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"WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE." - MT 2:2

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Parish Hours

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL MAIN OFFICE | 251-4831
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Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: 9:00 AM the Monday prior to the bulletin except for holidays. Watch the bulletin for deadlines. **Send information to:**
churchofstmichael@churchofstmichael.net
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Wherever you are on your journey, we Welcome you!



HELP NEEDED! We are looking for some help with snow removal around the church building during the weekdays of the winter months. If you have the time and are interested, please give Tim Kucala a call at 260-9114 or 251-6923. Thank you!

Spiritual Adoption: Jan. 3, 2021

Thank you for praying for your spiritually adopted babies and supporting the ministry. The Annual Baby shower for Elevate Pregnancy Center is Sun., Jan 3, at the 9 & 10:30 AM Masses at SPA/SPE parishes. More info on page 4.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

TOGETHER AS ONE AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

A Note From Fr. Tom

"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'" (Matthew 2:1-2).

My dear friends in Christ, as we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, we hear about the great story of the three wise men who seek the Savior by following the star. What is amazing to me about these "three kings" is that they traveled a long, long distance not in search of some kind of treasure, but in search for the King. They did not come to seek riches and power, but rather, they came to worship.

When we think of the magi, we might fall into the trap of looking at them one-dimensionally, as if it were through their research and knowledge *alone* that they found the star which led them to Jesus. This type of thinking can leech into our spiritual lives as well, where we begin to think that it is by our effort and searching *alone* that we grow closer to the Lord.

Rather than focusing on the magi's search for God, let's put the focus on God himself. The wise men were not the only ones doing the seeking... the story is primarily about God's search for us! Look at how God used the star to win over the hearts of these three Gentiles from the east! St. John Chrysostom said it beautifully: "God called them by using what was more familiar to them, and he showed them a great and wonderful star so that they were amazed by its greatness and beauty."

Christianity is primarily about God's search for us. God became man that he might seek and find us. His grace is always at work, and he is always calling us closer to himself. Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd, the one who leaves the ninety-nine in the wilderness in order to go after the one, lost sheep. In a poem by Francis Thompson, he calls the Lord "the Hound of Heaven," the one who runs after us after we flee from him.

So yes, seek the face of the Lord—seek the star—but first and foremost, ask the Lord for the grace to allow yourself to be found by him! Make a New Year's resolution to set aside some time for prayer each and every day. Slow down, and let yourself be found.

Peace,

Fr. Tom Skaja

Financial Blessings

JANUARY 3, 2021

ST. PETER'S WEEKLY BUDGET: \$7,500.00

Ordinary Income

Loose Plate.....	\$6.00
Adult Sunday.....	\$7,374.37
Direct Deposit.....	\$1,815.00
Total Last Week.....	\$9,195.37
Total YTD Budget.....	\$180,000.00
Total YTD Collection.....	\$188,519.37
Over Budget.....	\$8,519.37
Total Other Income.....	\$150.00
Christmas.....	\$9,303.00

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY BUDGET: \$6,826.92

Ordinary Income

Loose Plate.....	\$220.00
Adult Sunday.....	\$8,445.00
Holy Day.....	\$255.00
Latin Mass.....	\$2,893.10
Total Last Week.....	\$11,813.10
Total YTD Budget.....	\$177,499.92
Total YTD Collection.....	\$169,913.88
Hispanic Collection.....	\$1,314.00
Total Other Income.....	\$367.50
Religious Retirement.....	\$20.00
Christmas.....	\$13,014.00

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY BUDGET: \$8,365.38

Ordinary Income

Loose Plate.....	\$166.01
Adult Sunday.....	\$12,644.00
Holy Day.....	\$225.00
Total Last Week.....	\$13,035.01
Total YTD Budget.....	\$217,499.88
Total YTD Collection.....	\$234,968.84
Total Other Income.....	\$304.50
Christmas.....	\$11,336.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$245.00

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY BUDGET: \$11,057.69

Ordinary Income

Loose Plate.....	\$531.00
Adult Sunday.....	\$4,107.00
Direct Deposit.....	\$3,533.88
Total Last Week.....	\$8,171.88
Total YTD Budget.....	\$287,499.94
Total YTD Collection.....	\$255,739.79
Under Budget.....	\$31,760.15
Total Other Income.....	\$16,225.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Together As One ACC News



Rest in peace:

Dick Clement



EPIPHANY BLESSING OF DOORWAYS

Welcome to all who enter here!

The numerals of the current year and the first letters of the legendary names of the Three Magi:

Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar
Are written over the doorways
with blessed chalk in this way:

20 + C + M + B + 21

(C+M+B may also mean **Christus mansionem benedicat** - Latin for **May Christ bless this house.**)

This prayer is prayed as the doorway is marked:

O God of all ages and all peoples, bless all who enter this doorway in the Year of Our Lord two thousand twenty-one. May all who enter find a warm welcome, love, hospitality and peace in the name of Jesus, the King of Kings and Prince of Peace! AMEN!



TOGETHER AS ONE ACC NEWS

Pastoral Care Ministry news.....

I hope all of you have had a Peace-filled Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We have celebrated the Feast of The Holy Family. How can we incorporate this Feast Day into our own family? Being Holy does not necessarily mean doing great things. Rather, we need to be doing ordinary things with great love. We can be a holy family in our ordinary everyday lives by:

Treating each of our homes as a little chapel-pray daily

Moms and dads demonstrate holiness in preparing meals, doing laundry, soothing hurt feelings, helping with schoolwork and by loving each other

Both moms and dads live out a holy calling by working to support the family, fixing things and volunteering where they can

Children can be taught to imitate Jesus by helping parents, elders and being respectful

God needs our holy families to bring His love into this hurting world. Ask Jesus, Mary and Joseph to help and inspire us to create a world of holiness.

Honoring Marriage Day-is coming up on Saturday, May 1, 2021. This event will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Mary in Saint Cloud at 1:00 PM for couples celebrating their 5th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60 plus anniversaries. If you would like to be a part of this amazing event, please submit your name, address, your wedding date and number of years married to the parish office by Sunday, January 24th, 2021. We will pass those names along to the Diocese who will send you a formal invitation.

Social Ministry Activities....

Paying it Forward: The Scheel's Moment

A grandmother and her ten year old grandson, Elijah, were shopping at Scheels recently (following Covid regulations) when they were spotted sitting on a bench probably looking a bit weary. Jamie, Scheels Secret Santa, approached them and somehow the conversation that ensued resulted in Jamie surprising them with a cup of coffee, a smoothie and chocolate treats; it was a delightful and thoughtful gesture. Elijah and his Nanny proceeded to assure Jamie that they would "pay the gesture forward". In fact, they shared that they had hand and foot warmers in their cart as gifts at Lake George the following day, Dec. 20, for persons experiencing homelessness or food insecurity.

What followed was astounding: as they checked out, Jamie returned and said she had something to show them. Anticipating a candy cane or coupon, they were stunned and thrilled when Jamie appeared with an entire cart filled with gloves, mittens, body shirt warmers, and socks to enhance their donations toward the outreach for persons experiencing homelessness. It was an unexpected, incredibly generous, heartwarming and thoughtful act from Scheels to join into the outreach effort. A big thank you to Scheels and Secret Santa, Jamie, for their generous gift of warmth that brightened the lives of many this Christmas season.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

TOGETHER AS ONE AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St. Michael & St. Joseph News

ST. MICHAEL'S "MASK-UERADE" FUNDRAIDER EVENT

Our event will be happening on Saturday, February 27th, 2021 at St. Michael's Church. Please mark this date on your calendar and pray that we can have a successful event, even with Covid 19.



This year our parish fundraiser is going to take on a different look due to the Coronavirus continually lurking around us. With adhering to the Covid-19 regulations, we are unable to have our large gathering at the Eagles Club for dinner and dancing, so we will be scaling it down to a St. Michael's Mask-uerade silent auction and raffle drawing at the Church of St. Michael's. We ask you, our fellow parishioners, to help support our main fundraiser for the year.

Your raffle tickets will be mailed and they should have arrived by now. Tickets are \$10.00 each. There are 15 cash prizes, ranging from \$100.00 to the Grand prize of \$2,500.00. The drawing will be held Saturday, February 27, 2021 at approximately 6:00 PM following the 4:30 pm Mass.

We will be offering a smaller quantity of silent auction items this year in the gathering space at St. Michael's. Donations are being accepted in the parish office for the silent auction. Some great ideas include new handmade and household items, service and gift certificates, wine and accessories baskets and much more. Please bring them in by January 31st.



Thank you to the choir and musicians who made the Christmas Masses so joyful and the decorators who made the church so beautiful for the Christmas season! We really appreciate your dedication to these ministries at both parishes.

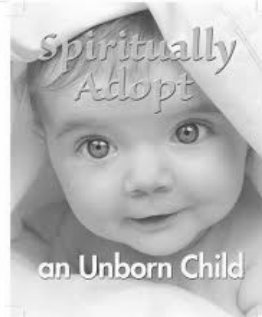


HELP NEEDED! We are looking for some help with snow removal around the church building during the weekdays of the winter months. If you have the time and are interested, please give Tim Kucala a call at 260-9114 or 251-6923. Thank you!

Our calendars for the year 2021 have arrived and are available in the gathering space for parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Michael. One per family due to a limited supply of them. Thank you for your cooperation.

St. Peter & St. Paul News

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION



Thank you praying for your spiritually adopted babies during , Aug. Sept., Oct. and Nov. Our babies are about to be born in 6 weeks!! They have finished developing and are concentrating on gaining weight and growing. They might be making their mothers a bit uncomfortable now.

They will need a layer of fat to help them stay warm after leaving the perfect temperature in their mother's womb. Your baby's mother appreciates the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.

THANK YOU for supporting this parish ministry everyone. The ANNUAL BABY SHOWER for Elevate Pregnancy Center will take place on Sunday, January 3rd. at the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. Items most needed: Winter clothing, monetary donations, gift cards, Monetary donations may be sent to Elevate, 376 3rd St. NE, Waite Park, MN 56387, if you prefer. Please indicate you are a member of SPE/SPA Parish. There will be a table at the churches for other donations. Thank you. Jan

KC Council 5548 Events

Due to the coronavirus shutdown there will be no KC member meeting in January.

January is a Pro-Life month and we will be praying a Novena for Life and collecting money for our local organizations who support life in all of its stages. Look for more details in upcoming bulletins. More good news as the old ultrasound machine from the Pregnancy Resource Center has found a new home in New London.

We continue to need new members and volunteers to support our programs in our faith communities. Interested men over 18 years old can simply visit kofc.org/joinus, complete the online membership application and enter our council number 5548. Contact Tom Jacobs for more information at 252-0126.

As Knights we are committed to "Leave No Neighbor Behind". Be sure to contact a member if you need our help. For more information call Tom Jacobs at 252-0126 or for the Ladies Auxiliary contact Corine Meier at 259-5169.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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St. Joseph & St. Michael's Schedule

MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH

8:00 AM Mass SM †Allen Otterness

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH

8:00 AM Mass SM †Marge Tatlock

8:30 AM—2:30 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30 PM Mass SJ For Susie and Brian Hagan & family

7:30-9:30 PM SM Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH

6:30 AM Mass SJ Latin - †For Fr. Raymond Donnay

8:00 AM Mass SM †Rita & Fred Strebel

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7TH

8:00 AM Mass SJ †Ben Bailey

5:00 PM SJ Adoration

6:00 PM SJ Misa en Español

7:00 PM SJ Choir Practice

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH

8:00 AM Mass SJ †Jerry Mace

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH

3:30 PM SM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass SM †Roy Schlangen & Kenneth Rothstein

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH

7:00 AM SJ Confessions

7:30 AM Mass SJ †Harold Sr. & Loretta Kosel

9:00 AM Mass SJ Latin

11:00 AM Mass SJ Misa en Español

5:00 PM Mass SM For the people

Tear off and Save!



DO YOU LIKE COFFE, COME TO ST. MICHAEL'S!

We are selling Fr. Mark's coffee which comes from the Antigua Highlands of Guatemala here at St. Michael's Church for \$13 Medium, French, Dark Ground and Bean Roasted coffee and \$14 De-caaffeinated Ground coffee. You can't beat that price for this great tasting coffee. We are open Monday through Thursday 8:30-3 pm and Friday 8:30-noon.

St. Peter & St. Paul Schedule

MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH

8:15 AM SPE Cancelled until further notice

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH

8:15 AM Mass SPE †Don Schmitz

3:00 PM SPE Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH

8:15 AM Mass SPA †Sal & Ansie Sperl

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7TH

7:45 AM SPE Confessions

8:15 AM Mass SPE †Alice Rau

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH

7:45 AM SPA Confessions

8:15 AM Mass SPA †Mark Hannig

Saturday, JANUARY 9TH

7:45 AM SPE Confessions

8:15 AM Mass SPE For the people of our ACC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH

9:00 AM Mass SPA †Ernest and Delores Popp

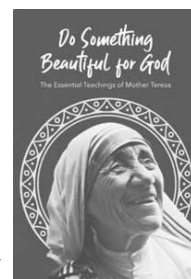
10:30 AM Mass SPE †Marlys Stainbrook

Tear off and Save!

Parish calendars are here!!: In case you haven't noticed at the entrances of churches, the parish calendars for Saint Peter and Paul have arrived!! Please feel free to take one home for your family. (1 per household please). A big "thank you" to all of the sponsors who helped make the calendar possible.

A Gift for You!

Pick up your copy of the book, "Do Something Beautiful for God: The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa" found in our church entry spaces. This book will help you enter into a new year with grace, reflecting on Mother Teresa's teachings. "They will comfort you in your affliction and afflict you in your comfort. But most of all, in the midst of all the activity and noise in your life, you will hear Mother Teresa encouraging you by gently saying: Do something beautiful for God with your life!"



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TOGETHER AS ONE AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Staying Connected

There are many ways for our Together As One Community to stay connected during these challenging times. Check our TAO Catholic webpage at <https://www.taocatholic.org> to find links to our recorded masses. Our Together As One Catholic Facebook page also has recording links and the livestream mass schedule for those who want to worship simultaneously with the parishioners in church.

The Art and Soul Committee is sponsoring virtual evening prayer every Tuesday and Thursday. Evening Prayer includes scripture, petitions and music. It's a wonderful way to end your evening and keep connected. Just visit www.youtube.com and search for Together As One Catholic to take you to our "channel". If you click on the "Video" tab, you will find all Evening Prayer recordings and also, Cabin Fever Faith by Father LeRoy.

At the entrances of our church, you will find copies of *Give Us This Day*, a wonderful resource that is used as the foundation for Evening Prayer. This text also includes Morning Prayer, Daily Mass Readings and reflections. Art and Soul has purchased 100 copies per month for our parish communities. If you would like to reserve a subscription, just call Terry at the St. Peter and Paul parish office at 320-251-4831.

Vespers For Life will be held on January 17, 2021 at the Church of St. Anthony, 2405 1st St N, St Cloud. Rosary at 3:30 p.m. and Vespers at 4:00 p.m. Bishop Donald Kettler will preside at the Vespers service. The service includes music, prayer, scripture and reflection for the over 61 million children who have been aborted since 1973. Monetary donations accepted to Mother Mary's Fund to assist crisis pregnancy centers in the Diocese of St. Cloud. <http://stclouddiocese.com/event/vespers-for-life-2021/>.

January 22 – March For Life – Due to current health concerns, the Diocese of St. Cloud will not be coordinating buses to St. Paul. The Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis is hosting a March for Life Youth & Family Conference from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Details can be found at <https://www.archspm.org/march-for-life-youth-familyconference/>



Natural Family Planning Instruction for January & February 2021 Instruction will be by personal appointment following COVID precautions or virtual by Zoom or Google Meetings. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation

Method will be offered in: St. Cloud: Monday, January 11 & Thursday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. For additional sites, information/register, visit www.stcdio.org/omf/nfp or contact Sheila Reineke at sreineke@gw.stcdio.org or (320) 252-4721 ext. 308



Bishop's Annual Appeal: Let us look with hope to the new year. May 2021 be a year that witnesses the vitality of our parishes within our Area Catholic Communities and the ability of our diocesan ministries to continue to touch the lives of the faithful in meaningful ways. More information at www.stcdio.org/appeal.

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "... they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh ..." — Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

FAITH FORMATION

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NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE


pro-life

ESSAY CONTEST

Junior Contest: Grades 7-9
Senior Contest: Grades 10-12

Submit your 300-500 word essay between Dec. 20, 2020, and Jan. 21, 2021

details and submission information at
NRLC.ORG/STUDENTS/ESSAYCONTEST



MINNESOTA CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR LIFE

pro-life

ORATORY CONTEST

Minnesota's winner may compete in the national contest at the National Right to Life Convention

High school juniors and seniors: Submit a video of your 5-7 minute speech on abortion, infanticide, or euthanasia anytime from September through May

CONTACT MCCL FOR RULES AND APPLICATION, OR VISIT
MCCL.ORG/YOUTHCONTESTS



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BAPTISM: Please call Fr. Timothy Gapinski at 251-6923 for SJ/SM and Carrie Fedor at 251-4831 Ext 211 for SPE/SPA to set up a meeting and set up required sessions to prepare parents for baptism. Prefer preparation before child is born.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made a minimum of 9-12 months in advance to complete the necessary marriage and wedding preparations. Please call Fr. Timothy Gapinski at 251-6923 for St. Michael & St. Joseph and call Carrie Fedor at 251-4831 Ext 211 for St. Peter & St. Paul for an appointment.

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATIONS: Welcome! Please call the parish offices or stop in to fill out information that is needed for our records at either parishes.

RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
Thinking about joining the Catholic Church, or learning more about it? Through the RCIA process, our parish communities welcome your interest and questions about the Christian Faith as it is lived and celebrated in the Roman Catholic Tradition. For more information contact:

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Bernie Quist 252-9589

Rick Koetter 249-0102

SJ/SM: **Fr. Timothy Gapinski** 320-251-6923

HOSPITAL VISITS: If you are a patient in the St. Cloud Hospital desiring a visit, please call the parish office at SM & SJ 320-251-6923 or SPE/SPA at 320-251-4831 Ext 210.

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