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MASSES

Saturday 4:30 PM Wednesday 8:00 AM (Not July)
 Sunday 9:30 AM Thursday 8:00 AM (Not July)

WORD & COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday 8:00 AM (Labor Day through Memorial Day)

NEW PARISHIONERS

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated the 2nd weekend each month. Must be active, registered member of parish family. Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made by contacting Parish Office at least six months in advance. Must be active, registered member of parish family.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Notify Parish Office of parishioners experiencing serious illness, injury, or hospitalization. Communal Anointing of the Sick is celebrated annually in the Fall.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available 1st Saturday each month at **11:00 AM** in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish **or call Parish Office for appointment.**

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
114 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, MI 48611

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SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND

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WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools close due to inclement weather, daytime (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM), parish activities are canceled. Cancellation of evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5.

WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2020

MONDAY
212: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 Ps 2:7-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY 8:00 am - Word and Communion
213:1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY 8:00 am - Mass
214: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY 8:00 am - Mass
215: 1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22a

FRIDAY
216: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16

SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.- Mass
217: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 3:22-30

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.- Mass
21:1s 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17



Family Talk Time *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families*, Sara McGinnis Lee
The Magi brought gifts to Jesus. What gifts do each of you bring?

Reflecting on the Word:

Matthew's account is the only one to describe the visit of the Magi. The journey of the Magi revealed the significance of Jesus' birth. Epiphany means "revelation": the star revealed the way to Jesus, and their gifts to the newborn revealed his true identity (his royalty, divinity, and eventual death). We all experience moments of epiphany: moments when the darkness is dispelled and we see the world in a new way, moments when we find the courage to travel outside the safe borders of our normal lives. On this feast, consider where the star is leading you. How is Christ being revealed in your life?

Living the Word:

Perform the traditional "chalking the door" at your home. Use chalk to write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + M + B + 20. The letters have two meanings: they are the initials OF THE Magi's names- Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar- and they also abbreviate the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* ("May Christ bless this house"). The + sign represents the cross, the year is written at either end. This inscription is a prayer that Christ bless the home and stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon, Jan.6	School Resumes 6:30-8pm	Choir Practice
Tues. Jan. 7	10:00 am	Scripture Study-(PC)
Wed. Jan. 8	10:00 am	Knitting Club-(PC)
Thurs. Jan.9	6:30-7:30 pm	Youth RCIA-(RB)
	6:30-7:30 pm	Commission Meetings
	7:30-8:30 pm	Parish Council
Sat. Jan. 11	Pantry Weekend	
Sun. Jan. 12	Pantry Weekend	
	9:30 am	Nursery and CLOW
	10:45 am	Religious Ed

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$17,994.37
Religious Retirement: \$180.00 **Food Pantry:** \$25.00
Campaign for Human Development: \$25.00
 Children G☺☺d Deeds

... I played with my Dad...Helped Mom with work...Helped Dad
 To ask permission to wear my Mom's scarf...I did chores for Mom

Baptism Preparation Session:



First time parent classes will be: February 6th or April 2nd @ 7 pm in the Parish Center. For those who have already attended a session, prep will be March 5th or May 7th @7 pm in the Parish Center. To register or set your celebration date, please contact Sandy at (989) 662-4335 or sdjardins@auburnac.com

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

This week has been an eventful one for all of us, and AACCS has been working to update our classrooms. Currently half our exterior doors have been replaced, and new carpet has been put into our 1st grade classroom. We will continue to improve as much as we can, when we can. Come look and see what great things we have going on!



The readings this week are also talking about new and great things; the birth of Jesus! This week Jesus is recognized by the outside world through the Magi. They bring him gifts fit for Jesus our Savior; gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die. The Magi knew what Jesus would have to do and recognized it immediately. Recognizing Jesus can be difficult. He is present in every person we encounter, but sometimes frustrations or anger can make it hard to see him. I am working hard to use patience and understanding in every situation, because in the end, Jesus is there.

Donations Needed....During

the holiday season we served a larger number of people than normal from the food pantry, so we need to restock our shelves. If you could help us out by bringing donations to church next weekend, January 11th and 12th it would be greatly appreciated!



Food Pantry Needs

Needed:

Soups	Paper Towels	Mashed Potatoes
Peanut Butter	Baked Beans	Stuffing
Syrup	Canned Fruit	Shampoo/Conditioner
Deodorant	Pancake Mix	Canned Pasta
Jelly	Cookies	Laundry Detergent

God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal



The Epiphany of the Lord

Patricia Sanchez

Celebration

Today we celebrate Epiphany, the joyous realization that our God has manifested the good light of forgiveness and redemption in our world. While we remember with gladness the One whose birth made light live and move among us, we also need to admit that the darkness continues to overshadow many of us and our communities. To put it another way, the mystery Paul was privileged to reveal—that all peoples of the earth are coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise of Jesus through the Gospel—has not yet been fully realized among us. As long, as there are divisions, as long, as there is bias, prejudice and ethnic hatred, we continue to find ourselves in darkness that longs for the dawn. Therefore, as we celebrate this feast of Epiphany, we are to recognize and realize its challenge: to be living reflections of the light of Christ for all people.

In the first reading, Trito-Isaiah envisions a cavalcade of nations streaming toward Jerusalem, with a shared desire to find the Lord of light and goodness and glory and offer their praise. In today's Gospel, Matthew expresses the faith of the early church, who believed that Jesus is the Lord of light and glory in whom all nations of the earth, represented by the magi, will salvation. While it is easy and comfortable to talk about visions of the world unity, the challenge of Epiphany is to make it so, beginning not necessarily on a national level but with ourselves.

Ongoing Vision: (Isaiah 60)

Celebration

Christians believe that the universal vision Trito-Isaiah kept before the eyes of his sixth-century B.C.E. contemporaries was fully realized only centuries later in the ultimate epiphany, or manifestation, of God's glory: Jesus Christ. Only through the person and mission of Jesus have the dark clouds of sin and death been robbed of their power. But the reality of epiphany did not end with Jesus. On the contrary, those who love and believe in him as the light of the world are, by virtue of their love and belief, challenged to continue the process of epiphany until there are no more threats of darkness and every human heart is illumined with unquenchable love and light.

In Unity: (Ephesians 3)

Celebration

The author of Ephesians, aware that such barriers between people were contradictory to the unity that Jesus forged, was quick to take on the age-old distinction between gentiles and Jews. Convinced that these divisions would hinder the growth and survival of the Christian community, the ancient writer insisted that gentiles are *coheirs*, members of the *same* body and *equal* sharers in the promise of salvation.

In his sharing, Paul (or the author of Ephesians) was holding himself out as an example of the openness toward others that is essential to becoming a follower of Jesus. This openness remains a challenge for believers in a society fractured by ethnic rivalries, prejudice, bigotry and hatred for those who are different. Today's feast teaches us that, in the light of Christ's epiphany, these differences are to be respected rather than rejected. Our respect for others is not mere tolerance, but should lead us to accept them as partners, coheirs and members of the one body of Christ.

Moved by a Star: (Matthew 2)

Celebration

In one of his meditations on today's Gospel, Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard pointed out the difference between the scribes' reaction to the newborn king of the Jews and the reaction of the magi. The magi had only a rumor to go by and the natural witness of a star.

But they were moved to embark on a very long journey. The scribes had studied the scriptures; they knew the prophetic texts, and yet they did not accompany the magi. They did not make a move.

Kierkegaard suggests that, like the scribes, many of us know a great deal about Christ and his teachings, but this knowledge hasn't moved us to conversion or transformation or growth. The great feast of Epiphany challenges us to allow our knowledge of and relationship with Jesus to direct our lives, move us forward and maintain our willingness to journey wherever Jesus may lead.

*“Lord, guide me to
your light”*



Need for Humility:

Connect

Through the centuries, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, in the Holy Land, has been a very popular pilgrim destination. The seventeen-hundred-year-old basilica is revered as the birthplace of Jesus Christ. The experience of visiting the church that marks the most important event known to human history leaves one in awe. It marks the birthplace of Jesus, who affected the course of human events in ways that only God could accomplish

An interesting aspect of the basilica's architecture is its four-foot-high “Door of Humility.” Visitors need to bow, as if in humility, as they enter the basilica that marks the sacred birthplace of the Son of God. What has developed is an interesting convergence of form and function in this sacred place. In the way of spiritual form, it is appropriate that the pilgrim needs to bow to enter the place of the Savior's birth. In the way of function, the low entryway prevented horseback and camelback marauders from easily plundering the basilica over the centuries. The low entryway demands a humble bow as it adds a means of security and peace to this sacred place.

Our journey with Christ's light takes us to our own door of humility. The message of Jesus is a call for us to live humbly in service to God and others. This is entryway to happiness in this life and the entryway that leads to happiness in the next. Jesus reveals the message and means to eternal happiness. We are to live, pray, walk, and work humbly. A life of humility recognizes someone greater than us. This day of Epiphany provides the revelation that Jesus is the One.

Point to Ponder: Patricia Sanchez

Celebration

A well-circulated Hasidic tale tells the story of a rabbi quizzing his students. He asked, “How can we determine the hour of dawn. When the night ends and the day begins?”

One of the students suggested, “Day begins when, from a distance, you can distinguish between a dog and a sheep.”

“No,” answered the rabbi. Another student asked, “Is it when you can distinguish between a fig tree and a grapevine?”

Again, the answer was, “No.” “Please tell us the answer then,” said the students.

“It is,” said the rabbi, “when you can look into the face of other human beings and you have enough light in you to recognize them as your brothers and sisters. Up until then, it is night and darkness is still with us





Dow Foundation Match Gift:

A parishioner who is an employee for the Dow Foundation has taken advantage of their matching gifts for charitable contributions program and we received \$1,250.00 from the Herbert H. & Grace A. Dow Foundation. We

are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners and the Dow family who make programs like this available. **Thank-you!**

Thank-you! To everyone who donated to the Giving Tree for **Plainview Assisted Living**, the residents would like to express how grateful they are for your thoughtfulness during the Christmas season. Your kindness was truly appreciated!



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are attempting to schedule one more photo date for those who missed getting pictures taken or need retakes. We will start a wait list because we do need to have 20 appointments to make this happen, so please call the Parish office (989) 662-6861 if you are interested. We need to do this soon, so please let us know ASAP!

Use Prior Directory's Photo: If desired, you may use a photo from the prior Directory for a \$10 fee. You will receive a complimentary upcoming Directory. Notify the Parish Office of this request – no need for you to retrieve the photo.

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Burial	\$ 650	\$ 850
Burial of Cremains	\$ 150	\$ 175
Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

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