weekend will be held February 20-22, 2015 and the men's week-end will be February 27-March 1, 2015. Both week-ends will be at the Sinsinawa Mound Center, Sinsinawa. We begin Friday at 7:00 p.m. and end Sunday at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Your cost is \$65.00, which will help cover the cost of food, supplies, etc. Should you need help paying this fee, please let us know. We do not want cost to prevent anyone from attending.

A Christian Experience Weekend is Catholic based. However, it is open to all faith traditions.

To register for the weekend, complete the application form on the inside of this brochure. A couple of weeks closer to the CEW weekend, you will receive a letter containing information about what you should bring with you for the week-end. If you have any questions, contact Tina Tranel at 563-542-4462 (C) or (608)568-7671 (H), TinaTranel@gmail.com or Tim Genthe at (608) 330-1400, snail7631@gmail.com.

SEARCH FOR LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring the annual Longest Married Couple Project in the U.S as well as each of the 50 states and territories. If you know a couple with a long marriage, please nominate them for this honor. More information can be found at wwme.org.

Deadline is January 9, 2015! Nominations must include the following information: Names of the couple, Wedding Date, Current address, Name and phone number or email address of the person who is nominating the couple.

Nominations can be emailed to: getart@flash.net or by mail to: Garry & Arla Thomas, 108 Wander Way, Lake in the Hills IL 60156

Religious Education News
No Classes this week.
Classes will resume on January 14, 2015.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Wednesday—Bible Study, 2:30pm.

Religious Education see below.

Thursday—Finance meeting, 5:30pm.

Sacristan meeting, 7pm.

Sunday—KC Pancake Breakfast.

PASTORAL COUNCIL COLUMN

Promises - or Dead Letters on an Ancient Page?

An "epiphany" is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendid lights and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today's Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise - one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting "a ruler of Israel" who will "shepherd his flock" and whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth" (see Micah 5:1-3).

Those promises of Israel's king ruling the nations resound also in today's Psalm. The psalm celebrates David's son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch "to the ends of the earth," and the world's kings will pay Him homage. That's the scene too in today's First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing "gold and frankincense" for Israel's king.

The Magi's pilgrimage in today's Gospel marks the fulfillment of God's promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the "kings of the earth" (see 1 Kings 10:2,25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6, 4:6,14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are "co-heirs" of the royal family of Israel, as today's Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: Will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and the scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

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