

Mass Schedule

Monday, 6:30am
 Tuesday, 6:30am
 Wednesday, 6:30pm
 Thursday, 6:30am
 Friday, 8:00am
 Saturday, 8:00am
Saturday, 5pm
Sunday, 8am
Sunday, 10:30am

Confessions

30 min. before Sunday and Holy Days Masses
 20 minutes before Daily Masses and by appt.

Exposed Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 7pm to 8pm.
Benediction at 7:50pm

CCD PK-12 Classes are from 9:00am to 10:20am on scheduled days



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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising

and have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:2

Jan 4 Mon: **Elizabeth Ann Seton, r M**

1 Jn 3: 22 -- 4: 6/ Ps 2: 7bc-8. 10-12a/ Mt 4: 12-17. 23-25

Jan 5 Tue: **John Neumann, bp M**

1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/ Mk 6: 34-44

Jan 6 Wed: *1 Jn 4: 11-18/ Ps 72: 1-2. 10. 12-13/ Mk 6: 45-52*

Jan 7 Thu: *1 Jn 4: 19 -- 5: 4/ Ps 72: 1-2. 14 and 15bc. 17/ Lk 4: 14-22*

Jan 8 Fri: *1 Jn 5: 5-13/ Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/ Lk 5: 12-16*

Jan 9 Sat: *1 Jn 5: 14-21/ Ps 149: 1-2. 3-4. 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3: 22-30*

Jan 10 SUN: **BAPTISM OF THE LORD F**

Is 55: 1-11/ Is 12: 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6 (3)/ 1 Jn 5: 1-9/ Mk 1: 7-11

Readers Schedule

Mass Times	Jan 2-3	Jan 9-10	Jan 16-17	Jan 23-24
Sat. 5:00 pm	Jerry Lentfer	Michelle Milke	Diana McCown	Jerry Lentfer
Sun. 8:00 am	Chris Hytrek	Janet Ragland	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek
Sun. 10:00 am	Shirley Yates	Frank Pytlik	Karl Gramann	Shirley Yates

Increased Train Traffic Through Lancaster & Otoe County-Beginning January 1, 2021, BNSF Railway will begin operating trains on the tracks that run along Highway 2 from Lincoln through Bennet, Palmyra, Unadilla, Syracuse and Dunbar to Nebraska City. On average, you can expect to see two trains a day on these tracks. With rail service resuming, it is critical to remember trains can run at any time and in any direction.

RETROUVAILLE Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about a Retrouvaille Weekend program. February 19-21 2021 to register call 1-800-470-2230

Or WWW.HELPOURMARRIAGE.ORG, WWW.RETROUVAILLE.ORG last day to sign up February 7th 2021 Due to Covid Restrictions this weekend may become a Virtual Weekend and dates will change and you will be notified of dates.

Notes from Father Walsh...

Happy New Year! I'm on a kick for the "2021, Best Year Ever." In some ways, I know I won't be wrong because the love of God continues to be poured out in our hearts, calling us to greatness, helping us get there, confirming us in faith and love. Even if we take only a few steps closer to Him this year, it will be the best year ever since this is our destiny, this is our duty, this is our life. May this year be the happiest ever for you all.

Epiphany. I think I've shared with you that Epiphany was an important celebration in our home when I was living with the Walsh gang. One year, we celebrated the feast with a play that Dad wrote, using the Gospel of St. Matthew as his story line. It was fun. It happened about 1964 or maybe 1965. I remember we had a squeaky front door, which was a prop. We used it to enter the house of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Everyone heard the squeak. We all knew what it meant. Someone had entered the front door of the house. It was the three kings! My sister Lil, who is now 61, had the most innocent line in the whole play. She was one of the kings, and it was her job to announce, in her five-year-old voice, "Here we are in Bethlehem." Each year, I try to remember to call Lil and give her that line over the phone. It's very special.

St. Matthew provided very little detail about the kings and their visit to the Holy Family, other than to say that upon entry into the home, they prostrated themselves and offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Using prophetic texts from the Old Testament, the Catholic people have filled in the picture of this event with pious ideas about the ages and races of the kings. Often, you will see them represented as three different races: African, Asian and European. They might be old, young and middle aged. They represent the East, the Gentiles, the world coming to adore the Child King. One fact of significant importance is that modern astronomy has substantiated that the "Star of Bethlehem" was a real astronomical event. It occurred in 7 or 6 BC. Jupiter rose in conjunction with Saturn in the constellation of Pisces and shone brightly in the evening sky for several days. Jupiter represented the god Marduk, the highest deity of the people of Babylon. Saturn represented the people of Israel. The convergence of the two planets was interpreted by the Magi as a significant event: a king was born among the Jews who would be a savior. It was no accident that wise men traveled from the East to Bethlehem. As St. Matthew explained, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

That is what we do today as well. We worship the King, the Savior of the world. Happy Epiphany!

Please pray for the Seminarians every week throughout the year. Listed below is the Seminarian for this week. Thank you from the Seminarians and their Families!

20-21	First Name	Last Name	Year Entered	Seminary of Study	Year of Study
Jan 3-9	Jacob	Knutson	2020	St. Gregory the Great Seminary	Pre-Theology 1