



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 2010

Pastoral Ponderings..... The Epiphany of the Lord

Schedule of Masses

Monday	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	
	7:00 a.m.	+Larry Blide
Tuesday	St. John Neumann	
	7:00 a.m.	+Morrie Richards
Wednesday	Blessed Andre Bessette	
	7:00 a.m.	+Mary Uhrich
	12:10 p.m.	+Agatha Schweitzer
Thursday	St. Raymond of Penafort	
	7:00 a.m.	+Rick Glau
Friday		
	7:00 a.m.	+Gloria O'Brien
Saturday		
	8:15 a.m.	+Madonna King

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Ken Beckel and and Roxana Beckel Block
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	+Mercedes Volk
	9:30 a.m.	For Our Parish
	11:30 a.m.	Priests - Religious Deacons - Seminarists

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For the weekend of	Jan. 9 th and Jan. 10 th	
Saturday	5:00 pm	Scott Solberg See Schedule
Sunday	7:30 am.	Walter Blosssey See Schedule
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Dwight Kvasnicka See Schedule
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Jenelle Remily See Schedule

ALTAR SERVERS

For the weekend of	Jan. 9 th and Jan. 10 th
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Adam/Shawn Goetz, Kelsey Gaulrapp
Sunday	7:30 a.m. Austin Bierle, Joseph Crompton, Isaac Norton
	9:30 a.m. Natalie/Spencer Malsom, Rayce Simes
	11:30 a.m. Matthew/Catherine Falk, Abigail Dockter

GREETERS

For the weekend of	Jan. 9 th and Jan. 10 th
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Frances Gab, Annette Feiock
Sunday	7:30 a.m. Rich Eschenbaum, Grace Norton, Craig Clinton
	9:30 a.m. John/Marcella Thomas, Duane/Pam Fahrni Brian/Marcy Schumacher
	11:30 a.m. Anita Miller, Angie Walth, Helenmae Hammrich

VAN DRIVER THIS WEEK

Sun., Jan. 10th – Scott Solberg – 225-7268

Traveling Icon for Vocations.

Margaret Malsam will have the icon Jan. 3rd – 9th. Donna Backous will have the icon Jan. 10th – Jan. 16th.



Near the end of the Christmas season, and already in the month of January, there are still a few Christmas Feasts of great significance that remain. On *January 1* we had the *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and the World Day of Peace*, which in recent years has become particularly urgent and meaningful. Every year, January 1 is designated as the World Day of Peace and the Pope issues a special message. This year Pope Benedict XVI chose the theme “If you want to cultivate peace, protect the creation” for his message. In it he addressed the close bond that exists in our globalized and interconnected world between the protection of creation and the cultivation of peace and common good.

On *January 3*, this weekend we celebrate *Epiphany*, with its universal call toward a total community where no one is a stranger and God is revealed to everyone. It is not known if there were three or more wise men. Tradition has maintained that there were three who came from different points of the earth and are given the name of Melcher, Caspar and Balthazar. What is important is the manifestation of God through these symbols. The star refers to the messianic prophecy in the Book of Numbers. The fact that the wise men came from different parts of the earth refers to the prophecy in which the kings of all earth came to pay homage to the only God and king.

Today is traditionally known also for the Blessing of Homes. Above the doorways is written 20+C+M+B+10. The numerals, consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the magi – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar – and also stand for the Latin motto *Christus mansionem benedicat* (“May Christ bless the house”).

This Sunday evening (January 3) we will celebrate Epiphany in our parish hall featuring fellowship at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program of Christmas Music and Cantata at 7 p.m. I hope many can attend.

Monday, January 4, is Father Zilverberg’s Birthday, we wish him God’s Blessings. He will be leaving that very day for vacation until January 14th.

Meanwhile next Sunday, *January 10th*, we will be celebrating *the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord* with a reminder of the call to holiness for all the baptized, and the call to Evangelization and defense of the dignity of all the children of God. Father Glover from Frederick will be helping next weekend in Father Zilverberg’s absence.

Once again, we wish to thank everyone for the many cards, gifts, and expressions of love and gratitude which the Priests, Deacons, and Staff received this Christmas season. They are deeply appreciated and may the Lord reward you for your kindness to us.

Fr. Ed Pierce

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection		\$9,854.21
Youth envelopes		\$46.90
Geo-Thermal - funding needed including parking lot		\$467,581.35
Amount paid		\$404,228.68
CFSA	pledged	\$105,960.68
	Paid	\$100,095.68
Christmas		\$10,256.52

We took in \$360 last week. Thus far during the *Crusade* we have collected \$116,865.33

We started our *Crusade* at \$898,652.00. As of 12-17-09 our balance was \$773,001.74. Our daily interest is \$116.48. We so appreciate your generosity. \$5,000 per week covers principal/interest due. We are awaiting the interest split for the past two weeks.

Epiphany "Night of Music" "He is the Light of the world", arr. By Russell Maulden, will be performed at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3rd in the parish hall. Fellowship begins at 6:30 pm. Following the performance we will sing traditional Christmas carols in celebration of Epiphany. A free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, please contact Charlene Blondo at 225-7065.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: A wonderful way to start the New Year could be spending an hour each week at Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus is present there to share our joys and sorrows. Many of our elderly are not able to keep their hour during the winter months. For available hours, please call Theresa at 226-0838 or Mary at 225-6001. Testimony: Our baby is out of intensive care and recuperating in the pediatrics unit. Thanks for all your prayers.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, Jan 3rd

No Breakfast will be served this week.

Epiphany Celebration

6:30 p.m. fellowship

7:00 p.m. music

Youth Groups this Sunday

Tuesday, Jan. 5th

RCIA will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the religious ed. office.

Wednesday, Jan. 6th

CCD - No classes this week

Thursday, Jan 7th

Band 8 will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall

Fri. Sat, Sun., Jan 8, 9, 10th

SEARCH WEEKEND

ENTHRONEMENT PACKETS are available in the parish office for a \$10 donation.

RONCALLI (this week)

Mon. Jan 4 School Resumes

BB vs Groton – 6:30 p.m.

Tues. Jan 5: GBB at Groton – 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Jan 6: RES Mass – 12:10 p.m. – Sacred Heart

Thur. Jan 7: RPS Mass – 12:10 p.m. – St. Mary's

Wrestling – Clark/Groton at Clark – 6:30 pm

Gymnastics – Aberdeen/Pierre Stanly Co.

Triangular – 5:30 p.m.

Fri. Jan 8: RHS Mass – 9:30 a.m.

GBB at Hamlin – 6:30 p.m.

BB at Hamlin – 8:00 p.m.

Sat: Jan.9: BB will play Langford at Pheasant Classic 7:30

WR Tournament at Miller – 10:00 a.m.

Gymnastics at Brookings Invitational – 12:00

Recycling Benefits Roncalli

Those aren't bells you are hearing, it's the sound of metal pouring into Mardian Scrap Recycling at 609 SW Sixth Avenue, as family, friends and neighbors donate their metal recyclables for Roncalli.

Tell everyone that any person taking metal recyclables to Mardian Scrap Recycling can ask to have the proceeds donated to Roncalli. Mardian has set up a special account for the Aberdeen Catholic School System.

Thank you for helping our Roncalli schools by your donation.

\$10,000 CASH RAFFLE

Roncalli families and staff are selling raffle tickets for a \$10,000 cash prize. Sales from the raffle support instructional expenses such as teacher salaries and classroom materials. Please contact those individuals to buy your tickets, call 226-2100 or stop by the Development Office at Roncalli High School. Tickets sell for 1 chance for \$20; 5 chances for \$50; or 20 chances for \$100. One lucky winner will be chosen March 27, 2010 at the 31st annual Roncalli Ball.

Inter-Parish

Family Rosary – Tue., Jan. 5th at 7:00 pm—at St. Mary's.

SACRED HEART NEWCOMERS

Are you a parishioner who registered to Sacred Heart in 2009? Please join us for a newcomer meal on Sunday, January 10th after the 11:30 am Mass (meal to begin around 12:45). Call 225-7065 by January 8th to attend the meal and meet other new parishioners."

Youth Ski Trip - Now taking applications for our youth ski

trip on January 18th. Open to youth in grades 7-12. Go to www.sacredheartym.com for applications and more info

HUSBANDS and WIVES... Restore Communication - Renew Commitment - Rekindle Romance. Make a New Years resolution to attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend on February 12-14, 2010 at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center. Contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A Weekend of Discovery... A Lifetime of Love!**

RONCALLI NEARLY NEW:

All Blue Tagged Clothing is ½ price. Come by and check us out! Visit us often as we have new items regularly! We are open Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Sat from 12-4 p.m. at 220 N. Main. We always appreciate your continued support!



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

We pray: O Lord, our God, a star led the Magi to your Son. May the sound of your word and the Light of your Spirit lead us today to worship before him in Spirit and in truth, bringing to Him the gift of our lives...Amen.

WE AS A COMMUNITY:

Welcome into the Body of Christ Lilian Elizabeth, daughter of Austin Mann and Rose Brintnall who was initiated into the Christian Mystery through Baptism on December 27th.

Extend our Sympathy and Prayers to the family and friends of Linda Salfrank whose funeral we celebrated this past week.

Family Faith Formation – Jan. 3rd

Theme: Christ is the light of the world.

Listen to the word: As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Question for Children: Christ is the light of our lives. How does he show you the way to live?

Question for Youth: As the eyes of your heart become enlightened to Christ and his teachings, how does it change the way you live?

Question for Adults: As children of God, we are called to be light, just as Christ was. Name one way you let your own light shine.

SUPPORT AND HELP

Project Rachel is for women and men who suffer from the pain of previous abortions. Call 1-800-700-7867.

Natural Family Planning Classes: Learn more about a way of responsible parenthood that is supported by the Catholic Church. Call 226-2232 or Sacred Heart at 225-7065.

Annulments: A possible 2nd chance for marriage in the Catholic Church. For more info, call Sacred Heart 225-7065.

Catholic Family Services: Call 226-1304.

Marriage Encounter: to make a good marriage better!

Web site is www.wwme.org or call 362-0924.

Retrouvaille: Help for hurting marriages. Call 988-3763 or 988-3776 or 2021@retrouvaille.org for more information.

Pregnant? Alone? Afraid?: Call BIRTHRIGHT at 229-0258 or toll-free 1-800-550-4900. **Aberdeen Right to Life:** On the 1st Thu. of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Brown County Courthouse. Marilyn Wachs 226-2232 or Joan Hartung 226-0153.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

These have given Christmas flowers to decorate the Church in honor of loved ones during the Christmas season. A special thanks to all. (The name in parenthesis is the person whom the gift was offered in memory of.) Alan Petrich family (Heather Petrich); Clarence/Theresa Fjeldheim family (Kyler & Kaden Fjeldheim); Roland/Charlotte Bachman-Couser (deceased family members); Anita Miller & Nolan (Marvin Squires & Bonnie Schell); Kathy Henjum (David & Paul Henjum); MaryBeth, Rose Ann & Kevin Kelly (Thomas F. Kelly & Robert Richer); Claire/Gene Schiller (McCarthy and Schiller families); Robert/Gloria Smith (Joe/Lily Lapka, Morris/Ella Smith); Gertrude Lingor (Clem, Don, Steve and Lisa Lingor); Scott/Lori Cunningham (Marlene Grimes, Roy Grimes & Ryan Kotzea); Mary Wanner (Willis Wanner and Herbert/Hildegard Kaiser); Elizabeth Blide (Larry Blide); Doris Kormendy (Kalman Kormendy & Don Bachman); Mickey Gefre (Robert Gefre); Del Janusz (Albin J. Janusz M.D.); Marguerite Smith (Ray/Alice Lardy); Mildred Dummer (Ned E. Dummer); Sam Woods and family (Dorothy R. Woods & Diane Swisher); Ralph Stiles (Kate Stiles); Millie Lockington (Bob Lockington); John T. Vogel (John L. Vogel); Pam Lindner (Robert/Phyllis Lindner); Dona, Andrew, Sara & Nicole Mangan (Joseph & Frank Mangan); Bunny Blotske (Donna Randel); M. J. McNickle (Louise McNickle); Dennis/Rita Spencer (Gus, Helen & Allen Miller); Clara Yeoman (Elizabeth & Marie Yeoman); Kate/Paul Vetch (Judy Ann Bremer); Helen Daly (Walter/Rose Daly); Dave/Deb Dosch family (deceased members of the Dosch & Hageman families); Jerome/Helen Eckrich (Karl Eckrich); Dolores Forrest & family (Charles 'Bud' Forrest); Jan Geist (Daniel Geist, John/Mary Brotzel); Prouse family & Michelle & Mary Kay (Gust Hill); Florence Richards (Maurice Richards); Red Hill & Topalian families (Mary K. Schriver); Jan Frink (Melvin/Ella Schreiner); Mary Jane Weisenburger (Verne/Angeline Steinhoff); Marcella Strudle (Leonard Strudle); Edward J. Weber (Darlene Weber); Red Hill & Topalian families (The Red Hill & Topalian families and Sr. Barbara McTague); Stan/Jan Heier (Marie L. and Mary E. Brandner); Judy/Jerry, Duane, Michael, Andy & Patrick Adler (Mary/Joe Uhrich); and Fr. David Janes (Ivyl/Leitha Janes)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7-8,10-12a Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Pray for all in hurting relationships.

Tue. 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4,7-8 Mk 6:34-44
Pray for all mourning the loss of a child.

Wed. 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2,10-13 Mk 6:45-52
Pray for all those on retreat.

Thur. 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2,14,15bc,17 Lk 4:14-22a
Pray for all abused children.

Fri. 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Lk 5:12-16
Pray for our elected officials.

Sat. 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a,9b Jn 3:22-30
Pray for all souls in purgatory.

Sun. Is 42:1-4,6-7 Ps 29:1-4,9-10 Acts 10:34-38
Lk 3:15-16,21-22
Pray for greater respect for the Eucharist.