

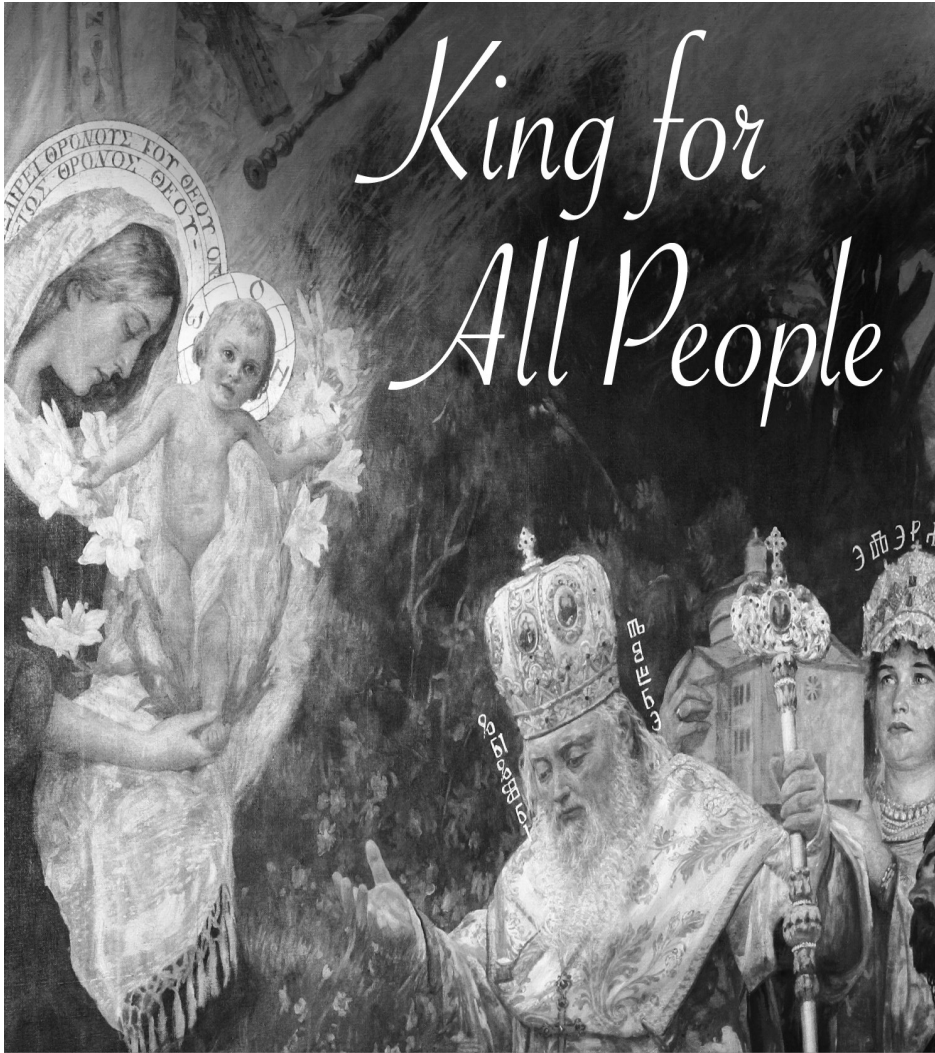
WELCOME TO
THE CHURCH OF
SAINT LUKE

Epiphany of The Lord –January 8, 2012



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Father Steven Hoffman, Parochial Administrator



*King for
All People*

- They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Mt 2:10-11

Parish Office

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Mass Schedule

Weekend

Sat. 5:00 pm; Sun. 8:00 & 10:00 am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 am

Saturday—9:00am

Adoration Chapel Hours

Mon. — Thurs. Office hours

Fri 9:00 am—9:00 pm

Hospitality after Mass

Join us in the gathering area for coffee

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Before weekend Masses:

Sat.- 4:15 PM; Sun.— 7:15 & 9:15 AM

And by appointment

Baptisms/Baptism Prep Classes

Prep class required before each baptism, please call parish office to make arrangements.

Weddings

Contact the parish office one year prior to your requested wedding date.

RCIA

Contact: Bruce Fladebo—320-558-4085
bjfladebo@frontiernet.net

Registration

Welcome to the Church of St. Luke. Please call the parish office to become a registered member.

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

My dear friends,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, a Greek word that means “manifestation.” In and through the whole mystery of the Incarnation, by taking on our humanity, God is “manifesting” Himself to the world, making Himself visible in Jesus Christ, and thereby revealing His will. All the events and teaching we find recorded in the four Gospels show us how this divine “manifestation” evolves in the life of Jesus. Of special note, and highlighted throughout the four Gospels, are several “key moments” when certain individuals or groups understand the meaning of this divine “manifestation,” and by faith, recognize Jesus as Messiah and Lord, as the Son of the living God and Savior of the World. Many people heard Jesus speak and witnessed His actions, but only a few came to believe in His divinity and opened their hearts to the presence and power of God within Him.

To better understand the feast of Epiphany we have only to look closely at our own experience. Each of us has an “inner life,” a secret, hidden world within our hearts. It is there that we ponder and think, where we desire and dream, where we feel. Though God’s loving gaze is able to know our deepest thoughts and desires at every moment, the only way other people can know them is if we “manifest” them in some way: either by words, by our facial expressions, by a gesture or some kind of action. I can vocalize my inner thoughts and concerns about the economy with a friend over coffee, I can show my love for a stranger with a smile and a kind “hello,” I may manifest my desire to comfort someone with an embrace or a hand on their shoulder, I can share my hopeful dream for the future of the parish by writing it in the bulletin.

God too has an inner life that would be hidden from us unless He revealed it. And by the fact that we are created in God’s own image and likeness, it is important that our interior life be shaped and informed by the thoughts and desires of God. What is God’s hope and desire for us and for the world? What does God want us to know about Him and ourselves? Why do I exist? Is there such a thing as ‘truth’ that I can fully trust? What is love, really? What is the meaning of life? Why is there evil, suffering, and death? Is there anything after death? The Feast of Epiphany celebrates the “revealing” of God’s own inner life within the Trinity and the “manifestation” of His mind and heart, His wisdom and will regarding ourselves and His plan to save us. What the law and prophets foreshadowed in part is now fully revealed in Christ.

The Magi were among the first to witness this “manifestation” of God in Christ. Though their journey ended when they found the new infant-king, Pope Benedict remarks that at this moment “a new journey began for them which changed their whole lives. At the very moment when they knelt down before this child and recognized him as the promised king” an inner journey began for them. The account ends by saying that, “being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.” Some of the early Christians interpreted the words “by another way,” as also indicating the conversion of heart that took place in the Magi. Having seen the power of God come with such humility, His glory and majesty revealed in the poverty of the manger and littleness of the infant, how could they stay the same? How could they go back to “life as normal?” Benedict rightly says that they had to change their ideas about power, about God, and about what it means to be human. In short, they had to change themselves.

Though the 33 years of Jesus Christ on earth holds the greatest importance for the faith and life of the Church, God continues to “manifest” Himself to us in many ways. Comforting are the last words of Jesus recorded in Matthew: “I will be with you always, even to the end of time.” Each sacrament is a kind of ‘epiphany,’ a ‘manifestation,’ a true encounter with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is invisible, we cannot see Him, so He makes use of visible things such as bread and wine, oil and flame, word and gesture to manifest His invisible presence and action. We bring to the sacraments the gift of faith so that we can receive the invisible grace that God communicates through visible signs. The important thing is that, like the Magi, we allow these personal encounters with the Lord to change us, to convert us. When I encounter the gentle, tender mercy of Jesus in Reconciliation, do I allow my own hard, critical heart to melt and become more patient and merciful toward others? When I am privileged to encounter Jesus in Holy Communion and His overwhelming love for me, do I turn around and love as He loves, trying to give and lay down my life for others? When I encounter Jesus each day in prayer, will I let Him gently correct the dishonesty toward myself and others, my rationalizations and excuses for putting off certain changes I need to make? When Jesus manifests His will through the teaching of the Church, will I acquiesce and follow it, or will I cling to my own opinions and try to plow my own path? When Jesus manifests His thirst for love in the poor and needy in my life, will I hear His voice and recognize His presence, or will I ignore Him, or throw Him only ‘a crumb’ of what I am capable of?

Jesus once said “I am the truth, the life, and the way.” By His coming as a man He is the concrete “manifestation” of THE Truth about God, about myself and others, about love, happiness and the meaning of life, the Truth by which I must adjust my way of thinking; He is THE Life that I am called to live and emulate if I am to live in God’s will according to my true dignity; and He is THE Way, the only Way that will lead me to true joy in this life and ultimate happiness in the next. Draw us ever closer to you O’ Lord, and help us to live a deeply personal relationship with You. May all the ways You so generously manifest Yourself to us, heal and change us, so that we may become “manifestations” of Your Kingdom in the world.

God love you,
Fr. Steven

V I S I O N S T A T E M E N T

*The Church of St. Luke is a Catholic Community, centered in Christ through baptism and formed by the Eucharist.
We strive to always be a community where every heart is touched by our Christian fellowship.*

Faith Formation By Julie Zirbes

We have regular class this week 6:45-8:00

Hopefully after all the Christmas hustle and bustle we can take some time to quiet ourselves down. Everything gets to be such a rat race that we miss our quiet time with God. I would encourage you as a family to take 5 minutes a day to sit as a group and just listen to what God wants for you in this New Year. So many of us make resolutions of what we want. How many of us truly consult God for what he wants for us? He truly knows what is best for us, he sees the whole picture. I pray this year is filled with a lot of Great Blessings and Miracles for Our St. Luke's Families.

Part Time Custodian Wanted: The Church of St. Luke is looking for a person to fill a part time position for custodial work. See the parish website, www.churchofstlukes.com under "forms" tab at the bottom of the page for a complete job description. Some experience preferred. Pay commensurate with experience. Resumes must be in the parish office by January 12, 2012. Contact the parish office for further details, 320-558-2124.

Pro-Life- January 22, 2012 will mark the 39th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's tragic decision to legalize abortion. This year the Office of Marriage Family and Life will be Celebrating a *Mass for Life* instead of an Ecumenical Prayer Service as the date falls on a Sunday. Archbishop Nienstedt will be the celebrant for this special Noon Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. **YES, this does count as your Sunday obligation** so come as a family to attend together. The MCCL Rally at the state capitol will follow the Mass. Last year this inspiring event was attended by approximately 3,000 people.

Over 50 million unborn babies have been aborted since 1973. Please join others in this opportunity to pray for these children of God as well as the men and women who suffer because of the decision they made to terminate a pregnancy. Contact the Marriage Family and Life office at 651.291.4506 or wilsons@archspm.org with questions.

Sip Of Grace: Monthly Two-Hour Women's Mornings of Reflection- come to Christ the King Retreat center in Buffalo, Thursday, January 19th from 9:30am-11:30am. "Sip of Grace" is a series of seven inspirational mornings uncovering the "Gifts of the Spirit." The January gathering will focus on the gift of Right Judgment and we will explore DISCERNMENT. Discernment is the process of determining God's desire in a situation or for one's life. Join us as we explore this idea through prayer, reflection and sharing. Sign up for one or more in the series and bring a friend! Cost is \$20. To register go on-line to www.kingshouse.com under Special Retreats or call 763-682-1394.

Married Couples Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is February 10-12, 2012 at Christ the King Retreat House in Buffalo, MN. For more information call 763-420-9125 or check our website at www.wvme.org

Baptism

Attendance at a one hour Baptismal Preparation Program is required and parish registration is expected. Please call the parish office to sign up for upcoming classes. The next class will be March 1st at 7 pm in the Parish Center.



Parker Jones, Son of Jonathan & Jennifer

Weddings

Contact the parish office *one year prior* to your requested wedding date and set up an appointment with Father Steven. Marriage Preparation classes and a retreat are required.

Bible Study-The Bible Study Group is taking a break during the Holidays. They will meet again tomorrow- Monday, January 9th.



The family of St. Luke's Parishioners extends their sympathy to the family of Larry Reiter. May he rest in Peace!

St. Lukes will have a Solemn Adoration Monday, January 23rd from 7pm - 8pm in honor of the year of the Eucharist. Please plan to take time with the Savior as we welcome in the new year.

Help Needed - if you enjoy facebook and Twitter and would be willing to help St Lukes reach out to the parish in new ways please call Deacon Pete at 651-249-8439.

Knights of Columbus-The KC's are serving their delicious breakfast in the Parish Center this weekend after the 8 and 10am Masses. Plan to attend and enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship.

Natural Family Planning-NFP cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love. It is effective, healthy, and marriage building. The billings Ovulation Method is a natural, highly effective method for postponing or achieving pregnancy without the use of drugs or devices. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in St. Cloud on *Thursday, January 26th at 6:30pm* at the office e of Marriage & Family. For more information or to register, call 320-252-4721.

Recycling Program for Music Ministry- Did you receive some new electronic gifts for Christmas and are looking for a place to recycle your old ones? There is a box in the Gathering Area where you can put your old Cell Phones, Ink Jet and laser cartridges (NO TONER), Laptop Computers, MP3 Players, Digital Cameras & Digital Video Cameras, and gps systems. All proceeds from this program go to the Music Ministry. Contributions in the "Hard Money" Jar are always welcome and used for Music and Media.

MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the community of St. Luke, come together to worship with joy and unity, to guide our children in faith, to show compassion and love towards others, and to work together as a parish family, so that we may be instrumental in building a meaningful and everlasting community to God by sharing our time and talents and following our Lord Jesus Christ."

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, January 10th

8:00 am David Krupa

Wednesday, January 11th

8:00 am † Ed Puntsack

Thursday, January 12th

8:00 am Terry Kantor

Friday, January 13th

8:00 am † Dave Dougherty

Saturday, January 14th

9:00 am † Betty Hambrook

Saturday, January 14th

5:00 pm † Ed Puntsack

Sunday, January 15th

8:00 am † Joe Salzbrun

10:00 am † Vera Schwartz

Minister's Schedule For January 14th & 15th

Servers

5:00 pm Alyssa & Cortney Klocker

8:00 am Jacob Klisch & Wyatt Laughton

10:00 am Charles Dreier & Jacob Popp

Lectors

5:00 pm Jim Bicknell

8:00 am Abe Maier

10:00 am Bruce Fladebo

Ushers

5:00 pm Don Kalla & Bill Kociemba

8:00 am Eva & Jamie Powell

10:00 am John Aasen & James Lieser

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm Mert Gohman, Julie Neisch, Bonnie Quast

8:00 am David Herzan, Jack Krocak, Della Lansing

10:00 am Holly Aasen, Sylvia Diers, Marybeth Dreier, Steve LaFond

Sacristans

5:00 pm Gene Quast

8:00 am Nora Dockendorf

10:00 am Marilyn Popp

Sound

5:00 pm Jeff Meierhofer

8:00 am Paul Wurm

10:00 am Bruce Ganfield

Video

5:00 pm Alison Meierhofer

8:00 am Evelyn Wurm

10:00 am Kathy Ganfield

Music

5:00 pm Ruth & Cantor

8:00 am Joyful Voices

10:00 am Joyful Voices

Gift Bearers

5:00 pm

8:00 am

10:00 am

Greeters

5:00 pm Mary Bicknell & Marlene Hellman

8:00 am Carol Maier & Tyler Steinhaus

10:00 am Jeanette Miller & Jeff Moser Family

Sunday, January 1, 2012



General Fund

Envelopes (106)	\$3,549.00
Plate	\$390.00
Children	\$6.00
EFT (1)	\$100.00
Total	\$4,045.00
Budgeted	\$5,381.98
Shortage	(\$1,436.98)

Building Fund

Envelopes (32)	\$1,720.00
EFT (1)	\$400.00
Net for January	\$2,120.00
Monthly Payment	\$9,024.45
Short for Payment	(\$6,904.45)

Readings for the Week of January 8, 2012

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/ Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



Let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

Church Cleaning For Week of

Church... Jacob & Sarah O'Konek &

Tom & Donna Bourgeois

Parish Center... Pat Vierling & Marlene Hellman

St. Luke's Calendar

Monday, January 9th

7:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, January 10th

8:00 am Quilting

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 11th

6:00 pm Praise Company

6:45 pm Faith Formation

Thursday, January 12th

7:00 pm Cantor Practice

7:00 pm Liturgy Committee Mtg.

Friday, January 13th

9:00 am — 9:00 pm Adoration



Prayer Line:

558-6169