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2 JANUARY, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FROM FATHER CHUCK

NEW YEARS BLESSING.

There is a blessing of your home for the beginning of the new year. I encourage you to use this blessing.

The Blessing is as follows: 20+ C + M + B + 22. These letters stand for Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The also stand for the Latin blessing, "May Christ Bless This House." This house blessing is a wonderful way to keep the spirit of the Christmas season alive in our homes.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES.

Confirmation classes for the 9th and 10th confirmation students will begin this Wednesday, January 5 at 6:15 p.m.. The 9th grade in the conference room and 10th grade in the social hall. The 11th grade confirmation students meet on Wednesday January 5th at 7:15 p.m. in the social hall.

SPECIAL THANK YOU.

The music for the Christmas masses was out of this world wonderful. The one person who has worked so hard to make our music such a great blessing for us is Steve Beck. Steve works with all the music groups and our music is outstanding. The 9:00 a.m. mass on Christmas was one of the most beautiful masses we have ever had and the choir was outstanding. A special thank you to Cindy Mirfield for directing the choir. The 10:00 a.m. mass choir was absolutely beautiful. I wish to thank the members of this choir for working so diligently by sharing their musical talent with us. I believe that each week that our music ministry is Jesus' gifts to us.

New Years Blessing.

I wish all of you a very blessed and happy new year. May the greatest blessing of Jesus be yours in the coming year.

GENEROSITY.

One of my greatest concerns is that we stay on budget. I asked that you give a little extra for the Christmas collection. I thank you for your generosity. We had a very successful Christmas collection again this year. I will have a final report on the Christmas collection later this month. I thank you once again for your generosity. The blessing of the Christmas collection is that it helps us to meet our budget throughout the coming year.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS.

This year was a strange year for Christmas. I say that because Christmas was on Saturday so this made the celebration of Christmas seemed more rushed than in the past. I spoke with someone from another parish and they felt with the Christmas and Sunday celebrations so close together that it hurt the attendance at all of the services. I have said this that celebrating eight masses in slightly over two days is a very taxing schedule. I was concerned with the attendance at both the Christmas masses and the Sunday masses. The attendance at the Christmas masses was much smaller than we have had in the past. One of the things that I noticed was that many of the members of our parish did not attend Christmas or the Sunday masses here. I know that people are very afraid of the virus and I understand that. It is also my concern that everyone be kept safe from the virus. We did have a number of children in church which was a blessing for all of us. I hope that this continues as our children give great energy to all of our celebrations. I hope that next year that the virus is gone and we return to normal.

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Readings for January 9, 2022
1st Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7
2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	1/4	8:00 am	Bob Biede
Wed	1/5	8:00 am	Pat Hudek
Thur	1/6	5:30 pm	Ione Spitznagle
Fri	1/7	8:00 am	Norman Cihacek
Sat	1/8	4:00 pm	Mike Ratigan & Sister Diane Liston OSB
Sun	1/9	8:00 am	Fran Beck
Sun		10:00 am	Ed Weis
Sun		Noon	Father Paul Koch

SATURDAY, 4PM, January 9, 2022

ALTAR SERVERS: Bianca Cihacek, Rowan Jackson, Jim Beck
LECTORS: Dylies King, Erik King
EUCH MINISTER: Maxine Gotto
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben, Maxine Gotto

SUNDAY, 8 AM, January 10, 2022

ALTAR SERVERS: George & Audrey Garst, Missy Evezic, Anthony Busch
LECTORS: Nicole Juranek, Judy Kilnoski
EUCH MINISTER: Norma Finn
USHERS: Russ Goeser, Andy Juranek, Gary Juranek, Eric Ledger

SUNDAY, 10 AM January 10, 2022

ALTAR SERVERS: Alyssa & Kyla Brockelsby, Abby & Sarah Lighthipe
LECTORS: Devon Menges, Lacy Brockelsby
EUCH MINISTER: Mary Brockelsby
USHERS: Jill & Zachary Clevenger, Margine Henry, Dan Lighthipe

SUNDAY, NOON January 10, 2022

ALTAR SERVERS: Nolan Duitsman, Nolan Collett, A J Smith, Connor Noon
LECTORS: Andrea Barnes, Stephanie Collett
EUCH MINISTER: Janet Hogsed
USHERS: Chris Olson, Rob & Nolan Peters

FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This year Christmas was celebrated on Saturday. One of the issues was what should we do about the Saturday 4:00 p.m. mass. I had eight masses to celebrate in two days. My decision was to celebrate the 4:00 p.m. mass. It is so easy to get caught up in the business of Christmas. This mass was a wonderful celebration of the beauty and the simplicity of the birth of Jesus.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons us to seek its Savior.

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- Before I agree to 2022, I'm going to have to see the terms and conditions.
- I promised myself I'd do things differently today. So I'm sitting at the other end of the sofa.
- At my age I can hide my own Easter eggs, wait half an hour, and have no clue where I left them.
- If you boil a funny bone does it become a laughing stock?
- I can't believe how old people my age are.
- Be crazy, be stupid, be silly, be weird, be whatever because life is too short to be anything but happy.
- One of the greatest gifts you can give someone is thanking them for being part of your life.
- If anyone is birthday shopping for me I wear a size 7-day Caribbean cruise.
- Eight signs you're an adult:
 - You gain 30 pounds overnight
 - You'd rather sleep than go out
 - Everything hurts
 - Comfort comes before style
 - You have a favorite spatula
 - Everything feels like a chore
 - College students look like 12 year olds and
 - You're always annoyed.
- I've heard there are people who can actually eat just one chocolate out of the box.....Underachievers.
- I'd walk through fire for my best friends. Well, not fire, that would be dangerous. But a super humid room...but not too humid cause, you know...my hair. Sorry peeps.....

HAVE A GREAT WEEK, STAY SAFE, AND BE NICE TO EACH OTHER

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 3—Committee Meetings
January 5-Religious Ed and Confirmation classes start
January 13-Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, 6:30 in Father Kottas Social Hall
January 24-Knights of Columbus meeting, 6:30 in the Father Kottas Social Hall

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