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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Mass Intentions for
Jan 9 – Jan 14

	<u>Intention for</u>
Tuesday.....5:15 pm at Parkersburg	Francis Babinat
Wednesday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Dorothy Christensen Sauer
Thursday.....8:00 am at Reinbeck	Ray Bovy
Friday.....7:30 am at Parkersburg	Donna Schneider
Saturday.....5:30 pm at Parkersburg	Don & Lois Stephan
Sunday.....9:30 am at Reinbeck	For the People

Something more.....Strange, mysterious creatures, these Magi. We briefly wonder about them when we get Christmas cards picturing them in solemn procession headed for Jerusalem, or standing just outside the stable at Bethlehem, or kneeling inside it. Many people formerly called this the Feast of the Three Kings because the items they brought were pricey, so it was assumed they were kings who could afford them. It was likewise assumed that there were three of them because Matthew's nativity narrative mentions three gifts. But it's possible or even likely, according to some traditions, that there were more of them. The Eastern tradition favored 12. It's not likely that they were kings either, but rather priest-scholars from Persia.

They traveled a distance of roughly a thousand miles, most likely by camelback, and when they reached Jerusalem were undoubtedly in sore need of a long soak in Epsom salts. Jerusalem, however, didn't even have a Motel 6, and the Magi had no time for that anyway. They were on a mission to find the person foretold in the stars and in the Jewish Scriptures, which they were probably familiar with. So, they stopped briefly in Jerusalem to confer with King Herod and Jewish scholars, who pointed them toward Bethlehem.

By this time, Joseph and Mary seem to have left the stable and found temporary lodging because Matthew records them as entering the house. We can learn something from this scene. Remember that we have read the script. We know how the story turned out. Mary and Joseph hadn't read the story. They were living the story. In a way, they were writing and making the story up as they went along, based on raw, unshakable faith that went back nine or ten months to the Annunciation. They'd already had their fill of strange events, and here came another one. Who were these strange people who wanted to see their baby? What were their intentions? Could they be trusted? Mary and Joseph did trust, not so much the Magi but God. Over and over, they had to face being uprooted physically and psychologically. They were yanked out of the little comfort they had to deal with.

FOCUS: Seek Jesus diligently in your daily life.
The Magi in the Gospel sought the newborn King diligently, willing to travel from the East to find him. We can find Jesus in our daily lives so much more easily, just by being open to the many ways he is present to us. How diligent are we at finding Jesus in our own life?

Faith Formation Classes Beginning Wednesday, January 10th, 2018, we will be changing our Faith Formation session time. Sessions will still begin at 6:30, but will end at 7:30 instead of 7:45. Please let anyone responsible for transporting kids to and from Faith Formation know of the change! Thank you!

Have you considered becoming a Deacon? Jesus said, "Come and see." (Jn 1:39) The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is seeking married or single men interested in becoming a Permanent Deacon. The call to the diaconate is a call to a vocation. It requires prayer, commitment, and dedication. Interested men between the ages of 32 and 58, and their wives if married, are invited to attend an "Information Meeting" on Tuesday, January 16 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Waterloo at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. For more information, please contact Deacon Tom Lang at [1-800-876-3546](tel:1-800-876-3546) ext. 252.

Income Weekend December 31, 2017
Weekly Collection \$ 13,602.00 Needed \$ 7,200.00
Income YTD as of December 31, 2017
Total Collections \$ 144,083.11 Total Budgeted \$134,100.00
Annual Adult Budget Needed \$275,000.00

HFP Prayer Chain Contacts:
By Email: Greg Lievens greg.hfp@gmail.com
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Just Ahead

Liturgy Meeting after Mass, Sunday, Jan 14 @ R

St. Patrick, Parkersburg location

Confessions: 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4:45 pm or by Appt.
Faith Formation, Wed, Jan 10, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Parish Council Mtg, Tues, Jan 9, 6:30 @ Parkersburg

Please have bulletin announcements into the office by Thursday at 3:00 pm

St. Gabriel, Reinbeck location

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Faith Formation, Wed, Jan 10, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Other Announcements

Join us for our next Couples of Faith Date Night, Sunday Jan 14th at St. Gabriel's. Hearty soups, stews as well as discussion about extending God's superabundant mercy, making it easy to be good and hard to be bad will nourish our bodies and marriages. Meal, beverages, child care and a door prize are all provided at no cost. Doors open 4:45 and we conclude by 7pm. All married and engaged couples are welcome-be sure to invite your friends and come to meet new ones! Please RSVP to Deacon Greg at greg.hfp@gmail.com or (319) 240-0840 by Saturday, Jan 13th if possible. Hope to see you there!

Archdiocesan Women's Conference Start the New Year off right! Join hundreds of women from throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque to pray, laugh, share, and celebrate at *Beauty in Christ*, Saturday, January 27th, DoubleTree, Cedar Rapids. Invite your sisters, daughters, and friends to this beautiful celebration of faith! To register visit: <https://archwomensconference.org> before January 10th for a \$10.00 discount per ticket! Registration forms are also available on the table in the narthex. If anyone is interested in going with a group from HFP, contact Elaine Folkerts 319-404-3706

Missing Wheelchair at St. Gabriel St. Gabriel has been missing a leather fold up wheelchair from the front entrance for several weeks now. If you happen to know where it is, please let the office know. Or, if someone has taken it home and forgot to return it, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

The Waterloo area CEW - Christian Experience Weekend Retreat will be February 2 – 4, 2018 at the American Martyrs Retreat House, 2209 N. Union Road, Cedar Falls. The CEW is a renewal weekend for adults designed to enable them to more deeply “experience” themselves and their relationship to God and Christian community. This year will be a co-ed format. The retreat begins Friday with registration at 7:15 pm and concludes Sunday at 4:00 pm. For more information contact, Mike Dudley mdudjci@mchsi.com 319-296-1192 or Carolyn Pfiffner, kesscari@msn.com 319-238-2105.

"Husbands, sign up for a marriage encounter weekend this holiday season as a gift to your wife and your marriage relationship". A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has something in it for every married couple. The Weekend has value for couples married one year on up to 50 years or more. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Feb. 9-11 @ Ankeny, Mar. 9-11 @ La Crosse, Apr. 20-22 @ Dubuque. Early registration is highly recommended. For information and to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call [563-608-3305](tel:563-608-3305) or email: JLJwwme08@Gmail.com

Operation Threshold in need of cleaning supplies – dishwashing soap, laundry detergent, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, etc.

Catholic Worker House in need of – disposable shavers, deodorant & Cleaners. **Please put in Collection Box in Conference Room**

	St. Pat's Jan 13, 5:30 pm	St. Gabe's Jan 14, 9:30 am
Accompanist	Lyndsay	Susan Halbach
Cantor	Kyle	Don Davidson
Extraordinary	Greg Lievens	Greg Lievens, Kari Kemmer, Judy Jewett
Ministers	Mary Schwennen*	Mary Linder*, Tina Lyon, Gary Mauer
Of Holy	Tamara Tingle	Kathy Mauer*, Barb Melloy, Tim Melloy
Communion		Rick Nilles, Diane Stephan
Greet	Kathy Chapman	Laurie Folkedahl Ryan Folkerts Family Chris Frischmeyer Family
Gifts	Larry & Vi Kisner	Ryan Folkerts Family
Reader 1	Kathy Hosch	Kathy Zeiner
Reader 2		Michelle Cox
Server	Carley Hook	Francesca Brown, Daniel Hommel
Server	Addison Hook	Tanner DeWall
Usher	Tony & Julie Dunn	Michael Bennett. Richard Benson
Usher		Agnes Biersner, Gene Burry
Video		Dave Martens
Sacristan / MC /Announcements	Becky Lievens	Elaine Folkerts / Diane Stephan / Julie Grunklee
Collection Counters	Bob & Peg Neavins	Greg & Brenda Snider, Helen O'Connor, Larry Krebsbach