

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



**ST BERNARD**

201 Main St. Blencoe, IA



**ST JOHN**

1009 13th St., Onawa, IA



**ST JOSEPH**

510 Tipton St., Salix, IA

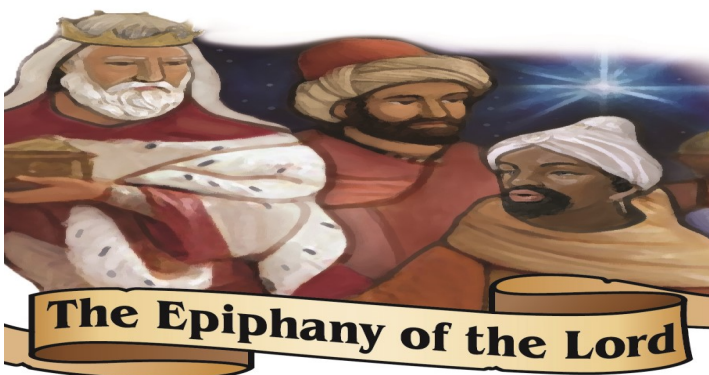
**THE MASS OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**JANUARY 5, 2020**

From Father Michael:

## THE MAGI OR WISEMEN

In ancient Iran--also known as Persia--a priest was called a "magus." The plural is "magi". The word "magic" comes from the same root. Magi were experts in astronomy. This was useful in determining the calendar and the end of winter and the spring planting season. They believed that stars and other celestial objects actually influenced, rather than merely coincided with, earthly events. One, or possibly a series of omens, led them to believe that a royal prince had been born in Israel. They were sent as ambassadors to provide tribute to the newborn. The bible



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### Questions of the Week:

**Adults:** *What insights about your own faith have you gained from learning about other faith traditions?*

**Children:** *What could you do to be like a star and lead someone to know about Jesus?*

## WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2020

### ST. JOHN / ST. BERNARD

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 7am -Noon 4pm-8:30 pm Wednesday 7am-11am Friday

#### MASS SCHEDULE :

Mon No Mass.....0:00 am  
 Tue Nancy Lindner.....9:00am  
 Wed All Saints.....(Blencoe).....9:00 am  
 Thurs No Mass.....0:00pm  
 Fri Pioneer Valley Nursing Home .....10:00 am  
 Sat No Mass.....0:00 pm  
 Sun Dayle & Darlene Ellis.....9:00am

#### CONFESSION: SUNDAY 8:30 AM–8:45 AM

#### Calendar of Events

#### Tuesday, January 7

Knights of Columbus meeting @ St. John@ 7

#### Stewardship St. John 12/22/19 St. Bernard

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 2002.00	\$ 210.00
building	\$ 25.00	
Candles	\$ 2.00	
E-offering	\$	
Needy Fund	\$	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2029.00</b>	

St. John Registered Families.....185

### ST. JOSEPH

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#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon No Mass.....0:00am  
 Tue No Mass.....0:00am  
 Wed No Mass.....0.00am  
 Thurs **Sue Lamoureux** .....9:00am  
 Fri No Mass.....0:00 pm  
 Sat **Sister Dolores Ullrich** .....4:00 pm  
 Sun Parishioners of Sts.Joseph, John & Bernard. .11:00 am

Confession: Sat. 3:30pm–3:45pm / Sun. 10:30 am– 10:45 am

#### STEWARDSHIP 12/21–12/22—ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes: \$ 3077.00 Loose: \$ 261.90  
 Debt reduction \$ 2000.00 Candles: \$  
 E-offering: \$ 80.00 Catholic Char. \$ 40.00  
 Flowers \$ 100.00 Food Pantry \$50.00

**TOTAL: \$ 5643.90**

St. Joseph Registered Families .....209  
 St. Joseph Debt December 2019..... \$ 52,000.00  
 St. Joseph Debt April 2017.....\$324, 880.66

### ST. JOHN JANUARY 12

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
Jeff Pratt	Jaci Mcminamen	Larry Christensen– Elmwood	Volunteers	Gabe Madsen, Terry
<b>ROSARY</b>	Nathan Mcminamen	Amy Christensen Homebound	<b>Greeters</b>	Madsen, Mike Beck
Grace Fouts	Casey Mcminamen	Grace Fouts	Jerry & Theresa Menke	Volunteer

### ST. JOSEPH JANUARY 11-12

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
21-Michelle Mareau	21-Hudson Schuetz	21-Doreen Becker	21–Aaron Skatges & Family	21-Bert Ullrich
22- Greg Sample	Lydia & Zach Harpenau	Tom Becker Paula Olson	22–Ryan Willis family	Aaron & Kelsi Skatges Landen Schuetz
21–Rosary Dorothy Putnam	22-Holly Skinner	22–Pat Folsom	21 - Greeters Pete & Marge Rinaldi	22–Ron & Margaret Wood
22–Mary Holzerland	Jack & Charlie Clayton,	Kathy Jo Mitchell, Bev Weikel,	22- Robert Dandurand Family	Eric & Kyle Eliason
Stewards →	Julie Case & Mary Lander	Homebound →	Kathy Jo Mitchell & Bev Weikel	<u>Liturgy/ Word</u> Mary Brady

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES:**

Father Patrick O'Kane, Midge Stanley, Madonna Dodd, Shirley Turner, Esther Mac Clure, Loretta Simoff, Doe Walker, Maryann Muller, Pete Mortensen, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, Rosemary Kirby, Florence Ibsgaard, Gina Mortensen, Chris Metzger, Judson Bramow, & Sherry Wince. If you know of someone who is ill and needs our prayers, and would like to be listed, or if you no longer need to be listed, please contact Colleen @ office 423-1004

Thank you to those who have already made a gift to the 2019 Together As One campaign. Your gift will make a difference in someone's life. As of 10/22/19 we have received a total of \$5540.00 in gifts and pledges. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! Prayerfully consider a gift. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant. We are truly coming Together As One to meet our goal! Thank you in advance for your generosity and your contribution to keeping our Catholic community strong.

**Religious Education Classes resume this Wednesday, January 8 at 6:45 PM. See you there!!!!**

SAVE THE DATE: February 22, 2020: Wine Tasting Party @ St. John's Church. Details coming soon.

\_\_\_\_\_ Just For Laughs \_\_\_\_\_

"In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.

**Remember to pray for the sick of our Parishes.**

Father O'Kane, Fran Mitchell, Nainna Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Mike Franken, , David Bogenrief, Linda Donnelly, Sue LaCroix, Pam Dailey, Bryson Harder, Justin Lamoureux, Sophie Helvey, Doreen Becker, Kathy Spohr, Roger Huot,,Tristan Parks, Colleen Ebner ,Bailey Cleveland, Christian Case, Brady Worrell, Cal Worrell ,Connie Wagner, Kathy Clayton,Helen Martin, Glenda Ullrich, Stella Serviss, Gerrie Lamoureux. Rita Brassfield Darrell Lux. For all who travel, grieve, those in the military, veterans their families and our nations leaders. The candles burning on the Blessed Mother's altar are for the military serving in foreign lands.

**TOGETHER AS ONE GOAL IS \$18,737, LET'S MEET OUR GOAL THIS YEAR, TO DATE WE ARE AT \$12320.00, LET'S GET THIS ONE DONE !!!!! HIT OUR GOAL AND THE DIOCESE WILL RETURN TO ST. JOSEPH'S \$8075 AND WE COULD USE THIS TO HELP PAY THE DEBT OFF.**

**YOUTH GROUP meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm See you There!!!!**

St. Joseph Christmas Collection: Dec 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

ADULT ENVELOPES	3056.00
LOOSE OFFERING	162.00
DEBT REDUCTION	1100.00
E-OFFERING	60.00
CANDLES	50.00
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	2060.00
CATHOLIC CHARITIES	1483.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	200.00

**TOTAL 8171.00**

Matthew tells us that the magi, or wise men, travelled from the East in search of the Christ child. They inquired of King Herod where they might find Him, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him" (Matthew 2:2). Upon finding the baby Jesus, "they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh" (Matthew 2:11).

Gold is a precious metal and as such was a very valuable commodity. Its value could very well have financed Joseph and Mary's trip to Egypt. The Bible does not tell us any other significance to these three gifts; however, tradition has it that there is a deeper meaning for each of the three. Gold is a symbol of divinity and is mentioned throughout the Bible. Pagan idols were often made from gold and the Ark of the Covenant was overlaid with gold (Exodus 25:10-17). The gift of gold to the Christ child was symbolic of His divinity—God in flesh.

Frankincense is a white resin or gum. It is obtained from a tree by making incisions in the bark and allowing the gum to flow out. It is highly fragrant when burned and was therefore used in worship, where it was burned as a pleasant offering to God (Exodus 30:34). Frankincense is a symbol of holiness and righteousness. The gift of frankincense to the Christ child was symbolic of His willingness to become a sacrifice, wholly giving Himself up, analogous to a burnt offering.

Myrrh was also a product of Arabia, and was obtained from a tree in the same manner as frankincense. It was a spice and was used in embalming. It was also sometimes mingled with wine to form an article of drink. Such a drink was given to our Savior when He was about to be crucified, as a stupefying potion (Mark 15:23). Matthew 27:34 refers to it as "gall." Myrrh symbolizes bitterness, suffering, and affliction. The baby Jesus would grow to suffer greatly as a man and would pay the ultimate price when He gave His life on the cross for all who would believe in Him.

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FRANKINCENSE  
MYRRH

