

# The Epiphany of the Lord

## January 7, 2007

### Mass Intentions For the Week

**Monday, January 8**

8:15 am (St. Joseph's) Word & Communion Service

**Tuesday, January 9**

8:15 am (St. Mary's) Catherine Hamshire

**Wednesday, January 10**

8:15 am (St. Joseph's) Tom Riedl

**Thursday, January 11**

8:15 am (St. Mary's) Loretta Blaschka

**Friday, January 12**

8:15 am (St. Joseph's) Kay Statz

**Saturday, January 13**

4:00 pm (St. Joseph's) Parishioners

5:30 pm (St. Mary's) Deceased of Peter Haag family

**Sunday, January 14**

9:00 am (St. Joseph's) Robert Kohn

10:30 am (St. Mary's) Joseph Helt

*Next Sunday's Scripture Readings*

*January 14, 2007*

*"Second Sunday in Ordinary Time"*

Isaiah 62: 1-5    1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

John 2: 1-11

### Stewardship Thought for the Week



The three wise men in today's gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant

Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior.

### 2007 Church Envelopes

If you haven't already, please pick up your box of envelopes for 2007. They are in both churches on tables in the entry way. Please discard any 2006 envelopes which are left over as the numbers for the new year are different.

### Food For The Poor

*"As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me."* (Matthew 25: 40)

Food for the Poor was founded on the basis of this Gospel. They seek out the poorest of the poor in 16 different countries, aiding some of the most destitute. In each face is seen the living Christ, who is hungry, thirsty, a stranger and naked. Their ministry focuses on the greatest needs of the destitute. Just as our Lord served those society ignored, Food For The Poor is there: feeding the hungry, building water wells for thirsty villages, building houses for the homeless, aiding the impoverished elderly, raising orphans in a loving atmosphere of Christian discipline, healing the sick or overcoming illiteracy by supporting schools.

Fr. Michael Goodavisch will be representing Food For The Poor at St. Joseph and St. Mary of the Nativity Parishes on the weekend of January 20 and 21, 2007. He will preach at all the Masses.

### Coming Events

**Monday, January 8**

7:00 pm (M) St. Joseph/St.Mary Education Commission Meeting

**Tuesday, January 9**

7:00 pm (W) St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting

**Wednesday, January 10**

3:30 pm (W) St. Joseph Religious Ed grades 1-5

7:00 pm (M) St. Mary Religious Ed grades 7-11

**Thursday, January 11**

7:00 pm (M) St. Joseph/St. Mary Liturgy Commission Meeting

**Sunday, January 14**

9:00 am (M) St. Mary Religious Ed grades PreK to 6

After Mass (W) Coffee and Donuts

**Sunday, January 21**

8:00 am (W) KC's Pancake Breakfast

11:30 am (W) KC's Free Throw Contest

**Sunday, March 18**

St. Joseph Parish Festival/Auction

(W) = at St. Joseph's

(M) = at St. Mary's

### Liturgical Roles – January 13 and 14, 2007

**Eucharistic Ministers**

4:00 pm (W) Duane Klein, Jim Janzen, and Mary Peschel

5:30 pm (M) Rita Truschinski and, Jim and Edna Huggett

9:00 am (W) Kay and Dan Radloff and Joe Abell

10:30 am (M) Jonh and Gina Kulka and and Sue Kindschi



**Servers**

4:00 pm (W) Lauren & Rebecca Krause

5:30 pm (M) Allison & Beth Lutz

9:00 am (W) Quincy Radloff and Miles Polacek

10:30 am (M) Rosemary & Rachel Wahlquist

**Greeters**

4:00 pm (W) Marjorie Hein

5:30 pm (M) Dave, Lil and Jason Chadwick

9:00 am (W) Mona Sorenson

10:30 am (M) Joe and Janice Freidel

**Lectors**

4:00 pm (W) Charles Crave

5:30 pm (M) James Behan

9:00 am (W) Kurt Simatic

10:30 am (M) Barb Kloepping

**Ushers**

4:00 pm (W) Lawrence Kilian and Tim Thomas

5:30 pm (M) Don and Mike Pache

9:00 am (W) Tom and Nancy Hoesly

10:30 am (M) Mulhern Family



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### St. Mary of the Nativity Parish

#### *Sacrificial Giving – December 31, 2006*

Envelopes:	\$4,535.00
Offertory:	<u>\$122.53</u>
	\$4,657.53

<i>Vigil Lights:</i>	16.50
<i>Bless Our Priests Endowment:</i>	120.00
<i>Defibrillator:</i>	100.00

Thank You for Your Gift!

#### *Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:

Sam Krause, member of St. Joseph Parish  
 Joseph Helt, father of Laurie Lemke  
 Margaret Abell, mother of Joe Abell

We extend our sympathy and prayers to their families in their time of sorrow.

#### *Light of the World*

Today is a feast of light! Images of light surround us in today's liturgy. In fact, the meaning of the word *epiphany* means "revelation" or "illumination". What was once darkness is now light; what was once hidden is now revealed.

Christ, the Light of God, has come into the world. John's Gospel tells us that "the darkness has not overcome [the light] (1:5). Indeed, that is what today's solemnity acknowledges and celebrates: that God's Light has come into the world and has overpowered the darkness; that God, through Christ, has literally *transformed* the darkness into light! Today's celebration gives us hope! The darkness that exists in the world is all too real: darkness of war, of terrorism; darkness of an increasing disregard for human life; darkness of oppression and of violence. Sometimes the darkness is strong and it threatens to actually overcome the Light that is Christ, the Light that is his Gospel, the Light that is God's love. *But*, we have a promise from God and today we remember that promise: The darkness will *never* overcome the Light! Today we proclaim that God shines upon us and, in his love, his glory will always appear over us (see Isaiah 60:2)! *Written by D. Todd Williamson. Copyright © 2006, Archdiocese of Chicago, Liturgy Training Publications; 1-800-933-1800; www.LTP.org*

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### St. Joseph Parish

#### *Sacrificial Giving – December 31, 2006*

Envelopes:	\$5,290.00
Offertory:	<u>\$244.00</u>
	\$5,534.00

<i>Christmas Offering:</i>	65.00
<i>Bless Our Priests:</i>	85.00

Thank You for Your Gift!

#### *Coffee and Donuts*



Coffee and donuts will be served on Sunday, January 14, after mass. Come and join other parish family members.

#### *Parish Meetings*

- St. Mary of the Nativity and St. Joseph Education Commission has scheduled a meeting for Monday, January 8, at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's parish hall.
- St. Joseph Pastoral Council meets on Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00 pm in the school.
- St. Mary of the Nativity and St. Joseph Liturgy Commission meets on Thursday, January 11, at 7:00 pm, in St. Mary's parish hall.

#### *Faith Sharing Groups*

Father Ron will meet with the two groups at St. Joseph School at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 9 and Wednesday, January 10

#### *Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest*



The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held on January 21, 2007 at St. Joseph's School Gym. Registration starts at 11:30 am, following the KC's Pancake Breakfast. The competition starts at 12:00 pm. The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 10-14. Prizes will be awarded following the competition at 1:00 pm. The District Competition will be held with all the winners from Waterloo, Lake Mills, Columbus, and Watertown competing. Contact Kurt Kelsey at 478-3159 if you have any questions.

#### *Pancake Breakfast*

Knights of Columbus all you can eat pancake breakfast. Sunday, January 21, 2007. **Serving Time:** 8:00 to 11:30 am. **Menu** – Pancakes, scrambled eggs with ham, sausage patties, sweet rolls, applesauce, milk and coffee. **Cost** – Adults \$5.00, Children under 12 \$2.00, and Children under 5 Free. **Location** - St. Joseph Catholic School Cafeteria, Waterloo.