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The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 5, 2020

Pre-Baptism Program: Best done during pregnancy. Required before baptism. Contact the pastor for materials and information.

Pre-Marriage Program: A six-month preparation period and attendance at a marriage preparation class are required. Contact the pastor.

Catholic Charities Counseling: 1-866-670-5163
Diocese of New Ulm, Sexual Misconduct in Church Ministry, Victims and Survivors Assistance Hotline (507) 233-5313.

This Week in Our Parishes

Sunday, January 5, The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Confession (MIC)
 8:00 a.m. +Ken Shaw Mass (MIC)
 10:00 a.m. Mass+/- For the People (MAR)
 Coffee and Donuts following Mass by CCW
 4:00 p.m. Youth Religious Education Christmas Program
 Spaghetti Supper by CHWC following program.
 (Arlington Community Center)

Monday, January 6

8:30 a.m. Mass +James F. Mullen Family (BRE)
 7:00 p.m. Epiphany Extraordinary Form High Mass (BRE)

Tuesday, January 7

7:30 a.m. Confession (MAR)
 8:00 a.m. Mass –Margaret Scully (MAR)
 8:30 a.m. Mass +Bernette Zumhofe (BRE)
 9:30 a.m. Mass (Good Sam)
 7:00 p.m. KC Rosary, Gaylord & Winthrop (MIC)
 7:30 p.m. KC Meeting, Gaylord & Winthrop (MIC)

Wednesday, January 8

7:30 a.m. Confession (MAR)
 8:00 a.m. Mass –Ralph Dorweiler (MAR)
 6:30 p.m. Religious Education Classes (MAR)

Thursday, January 9

7:30 a.m. Confession (MIC)
 8:00 a.m. Mass +Kayla Berdan (MIC)
 8:30 a.m. Mass +JT McCarthy Family (BRE)
 5:30 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Meal, St. Mary's CCW Epiphany Party

Friday, January 10

7:30 a.m. Confessions (MAR)
 8:00 a.m. Mass –Leon & Allie Hendrycks (MAR)
 5:00 p.m. Mass Special Intention (BRE)

Saturday, January 11

4:15 p.m.- 4:45 p.m. - Confession (BRE)
 5:00 p.m.- Mass +/-For the People (BRE)

Sunday, January 12, The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m.-Confession (MIC)
 8:00 a.m.-Mass +Joe & Mary Regner (MIC)
 10:00 a.m.-Mass +Roger Schneider (MAR)
 12:30 p.m. Registration KC Free Throw Contest
 1:00 p.m. Free Throw Contest—Sibley East Senior High, Arlington
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*Please note during the winter months. If school is cancelled there will be no Daily Mass. If school is cancelled on Wednesday, there will be no Religious Education Classes as well. For weekend Masses, please check KNUJ or the church website.

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 Once again, Merry Christmas to you all. We continue in the Christmas season as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. I want to thank you for the many cards and gifts that I received for Christmas. I also thank all those who helped prepare the churches and the liturgies for the celebration of these holy days.

Today we meditate on and contemplate the three magi—or the three wise men—who came from afar, following the star, to bring gifts and pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews. The word “epiphany” means “revelation” or “manifestation.” Although the magi came to honor the newborn king, they were not Jews themselves. This feast celebrates Christ revealed as the King and Savior not just of the Jews, but of all peoples of every race and nation. Jesus Christ is the Savior of all. In most of the dioceses of the United States, the celebration of the Epiphany is transferred to this Sunday. However, the technical date of this feast is January 6.

In honor of the Epiphany there will be a High Mass celebrated in the Extraordinary Form (Latin) at St. Brendan’s at 7 p.m. on Monday. One of the things that I really appreciate about celebrating this form of the Holy Mass in churches like St. Brendan’s is that these churches were built for it. It just fits. The high altars in these churches are often very beautiful. It is a joy to see them used again from time to time. Traditional churches were built to emphasize the high altar and tabernacle. I find that when the newer altar is removed, it really changes the whole building. There is this movement forward that leads one’s attention even more strongly to what is most important about a church building—the altar on which the Holy Sacrifice is offered, and secondly the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is reposed.

The altars in these churches are oriented as they are not so that the priest has “his back to the people”—as it is often characterized—but so that the priest is facing in the same direction as the people. He leads them, as the shepherd and father of the spiritual family and in the person of Christ, in prayer and adoration of God the Father. This orientation is especially fitting during the Liturgy of the Eucharist when the priest prays this prayer on behalf of the people to God. In fact, even in the Ordinary Form of the Mass—the current form that we are most familiar with—it is possible for the priest to be oriented in this way during those parts of the Mass when the prayers are directed to God the Father. At these points especially the priest is leading the people in prayer to the Father, through Christ, and in the Holy Spirit. At these times, the priest and the people together face God as they together direct their prayers to Him. This is a long-standing tradition (many, many centuries) in the Catholic Church with deep meaning. I have seen this practiced in some non-Catholic services as well. The pastors in these services will turn “away from the people” at certain points so that all are turned together to God. This serves as a reminder that our prayer and worship in the Church’s liturgy are not about us turning in and focusing on ourselves; rather, together we look outward and together turn to God, focusing all of our attention on Him. It is our praise and worship of God, together as the Body of Christ, that unites us.

Be sure to join our AFC youth for the Epiphany Program at the Arlington Community Center this afternoon. The Catholic Heart Work Camp students will be serving a spaghetti dinner afterward. It should be an enjoyable evening of continued Christmas festivities!

Merry Christmas!

In Christ,
 Fr. Aaron Johanneck

Remember In Prayer

Dorthy Agre, Parker Doebbeling (grandson of Francis/Wendy Bigaouette), Natalie (Kopp) Eiden, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Russ Kopp

*Please note starting January 1, 2020 we have updated the prayer list. If you would like a family member put on the prayer list, please call the parish office 507-964-5413. The family member will be on the prayer list for two weeks, unless you specify that you would like their name on longer.

Liturgical Ministers for Jan. 11/12

<u>St. Brendan</u> <u>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</u>	<u>St. Michael</u> <u>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</u>
Lector: Dan Brown	Deb Dolan
Precious Body: Dan Brown	Alice Strobel
Servers: Aaron Ehrich	Rachel Widmer/ Addy Odenthal
Greeters: Vic Giesen/ Colleen & Morgan Zeiher	Aaron Solomonson/ Jim Kirtz
Gift Bearers: Vic Giesen/ Colleen & Morgan Zeiher	Aaron/Theresa Solomonson
<u>St. Mary</u> <u>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</u>	
Lector: Marge Kloeckl	
Precious Body: Tim Kloeckl	
Precious Blood: Marge Kloeckl	
Precious Blood: Jane Kloeckl	
Server: Joe Ballalatak/Ben Koralewski	
Greeters: Tim/Jane Kloeckl	
Gift Bearers: Tim/Jane Kloeckl	

Epiphany High Mass at St. Brendan’s, Green Isle—Monday, January 6, 7 p.m.

This will be a High Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (Latin Mass) complete with choir for the glory of God and the edification of the Christian faithful. Together with the Magi who traveled from afar following the star to Bethlehem let us prostrate ourselves and pay homage to the newborn king, offering Him our treasures.

TODAY!!! Ss. Michael, Mary, and Brendan AFC Religious Education Youth Epiphany Program: The youth Epiphany program will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at the Arlington Community Center. The program will begin at 4:00 p.m. followed by a Spaghetti supper fundraiser by the Catholic Heart Work Camp Youth. This is a free-will offering. **Please join us, everyone welcome!**

St. Arthur's KC Winter Clothing Drive: Will be January 5th thru January 12th. Please bring your donations to the social hall entrance.

St. Mary's CCW: St. Mary's CCW is collecting infant and toddler new and gently used clothing items, blankets and diapers for Birthright, an organization for local mother's to contact when in need of services. There will be containers at each church entrance to place your donations until mid February. Contact Bertha Woehler, 507-327-3593 with questions.

St. Arthur's KC's 25th Annual Fish Boil: The KC Fish Boil will be Friday, January 17, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Arlington Community Center. Pay at the door. Donation \$13.00, Children 6-12 \$6.00 and Children under 6 Free. This year 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center.

KC Free-Throw Contest: Sunday, January 12, 2020, Registration at 12:30 p.m. Contest starts at 1:00 p.m. Sibley East High School, Arlington. Ages 9-14 boys and girls are welcome to participate.

St. Michael's: The kitchen at St. Michael's has been cleaned and painted. Many items that don't belong to St. Michael's have been found and removed from the kitchen. They will be on display January 12th during coffee & rolls for you to claim if they are yours.

Virtus Training: We will be offering a Virtus training on Saturday, February 1st, at St. Mary's Social Hall. The training will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you are interested in working with youth in our Area Faith this is a requirement. Please contact Beth Walters 507-327-1899 or bethwalters06@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions. The trainer will be Jane Steinborn.

CHWC Divine Pilgrimage: Save the Date for the Catholic Heart Work Camp Divine Pilgrimage which will be held Sunday, February 23, 2020 at the Arlington Community Center. Details to come. If you are interested in having a table, please contact Beth Walters 507-327-1899 or bethwalters06@gmail.com

St. Brendan's: We are still in need of someone to shovel sidewalks at St. Brendan's. If you are interested please contact Bonnie Weber for details.

WEEKLY COLLECTION AND BUDGETED AMOUNTS						
	St. Michael		St. Mary		St. Brendan	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection:	\$ 1,158	\$ 1,415	\$ 1,458	\$ 2,038	\$ 399	\$ 1,118
Current YTD:	\$ 34,640	\$ 36,790	\$ 49,893	\$ 50,951	\$ 21,460	\$ 29,068
Lawsuit:	\$4,600	\$10,000	Fall Collection YTD: \$ 8,240 \$12,000			

A new event—**SIBLEY EAST ECUMENICAL LUNCH**—hosted by area churches will be **Thursday, December 17**, between **11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.** for **10th—12th grade students** at the **United Methodist Church**, 306 West Alden Street. Students are invited to attend during their respective lunch hours. A free lunch will be available; no cost. A time to relax and spend with other peers.

