

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

Welcome to St. Richard Parish

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass of Anticipation 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. • or by appointment

BAPTISM

Baptismal preparation for parents is held monthly.
Pre-registration for the class is required. Please
contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Parish membership is required. Arrangements need
to be made a minimum of six months prior to the
wedding date. Please contact Fr. Allen.

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Pastoral Team

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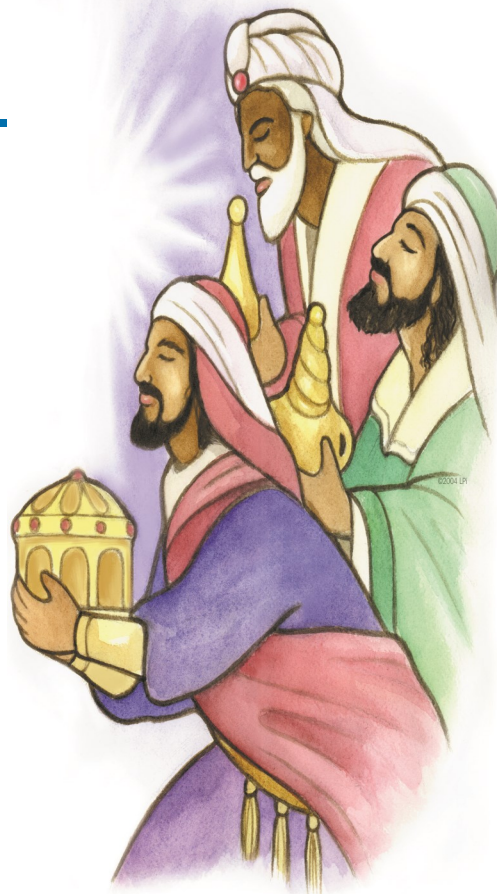
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EPIPHANY

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Team Talk

By

Fr. Allen



Looking around the city, it may appear that Christmas time is over once again. However, today we celebrate another event in the nativity story, the Epiphany. Whether you call them magi, kings, wise men or astrologers, their visit to Bethlehem and paying homage to the Christ Child is a most significant occurrence. It demonstrates that Jesus was born as Savior of all people, no matter what their culture or background may be. This makes the title Prince of Peace so meaningful as we recognize that all of us are given the mission to be peacemakers, to embody peace in our hearts and work for peace in all our relationships and actions. As we recall that St. Francis of Assisi is credited with starting the tradition of a nativity crèche or crib scene, we also recall the prayer he has left us...Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Today we begin the final week of the Christmas Season, ending next Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. I want to take this opportunity to thank the team who decorated our church to make it so inviting and prayerful, all the parishioners who ministered at the Masses and those who worshiped with us for choosing St. Richard as your home for the holidays. The Ushers counted 301 people at the Christmas Eve Mass and 101 people on Christmas Day. At the 10:00 PM Mass at St. Edward we had 185 worshipers. Let me add my personal thanks to those who gave me beautiful cards, thoughtful gifts and warm wishes. May the spirit of kindness that we experience during Christmas continue through the New Year.

Best Wishes to all and many blessings, small and large, be yours in 2019!

Fr. Allen

Epiphany of the Lord

The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.



This Week in Our Parish

Tues.	Lectio Divina Prayer Group - 1:30 p.m. PC Human Concerns - 6:30 p.m. VH
Wed.	Mass - 8:00 a.m. Adult Choir - 6:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Harmony Club - 9:30 a.m. VH
Fri.	Mass- 8:00 a.m.

Stewardship Report

The journey of the Three Wise Men (Magi--Kings) tells us the truth of who really is King of all of us. Through our offerings to the ministry of Jesus here at St. Richard's, we share in the royalty of Jesus, our Savior, and redeemer. Thank you for being a bright star that leads to the new-born King.

Financial Stewardship for the week of 22-23 December and Christmas

\$5,475 Envelopes

\$1,362 Anonymous gifts to God

\$373 Christmas Offering

\$130 Building Fund

\$75 Siena School Fund

As the new year has begun, please consider St. Richard Parish in your will. It is easy to do and will help to keep St. Richard parish vibrant through its many ministries.

Souper Bowl 2018

The Human Concerns Committee will soon be collecting cans of soup for the annual Souper Bowl Soup drive which benefits the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, the Renaissance School, and Veterans Outreach. The drive begins the weekend of 12-13 January and ends the weekend of 2-3 February. Cans will be collected at St. Richard and St. Edward. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Mary Beth Pruitt at 497-8839 or contact her via email at mbpruitt6@gmail.com.

Thank You

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council #697, I would like to thank St. Richard community for their generous contributions to our annual Tootsie Roll and Life Savers drives this past year. Your donations went a long way to help us fund the American Red Cross, the Racine County Opportunity Center, and CareNet. I hope we can count on you again in 2019. Also, look for a spaghetti dinner to be happening at St. Richard soon. Hope to see you there.

Steve Jansta

Your Choice Prevention Education

St. Paul the Apostle Evangelization and Adult formation Committee is pleased to announce a drug prevention presentation at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 January. Your Choice Prevention Education was started by a family who witnessed their son become addicted to drugs and alcohol and then recover. The family will discuss the impact it had on each of them.

The Evangelization and Adult Formation Committee is also seeking groups or individuals to help contribute to this important and crucial event. If you, your family, a neighbor, or a casual acquaintance has suffered because of a drug addiction, please consider helping sponsor this program. For more information please contact Amy Wallschlaeger at 886-0530 or at awallschlaeger@stpaulracine.org.

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Mass Intentions

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Sunday, January 6

9:00 a.m. † Leo & Lorraine Michel
† Karen Jansta Bevens

11:30 a.m. Living and deceased members of St. Richard and St. Edward parishes

Monday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Tuesday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward

Wednesday, January 9

8:00 a.m. St. Richard All Souls Remembrance

Thursday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward

Friday, January 11

8:00 a.m. † Joe Funk

Saturday, January 12

4:00 p.m. † John and Mary Orr

Sunday, January 13 The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of St. Richard Altar Society

11:30 a.m. † Elizabeth Zinnen

2018 Calendar Raffle

- 12-23-18 \$50 - Dorothy Dirksen - Lansing, Kansas
- 12-24-18 \$25 - Marcia Wensing - Racine
- 12-25-18 \$200 - Doug and Sheila Wroblewski - Racine
- 12-26-18 \$25 - John and Pam Wroblewski - Madison
- 12-27-18 \$25 - Rose Fay - Racine
- 12-28-18 \$25 - Mary Hotle - Kenosha
- 12-29-18 \$25 - Terri Clarke - Racine
- 12-30-18 \$50 - Fr. Jose Mario Nieto - Racine
- 12-31-18 \$25 - Clay Emmons - Racine

Readings for the week of January 6, 2019

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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Sharing Sunday

Next weekend is Sharing Sunday. Special requests from St. Vincent de Paul for the month of January are regular size boxes of cereal, fruit cocktail, canned ravioli, diced tomatoes, and toilet paper. Monetary gifts are always appreciated as the pantry buys over \$200 worth of perishable items each week. If you choose to write a check, please make check payable to St. Richard and put "food program" in the memo line or you can place cash in locked boxes behind the last pew on either side of the church. Your generosity is much appreciated by St. Vincent de Paul.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

VITA provides free tax preparation and filing for individuals and families with low to moderate incomes. Volunteers are needed to assist during the 2019 tax season. If you are interested, register at www.unitedwayracine.org/vita-interest or call Lori Riffer at 456-6468.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts is a community of go-getters, innovators, risk takers, and leaders making the world a better place. Your daughter will learn essential life skills, courage, and confidence and she will participate in community service activities—all at a level that matches her age and skills.

If your daughter, granddaughter, or any other important girls in your life are interested, please contact Beth at 884-3202 or at beth73cute@yahoo.com

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

Ascension All Saints Hospital (Spring Street) is in need of Eucharistic ministers to volunteer to help with the distribution of Holy Communion to their Catholic patients. Main requirements include;

Being a baptized and practicing Catholic

Interest in the ministry

Reverence and a good understanding of the Eucharist

Preferably a registered member of an area Catholic church with an endorsement of his/her pastor or parish director/administrator. Meeting all the Ascension volunteer requirements-background check, attending orientations etc.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. John Vianney Muweesi at 687-4132.

Grand Ave. Entrance - Closed for Winter

Effective immediately, the Grand Avenue entrance to the church is closed for the winter. The stairs are a safety hazard due to the ice and snow. Please use either the south or north entrance-ways when entering and leaving the church. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Lifelong Learning

Our next Lifelong Learning will be on Sunday, 20 January following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The topic is Sports and Spirituality.

Community Meal Program

St. Richard Parish will sponsor the St. Vincent de Paul Community Meal Program on Tuesday, 29 January. Sign-up sheets and pans are available on the table behind the last pew. If you have questions, please call Ann Wirtz at 930-0511.

Bulletins for the Homebound

Each week the parish sends out bulletins to people who can no longer come to Mass on a regular basis. If you or someone you know might want a bulletin mailed to them, please contact the parish center and we will include them on our list.

Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and Server Schedule

Can't find your printed copy of the schedule or forgot to pick it up at church? You can now view the schedule for the current month on our St. Richard website on the Ministries page.