

January 6, 2018
Epiphany of the Lord
 Solemnity



Magi From The East Follow A Star

Like the magi, every person is born with a call that we must answer, a vision to follow and a goal to be achieved. To respond we must be willing to journey forth from home into an unknown future. On our journeys, we too will encounter Herods. Just as the magi were guided by the shining light of a star, so will our paths be lit and our journeys made easier by the help God sends our way.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Rudy Simper Jr., sponsored by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, January 11
 8:00 a.m. Hilda & Jerome Baca, Fr. Peter Tran Huuton, Agnes Marko, Anita & Rudy Winkler
 Saturday, January 12
 6:30 p.m. Filomena Blaschke
 Sunday, January 13
 6:30 a.m. Justine & Emil Beran
 9:30 a.m. Evelyn & Frank Darilek Family

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Baptism of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104
Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

2019 Church Support Envelopes

As in the past offertory envelopes have been mailed to parishioners who use them or who have expressed the wish to have them. If you have been overlooked and want to support the Church through the Sundays offertory envelope system, do please call the Church office. Many thanks for your continued support. Keep up the good work. Thank you.

Praha Pancake Sunday Breakfast Today

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Marvin Rothbauer.

2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment	\$17,386.00
Contributions So Far	\$ 17,034.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 352.00
No. of Families Who Have Contributed	60
No. of Families Yet to Contribute	254

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

- Sofia Martinez*
- Mary Lou Dierschke*
- Irene & Steve Nieto*
- Jeralyn & Troy Barta*
- Niki & Chad Chaloupka*
- Diana & Harvey Kloesel*
- Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck*

We thank all those who have contributed towards our D.S.A. assessment so far. We are counting on all so we can pay off our debt. We are almost there. Help!

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER



We are very grateful to the following for their recent donations to the St. Joseph's Social Center Fund:

- Irene & Steve Nieto - \$100*
- Mary Lou Dierschke - \$1,000*
- Roberta & Daniel Mejias - \$500*

Cliff Mclain - \$5,000
 (previously donated \$15,000)

Donations In Memory of Leroy Muehlstein

- Kathleen Grondin - \$50*
- Diana & Harvey Kloesel - \$50*
- Janelle & William Sykes - \$100*
- Lillian & Roland Gassmann - \$25*
- Rhonda & Glen Muehlstein - \$500*

Total amount donated towards the Social Center Fund so far - \$431,779.42. Thank you for your generosity and support. To make a tax deductible contribution contact the Parish Office.

C.C.D. DONATIONS:

We thank the following for their recent donations to the C.C.D. Program:

- Wendy & Paul Lowe - \$500*
- Margaret & Aaron Chudej - \$100*

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
 WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
 THURSDAY – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
 FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral Needs call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

The Manifestation of Christ to the World

Epiphany means “manifestation,” referring to the appearance of Jesus. The significance of this day is not just the arrival of the magi, but also the coming of Gentiles to adore the coming of the newborn King of the Jews. The event recognizes Jesus’ rule over the entire world.

All the readings for today reveal, in a way, a different manifestation of who Christ is for all who believe. The first reading from Isaiah lays before us the image of light, proclaiming that our light has come, that it shines upon us, and that it is a beacon for all nations. In Saint Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, he speaks of Christ as the one who gathers all to share in the same promise, the same inheritance, making them members of the same body. The gospel recounts the wonderful story of the magi, who recognize the “newborn king,” and who come to worship him.

Led by a star the wise men come in search of the infant king. They represent all who search for truth in wonders of creation and in wisdom of their own cultures of origin. Because they searched with eyes of faith they were able to recognize the gift of God when they found him, even though he did not conform to their initial perception of a royal heir.

They came from the far corners of the earth: Gentiles who followed the light and who found the new king whose reign would bring justice and righteousness into human affairs. They returned home, enlightened by their visit to God’s place of revelation. Their encounter shows that in Christ the light of God is given to all people of goodwill: Jew and non-Jew alike.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 7 – Eugene Anderle, Lucy Schoenfeld
Jan. 8 – Margaret Chudej
Jan. 9 – Tony Yanez
Jan. 10 – Cody Bartos, Christina Fojtik
Jan. 12 – James Fikac, Maggie Mejias, Kevin Sturm

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan. 7 – Congratulations Beth & Aaron Gaertner
on your 30th Wedding Anniversary
Jan. 8 – Martha & James Filipp
Jan. 11 – Joyce & Kenneth Hanzel

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today - C.C.D. Resumes
Jan. 7 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Jan. 9 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program
– 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

National Migration Week – Jan. 6-12, 2019



we are one family under God

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2019, *Building Communities of Welcome* draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.

Unfortunately, in our contemporary culture we often fail to encounter migrants as persons, and instead look at them as unknown others, if we even notice them at all. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, as fellow children of God, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious or fearful of them. During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord marks the apex of the Christmas Season. The Feast of Epiphany celebrates the universal saving concerns of God, which are shown in Jesus. It attests to the universal scope of Jesus’ mission and God’s all-inclusive plan of salvation. All human beings have worth and dignity; all have value and are intended to enjoy God’s gift of salvation.

The Christmas Season Events / Happy New Year!

I thank Jamie Dornak, the Moulton ISD Band Director and the band members for organizing/performing at the Christmas Concert; Lori Janecka, Sofia Martinez, Mary Lou Dierschke and Santiago Ibarra for decorating the Church for Advent-Christmas; Lisa & David Rothbauer for putting up the outdoor manger scene; Hostyn Hill Greenhouses and all parishioners who contributed to the Christmas Flower Fund for the purchase of the poinsettias; Sharon Etlinger and the Christmas choirs; all the children who participated in the Christmas Eve pageant, those who sang in the choir, the parents and all who worked behind the scenes to pull it all together. Thanks also to Catholic Life Insurance Branch #16 for once again sponsoring the Breakfast with Santa, and to the cooks for preparing the delicious breakfast tacos.

I also thank all my friends who remembered me with cards and gifts. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and the sentiments behind it. I will be in touch with you soon.

Once again, it was a beautiful Christmas celebration. I very much appreciate what you do for the Church and for me personally. As in the past, I pledge to continue serving you to the best of my ability. Let’s pray for each other.

Happy New Year and God bless,