

January 4, 2015

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Pastor's Notes:

Gifts from Afar: The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and is mentioned only in Matthew's Gospel. We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death. (Sunday Connection Loyola Press).

Major Bequest: This year again we have received a gift of \$10,000.00 from Mark and Rita Benassi in behalf of their parents Frank and Carmel Benassi (deceased), also Dale (deceased) and Teresa Matchett, who were all members of St. Mary's for many years. Their generosity is a wonderful reminder of the esteem in which they and others continue to hold our parish. Their gift is also a reminder to include the parish in your Will when you are filing or updating one. Every donation counts and will of course be much appreciated.

Thank You: To all who contributed to the Sacred Liturgy during the Christmas Season: cantors and musicians, decorators and ministers, and donors of course. Our thanks also to one couple for the books as parish gifts this year. Life's Greatest Lesson (Allen H. Hunt) is well worth reading. If you have not done so, please take one home or give one to someone you know! With every blessing and best wishes for a happy New Year! Fr. Michael

Pancake Breakfast - The Knights of Columbus will serve their famous pancake breakfast after Mass next **Sunday, January 11**. Mark your calendars as we look forward to seeing everyone downstairs for a great breakfast and fellowship. Free will offering.

2015 Calendar are on the back table next to the bulletins; please take one. We are very grateful to our sponsors for making the calendars available without cost to us each year. Please acknowledge their generosity - Diva Designs, John's Sanitary Removal, Camp 61, Lemon Wolf Café, Essentia Health Silver Bay Pharmacy, Beaver Bay Mini Mall, Beaver Bay Sports Shop, Don Seipke Edina Realty, Carol Krynski Insurance, and Zup's.

Please pick up your 2015 envelopes; they are on the back table.

Faith Formation will meet **Wednesday, January 7**, starting the night out with dinner at **6 pm**, followed by education at **6:30 pm**. Remember, we now have **Adult Faith Formation** at the same time, and everyone is invited and encouraged to join us for dinner and education. If you'd like to attend but have younger children who are not enrolled in the Faith Formation program, child care will be provided. If you would like more details, please contact the parish office.

Northland Family Programs is offering a **Free Introductory Session this January on the FertilityCare™ System**, a natural and effective family planning method. Learn how to avoid or achieve pregnancy safely and naturally with a proven method that's 98% effective and 100% natural.

Virginia Regional Medical Center in Virginia on January 12 at 7 pm

Essentia Health, St Mary's Medical Center in Duluth on January 12 at 7 pm

Fairview University Medical Center- Mesabi in Hibbing on January 19 at 7 pm

Essentia Health, St. Mary's Hospital in Superior on January 26 at 7 pm

Pre-registration is necessary for all sessions. To pre-register or for more information call Susie at 218-966-0899 or Kathy at 218-786-2378 or 1-800-842-0279

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Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** Call — 226-3639 or 226-3351

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Saturday	<i>THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS</i>	01/03/15
7:15 p.m.	Mass - Intention for Deanna Larson Reader.....Rose Elam Cantor.....Andy Buell Plate.....Shelley Fredrickson Chalices....Leanne Buell Chalices....Don Seipke Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt Gifts.....Volunteers	
Sunday	<i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i>	01/04/15
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Reader.....Gerry Bahar Cantor.....Kim Josephson Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Lois Kaari Chalices....Sue Bahar Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler Gifts.....Volunteers	
Monday	<i>ST. JOHN NEUMANN</i>	01/05/15
Tuesday	<i>ST. ANDRE' BESSETTE</i>	01/06/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	
Wednesday	<i>ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT</i>	01/07/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
Thursday	<i>CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY</i>	01/08/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass – Intention for Louis Stefanich ☩	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	
Friday	<i>CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY</i>	01/09/15
Saturday	<i>CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY</i>	01/10/15
7:15 p.m.	Mass - Intention for Janet Grahek Reader.....Rose Elam Cantor.....Terri Frericks-Blood Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Jeff Asmussen Chalices....Mary Wright Servers.....Jason Blood & Sheena Frericks Gifts.....Volunteers	
Sunday	<i>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	01/11/15
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Reader.....Jessalyn Rowlee Cantor.....Lanay Frericks Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Gerry Bahar Chalices....Sue Bahar Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler Gifts.....Volunteers	

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

† **Parishioners:** Leesyl McKinney, Terry Scallen, Betty Dugas, Jim Tedrick, Lois Hynes, Alma Ferris, George Asmussen, Suzanne Seguin, Angie Pruse, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson, Walter Skalsky, Charlie & Doris Vincent, Leona Currier, Johnny Jerabek, Vicki Johnson, Joseph Fredrickson.

† **Clergy:** Fr. Michael Lyons, Deacon Fred Wright

† **Relatives & Friends:** Amy Buckner, Allison Bahar, Rhowyn Byrnes, Sonny Joyce, Mae Dehnhoff, Mary Lundgren, James Currier, Emma Cavataio, Don Hedin, Pat LeBlanc Sr., Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Lois Kind, John Asmussen, Kenneth Moe, Roger Gale, Jeff Mitchell, Arthur Barthman, Kennady Roberts, Kathy Thompson, Steve Keller, Diane Janousek, Larry Pickran, Elsie McGuire, Jim Morcomb, Alan Larson, Susan Manning, Joe Kowalowski, Grace Kramer, Gladys Gatz, Vern Walentiny, Deb MacMillan.

† **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed – just call the church office to let us know that you would like to renew the request.

Men's Conference — The Duluth Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled for **Saturday, Feb. 21**, at the Marshall School Auditorium in Duluth.

Women's Conference — The third annual Catholic Women's Conference is scheduled for **March 7** at 8 am in the Marshall School Auditorium. The first 400 women who *register*, and *attend* the conference, will receive a copy of Pope Francis' Book "**The Joy of the Gospel.**"

TOBIT Retreat will be held **January 16-18** at the beautiful Big Sandy Retreat Center in McGregor. The weekend **will start Friday evening at 6 pm and will end Sunday afternoon at 2 pm.** TOBIT (Theology of the Body Immersion for Teens) gives 9th - 12th grade students a chance to get away, relax and learn more about the faith and discuss great questions about life and love. **Go to our parish website to register for any of these great opportunities.**

Last Week's Contributions	
General Collection.....	\$1700.05
Building Fund.....	\$1000.00
Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$200.00
UCA.....	\$200.00
Christmas Collection.....	\$1511.70