



St. Joseph Church

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

01/07/18

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	8:15 AM + George & Dona Verzal
Wednesday	8:15 AM + Jenny Stracke
Thursday	10:00 AM + Ries/Troshynski Families @ Good Samaritan Home
Friday	8:15 AM – Special Intention
Saturday	5:00 PM + All Souls
Sunday	10:30 AM + Alva & Teresa Parks

Sacrament of Reconciliation: One half hour before each weekend Mass or anytime by appointment

This Weekend...we celebrate Epiphany—the three kings come seeking the New Born King! It seems like the Magi were not feeling fulfilled. They were seeking more and they found Jesus to bring that fulfillment. One message of this feast is that Jesus became the fulfilled of all humankind, not just the people of Israel. Once they saw the New Born, they were changed. They had an Epiphany. They did not have to follow the light; rather, they found the Light. With this, they could return home and lead a more fulfilled life. We might want to pause on this Feast of the Epiphany and reflect upon the past week. Has our journey been more in the secular arena or the sacred arena? Perhaps it is time for us to have an Epiphany and to see The Light!!! Blessings this Holy Season!

The Harvest Is Great, Laborers Are Few. Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Joe & Patti Skrdla. The week of Jan. 14—Rita Borer.

We Pray With Special Love & Concern For All Those Who Are Ill. Janice Ries, Kaitlyn Fritz, Pat Baker, Ryan Berg, Vikki Hickok, Jim Schaaf, Darrin Wedige.

St. Boniface Mass Schedule-----Sat., Jan. 13 @ 7 pm Sun., Jan. 14 @ 8:30 am

The O'Neill KCs...are having Initiation **today** (Sunday) @ the KC Hall in O'Neill. If you are interesting in becoming a member or need to know the time of the event, please phone Joseph Kaup, 402-340-9875.



Thank You...to the families who donated poinsettias for Christmas. The church wouldn't have as much of a Christmas spirit without them. The Christmas season ends with the Baptism of Jesus on Monday. If you donated a poinsettia and would like to take it home, feel free to do so. Decorations in the church can come down anytime during the week. Thanks to those who will be able to help with this.

In Light...of the recent cold weather & questions about Mass cancelations, I thought that I would write a note regarding this topic. In most cases, Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will not be cancelled for weather so long as I think that I can get to the church safely and without too much trouble. With this in mind, you should always use prudential judgment in the circumstances to decide whether or not to attend Mass. No event, including Mass, requires your attendance if you feel that weather conditions are dangerous. It is your right and responsibility to determine whether it is safe and/or wise to travel when road conditions may be hazardous. Those who choose not to travel because of unsafe conditions are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. In deciding whether or not to attend Mass, a parishioner summed it up best when she recalled the words of her mother who said, "If you don't go to Mass then you don't go anywhere else."

And Lastly...some "thank yous" are in order. First, thank you to those who helped decorate the rectory with a special thank you to Patti Skrdla for organizing them and to Curie Mincer for donating the centerpiece for the dining room table and poinsettias. Having the rectory decorated really warmed it up and gave it a Christmas spirit. Second, thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas. It looks beautiful and helps one to enter into the season. Third, thank you to the musicians, choirs, and all the ministers who helped during the Christmas liturgies. The music was beautiful and the liturgy wouldn't flow well without all of the ministers fulfilling their liturgical role. Finally, thank you for all the cards, gifts, and Christmas goodies that you gave me. I appreciate them and have been enjoying the goodies hoping they don't put too much around my waist. Merry Christmas, Fr Weeder

Next Weekend...Jan. 13/14 a representative from Holy Land Olive Arts will be here to sell religious articles from the Holy Land to support Christians who were once a majority, but now make up only 2% of the population in the Holy Land. To support their families they carve religious articles out of olive wood which will be for sale at the back of church after each Mass.

The Annual Free Throw Contest...is scheduled for Sun., Jan. 21. Doors open at noon with the contest beginning @ 1:00 at West Holt. All boys & girls ages 9 through 14 are invited to participate. Direct ??? to Doug Kubik, 402-925-5438.

We Offer Sympathy...to Lynette & Randy Schaaf with the death of Lynette's sister-in-law, Karla Peter of Del Rapids, SD, formerly of O'Neill. May perpetual light shine on Karla & all who have been called to eternal life.



- Today—Knight Initiation in O'Neill
- Wed., Jan. 10—CCD
- Thu., Jan. 11—Choir practice @ 5 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- Jan. 13/14—Holy Land Olive Arts available to purchase
- Wed., Jan. 17—**St. Joseph...**1st Reconciliation & Parish Penance Service, 6:30 pm
- Sat., Jan. 20—**Stuart...** fish fry/auction to benefit Stuart Cemetery from 5—9 pm @ Legion Lounge
- Sun., Jan. 21—Pancake breakfast hosted by SJ School families
- Sun., Jan. 21—Annual Free Throw Contest @ West Holt
- Fri., Jan. 26—Parish Carnival @ Atkinson Community Center
- Jan. 28 through Feb. 3—Catholic Schools Week



Altar Society: Tue., Jan. 9 @ 6 pm, KC Hall

Parish Council: Tue., Jan. 9, 7:30 pm, north sacristy

EMHCs...Good Samaritan Home & Prairie Winds...Sun., Jan. 14—D. Rentschler & L. Wolf

Liturgical Ministers---JAN. 13/14

MASS TIMES	SAT. 5:00 PM	SUN. 10:30 AM
EMHCs	GThurlow, S&D Osborne	SRossman, CSholes, JKaup, DLiewer, PSkrdla
LECTORS	Kenny Tunender	Brian Mlady
GIFT BEARERS	T.Mitchell Family	M/M Jack Wolf
ORGANIST	Jayne Fetherston	Lou Ann Tooker
SERVERS	Drake Nemetz Avery Nemetz Ian Laetsch	Rylan Olson Braydon Olson Trayton Olson
JAN. USHERS	Phillip Hamik Mike Laible Jeff Hostert Bryan Rentschler	Dan Ziska George Schmit Todd Seger Roger Frickel

LORD'S PORTION-12.31.17

Adult envelopes (39)	995.00
Loose cash	228.13
Loose checks (4)	245.00
Online Giving	310.00
Midweek deposit	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL	1,803.13
Budget...(Sundays)	3,163.22
	-1,360 .09
Christmas	1,795.00
Previous week	<u>8,983.05</u>
TOTAL	10,778.05
Budget	12,500.00
	-1,721.95
Energy	5,000.00
Solemnity of Mary	434.11

