

January 3rd, 2016 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



SECURING OUR FUTURE—St. Joseph Capital Campaign

As of 12/31/2015 we have received 123 pledges for a total pledge amount of \$227,200.48. Of that amount pledged we have received \$120,139.48 in cash.

Reflections on the readings

Today we hear Saint Paul proclaim that he exercises stewardship of “God’s grace” for the benefit of the Christian community. Earlier in this letter to the Ephesians, he prayed they would come to realize the actual value of “these riches” of God’s grace they inherited. This letter was written to remind, encourage, and spiritually motivate this Eucharistic community to appreciate just how immeasurably wealthy they had become to inherit a life in Christ. What value do we place on our life in Christ? If someone asked us to put a price on this life in today’s currency, how would we respond? \$100 million? \$100 billion? Priceless? Do we live as though our life in Christ is priceless?

Questions of the Week

In the year just past, what was my most memorable experience of God’s mercy touching my life? How in this new year can I help God’s mercy take flesh in someone else’s life? What “recalculation” of my schedule or priorities must I make to answer the challenge of today’s Gospel to chart a direct route to a personal encounter with God-made-flesh?



We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church!

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Mass Intentions For the week



Tue 8:00am	Virginia Spencer +
Wed 8:00am	Frances Phillips +
Thu 10:00am	Larry Bockhold +
Fri 8:00am	Marion Slates +
Sat 5:30pm	The Parishioners
Sun 7:30am	Gilbert Massman +
Sun 10:30am	Carl & Sally Hummel +

**Confession are heard
Saturdays at 5 pm,
Sundays at 7 and
10am or anytime by
appointment**

Parish Support Envelopes \$6207.00, Loose \$312.25, Seminary & Priestly Retirement Collection \$3329.00

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY For this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, Bishop Gaydos has designated five church as pilgrimage sites at which there will be a Holy Door of Mercy and the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence for the Jubilee. Those churches are 1. *The Cathedral of St. Joseph*; 2. *The Church of St. Peter* in Brush Creek (where Fr. Augustine Tolton was baptized, whose cause for canonization is in process); 3. *St. Joseph in Edina*; 4. *The church of St. Patrick in Laurie* in honor of the Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church (at the lake of the Ozarks) 5. *The shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows* in Starkenburg. You are all encouraged to make a pilgrimage to receive the Lord’s mercy and to share that mercy with others.

CHURCH PAINTING Starting January 11, we will begin the painting works in the church and hope to get it over by Palm Sunday. Hence, with due permission from Bishop Gaydos, all the Masses will be said in the Farischon Hall. During this period one will be able to visit the Blessed Sacrament only during office hours. Other times one will have to be satisfied with only the spiritual visit to the Blessed Sacrament, until we resume our Masses in the Church.

Again for security reasons sometime within the next two weeks we are changing the lock of the Farischon Hall. At present there are some keys which were issued to some people and never returned. If those keys fall into wrong hands then we will be in trouble. Anyone who really needs a key should return the old key and get the new key. This will help us update our record of who has got the key.

CHRISTMAS SEMINARY COLLECTION Remember that the parish has an assessment from the diocese each year. This year it is in the amount of \$3,089.00. The Christmas collection goes to pay for the assessment which is for the Seminary and Priestly Retirement Fund.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL We thank all parishioners who have given generously to the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal. We ask those of you who have not sent in your pledge to please consider a gift to finance the services and support provided by diocesan staff to parishes and beyond. So far, St. Joseph Parish, Palmyra has raised \$10,924 of their CSA goal of \$15,190, with a total of 54 parishioners participating.

2016 Donation Envelopes are now available to be picked up in the Rothweiler room. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

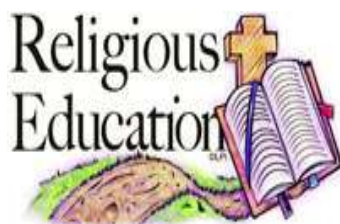
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS We would like to welcome the new Parish Council members Steve Bland, David Hastings, Ed Hess and Amy Massman. We would also like to thank the outgoing members Brenda Bland, John Fohey, Joe Jones, and Luke Mahsman. During the weekend of January 16-17 all the old as well as newly elected parish council members will be installed at all the Masses.

Parish Council will have its monthly meeting on **January 19th at 7:30pm**. If you have any concerns, please contact one of the follow Council members:

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NEW CLOTHING FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. ANN'S HEALTH CENTER IN LUREG AND OTHER PLACES IN INDIA In honor of your children, grandchildren, or just a loved one, consider donating a new outfit this New Years. We are filling a suitcase full of new clothing (for children ages 1 to 12yrs) to take with us to India on January 26, 2016. Please place your donation in the church entry by Sunday January 24, 2016. Keep in mind that females only wear dresses & that the weather can get as low as 40 F. Also cash donations are needed to cover shipping expenses. Any questions about this effort contact Lisa Leake 573-248-7649. In the spirit of giving let's reach out to our neighbors in India. Thank you Lisa & Deacon Bob

Confirmation Classes Confirmation Class on January 3rd at 8:45-10:15am. Any Confirmation Candidate attending Reignite will be excused from class January 3rd. There is also Confirmation January 10th at 8:45-10:15am. There will be no Confirmation January 17th due to Martin Luther King Day.



CCD Class CCD will return to normal scheduled January 3rd 9:15-10:15am. There is also CCD January 10th at 9:15-10:15am. There will be no CDD January 17th due to Martin Luther King Day.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROOP In January we will be having Middle School Youth Group on the 2nd and 4th Sunday due to High School Retreats on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in January.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH We will not have Youth Group January 3rd due to Reignite. There will be Youth Group January 10th at 6:30-8pm. There is also a TEC in Quincy over Martin Luther King weekend.



Prayer Requests

Pray for one another

† Penny Larensen, Dick Moylan, Clarice Faharai, Rosemary Westfallen, Vincent Westfallen, Vicky Lucas, Bradley Tierney and his family, Audrey Neeley, Jean Harrison, Greg Harrison, Denise Whelan, Linda Hirner, Jim Cissna, Dick Moylan, Mary Brown, Bob Rupp, Laura Russell, Bob Wolfmeyer, Dwayne Goodwin, Ellen Goodwin.

The Holy Father's Prayer intentions for January

- † **Universal:** That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.
- † **Evangelization:** For Christian Unity, that by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

Please pray for those with birthdays this week:

Nancy Pryor January 4	Janet Krekemeyer January 8	John Buckman January 10
Charles Wall January 5	Dennis Brown January 9	Mason Franklin January 10
Bethany O'Brien January 5	Peter Thelen January 9	Katee Hinkle January 10

PLEASE SUPPORT
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3rd
SERVING FROM 8 TO 10:30AM
Cost is a free will donation
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE P.A.W.S. PROGRAM AT SCHOOL

Deadline to have announcements in the bulletin is Wednesday by 3 pm