



Sacred Heart PARISH

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*In the days of King Herod,
Behold, magi from the east
arrived in Jerusalem,
saying, "Where is the newborn
king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising,
and have come to do him homage."*

Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2010

May we be a light to all
our sisters and brothers!

TRUSTEES

Anita Stoering & Jeff Voit

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joe Foster, Paul Fread, Fred Haack, Lisa Hahn,
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Leslee Midas & Jean Schott

LEADERSHIP CHAIRPERSONS

Faith Formation — Fred Haack
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
(The Parish Office is closed on Holy Days of Obligation)

PARISH STAFF

Located at Church 251-8115

Father Ronald Weyrens, Pastor (Ext. *812)
Joan Krause, Director of Faith Formation (Ext. *818)
JoAnn Mo, Secretary (Ext. *814)
Maureen Otremba, Pastoral Minister (Ext. *817)
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Gerry Kittok, Confirmation (251-2872, Ext. 8)
Patrick Flynn, Youth Minister (293-7988)

Located at School 251-2854

Erin Hattestad, School Principal
Julie Schmid, School Office
Jim Storms, Maintenance
David Walker, Custodian

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday ----- 5:00 p.m.
Sunday ----- 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. Mass interpreted for hearing impaired
Weekdays ----- Variable; see inside of bulletin for details
Holy Days ----- consult bulletin

BAPTISMS

Pre-Baptism classes, 1st Thursday every other month at
7:00 p.m. in the church (pre-registration requested).

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in
advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the office to set up an appointment for registering.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday—3:30 p.m. (other times by appointment)

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, SAUK RAPIDS

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 4, Elizabeth Ann Seton, relig
8:00 am -Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, January 5, John Neumann, bishop
6:00 pm †Frances Wesenberg

Wednesday, January 6, Andre Bessette, relig
8:00 am †Joseph Jovanovich

Thursday, January 7, Christmas Weekday
9:00 am †Marge Vouk (Anniv)
2:00 pm †Marcella Deppa (at Good Shepherd)

Friday, January 8, Christmas Weekday
8:00 am †Madeline Gohman

**Sunday Eucharist, January 9/10, Baptism of the
Lord**

Saturday 5:00 pm †David Dockindorf

Sunday 8:00 am -For the Parish

10:00 am †Don Kuefler (Anniv)

†Phil Schimmich (Anniv)

6:00 pm (at St. Mary's Cathedral)

Bringing Home the Word



Weekly reflections to help you reflect on your week, deepen your connection to the Word, and live out your faith.

In the first reading, seeing "the glory of the Lord," other nations recognize the one true God. How have you seen "the glory of the Lord" shining in the world this week? How can your faith be a "star" for others this week? How can it light the way?

"Stewardship as a way of life" Talent, Time & Treasure

Income for the week ending December 27, 2009

Information was not yet available at time of printing. It will be reported next week.

HOW TO BE A GOOD STEWARD

Concept: One hallmark of mature stewards is coming to the realization that we can never have it all or do it all – and create a plan for what we do want to have and accomplish. But before we can create that plan, we need to do some discernment about what God would like us to have and accomplish.

Benefits

- ♥ Don't define yourself by your possessions – some one will always have more or better possessions than you.
- ♥ There is little correlation between money and happiness – once people's basic needs are met, the correlation between money and happiness levels off dramatically.
- ♥ Being constantly and consistently grateful is one important way to make yourself happier. Dwelling on the good things in life – even if they are little, like a warm shower or chocolate chip cookies – will improve your happiness level.
- ♥ Studies show that devoting a lot of your time and money to things that bring short-term happiness – eating out, shopping, or expensive pastimes, for instance – won't bring long-term happiness.
- ♥ Having purpose or direction in your life is a primary way to increase your happiness.

Questions

If you were stranded on an island, and could take only 10 possessions with you, what would you take? If you had one year to live, what would you do with that year?

To what extent are your answers influenced by your relationship with Jesus Christ and your Faith?

Sacred Heart is in need of a parish host/hostess for funeral lunches. Please call 251-8115 if you can help.

Hospital Visits

Parishioners who enter the St. Cloud Hospital through the Emergency Room often do not show up on the parish list when our volunteers visit those who are in the hospital. Please let the Parish Office (251-8115) know if there is someone in the St. Cloud Hospital or at the VA Hospital that would like a visit.

Eucharistic Adoration



Participate in **Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, January 8** by spending time before the Blessed Sacrament in silent prayer from 6:30 until 11:30 am. Please pray for the needs and people of our parish.

Marriage Banns



The following couple is preparing for marriage. Please keep them in your prayers.

III Jason Frieler & Kelli Niess

Widow/Widowers Support Group

The Widow/Widowers Support Group will meet in the Gathering Space on Wednesday, January 6 at 1:00 p.m. to work on Prayer Blankets. All widows and widowers are invited to attend.

Are You Moving Away or Have an Address Change?

Please call the Parish Office at 251-8115 with your changes to help us keep our records current and our mailing costs down. Thank you!

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

A Message from Father Ron

From Safari: Today's feast of the Epiphany can easily be misunderstood. The significance of Epiphany is not the regal visitors and their gifts, rather it is the revelation of Christ for the whole world. Christ came not for the Jews alone but for all people.

Epiphany means "manifestation." The challenge of the feast today is for us to examine whether we are manifesting Christ to the world.

Lawrence Mick offers this scenario, "Imagine a persons representing someone from Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and China, posing a challenge to us: 'I represent the people of Iraq, most of whom are Muslim. I have been taught that Christians hate my family. Will you show the face of Christ to my people?' "I speak for the people of Saudi Arabia. My neighbors are oppressed by a government that is sustained by the sale of oil to the West. Will you show the face of Christ to my people?" "I represent the people of the Far East. My friends think that Christianity is only for Europeans and Americans. Will you show the face of Christ to my people?" (January 2010, *Celebration*, p.19, *The National Catholic Reporter Publishing Company, Kansas City, MO.*)


The Catholic Bishops of Minnesota have also designated the Feast of Epiphany as Immigration Sunday. A few interesting facts: in 1890, 40 percent of Minnesota's population was foreign born. Today, 6.6 percent of Minnesota's population is foreign born; today's immigrants leave their homes for the same reason that many of Minnesota's early immigrants did – persecution, oppression, family separation, poverty, drought, globalization, and increase population; Minnesota is home to the nation's largest Somali population, second largest Hmong population, second largest Tibetan population; the majority of Minnesota Latinos are not immigrants; in 1896, Minnesota's election instructions were printed in nine languages, today in six languages.

How are you manifesting Christ to Minnesotans?
How are you manifesting Christ to family, friends,
co-workers, the stranger on the street or in the store?

Have a peace filled week!

Ron

Baptism Preparation

 The next Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for **Thursday, February 4** at 7:00 pm at church. If you have not taken this class in the last three years, please plan on attending this 1 1/2 hour class prior to the birth of your child. Call the Parish Office at 251-8115 to register. Please plan accordingly. Please do not bring your children.



Labels for Education

A Reminder: Please save **Labels for Education** for Sacred Heart School. **NOTE: we need the bar code or UPC code and little person beside it on Campbell products (no front labels).** (Campbell's, Franco-American, Swanson, Prego, V8, Pace, Pepperidge Farm UPC symbols, Kemp's & Land-O-Lakes milk and juice caps, Box Tops for Education, Food Club UPC codes (Coborn's products. Place them in the kiosk in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please call Rita at 251-3952. Thank you.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Granite City in St. Cloud. It is a great opportunity for young Catholic adults to meet in a comfortable setting to explore our faith and how it affects our lives. We hope to connect and get connected to other young people in the area who are looking for a variety of opportunities to grow in faith and camaraderie.

From Cathedral High School

Dear Parents and Families,

As 2010 begins we want you to know how dedicated and committed we are to keeping Catholic education affordable and accessible. Cathedral must sustain and enhance its reputation for excellence. In part that means having sufficient resources to achieve its goals.

We are exploring ways of increasing our revenue in concert with an even greater increase in our grant and scholarship program. The bottom line is, we will find a way to make it work for your family – and for future families. Absolutely no one should ever think about not enrolling at Cathedral High School/John XXIII Middle School for financial reasons. We will find a way to make it work.

One inaccurate perception regarding Cathedral families is that household incomes are bountiful. While this might be true for some, it's simply not true for the majority. Most of our families are very average and many have below average household incomes. I'm telling you this because a parent said to me recently, and I paraphrase, "I didn't really know the (demographic) facts and it makes me feel much better knowing that I'm probably much the same as many other Cathedral families; we're normal. It makes the (tuition) sacrifice and investment much easier to put into context – and we'll find a way to make it work for our family – we can and will do this."

We will start a series of conversational letters with you that will keep you informed of progress toward next year's budget – and the biggest piece of that budget is tuition. As we move into February we will have a number of parent and family sessions where this information will be shared in detail and in a casual setting where your questions will be addressed.

Faith Formation

A RECONCILIATION LEARNING SESSION FOR STUDENTS preparing to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time will be held on Wednesday, January 6th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the school. This class is optional. Please let us know if your child will be attending by contacting Joan at 251-8115 (ext. *818) or jkrause@sacredheartsaukrapids.org.



JOURNEY IN FAITH GATHERINGS are January 10, 13, and 14. The Wednesday session is very large. We encourage families to change from the Wednesday to the Thursday session, if possible. We are going to try beginning the Thursday Gatherings a little earlier so we can get families home earlier in the evening. On January 14th we will begin serving the meal at 5pm and have the Opening Experience at 5:45. The session will end at 7:45. If there are enough participants we could begin at 5:30 and end by 7:30. Contact Joan in the Parish Office for more information.

MAKING CHANGE HAPPEN... WITH CHRISTMAS JARS



Bring the change you collected the past few weeks and add it to the Parish Family Christmas Jar in the Gathering Space. The money collected will support projects to bring clean water to those in need.

Youth Ministry Notes (from Patrick)



6th, 7th, and 8th graders!!! The Winter Spectacular is coming!! On January 10th hundreds of young people from around central Minnesota will gather at St. John's for amazing day of fun. The event runs from 10:00 am until 4:00pm. It will include all sorts of great indoor and outdoor activities, food, and it will end with Mass in the Abbey church. Sign up information is available in the kiosk on your right as you enter church. You can also contact me for more information. Don't miss it.



Ski/Snowboard trip!! To Spirit Mountain we will go! On Saturday, January 30th we are heading out to Spirit Mtn. for a day and evening on the slopes. Put it on your calendar. More specific information will be coming out soon.

School News




There will be an All School Liturgy on Thursday, January 7th planned by Mrs. Kleinschmidt's reading class.

There is a 1st grade potluck on Thursday, January 7th at 6 p.m. at the school.

Notes of Interest

Save a marriage. Are you, or someone you know, living in the pain of a marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille can help. The next program starts January 22nd. Call 255-5314 or check the website www.savingmarriages.org for more information. Register in advance by January 8th.

Senior Outreach Food Shelf: Catholic Charities is offering new exclusive hours for Senior Citizens only, 60 and older, low income, and in need of additional nutritious food. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 1-3 pm at Catholic Charities, 157 Roosevelt Rd., Suite 100, St. Cloud, MN 56301, 229-4560.

There are a number of empty containers in the kitchen (from weekend hospitality or Journey in Faith goodies) that have not yet been picked up. Please do so as soon as possible. Thank you! 

Join the Church of St. Peter for Vespers each Sunday of the Christmas season! This meditative evening prayer of the Church includes sung psalms, hymns, scripture, and prayerful silence. It will be at 4:00 pm in the church (930 31st Ave. N, St. Cloud) on January 3 and 10. All are welcome.

Flower Memorials



The following additional flower memorials have been received:

- Brad & Deb Cruser**, in memory of Robert, Margaret & Dennis Cruser, Alois Sr. & Jr. Deutsch
- Art & Darlene Daniels**, in memory of the Daniels & Koiteh families
- Tom & Rosetta Fitzpatrick**, in memory of deceased members of the Mueller & Fitzpatrick families
- Marilyn Kaschmitter**, in memory of Bill Kaschmitter
- Kathy Kath**, in memory of Walter Kath
- Arletta Peck**, in memory of the Charles Wruck family
- Kathleen Schnobrich**, in memory of Jane & Joe Roncone, Wallace & James Schnobrich
- Lloyd & Mildred Theisen**, in memory of the Theisen family

Prayer Corner

Please call your Prayer Chain Requests (calling tree) to 251-8961 or 252-3401



If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please call 251-8115

Brian Amberg, Rodger Bories, Gerry Feld, Joyce Fleck, John Gebhardt, Norbert Notch, John Schad, Bev Schmidbauer and for those who have received prayer blankets.