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Community of St. Barbara of Brookfield

Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2017



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Weekday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday
Rosary after 8:00 a.m. Mass -Mon. through Sat.
Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., and Friday at 6:00 p.m. in Spanish
Saturday Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.,
Spanish Mass: 12:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 8:45 to 9:30 a.m.
Baptisms: To schedule and for information please call the
Parish Office at 485-2900
Spanish Baptisms: To schedule and for information please
call the Parish Office at 485-2900
Marriage Preparation: Call the Parish Office for information
Eucharistic Adoration: 2:00– 9:00 p.m. every Monday

New Parishioners: *Register at the Parish Office*

Parish Office Hours:

Monday — Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.
Closed on Saturday and Sunday



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St. Barbara Parish Community Blood Drive

Blood fights infections, heals wounds and performs many other vital functions. There is no substitute. Volunteer blood donors, like you, are the **only** source for people who need it. You can make an immediate, lifesaving change in someone's life. Can you help?

Sunday, January 29th
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
St. Barbara's Parish Center Gym

For more information or to make an appointment please call LifeSource Blood Services at 1-877-LIFESOURCE or log on to www.lifesource.org.

Contact Noel Thornton at 708-485-5935 or nthornton@ameritech.net if you have questions about the blood drive. Appointments recommended, but walk-ins are always welcome!

Please bring ID showing your name and birth date. Remember to have a good breakfast first.

A Christmas Thank You

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to buy gifts for the Christmas for Kids program. Because of the overwhelming generosity of so many people, we were able to put gifts under the Christmas tree for 77 children. Their parents were very grateful and many wanted blessings to be passed along to you. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness. Let's remember to keep these children in our prayers in the new year.



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Something Old – Something New

Benediction is a centuries-old devotional ceremony whereby a priest blesses the congregation with the Holy Eucharist present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Something New –

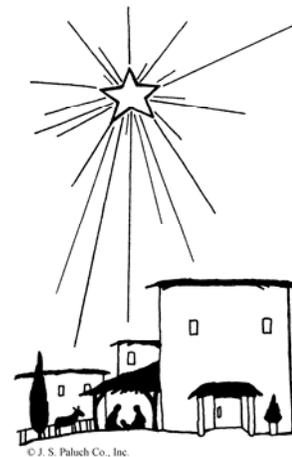
Benediction celebrated at St. Barbara.

**When: Monday, January 9th
at the 8:00 p.m. hour of
Eucharistic Adoration and the
Second Monday of every
month at 8:00 p.m.**

"We have come to do him homage." These words, spoken by the Magi from the East as they searched for the infant Jesus, resound through the centuries to be echoed in the heart of every person who makes a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. The presence of Our Lord in the

Blessed Sacrament is as real today as the infant Jesus was to the Wise Men who sought Him by following a star rising in the East. Pope John Paul II affirmed that through the Lord, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, we discover the full manifestation of His boundless love.

Won't you join us on January 9th and every second Monday of the month?



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Epiphany and You

What does Epiphany mean to you? Today I have some questions to help you answer that. But first a few words about the feast itself. I saw a Christmas tree in the garbage awaiting pick up in the early morning of December 26th. For many people that is when Christmas ends. For those Christians that observe a liturgical calendar it only has just begun. We have the feast of the Holy Family, and then on January 1st we celebrate the Motherhood of Mary as the God-bearer. Today we celebrate Epiphany, and we end the season with the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. Each of these feasts is an “epiphany” or revelation of the mystery of God becoming one of us.

Only Matthew tells us the story of the Magi in the second chapter of his Gospel. Magi are astrologers. They studied the stars and followed a special star to Bethlehem. Matthew did not say how many Magi. Centuries later legend turned the astrologers into three kings. Because they were from the East they represented the Gentile world. Jesus didn't just come for the chosen Israelites, but for all people. Their gifts are highly symbolic. Gold is fit for a king and they sought the newborn king of the Jews. Frankincense is what a priest uses. Sadly incense has fallen out of favor in most of our liturgy. Jesus was to become our great high priest. The third gift was myrrh to symbolize Jesus was to die for his people. Myrrh was used in burials to absorb the odor of decay. Each of the details of the Epiphany story asks us some important spiritual questions.

The first question is how would I treat the Magi? Do I reject people because of their color or religion or national origin? Am I open to all as Jesus was? What star do I follow? Is it the light of Christ? Or do I seek meaning in other ways that have nothing to do with Jesus and his message?

What gifts do I treasure? What gifts do I bring to Jesus? Gold is a symbol of wealth or the things money can buy. Is that what I seek? Or am I willing to part with my treasure and give to the poor? Have I made a generous sacrificial pledge to the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign? Frankincense symbolizes my worship. Do I spend time each day in prayer with Jesus? Have I started to read the book, *Rediscover Jesus*, that was given to me in church on Christmas day? Myrrh symbolizes death. Am I willing to let die a grudge or deep-seated anger toward someone? Is there something else in me that needs to die? Answer these questions and you will understand the spirituality of Epiphany and the Christmas Season.

God's peace and love to you all!

Father Mike Ahlstrom

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Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, January 8 Epiphany of the Lord

5:00(Sat)-+Gert Smith (Family)
 +Kevin Lynch (Mike and Pat Baldwin)
 7:30- Parishioners of St. Barbara
 10:00-+John Weissensel (Family)
 +Richard Radke (Family)
 +Edward Vokurka (Family)
 12:30 –Francisco y Arceli Vargas(25th Anniversary)

MONDAY, January 9 Baptism of the Lord

8:00-+
TUESDAY, January 10
 8:00-+Bill Reichmann (Recelia and Tom Mernin)

WEDNESDAY, January 11

8:00-+
THURSDAY, January 12
 8:00-+David and Jane Michalowski

FRIDAY, January 13

8:00-+
SATURDAY, January 14

8:00-+
 5:00-+John Bolsega
 (Gery and Elizabeth Gnat and Family)

SUNDAY, January 15

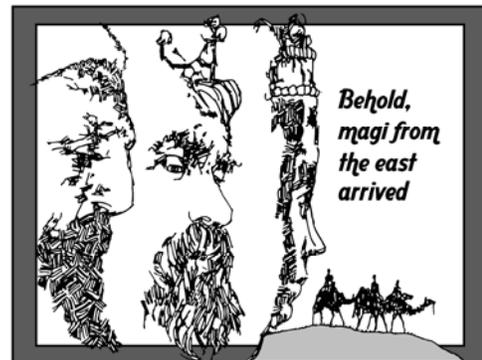
7:30-+
 10:00-+James J. Radocha (Family and Friends)
 12:30 -+Humberto Garcia, DEP

Pray for Our Sick and Deceased

Recemos por los enfermos y los que han fallecido

May the healing hand of the Lord be with the sick:
 Aydan and Emma Alonso, Diane Fagan,
 Dan Garinger, Connor Golden, Richard Feirick,
 Holly Funk, Karen Hekr, Jozefa Jaskiewicz,
 Robert Jessup, Lena Krason, Dianne Leeson,
 Ray Martin, Robert Mendel, Bette Mersereau,
 Donna Moore, Michaelleen Nutley, Tom O’Dowd,
 Pat Petrik, Robert Petrik, Rita Sanchez,
 Edvige Sancricca, Anthony Skokna,
 Susan Smetana Butler, Janice Sorensen, Dan Spacek,
 Helen Stelmack, Chris Straka, Paul Straka,
 Robin Stuker, Naomi Sweet, Jerry Thorburn,
 Steven Wanda, Marilyn Ward, Chris Zayner

For our deceased, whom we remember and love:
 Donna Koziara, Marilyn Schober,
 Rev. Donald Ahearn



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Liturgical Appointments for January 14–15

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00 pm Fr. Larry	Veronica Hiltcher Estelle Disselhorst	Bread: Angela Lawler, Elaine Bartucci, Marie LeGros Cup: Pam Carlson, Rich Slehofer, Stephanie Pozzie, Ted Zayner, Mary Barnette, Tom Carlson	Bryant Salmeron Jaiden Salmeron
7:30 Fr. Edgar	Noel Thornton Fred Gomez	Bread: Jose Flores, Jerry Gauthier, Gladys Wheeler Cup: Carol Benda, Cathy DeCola, Barb Kratochvil, Sylvia Gauthier	Catherine Chicoine Joseph Hiltcher
10:00 Fr. Edgar	Amanda Moore Ray Perek	Bread: Sandra Gecan, Gary Scelonge, Barb Johnson Cup: Deacon John Debnar, Dolores Maciejewski, Basia Savoy, Marcia Schroeder, Rich Kucera, Tracy Schroeder	Theresa Lemont John Settino
12:30 pm	Fr. Edgar	Ministros de Comunion: Ruben, maria Guerrero y Rosa Ceja Altar Servers: Ernesto Romo, Ulises Romo, Herbert Barraza	



December 25 and January 1, 2017

Total Weekly Offering –Dec 25.....\$	4,823.00
Total Weekly Offering –Jan. 1	\$ 7,441.71
First Fruits	\$ 1,155.66
St. Martin Sharing	\$ 211.00
Masses	\$ 135.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 166.00
Christmas.....	\$ 14,073.03
Estates	\$ 42,431.18

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

La Epifanía Y Tu

¿Qué significa la Epifanía para ti? Aquí tengo algunas preguntas para ayudarte a contestar eso. Pero primero, voy a ofrecerte algunas palabras acerca de la fiesta en sí. En la madrugada del 26 de diciembre vi un árbol de Navidad en la basura esperando ser recogido por el camión. Para muchas personas es ahí cuando termina la Navidad. Sin embargo, para aquellos de nosotros que observamos el calendario litúrgico, la Navidad apenas comienza. Todavía tenemos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia y luego, en el 1ro de enero, celebramos a María como Madre de Dios. Hoy celebramos la Epifanía, y terminamos la temporada navideña con la Fiesta del Bautismo de Jesús. Cada una de estas fiestas es una "epifanía" o sea: la revelación del misterio en que Dios se hace uno de nosotros.

Sólo en el evangelio de San Mateo encontramos la historia de los Reyes Magos. Los magos eran astrólogos, lo que significa que estudiaban las estrellas. Y, es por eso que, cuando vieron una estrella diferente en el cielo, la siguieron hasta llegar a Belén.

Mateo no especifica cuántos reyes magos había. Siglos más tarde una leyenda surgió en la que se dice que los magos astrólogos eran tres reyes. Porque eran del Este, representaban al mundo de los gentiles (o los no-judíos). Jesús vino no solo para salvar a los israelitas, sino a todos.

Las ofrendas que los magos trajeron al niño Dios son altamente simbólicos. El oro es propio de un rey y ellos buscaban al recién nacido rey de los judíos. El incienso es lo que un sacerdote usa. Lamentablemente, el incienso ha caído en desuso en la mayor parte de nuestra liturgia. Jesús es nuestro gran sumo sacerdote. El tercer regalo es mirra para simbolizar que Jesús iba morir por su pueblo. La mirra se utilizada en los entierros para absorber el olor de la decadencia. Cada uno de los detalles de la historia de la Epifanía nos presenta preguntas muy importantes.

La primera pregunta es ¿cómo tratamos a los Magos? ¿Rechazo a las personas por su color, su religión o su pueblo de origen? ¿Estoy abierto a todos como lo estuvo Jesús? ¿Qué estrella sigo hoy: sigo la luz de Cristo o busco significado en otras cosas que no tienen nada que ver con Jesús y su mensaje?

¿Qué regalos atesoró? ¿Qué ofrendas hago a Jesús? El oro es un símbolo de la riqueza o de las cosas que el dinero puede comprar. ¿Es eso lo que busco? ¿O estoy dispuesto a dar de mi tesoro a los pobres? ¿He donado dinero; hice una promesa de sacrificio de donación a la campaña de mi parroquia "Enseñar quien es Cristo"? El incienso simboliza mi culto. ¿Doy de mi tiempo cada día para estar en oración en presencia de Jesús? ¿He empezado a leer el libro *Redescubre a Jesús (Rediscover Jesus)* que me fue dado en la iglesia el día de Navidad? La mirra simboliza la muerte. ¿Estoy dispuesto a dejar morir los rencores y la ira hacia otros? ¿Hay algo más en mí a lo que necesite morir? Responde a estas preguntas y comprenderás la espiritualidad de la Epifanía y la temporada navideña. Les deseo a todos la Paz y el Amor de Dios.

Padre Mike Ahlstrom

**Imagine Your Future
Class of 2021
High School Entrance Exam
Saturday, January 14, 2017,
8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

The Entrance Exam is for 8th grade students seeking admission to Nazareth Academy. The exam begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at approximately 11:30 a.m. Students should enter through the west doors.

Students should bring two No. 2 pencils and the \$25 Exam Fee (exact cash or check made out to Nazareth Academy).

- No calculators are allowed.
- No pre-registration is required
- There is no dress code for testing students.
- Students are welcome to bring a water bottle.

While parents are not required to accompany their students, they are welcome to attend a Q & A Session with members of the Administration, from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Parents are allowed to wait in our Dining Hall for students to complete testing. Please note that preference for admission, scholarships and financial aid will be granted to students who test at Nazareth on January 14th.

Students who are unable to test on January 14th, 2017 due to illness or family emergency are encouraged to contact Sr. Terry Middendorf at 708.387.8513.

Students are only allowed to take an entrance exam at one Catholic high school. For further information please contact Kristen Stojetz at 708.387.8505.

Entrance tests will be administered at any Catholic High School in the Archdiocese of Chicago. For info contact the school of your choice.

**Administrative and
Database Associate
Congregation of St. Joseph
La Grange Park Center**

The Well Spirituality Center, a sponsored Ministry of the Congregation of St. Joseph in LaGrange Park has an immediate opening for an "Administrative and Database Associate"; 25 to 35 hours/week schedule. This individual will be responsible for organizing and tracking program registration and fees before, during and after events and assisting The Well's staff with design and promotion of The Well's program.

Candidates must have

- Excellent written and oral communications skills
 - Computer expertise: Publisher; Adobe Photoshop; Microsoft Office; Word Press; Contribute; Salesforce; Quark or data base proficiency
 - Keen Attention to detail, strong organizational and accurate math skills
 - Basic ability in graphic design
 - Gracious sense of hospitality and professionalism
 - Ability to work both independently and collaboratively
 - 2 to 3 years related experience.
 - Familiarity with mission driven not for profit organizations
 - Knowledge/Experience of Catholic culture preferred
- Flexibility to work some evenings and weekend hours as needed

SEND LETTER OF INTEREST AND RESUME to Geri Mesik, LaGrange Park Center Human Resources Director at gmesik@csjoseph.org by January 10, 2017.

**Week of January 8—15
at St. Barbara's**

Sunday, January 8

—11:15am Religious Ed (School)

Monday, January 9

—8:30am Rosary (Church)

—10:00am AA Meeting (Prairie A)

—2:00pm 9:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

Tuesday, January 10

—8:30am Rosary (Church)

—9:00am and 3:00pm School on Wheels (Prairie A, B, and C)

—10:00am AA Meeting (Prairie A)

—4:30pm Brownie Troop 50695 (Prairie C)

—6:30pm Rosary (Church)

—7:30pm Knights of Columbus (Music Room)

Wednesday, January 11

—8:30am Rosary (Church)

—10:00am AL-ANON (Prairie A)

—6:00pm Religious Ed (School)

Thursday, January 12

—8:30am Rosary (Church)

—10:00am AA Meeting (Prairie A)

—7:00pm Phoenix Mtg (Prairie C)

—7:30pm Choir Practice (Church)

—8:00pm AA

Friday, January 13

—8:30am Rosary (Church)

—8:30am Friday Morning Regulars (Prairie C)

—6:00pm Spanish Rosary (Church)

—6:30pm BEDS Plus (Windemere)

Saturday, January 14

—8:30am Rosary (Church)

—9:00am K of C Freethrow (Gym)

Sunday, January 15

—11:15am Religious Ed (School)

—11:15am Reconciliation/
Communion Meeting (Spanish)
(Windemere Rm)

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