

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2010

Mass intentions may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. They will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

MONDAY, Jan. 4 – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Mt 4:12-17,23-25

8:00 am – RL † Louise Deppiesse (GG)

TUESDAY, Jan. 5 – Saint John Neumann, bishop

1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel † Sigfried Primas (RF)

8:00 am – RL † John, Barbara, Marcella Nesser (GG)

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6 – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52

8:00 am – RL † Francis Bichler (GG)

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Jack Bown (RF)

THURSDAY, Jan. 7 – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Lk 4:14-22a

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel † Glory Brennan (GG)

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † John & Dolores O'Brian (RF)

FRIDAY, Jan. 8 – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel † Deceased of the Jacobs Family (GG)

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Alvin Kircher (RF)

SATURDAY, Jan. 9 – The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16,21-22

4:30 pm – RL † Francis Schmitz, † Lavine Ney, † Leo Fechter (GG)

7:30 pm – HR, St. Rose Chapel † Ken Bares,

† Margaret & Louis Bares, † Sylvester Bares (RF)

SUNDAY, Jan. 10 – The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16,21-22

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Elmer Wellenstein (RF)

9:30 am – Holy Cross Chapel † Ed Bares, † Katherine Burmesch (RF)

10:00 am – RL – Living & Deceased Members of the Parish and

† Joseph Birenbaum (GG)

11:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Miriam Johannes (JE)

Confession Times – Saturday afternoon at St. Mary, Random Lake from 3:45-4:15 p.m. Saturday evening at St. Rose, Fredonia from 6:45-7:15 p.m. Sunday morning at St. Mary, Lake Church following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Special arrangements can be made with either priest.

Question of the Week:

Key Passage – The Herod sent the [magi] to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." (Matthew 2:8) **Adult** – When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

Child – When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

For the month of January, the **Human Concerns** committee is collecting pudding, jello and Kleenex for the Food Pantry. Please drop off items in the back of church on any weekend. Thank you for your support.

BAPTISM CLASS - A baptism class will be held Monday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Office. Call Deb Hamm to register.

Parish Books for 2009 have been closed. Contribution statements will be mailed out the week of January 18th.

Liturgical Ministers

4:30 pm (1/9) Servers: Hannah & RJ Leider

Lector: Agnes Leider

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Pat Davis, Leon Jacoby, Richard Sawinski

Ministers of Hospitality: Donald & Kyle Kultgen

10:00 am (1/10) Servers: Dominique Huiras, Sarah Jensen

Lector: Ed Ritger

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vicki Depies,

Sharon Gilson, Stephenie Ritger, Janice Spaeth

Ministers of Hospitality: Andy Spaeth, Jim Theisen,

Bob & Jacob Wiskerchen

We pray for the improved health of... David Moller, Joe/Donna Moller, Roland Klas, Mardell Binder, Don Dressel, Gladys Hagel, Brian Ramel, Kathleen Medinger, Fanny Watry, Tom Fitzpatrick, Pat Morgan, Gerald Beck, Andy Wetor

Our Lady of the Lakes Stewardship Report – Dec. 27, 2009

Offertory Collection: \$265.70

Church Support Received: \$ 10,160.00

Need weekly to meet budget: \$ 5,750.00

Over \$ 4,410.00

Total Rcvd. 7/1/09-12/27/09: \$ 131,468.97

Total needed to meet budget: \$ 143,750.00

Short (\$ 12,281.03)

Minimum financial support requested is as follows:

Married Couples: \$20.00 per week

Single & Mixed Religion Marriages: \$10.50 per week

*or Tithe – you can join the growing number of parishioners who tithe and give 5% of their gross income. If you cannot give the requested amount, we ask that you give what you can.

MASS MOVE - Until April 1, 2010, the 4:30 p.m. Saturday

Mass will be held at the St. Mary site in Random Lake.

4:30 Mass Ministers: The move of the Saturday 4:30 Mass from Dacada to Random Lake for the winter months has created a shortage of choir members, lectors, ushers, and Eucharistic ministers. Anyone attending this Mass is welcome to participate. If you are willing to volunteer for these ministries, please call Susan in the parish office at 994-4380. No experience is necessary - training will be provided!

Servers, Lectors, Ordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion and Ushers...The new schedule from Feb. 17 through June 13 will be created soon. If you have dates that you will NOT be available for your ministry or if you are not currently serving in any of these ministries and you would like to be added to our schedule, please contact Susan in the parish office (994-4380) by Friday, Feb. 5th.

Our Lady of the Lakes Bulletins are available: after Mass each weekend at St. Mary Chapel, at St. Nicholas Chapel in the bulletin mailbox, and on the back porch of the parish office. If you miss Mass one weekend, you won't miss all the parish news!

Thank you. I want to thank everyone who sent me Christmas cards and notes. And I'd like to thank those of you who made donations for families in need. Be assured that those donations were passed on to make someone's Christmas a little more joyful in a stressful time. If I don't say it enough, it is my pleasure to serve you all. Thanks for the many ways that you share the love of Christ with one another and with me.
Deb Hamm

Monday, Jan. 4

- 6:15 pm – Rosary - RL

Wednesday, Jan. 6

- 5:30-7:30 pm – Family Program
- 7:00 pm – Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon – Fredonia (Joe 994-9827)

OLL Football Raffle – Week 15 – Sunday, December 20, 2009
1st Highest - \$300 - 120 pts: Meg Taylor
2nd Highest - split \$200 - 113 pts: Donald Heller, Eric Hutchinson, A & D Kreif
3rd Highest - \$100 - 112 pts: Dave Wallner
Lowest Score - \$50 - 24 pts: Stevie Ritger
2nd Lowest - \$25 - 26 pts: John Kracht
3rd Lowest - split \$10 - 27 pts: Mary Bares, Judy Casarez, Emily Ritger

The Football Raffle Results from Dec. 27th will be listed in next week’s bulletin.

Our Lady of the Lakes Child Care Center News:

We would like to thank the members of the parish who donated items to our center through the giving tree and church. Your kindness is a blessing. Happy New Year!

INCLEMENT WEATHER – Our Lady of the Lakes has a Policy for cancellations due to bad weather: Weekdays – If our school is closed or on a 2 hour delay, then there will be no 8:00 AM Mass at our Random Lake chapel; Weekends – Please watch Channel 4, 6, or 12 to see if weekend Masses have been cancelled.

Relay for Life –Registration by Feb. 8th - \$125/team; after Feb. 8th - \$150/team. Donations are being accepted at Port Washington State Bank in Fredonia or by contacting Sara Caswell. Team Captain Meetings: Registration meeting is on February 8th @ Fredonia Fire House. For more information you can contact Carrie Meloy at (262) 692-9270.

What a year it was! At New Year’s time, everyone seems to look back on the old year to reminisce about the good, the bad and the in-between. From a church standpoint, we’ve had all three. At an Archdiocesan level, we’ve said goodbye to the well-loved Archbishop Dolan and we prepare to welcome our new Archbishop ListECKI. At a cluster level and at our individual parish levels, we’ve shared in many joys, sorrows and everyday moments of living. We’ve welcomed newly baptized babies, we’ve shared in celebrating new marriages, we’ve said goodbye to loved ones who have died. We’ve prayed for one another, we’ve visited the sick and homebound, we’ve fed the hungry and reached out to those in need in a variety of service opportunities. We’ve laughed together, cried together and sat in silence when there were no words to be said. That’s what families do. That’s what our family of faith does. Thank you for the many ways that each of you has contributed to bringing our family of faith alive in Christ.

As we enter into this new year, we pray that we may all continue to grow ever deeper in our love of God and one another so that each of us may be witnesses of the great power of God’s love, compassion, forgiveness and mercy. We pray that each one of us will be living models of Christ on earth.

Wishing each of you a most blessed New Year!
From the Co-Pastors, Deacon, Pastoral Associate and staffs of the cluster parishes

Pastoral Column

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. We recall the story of the Magi traveling a great distance to come and pay homage to the newborn Savior. As I prayed over today’s readings, I was reminded of the many times that we travel great distances (literally or figuratively) to pay homage to our Savior and King.

Sometimes, we literally travel great distances to praise our God. Perhaps, like many youth and adults in our parishes, you participate in mission trips. Perhaps you adopt children from far away places. Perhaps you’ve spent time in the Peace Corps, or a similar program. Perhaps you have traveled a distance to help someone in need. There are many times we literally travel a great distance to experience God in our lives and in the lives of others.

More often, the great distances we travel to experience God’s love and mercy are figurative. Perhaps we challenge ourselves to reach out to someone who has hurt us, offering forgiveness and mercy. Maybe we make difficult concessions to help mend or heal strained or broken relationships. Sometimes our “great distance” is the distance we need to travel within ourselves to change unhealthy behaviors and habits (giving up smoking, excessive drinking, cheating, lying, etc.). Perhaps we give up something we’ve really been wanting to share our resources with those who have little. Every day there are opportunities to witness God’s gift of love and mercy on a very personal level.

We hear that the magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Those were symbolic gifts that represented the Kingship of Jesus and foretold the kind of death he was to suffer. Most of us don’t have much gold and many of us have never even seen frankincense or myrrh. They would certainly not be very useful gifts for us to offer to Jesus today. What gifts do we have to offer? Each of us can surely think of three gifts we can offer. Maybe you have the gifts of generosity, a gentle spirit and a listening ear. Perhaps you have the gifts of forgiveness, kindness and compassion. Perhaps you are good at caring for those in need, being present to the lonely and praying for others.

Whatever gifts we have, all of us have more than three gifts to share. I invite you all to pray about which gifts you can share with those around you to give glory and honor to our Savior. If we do this, we all will continue to find God in unexpected places, just as the Magi found Jesus in a simple home in Bethlehem.

Deb Hamm, Pastoral Associate

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