

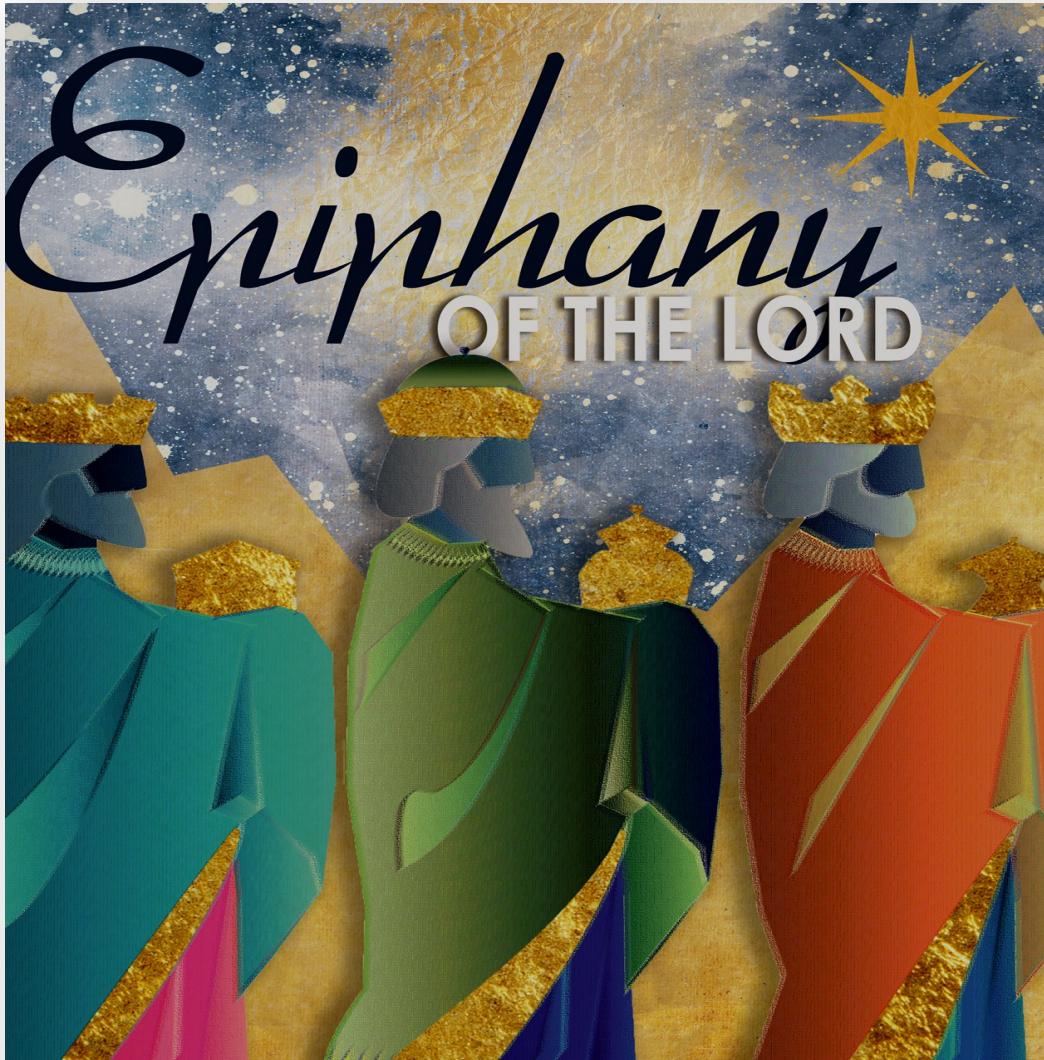
January 6 2019

EPIPHANY



**St. Bernard
Congregation
of Appleton**

Welcome and inspire
all to share Christ's love
through faith and service.



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MASS:

SAT	4:30 pm
SUN	8:00 am/10:00 am
TUE	8:00 am
WED	8:00 am
THU	8:00 am
FRI	8:00 am

PRIEST:

FR. AMAL ROCHE

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MUSINGS FROM THE DEACON CAVE

Seeing is More Than Just Believing

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Most of us have heard the story of the magi so many times, it can become just a nice story of how three prominent men traveled a long distance to see a new king. We add to the story ourselves by allowing our imagination to think about what it might have been like to witness this encounter. We can begin to think this is what the Epiphany is about.

But the Epiphany is deeper than just a story about some men coming to see Jesus. We do not know much about the magi, but we do know that their encounter with Jesus changed them. It changed them so much that they avoided returning to Herod which would have put them at great risk. Their encounter was more than just a seeing of Jesus. It should be the same with us.

Through our own epiphany of Jesus we may deepen our prayer life or find ways of encountering Jesus in others. One thing we can do for sure is to pray to the Lord and ask him to come to us in new ways this coming year. Epiphany is more than just believing... it is about being open to an encounter with Jesus that changes our hearts and minds.

May God bless all of us in a special way in 2019!

Deacon Mike

What is Epiphany?

The Feast of the Epiphany, or Manifestation (revelation) of Christ to the Gentiles, is observed on January 6. Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "showing forth, appearance, manifestation, revelation." The Feast of Epiphany proclaims the good news that Jesus revealed God to all humanity.

At Christmas the church celebrates the birth of Jesus, when God entered fully into the human experience. The Feast of the Epiphany takes the Christmas proclamation a step further, when the divine revelation in Jesus was revealed to the world as the magi came from the east.

The eve of the Feast of the Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas celebration. The Epiphany, is followed by a period of "Sundays after the Epiphany"; the length of the Epiphany season varies in length from four to nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter that year. The last Sunday of Epiphany is celebrated as Transfiguration Sunday.

During the season of Epiphany it is a time for rededication ourselves to our own ministries and our missionary task-to continue to spread of Jesus' light in the world. By Sharon Ely Pearson

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 5

4:30 pm In Memory of
Mel Poeschl
AND Members of St. Bernard

Sunday, January 6

8:00 am In Memory of
Mike Tassoul
10:00 am In Memory of
Richard Pechotta

Wednesday, January 9

8:00 am For the Deceased
Members of the
Fred & Char Steenis Family

Friday, January 11

8:00 am In Memory of
Virginia Betley

Saturday, January 12

4:30 pm In Memory of
Stephen Nyarko

Sunday, January 13

8:00 am In Memory of
Orville & Yvette Martin
AND Members of St. Bernard

10:00 am In Memory of
Kenneth Fulcer

Notice to our Parishioners

Fr. Amal will be in India from December 31, 2018 until January 31, 2018.

St. Bernard will have 8:00 am Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

If you have any funeral needs, please contact Nadine Duncan at our Parish Office at 739-0331.

SUN 6

7:30 am Rosary
8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
10:00 am J.A.M.

MON 7

6:00 pm Footprints Series Sm. Grp.
Rm.
6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Rm. 111

TUE 8

6:00 pm Building & Grounds Act. Ctr.
6:30 pm Social Justice Act. Ctr.

EVENTS

ALL our volunteers in the area of Social Justice Outreach to our Parish Community, Fox Valley Community and beyond! This would include but is not limited to: St. Vincent de Paul, Ladies of St. Bernard, Mission Quilting, Circles of Support, and Circles of Concerns, Salvation Army Volunteers, Warming Shelter Volunteers, Family Life Committee, Prison Ministries, and many other Outreach Ministries that are represented by St. Bernard Parishioners.

Your are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard Parish,

We want to coordinate and focus our efforts in alignment with the Father Amal's Mission and Vision for our Parish. RSVP to Bill Kessenich at 636-6035 or if you would like to be included but are unable to make this meeting.

Footprints of God Series Join us Monday nights in the small group room at 6:00 pm-7:30pm for *Footprints of God*. *Footprints of God: The Story of Salvation from Abraham to Augustine* is a documentary film series hosted by popular Catholic author, speaker, and apologist Steve Ray. Meet the people and see the places that shaped the salvation story through Scripture and Church history. It's a fast-paced, entertaining biography, travel documentary, Bible study, apologetics course, and Church history study rolled into one remarkable adventure!

Reservations are not required but appreciated. If you would like more information, please call Colleen at our Parish Office 739-0331. All are welcome!

Xavier Middle School Parent & Student Preview Night at St. Francis Xavier Middle School

Wednesday, January 16, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm in our Auditorium. Hope to see you there! For more information call Admissions at 735-9380 or Admissions@XavierCatholicSchools.org

Xavier High School Freshman Registration Nights

Join us at St. Francis Xavier High School, Monday, January 28 or Tuesday, January 29 at 7:00 pm to learn about the XHS curriculum and begin course selection. More information available from Admissions at 8735-9380 or Admissions@XavierCatholicSchools.org

Men's Social-Save the Date-Men of St. Bernard, including High School and Middle School Youth, Save the Date-Saturday, January 26 after the 4:30 pm Mass for a Fun Social. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

DID YOU KNOW

A HUGE Thank You to the many Parishioners who purchased stock for our Summer Mission Trips. With your generous contributions we have almost half of our trip funded! St. Bernard Mission Trip Youth

Do you shop at St. Patrick's Catholic Bookstore in the Northland Mall? Did you know they will provide 10% of your purchase back to St. Bernard Parish Youth Program? All you have to do is mention St. Bernard Parish at the check-out. It is that simple!

Praying the Rosary-You are invited to join us before Mass, Saturdays, 4:00 pm and Sundays, 7:30 am.

Prayer Chain For Our Parish

If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, please contact Delaine at 734-0538

WED 9	THU 10	FRI 11
8:00 am Mass	12:30 pm Library n Lunch	8:00 am Mass
5:30 pm Discipleship Night	6:30 pm Bible Study	10:00 am Discipleship Rm. 109 Night Next Steps
6:30 pm Adult Choir Music Rm.	6:30 pm Handbell practice	Music Rm.

FORMED

Unfortunately it's true, but sometimes when you drive and find yourself at your destination, you can hardly recall getting there. Has that ever happened to you? Well sometimes it's hard to remain focused at Mass. It happens to all of us, but what if there's a better way to understand what's happening at Mass and how interconnected everything actually is.....? Would that help you?

If the answer is yes or at least your curiosity is peaked, go to FORMED and in the search bar type "The Mass" and get ready to be amazed at what you have access to.....

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VOLUNTEER

Are you looking for an adventure to make your New Year much more meaningful?

Volunteer now and join our Care Ministry team. You set your own schedule, meet new parishioners, make a difference in someone's life, all while being a disciple of Jesus. What more could you ask for?

A regional training session is set for January 19. Call Cathy in our Parish Office 739-0331 for more details or to register.

Have a very Blessed Christmas!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thru 12/21/2018	Wk 25	Fiscal YTD	Total
Env.	\$17,424	YTD Actual Env.	\$344,252
Budget Env.	\$16,226	YTD Budget Env.	\$405,660
		Env. Over/(Under)	(\$61,409)
Loose	\$1,000	YTD Loose	\$16,476
Budget Loose	\$698	YTD Budget Loose	\$17,453
		Loose Over/(Under)	(\$977)

Weekly Scrip Update: Scrip Sales \$10,115 Cost \$9,633 Rebate \$482

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SAT 12

SUN 13

3:00 pm Réconciliation

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm Mass

7:30 am Rosary

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Money Counter Act. Ctr.
Mtg.

10:00 am Mass

10:00 am J.A.M.

Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

The year of our Lord

Responding to our sacred call in the new year

The beginning of a new year always holds potential, an opportunity to reflect on the year that has just concluded, build on past successes, learn from mistakes, and resolve to live with greater commitment and integrity in the year to come.

This month's Sunday readings provide particular wisdom upon which to reflect as we begin 2019. Listen carefully, and you will hear how precious we are in the eyes of the Lord and how deeply we are called to live as God's holy people in the world. We might even say that God counts on us to do this. We are to be light in darkness, bring healing to those who suffer, and share compassion, justice and hope with all people. With such a scared call, where do we begin?

Make 2019 "the year of our Lord."

The letters A.D., which sometimes follow the numerical year are an abbreviation for "Anno Domini," or "year of our Lord." Make Jesus the Lord of your life and trust in God to be with you through all the circumstances you may experience this year. Turn to God in prayer as you face decisions, even little ones. Draw on Church teaching or a trusted friend or spiritual advisor when making more complicated ones.

Be mindful to give God glory in your words and actions. Reach out to others with love and car: be a peacemaker at home, office or school and in the world. Anything that wouldn't be pleasing to God? Let go of it, stop it, learn to avoid it!

Remember that every day is a gift.

Thank God for each new day and resolve to spend time wisely and well.

Don't Sell yourself short.

You have a mission, a purpose, which only you may fulfill. In the words of John Henry Cardinal Newman, "God has created me to do Him some definite serve.; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission-I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next."

Make 2019 truly special, a year in which you live as the Lord's very own in the world.

Catholic Life and Faith, 2018 For more: <https://facebook.com/faithimpactslife/>

CHRISTMAS DECORATION/MEMORIAL FUND

Remember a loved one on Christmas with a donation to our "Christmas Memorial." Please fill out the form below, place it in an envelope labeled "Christmas Memorial," and put it in the collection basket or return to our Parish Office.

From: _____ Amount _____ Envelope # _____

In Memory of _____