

Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2022

Saint Joseph's Parish

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The Sunday of the Epiphany of the Lord



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words, the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the *Magnificat* at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (*Ceremonial of Bishops*). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Savior.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the *Magnificat* at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

Saint Joseph Parish Council Members 2021-2022

Dave Deitloff— Pres.	Ruth Bloedorn—Vice Pres.
Rick Jacobs	Matt Albers
Janet Ludwig	Lindsey Burki
Mary VonSeggern	Chris Ruskamp
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Mike Guenther—Pres.	Trisha Robertson—V.P.
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Robert Praest	Michelle Borgmann
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From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

A Good Will Message for the New Year 2022 😊

Today we thank God for ushering us safely into the new year of 2022. Thank you all for the participation and support in our parishes this past year. Our parishes are kept alive by your presence and donations. I have nothing to give you in return other than asking God to bless you abundantly and more so in the new year. Kindly consider taking annual Sunday giving envelopes. We count on your support as a parish. Holy Cross parishioners will have to be a little patient as your envelopes are not yet here. There is a delay that is common elsewhere during these times. We will display them out as soon as we receive them.

As we plan for the new year, I'm kindly requesting you to consider remembering your parish in your last will. You are part of our parish family whether alive or dead.

For those who lost a loved one in the year 2021, you are not alone. We join you in the grief and I offer words of sympathy to you and pray that God will heal you as you come to terms with your loss. I know how tough grieving can be and feel free to call on us if need be. May God grant eternal peace to all our beloved parish members who died in 2021. Those who died remain part of us spiritually and we will remember them in every Mass at the church that they loved and worshipped in.

We open up a new horizon that comes with the new year. Today we start to reprint a new edition book of our lives. In this new year, we will try to do what we did last year but in a new modernized way in order to communicate the positive change of growth and advancements. We write this book of life daily using the opportunities that God provides. Since we don't know what the entire year holds for you and me, we plan and leave the rest into the care of our almighty God. As we make our resolutions for this new year, may God accompany you in order to fulfill them to the end. Happy and Blessed New Year of 2022.



Welcome to St. Joseph's and Holy Cross Parishes

We welcome all our guests and new members to our parishes. There are many opportunities for experiencing the peace and joy of our loving God in liturgy, groups, committees and volunteer service to the church. If you would like to join our parish family, contact the parish office or send an email to:

For St. Joseph—stjo68791@gmail.com

For Holy Cross—renaecarlson@hotmail.com

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of January 8th & 9th

WORD:
EMHC:
PRAISE:
SERVER:
USHER:

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of January 9th

LEC: Jeff Phillips
EMHC: Martha Schweers
EMHC 2: Kathy Johnson
SERV: Lainey Montgomery, Dayton Gentrup
OFF: Tim Montgomery
USHER: January Men's Group


Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—December 26, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,206.64
Plate:	502.00
Children:	30.00
Immaculate Conc.:	30.00
HELP/Fuel:	10.00
Building Fund:	2,000.00
Christmas:	4,535.00
Christmas Flowers:	65.00
Total:	\$8,378.64

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Jan. 2nd—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, Jan. 9th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

MEN'S WORK GROUP—January 2022
Chair: Chris Liermann
Co-Chair: Ken Duncan
Members: Marvin Seier, Greg Schlautman, Tony Lampman, AJ Kluthe, Rich Bodwell, Russ Loberg, Gavin Lampman, Alex Kluthe

HOLY CROSS 2022 DONATION ENVELOPES will be delayed into January. The company we get them from is having paper and staff shortages as well as delivery problems. Please put your donations in a regular envelope with your name or number on it along with the amount enclosed. Sorry for the inconvenience, but it is beyond our control.

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—December 26, 2021	
Christmas Envelopes:	\$7,455.00
Christmas Plate:	2,404.00
Christmas Children:	26.00
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,295.00
Plate:	148.00
Children:	16.00
Immaculate Conc.:	25.00



Celebrations:
Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:


Birthdays:
Caleb Combs January 1
Trisha Robertson January 2
Bridgette Borgmann January 3
Griffen Robinson January 3
Fr Vincent Sungunti January 3
Rita Heiser January 5
Russell Gentrup January 7

ST. JOSEPH MINISTRY SCHEDULE for Jan-March is completed and copies are available in the back of church.

PLEASE NOTE

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

There is an early deadline for the bulletin this week. Please have all announcements emailed to the parish office **no later than 11:00 am on Tuesday, January 4th for next week's bulletin. Thank You.**



Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6
Grades K-6: Classes resume this week on January 5th.
ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12)
Grades 7-12: Classes resume this week on January 5th.





TRIVIA NIGHT

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
Saturday, February 26th
6-7pm Social Hour & Registration
Followed by Trivia 7-10pm

Gather friends and family for a fun evening. Pick a theme (Hawaiian, Italian, campfire, etc) for your table then dress & decorate accordingly. \$200 reserves your table, then your group provides food and drink to fit the theme. Register by February 7th. Flyers are posted in the back of church with more details or call Paige Godbersen @ 402-604-0406. All proceeds go to St. Joseph Church.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	03	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	04	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	05	8:00 AM	HC	+ Francis & Vera Hetherington
Thu	06	8:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Family
Fri	07	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Eugene & Elsie Emanuel
Sat	08	5:00 PM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Family of Richard & Nyla Batenhorst
Sun	09	8:30 AM	HC	+ Wayne & Maria Emanuel
Sun	09	10:00 AM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

