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The Epiphany of the Lord



Artist - Kinsey Pedersen - grade 1

WEEKEND EUCHARIST
At Saint John's Church
Saturday, 5:30 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am



Almighty Father, you have sent your Spirit to build up the Church you established through your Son, Jesus Christ. Formed by your love, we form our children. Send Your Spirit upon *Saint John's Center for School and Religious Formation*.. By your grace may our work bear fruit in the hearts and lives of our children and all of your people. Form us in our faith and in our work, all for the greater glory of your name. Amen.

January 8, 2012

St. John's Parish Mission Statement
St. John the Evangelist of Wahpeton, a Catholic community of faithful stewards, uniquely gifted, is committed to living fully a spiritual life. We accomplish this mission by:
† Celebrating a sacramental life;
† Being a hospitable, generous, faithful, and forgiving people;
† Serving as a renewing community of life and love;
† Supporting all people in their journey toward the Kingdom of God.

Parish Goal One
To have functioning, inspiring and welcoming religious grounds that will meet the present and future needs of the parish and community by developing and implementing a plan for addressing the education facility needs.

Parish Goal Two
To promote continual spiritual growth and fuller participation throughout the parish. We will obtain this goal by researching, developing and implementing a renewal process; developing effective methods for evangelization; developing effective methods for increasing participation by all; promoting enrollment in the parish school and by creating effective communication tools.

Baptism:

Baptism Renewal/Preparation is required with each new baby. Experienced parents encourage new parents. Next preparation will be in January. Contact the Parish Office at 642-6982.

Confirmation / First Eucharist:

April 28, 2012

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

For the un-baptized and those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church. For information, contact the Parish Office at 642-6982.

Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. at St. John's, or by appointment. Call 642-6982.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Please call the Parish Office at 642-6982.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Hospitalization or serious illness, please contact one of the priests for Sacrament of the Sick at 642-6982.

Pastoral Care:

If you are homebound or hospitalized, Eucharist will be brought to you. Contact the Parish Office at 642-6982.

Registration:

If you are new to the Wahpeton Community, please register by contacting the Parish Office at 642-6982.

FUNERALS: To support our parish family in its grief, regular daily Mass, whenever possible will be transferred to the hour of the funeral. + + +

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH

Saturday, January 7th - Christmas Weekday / Saint Raymond of Penyafort, priest

Scripture: 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 2:1-11

8:00 am EUCHARIST + Don Briks

Sunday Scripture: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

4:00 pm RECONCILIATION

5:30 pm EUCHARIST Spec Int: Braun family and friends

Sunday, January 8th - The Epiphany of the Lord

KC's serving breakfast after morning masses.

7:30 am EUCHARIST Int: Christian Mothers (Rosary at 7:00 am)

9:00 am EUCHARIST Int: Rita Ethier

11:00 am EUCHARIST People of the Parish

7:30 pm EUCHARIST + Eleanora Erhardt

Monday, January 9th - The Baptism of the Lord

Scripture: Is 42:1-4,6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Mk 1:7-11

7:00 am MORNING PRAYER

7:30 am EUCHARIST ++ Catherine and Mark Hermes

10:00 am BIBLE STUDY East Room

Tuesday, January 10th - Weekday

Scripture: 1 Sm 1:9-20 / Mk 1:21-28

3:15 pm PRO-LIFE TEAM MEETING East Room

5:30 pm EUCHARIST Int: Hattie Potocki

7:30 pm Knights of Columbus KC Room

7:00 pm RCIA

Wednesday, January 11th - Weekday

Scripture: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 / Mk 1:29-39

7:00 am MORNING PRAYER

7:30 am EUCHARIST Int: Shirley Briks

8:00 am - 12:00 noon CENACLE OF LIFE PRAYER

10:00 am EUCHARIST (Leach) Special Intention

Thursday, January 12th - Weekday

Scripture: 1 Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45

9:00 am EUCHARIST + Neil Heitkamp (note time change)

Friday, January 13th - Weekday / Saint Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church

Scripture: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a / Mk 2:1-12

7:00 am MORNING PRAYER

7:30 am EUCHARIST Frank/Braun Special Intention

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

9:45 am EUCHARIST (SCLC) Int: Lydia and Dennis Zwilling

Saturday, January 14th - Weekday

Scripture: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a / Mk 2:13-17

Sunday Scripture: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 / 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 / Jn 1:35-42

4:00 pm RECONCILIATION

5:30 pm EUCHARIST Int: Heidi Allstop

Sunday, January 15th - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Youth serving breakfast after morning masses

7:30 am EUCHARIST Int: Daryl & Phyllis Knutson (Rosary at 7:00 am)

9:00 am EUCHARIST Int: Theresa Anderson and + Deacon Jim Anderson

11:00 am EUCHARIST People of the Parish / Int: Elizabeth Krump

No 7:30 pm EUCHARIST Since we will only have 1 priest in residence there will not be a 7:30 pm Mass on Sunday until further notice.

Fr. Dale will be out of the parish until January 18th. Please keep him in your prayers.



New St. John's School t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts are available with our NEW logo. Youth: \$10 - white or red, \$12 - tie dye red or tie dye multi t-shirts, \$18 - red hooded sweatshirts. Adult: \$10 white or red t-shirts. If you are interested in buying a shirt or sweatshirt please stop by the office. For more information call 642-6116

Ushers and Greeters

Please pick up your new schedules in the gathering space.

SATURDAY, January 14th

5:30 pm Proclaimers: John Wieser

Servers: Alexis Kline, Bryce Schmit, Alexander Krause

Euch Min: Debbi Berg, im Weisz, John Wieser, Mary Ann Weiand, Missy and Mark Zarak

Greeters: Judy Pankow, Pat Krebs, Darin and Lynette Klein

Ushers: T Resler, P Krebs, D Klein, G Waldera, M & C Zarak

SUNDAY, January 15th

7:30 am Proclaimers: Cliff Hermes

Servers: Chase Hibl and David Skilbred

Euch Min: Rick and Vicki Kielb, Paul Dimmer, Daryl Knutson, Alex Roll, Joe Pellman

Greeters: Phyllis and Daryl Knutson

Ushers: D & P Knutson, D Langenwalter, R Kielb

9:00 am Proclaimers: Brian Olsen and Brent Muehlberg

Servers: Sara Muehlerg and Tess Rubish

Euch Min: Joan Pope, Deb Resler, Penny Leinen, Pat Stern, Brian Olsen, Clarence McKinnon

Greeters: Marjo Keller, Vicky & Travis Shafer, Kathy Gordon

Ushers: D Keller, D Resler, M Matejcek, P Mauch, R Pope, K King

11:00 am Proclaimers: Carol Osmundson and Meaghan Cronin

Servers: Heather Glines, David and Nicolas Pedraza

Euch Min: Karen Hipp, Mike and Mary Yaggie, Alma Pedraza, Geraldine Ciesynski

Greeters: Louise Erickson, Connie Madsen, Jane and Francis Gilles

Ushers: G Abel, B Straus, D Ehrens, T Petermann, C Zach, M Priebe

For three years now, the Cenacle of Life Prayer Group has been meeting each Wednesday from 8 am - 12 noon praying for an end to abortion and all crimes against life. Women, men and school children spend some time each Wednesday morning in the church in prayer. As we begin a New Year we ask you to find it in your heart to come and spend some time on Wednesday morning to pray. Thank you and may God reward you.
Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

Advertisers of the Week: St Johns thanks **Smith, Strege & Fredericksen, Ltd.** for their support of our weekly bulletin.

We will start un-decorating the church on Wednesday, January 11th at 1:30. Your help would be much appreciated.

Congratulations to Gerald and Bernice Davis who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 3rd.

Christian Mother dues of \$4 are due January 1st. Please mail to Valeria King at 515 1st St. N, Wahpeton, ND.

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence



Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Through your generosity, we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world.

Deepest Sympathy is extended to **Jeff and Dede Nelson and family** on the death of Jeff's brother, **Robert Nelson**.

May he rest in Eternal Peace!

Bishop Aquila has assigned Fr. Dodge to be the pastor at St. Patrick's in Enderlin, Holy Trinity in Fingal and Our Lady of the Scapular in Sheldon. On January 21st and 22nd we hope you will stop in the Mehok Center after all the Masses to wish Fr. Dodge well as he begins his new assignment. Light refreshments will be served.

PARISH SUPPORT - A TIME TO SHARE

Our Tithes to the Lord (Fiscal Year July 1-June 30)

"No one, in fact, is so poor that they have nothing to give." John Paul II

Amount Needed Weekly	\$ 11,120.00
Envelope "Our Return to the Lord"	\$ 43,736.01
Children / Youth	\$ 3.00
Building Fund	\$ 28,216.00
Plate	\$ 589.83
Year-to-Date Collection thru 1-1	\$ 339,407.24
Budgeted Amount Needed thru 1-1	\$ 300,240.00

Thanks be to God for our regular contributors. What honors God is not who gives the most, what honors God is all of us doing what we can.



Music Notes: The 9:00 am Choir will practice at 6:00 pm on Wednesday. The 11:00 am Choir will practice on Monday at 5:00 pm and one half hour before Mass.

Youth News

January 11th - Regular Class

Gentlemen, age 21 and older: We are needing a man to help chaperone our group going to the Catholic Heart Workcamp in Detroit Lakes this summer, July 23 - 28. Please call Michelle for more details. We must reserve your weekend soon. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Grades 9 - 12 - Three of us have reserved spots at Catholic Heart Workcamp July 23-28. Serving others, having fun, great music, meeting new people. Call Matt or Michelle ASAP so you don't miss out on this great opportunity!

Seniors - Looking for scholarships? "The Ultimate Scholarship Book" is in Michelle's office if you'd like to check it out.

Grades 6-12 – Ski Trip is scheduled for Saturday, February 18th. We must have a minimum of 15 students signed up by January 18th for the trip to proceed. Cost is \$35 for ski's, lift ticket & bus or \$45 to snowboard. Please call or email Matt or Michelle to reserve your seat. Remember, you are welcome to invite your friends to attend also.

Grades 6-12, families and all interested adults are invited to volunteer as we help serve January 23rd at Ruby's Pantry a food distribution in Breckenridge. Times & shifts are available from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. We would be breaking down large quantities of food into family size packages & then helping carry to clients' cars. We will gladly transport students from the Middle or High School on the packing day if they will help. Parents could join us after work. Please call Matt or Michelle by Wednesday (January 11th) if you can assist.

Freshmen & sophomores & families are asked to call Kathy Davis (640-2828) to help serve or bring food items for the Youth Breakfast next Sunday (1/15).

CATHOLICISM A Journey to the Heart of the Faith: St. John's has purchased the ten episode DVD series recently featured on EWTN and PBS. Journey with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Fr. Robert Baroon to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda, from the glorious shrines of Italy, France, and Spain, to the streets of Mexico, Kolkarta and New York City, the mystery of CATHOLICISM is revealed. Discover the full meaning of the Faith. On Tuesdays, this exciting series will be shown in the East Room at 7 pm. Each viewing last 50 minutes. For more info call Jim Lutz at 642-6896.

The Mom's Connection is kicking off their 2012 program with Extreme Couponing. January 24th, 7:00 pm at Plains-Prairie Room at NDSCS. Admission is free. For more information call Michelle at 642-6982 or Eileen at 643-2416.

Please pray for the ill and for those who have asked for prayers. Please pray for: Margaret Pausch, Lydia Zwilling, Wanda Hought, Sr. Therese Merrick, Mary Gette, Norma Poppe, Tammy Meyer, Barb Hagstrom, Jackson Doll, Wyatt Doll, Mary Ruddy, Amelia Zimmerman, Donna Olson, Gregory Waite, Traci Fink-VanOeteghem, Ed Straus, Gerald Braun, Richard Myers, Jane Nold, David Goroski, Pat Goerger, Diane Shorma, Miles Bosch, Sue Braun, Debbie Flanders, Marietta Webster, Stan Barton, Lowell Barton, Lola Freitag, Donald Freitag, Robert Schmitt, Ellie Rezabek-Turner, Mark Schmitt, Cindy Packard, Sophia Geray, John Miesen, Ila Leinen, Ardel Kressin, Kathy Mauch, Tim Lietz, Richard Kurowski, Theresa Thompson, Agnes Railing, Bob Hanson, Francis Schuster, Doug Wanzek, Delores Westphal, Patricia Geditz, Lucylle Schmitt, Mary Ratzlaff, Marilyn Basore, Elarine Pelzl, Connor Terfehr, Mary Busta, James Parow, Audrey Peplinski, Harley Trinkka, Deborah Landphere, Hayden Asche, Mary Ann Siemieniewski, Dawson Wienbar, Virgil Woytassek, Maria Borikova, Shawn Wieser and Matthew Wieser. Praying for our sick is a Corporal Work of Mercy for us all. Please notify our office if a name needs to be listed in our bulletin and please also let us know when a name can be removed.

The Miracle of Conception - Week 1

My cells begin dividing as I travel along your fallopian tube. In these cells are the blueprints for my development - hair and eye color, height and sex.



Join us for lunch with Patrick Coffin on Thursday, February, 2nd at St. Anne and Joachim Church in Fargo. Coffin is the host of the top-rated national radio show, Catholic Answers LIVE. He will speak on the Gospel of Suffering and share his personal story of the death of his daughter, Naomi, in the fall of 2006. Cost for the event is \$15/person. Registration deadline is January 23rd. Registration forms can be found at <http://www.fargodiocese.org/news/Events.htm> or by calling 701-356-7900, or e-mail: tickets@fargodiocese.org. Sponsored by the Diocese of Fargo Communications and Respect Life Offices together with Real Presence Radio.

The Five First Saturdays Devotion: Our Lady of Fatima promises all the graces necessary for heaven if a Catholic finishes the Five First Saturdays Devotion. During her July apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said "I shall come to ask...that on the First Saturday of every month, Communion of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world." "I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary." The elements of this devotion, therefore, consist in the following four points, all of which must be offered in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. One should make this intention before carrying out Our Lady's requests. 1. Confession- can be made before the 1st Saturday or afterward. 2. Holy Communion. 3. Rosary 4. 15-minute meditation. Mass will now be scheduled the First Saturday at 8 am.

Vianney Discernment Weekend - February 10th - 12th, 2012 The Vocation Office of the Diocese of Fargo is sponsoring a Discernment Weekend at Maryvale Convent outside of Valley City for men 16 years and older who are discerning God's call to the priesthood or religious life. The weekend allows the men the opportunity to meet others asking the same questions, to visit with priests and seminarians, to pray, reflect, listen and discuss the Lord's call. There is no cost, but pre-registration is needed for meal planning. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Dale or call Fr. Kurtis Gunwall at 701-356-7957 or visit www.fargovocations.org.

St. John's Church, May God bless you for all your prayers and support during the struggles and death of our loved one. Thanks to Fr. Dale for his visits. May we be a blessing to others as you have been to us.
The family of Doug Woodruff

The Word of God This Week

Set time aside each day this week with other members of your household, with other members of your parish or alone to listen to and reflect on the living Word of God. Use these passages from the Lectionary that are assigned for Liturgy this week. Reflect on how the Lord is inviting you to a deeper union with him.

TODAY**

Isaiah 60:1–6
Ephesians 3:2–3A, 5–6
Matthew 2:1–12

MONDAY* ***

Mark 1:7–11

"The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me"

TUESDAY

Mark 1:14–28

"... the kingdom of God has come near."

WEDNESDAY

Mark 1:29–39

"Let us . . . proclaim the message . . . for that is what I came out to do."

THURSDAY

Mark 1:40–45

"Be made clean!"

FRIDAY

Mark 2:2–12

"Son, your sins are forgiven."

SATURDAY

Mark 2:13–17

"Follow me."

*Alternate readings exist for this day.
 **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
 ***Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Jesus, Light to the World



The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is also sometimes called "Little Christmas." It is an extension of our celebration of the mystery of the Incarnation—the Word made flesh who came to dwell among us.

This feast celebrates Jesus' manifestation. The Greek word *epiphania* means precisely a manifestation or a shining out. This is the moment anticipated by the prophet Isaiah who speaks to Jerusalem and announces, "Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you."

Jesus comes among us as light not only for the people of Israel but for all the nations. And Saint Paul is clear about the universal value of Jesus in the second reading from the letter to the Ephesians. Jesus is light for Jews and Gentiles alike.

The Gospel account of the Epiphany contains two important details for our own journeys of faith. The first is

that Jesus is revealed to those who search for him. The Magi, or wise men from the East, set out on a long and arduous journey guided not only by a star but by a hope of encountering the newborn King of the Jews. Their patient and persevering journey and search becomes a model for our own quest to encounter the Lord.

The second detail has to do with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Saint Matthew tells us that the Magi saw the child with his mother. She is holding him and presenting him. Jesus is manifested through the hands of Mary who presents him to the world. The Lord's manifestation uses human instruments. We all have a part to play in His story.



The Faith of the Church

The Church believes that Jesus is the light of all humanity, *lumen gentium*, as the opening words of the Second Vatican Council's *Constitution on the Church* indicates. The Church understands its sacred mission and purpose in sharing that light with all people, so that all nations may be one in God. (Cf. the Second Vatican Council *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, no. 1).



Questions of the Week

The Epiphany of the Lord was the manifestation of Emmanuel, God-with-us celebrated at Christmas. With the Magi, let us seek the Lord, as well.

Adults

What events and encounters with others have helped revealed to me that I am God's son or daughter?

Children

Have there been times when I have called God "my Father," as Jesus called God his Father?

Visit us at www.FaithFirst.com (click on "Gospel Reflections") and share today's Gospel reading as a family.

Responding to God's Word . . .

In today's second reading, Saint Paul speaks of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to him for the sake of the people he serves. In other words, Paul is conscious that an extraordinary responsibility has been entrusted to him. He is aware that God has revealed himself in Jesus Christ and that Jesus is the Savior for all people. At the same time, Paul is aware of his own responsibility to bring this message and, indeed, the very person of Jesus to those entrusted to his care.

We can easily translate Paul's sense of responsibility to our own lives. We are aware of Jesus, of the healing

grace he brings to all humanity, and of the hope he offers everyone.

This awareness is not given to us to safeguard as a private possession. Like Paul, we need to recognize that we are instruments of the manifestation of Jesus to the world.

We do not need to think in dramatic terms. All we need to do is examine the circumstances of our lives, the places of daily living and work, and the faces of those we encounter on a regular basis. In these places and with these people, we can share—in what we say and do—Jesus who is light.

SUGGESTIONS

Use one of these suggestions or one of your own to respond to God's Word this week.

In the home. At mealtimes this week, introduce grace before meals and pray for the people in different parts of the world.

In the workplace or in school. Take one action that would enhance the dignity of co-workers (or a particular co-worker) or of fellow students.

In the community. Identify in your own reflections and, even better, in conversations with others how the community could be a more just environment for everyone.



Meditation Moment

Years ago, an artist painted a striking picture, showing a solitary figure rowing a boat at night across an endless sea of water. Off in the distance is a solitary star shining in the night sky. The impression you get as you look at the picture is this: "If that boatman ever loses sight of that star, he's lost." What that painting says about the star, we can say about Jesus: "If we ever lose sight of Jesus, we are lost." Without Jesus the world is lost. Without him, there is not hope. Without him, the human race is lost.

For reflection . . .

How do I see Jesus as the Light in my world?

ADAPTED FROM ILLUSTRATED HOMILIES BY MARK LINK, SJ

Let Me Stay on the Journey

Lord, help me
to stay on the journey
in search of you. Help me
when I am tired. Help me when
I've lost my way. Help me when
the destination is not clear. Help me
when discouraging voices crowd
out my hope. Lord, help me to
stay on the journey with the sure
knowledge that you wait for
me and are my
final destination.
Amen.

Carry this thought in your heart as a guide for your faith journey this week.

The Magi found Jesus, the Light of the world and returned home to share the One they found with all those whom they met. Go out and share the One who has brought you into the light.

Profile in Faith

Father Joseph Champlin

Father Joseph Champlin (died 2008) was a priest of the diocese of Syracuse, New York. He was a prolific writer who produced pastoral materials to help people be light to the world by the way they lived out their baptismal commitment, especially through the sacrament of marriage.

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