



St. Dominic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Our Lady of Snows Shrine



January 7, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord

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SACRAMENTS

WEEKEND MASSES

5:30 pm Sat. Vigil @ St. Dominic

8:00 am Sun. @ St. Francis Xavier

10:30 am Sunday @ St. Dominic

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue. 8am @ St. Francis Xavier

Wed. 8am @ St. Dominic

Thu. 8am @ St. Francis Xavier

Fri. 8am @ St. Dominic

No Mass Mon. or Sat.. Morning

RECONCILIATION

30 Minutes prior to

5:30 pm and 8:00 am Mass

Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact the parish 9 months prior to preferred wedding date

BAPTISM

Contact the office after birth of the child

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

What are the major attractions in your area? Are they natural wonders, spectacular buildings, engaging activities, powerful people, works of art? We expect people to stream to see rock stars and queens, the Eiffel Tower and the Grand Canyon. In today's scriptures, however, we see "tourists" attracted to two very lowly and humble "sights."

Jerusalem was a sorry sight when the scripture from Isaiah was written. The prophet's vision must have seemed impossible to those who heard this message. And yet, today Jerusalem is a major tourist attraction. We also know that through the Jews many other people—Christians and Muslims—have been attracted to the one Lord.

Jesus himself must have seemed very weak and insignificant in comparison to the rich and powerful King Herod, and later on compared to the priests and Pharisees. Yet, even from his birth, people streamed to him. Like the "tourists" in today's Gospel, people saw something in him that led them to worship and serve the Lord. And through him they came to understand what God intended for their life journeys.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

The Church is the new Israel, called to attract all people to the Lord. We must be "the place where the child" (Matthew 2:9) is found today. God's glory shines through the Church and, despite our many flaws, we are called to become the "place" where everyone can find the Lord and "[do] him homage" (2:11).

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 31, 2017

St. Dominic:

Envelopes*	\$ 4,187.00
Plate	<u>\$ 275.00</u>
Total:	\$ 4,462.00

Week of Dec. 24	\$ 2,554.00
Week of Dec. 17	\$ 2,169.75

Average weekly expenses for this fiscal year: \$2,719.11

St. Francis Xavier:

Envelopes*	\$ 3,448.00
Plate	<u>\$ 267.00</u>
Total:	\$ 3,715.00

Week of Dec. 24	\$ 2,021.00
Week of Dec. 17	\$ 1,175.00

Average weekly expenses for this fiscal year: \$1,971.04

**Thank you for your
continued generosity**

Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend of Jan. 13-14th

Homebound: Annette Schrieber

Nursing Homes: Wayne Leiker

Ministry Schedule for the The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Dominic Jan. 13th~ 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier Jan. 14th~ 8:00 am	St. Dominic Jan. 14th~ 10:30 am
COMMUNION Pat Doyle	COMMUNION Larry Larkin	COMMUNION Keri Bausch
LECTOR Carolyn Koger	LECTOR Dot Sosna	LECTOR Helen Plankinton
ACOLYTE Renn Deters Heather Mandala Matthew Suico	ACOLYTE Alyssa Gooderl Kendon Wege Jase Wege	ACOLYTE Madeline Bontrager Emma Sides Tressa Henry
MUSIC Jenea Chartier Joann Walker	MUSIC Joan Hood Wayne Berry	MUSIC Cathleen Reed Robin Sides
GREETERS / USHERS Rick Heinen Katie Heinen Leon Freel Rick Heinen	GREETERS / USHERS Larry Reilly Marceta Reilly Ray Zeller Farell Holthaus	GREETERS / USHERS Dale Noel Kathleen Noel Mike Meerpohl Dan Fiedler

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Epiphany of the Lord

SATURDAY, January 6th~
 St. D 5:30 PM For All Parishioners
 SUNDAY, January 7th~
 St. F 8:00 AM John Stallbaumer Family
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM Mary Nelson (D)
 TUESDAY, January 9th~
 St. F 8:00 AM Virginia Albright (D)
 WEDNESDAY, January 10th~
 St. D 8:00 AM JoRae Krogman (D)
 THURSDAY, January 11th~
 St. F 8:00 AM Debbie Larkin (D)
 FRIDAY, January 12th~
 St. D 8:00 AM Ludvick Family (D)

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, January 13th~
 St. D. 5:30 PM Robert Buchholz (D)
 SUNDAY, January 14th~
 St. F 8:00 AM For All Parishioners
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM Gloria Meerpohl (D)

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Jan. 8-14 Mandala Family
 Jan. 15-21 Linda Crabill, Sheila Springer
 Jan. 22-28 Robin Sides
 Jan. 29-Feb.4 Kara Hoffman
 Feb. 5-11 Becky Grollmes, Clara Child

Please contact the office ahead of time and let us know when you are planning on cleaning so that the church will be unlocked and the lights can be turned on for you.

Thank you for your service to your parish. You can still volunteer by calling the office at 364-3262

Jackson County Pastoral Council

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St. Francis Xavier Finance Council

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 Chris Everts
 Larry Larkin
 Kay Andler
 Damon Putnam

Never see a need without doing something about it.

~Blessed Mary MacKillop~

Youth Ministry

ST. DOMINIC

RelEd:

- RelEd Classes PreK-HS, Wednesday, Jan. 10th
- RelEd Classes PreK-HS, Wednesday, Jan. 17th

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RelEd:

- RelEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, Jan. 7th
- RelEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, Jan. 14th

HIGH SCHOOL:

- High School RelEd Classes, Jan. 10th, Meet at St. Dominic
- High School RelEd Classes, Jan. 17th, Meet at St. Dominic

Hog Raffle

St. Francis RelEd fund raiser this year will be a hog raffle in place of the Sweet Sale. Two drawings of a half hog will take place on January 14th. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$20.00.

CAMP KATERI TEKAKWITHA - Yes, it is time to start thinking about Camp Tekakwitha for this summer. Scholarship applications are due on January 22, 2018 and must be completed and signed by Barbara before being mailed. Information packets with dates, prices, and scholarship applications are now available in the church vestibules.

RCIA~ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Class Tuesday, January 9th from 6:30-8:00 pm meet at church office. Topic for the evening: Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism & Confirmation. All are welcome.

Anyone interested in maintaining and caring for the grapevines at St. Dominic, please contact the office. (364-3262)

Heart of Jackson Humane Society will be collecting shoes again as a fund raiser. Please contact Freda Galer at 364-4160 for more information or for pickup.

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.



EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run
 Before the sages, to the rising Sun,
 Here cease thy course, and wonder
 that the cloud

Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.

—Sir John Beaumont

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Kent Askren (nephew of Cletemae Brown); Carol Barton (Friend of Dean & Ramona Robinson); Sonya Bergman; Cindy (Sands) Berry; George Bolz; Angela Brewer; Marlene Carson; Estelle Danner; Deb Davies; Dick DeVader (Brother of Ramona Robinson); Sharon DeVader; Steve Devlin; Kathy Estabrook (sister of Terry Ludvick); Sheila Fernkopf; Brad Fiedler; Dennis Fiedler; Janie Garza (Friend of Vickie Barr); Sam Gerry; Ann Glassman (Mother of Mary Wahlmeier); Vivian Gonzalas; Carly Grant (great granddaughter of Joan Hood); Jenny Harigan; Jared Harris (grandson of Mary Harris); Mary Harris; Pat Hasenkamp; Ernest Haug (Brother of Bill Haug); Jerry Huftles (father of Jackie McAsey); Frank Hulsing (Father of Shannon Henry); Charles Kennedy; Adrian Koch; Rheva Korte; Shari Lott (sister-in-law of Russell Schuetz); Rita Martin; Mary Morford; Don Morris; Lynne Mulroy; Luisa Munoz (sister of Anna Alvarez); Erin Norwood and daughter Bailey (Larkin Family Members); Kristina Oates (granddaughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Gean O'Toole (Mother of Jim O'Toole); Calvin Page; Ken Phillips; J.R. Pickett; Carolyn Reicherter; Cameron Renfro; Mary Riniker (Sister of Regina Butts); Ronna Rowe (Family Member of Hilda Hrenchir); Shelly Russell (daughter of Karen McClaskey; Virginia Ryan (Grandmother of Scott Bond); Peggy Sanderson (friend of Mary Morford); Lonnie & Helen Sands (brother and sister-in-law of Joan Hood); Chris Schiefelbein (brother of Gene Schiefelbein); Laura (daughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Emma Schirmer; Easton Shelton (son of Eric and Stephanie Shelton); Cliff Spelts (brother-in-law of Terry Ludvick); Special Intentions of Sheila Springer; Nancy Versch Stereit; Evelyn Sullivan; Janie Teetzel; Rose Toledo; Margaret Waggoner (sister of Kay Ludvick); Laveda Wahweotten (mother of Tina Wahweotten); Gregg Watkins; Max Wichman (Son of Jeanette Wichman)

We pray for those among us who are ill, their families and for their care-giver;, those experiencing a hardship or difficulty; and for those in the Armed Forces protecting our freedom.

To place someone's name on the prayer list or to remove a name, please call the Parish Office (364-3262)

Scripture Insights~

The Epiphany of the Lord, which invites us to reflect on God's manifestation in the world, gets its name from the Greek word *epipaneia* meaning "appearing" or "manifestation." For western Christians, the solemnity commemorates the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles as told in the story of the Magi. For Christians in the East, Epiphany celebrates several of the earliest manifestations of Christ's divinity, including his baptism in the Jordan.

The First Reading celebrates the splendor of the New Jerusalem as God's glory shines upon it. A city that was desolate after the exile, the prophet says, will now be filled with peoples from all over the world and the kings of nations will bring gold, frankincense, and sacrificial animals to worship Israel's God.

Continuing the theme of God's manifestation to the world, the Second Reading presents Paul as one who has been called to reveal the mystery of Christ—that Gentiles are coheirs with their Jewish brethren in the one body which is the Church.

The Gospel's story of the visit of the Magi also focuses on God's manifestation in the world. Although the identity of the Magi and even their number is unknown, most experts believe that they were scholars of the esoteric sciences, such as dream interpretation or astrology, not kings as they are later depicted in story and art. However, the gifts that they brought—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—were the gifts of kings (see Isaiah 60:1-6). The story teaches that we may fail to recognize God's presence in our midst, and may need insight from the strangers God sends to help us.

- Carefully read today's Gospel, paying attention to every detail that Mary, as a character in the story, might have observed. Notice that she never speaks. What do you think she might have wanted to say as the story unfolded?
- What does the Second Reading say about how we should be Church in light of the revelation of the mystery of Christ?
- When in your life have you experienced the manifestation of God? What do you think keeps us from recognizing God's presence more often?



All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.
— *Psalm 72:11*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Jan. 8th		Tuesday, Jan. 9th		Wednesday, Jan. 10th		Thursday, Jan. 11th	
St. Dominic	Altar Society Pot Luck~6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration~2-6:00pm RCIA~ 6:30-8:00pm		8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-HS~6:30-7:45pm High School Meets at St. Dominic			
St. Francis Xavier		8:00 am Mass				8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm	
Friday, Jan. 12th		Saturday, Jan. 13th		Sunday, Jan. 14th		Tuesday, Jan. 16th	
St. Dominic	8:00 am Mass	5:30 pm Vigil Mass		10:30 am Mass		Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm RCIA 6:30-8:00 pm	
St. Francis Xavier				8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-8th 9-10:15 am OLS 8:30 am Mass		NO MASS	
Wednesday, Jan. 17th		Thursday, Jan. 18th		Friday, Jan. 19th		Saturday, Jan. 20th	
St. Dominic	NO MASS RelEd Classes PreK-HS ~6:30-7:45pm, HS Meets at St. Dominic			NO MASS		5:30 pm Vigil Mass	
St. Francis Xavier		NO MASS Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm					

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