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The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2010

## EPIPHANY:



MEMORIES AND IMPRESSIONS
"IF A TREE FALLS..."
Epiphany has become one of my favorite feasts. It was not always so. My earliest memory of Epiphany--a.k.a. "The Feast of the Three Kings"--was unpleasant. It was, for many of us, not a celebration, but the day to take down the Christmas Tree. There was more than sadness as we stripped our once glorious "Tannenbaum." Even though it had begun to drop pine needles, it seemed so disloyal, so disrespectful to drag our "old friend" out of the house into the cold ... to abandon it in the gutter.

When I read Hans Christian Andersen's sad little story, "The Fir Tree," I had a kind of deja vú. In the story, a little fir tree dreams of greatness, of being the center of attention and admiration. His day comes when he is cut down and beautifully decorated as a Christmas Tree. Sometimes, for him, there was too much noise. The candles lit on his boughs often came dangerously close to setting him ablaze! Even so, he relished the
festivities that seemed to make him the center of the universe. In the end, the fir tree was denuded of his glory and tossed out into the cold. His fate--alas-- was far worse than being discarded and forgotten. The flames that had so frightened him were, in the end, to consume him!

I am still very fond of real Christmas trees, but, for at least fifteen years, I have settled for a small, poor imitation. It is packed away with the "hardware" of the season- -glass, wood and straw ornaments, papier maché red apples and even artificial popcorn garland! Farewell to that kind of "Tree" has the advantage of "Baby Shampoo"-- no tears!

## "A CONTINUUM OF KINGS?"



In countries influenced by Spanish and Italian customs, Epiphany is not a footnote to Christmas. It is the high point of the season. It is the day of the "Three Kings." They, not Santa Claus, bring gifts. I did not grow up with this tradition, but I was challenged in
my first assignment, with a growing Hispanic congregation. One of the first requests they made was that we celebrate Epiphany with a very "grand" Mass. The Mass was one of my first experiences of sharing faith and culture in a multi-ethnic community. Care was taken to welcome all, to exclude no one. The Mass was bilingual and involved children in every possible way. Some children sang. Others dressed as shepherds. Still others enlarged our usual corps of servers. I'll never forget another part of that Epiphany celebration. I was asked to portray Melchior, the oldest of the kings. It was a "stretch," but it was marvelous! My favorite part of the experience was joining my fellow "kings" at the reception. Distributing candy and small gifts helped me to develop a real sympathy for the customs and traditions other than my own.

## "KINGS CLUB"

The next "giant step" in understanding Epiphany was to take the experience of being one of the kings and invite others to do so. At St. Lambert Parish I began what I once jokingly referred to as the "Kings Club." My insight led me to invite men of different ages (including teens) to portray the Three Kings leading a "Procession of the Nations." Since we were not trying to recreate a scholarly or theologically "correct" tableau, we were able to take a great "leap" into the broader significance of the Magi. Instead of trying make our "volunteers" look like Chaldean Astrologers, we decided that they should wear costumes reflecting their ancestry. Thus, we had Filipino,Nigerian, Assyrian, Chinese, German, Mexican, Polish, Italian, GreekPeruvian, African-American,

Indian, and Sri Lankan "kings." It was also understood that no one would appear more than once as a "king."

We had one more addition to our Epiphany


BEFANA
"scenario" - the appearance of Befana, the legendary "witch" who refused to accompany the Magi, changed her mind, but found neither them nor the Holy Child, Jesus. Befana, the Epiphany witch, is the "gift giver" in Italy. She gives gifts, it is said; because, she finds the reflection of the Christ Child in innocent children's faces. Our "Befana" was played by the same Italian lady every year. While the Magi presented gold, frankincense, and myhhr at the creche, Befana presented a bag of small toys. And so, faith, culture, and even fantasy can weave a seamless fabric to manifest the depth of Epiphany's universal WELCOME to all!

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- Fr. Luczak
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SPIRITUAL LIFE

## EPIPHANY SUNDAY



The Music Ministry Christmas Concert will be at 3 p.m. TODAY. Hospitality will follow in the Holy Family Room. We invite you to bring one of your traditional Christmas treats to share. Also, if you have a nativity scene or some other Christmas art of your culture or ethnic group that you would like to bring before the concert and set up for people to enjoy during the hospitality, you are encouraged to do so. Thank you!


YOU'RE INVITED TO A BABY SHOWER....

After all Masses the weekend of January 16-17 you're invited to the Holy Family Room for a Baby Shower in support of The Women's Center. One of their representatives will be around after most of the Masses to meet you and to talk about the pro-life work of the center. The following is a list of needed items to help pregnant moms and their babies:

New clothing (newborn to 18 months)—onesies, undershirts, sleepers, outfits, booties, hats and socks; New bedroom/bathroom/hygiene itemsdiapers (newborn to size 6), crib sheets \& blankets, bottles, baby powder, shampoo \& lotion, bath towels, baby bathtubs, receiving blankets, and bibs; New and Used Furniture- car seats, strollers, playpens, carriers, bassinets, highchairs, port-acribs. Please note they are not accepting toys at this time. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated and your efforts will speak of our belief in the holiness of all life.

Hospitality will be provided by the Spiritual Life and Parish Life Commissions. We look forward to sharing in this event with you!

## SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION



The Spiritual Life Commission will meet on Tuesday, January $12^{\text {th }}$, at 7:30 p.m. in the RE Office.

## CATHOLICS COME HOME

"Finding one's way in the Middle East centuries ago depended upon the sun, the moon, and the stars. One knew where one was and in which direction one was going when the heavens guided the way. The star of Bethlehem guided the Magi to the King of Kings. These kings revealed the Redeemer and Savior has been given for all humanity! The heavens are not so helpful these days! Like then we need guiding; we need a sense of mission and purpose. Where is our guidance? How do we find our way? Well, as He said, Jesus is the way as well as the truth and the life. Our world holds so many voices, which want to direct us. A single voice, the Holy Spirit within, becomes the guide. And this voice is a person easily recognized because it sounds like Jesus!

The Catholics Come Home evangelization initiative invites all of us, especially our brothers and sisters who have drifted, to reconsider the faith and to deepen the faith. With the Holy Spirit we connect to a living, personal principle, which guides our Iving, our choosing, and our planning. More than a principle or a value, this guidance is a person, and the Word of God. Growing in our relationship to Christ guides us in becoming a fully human person in the image and likeness of God. The Church and the sacraments become the daily nourishment and molding we need to make sure we are in the right direction. Indeed we need the guidance of such a 'star', in the darkness of our complicated lives as well as in the light of our gifts and talents! God has a direction and a plan for our lives!


Check out the FAQs at www.catholicscomehomeCHICAGO.org as you enter this New Year. Allow your understanding of Christ, of the scriptures, of personal prayer, of an active sacramental life, plenty of room for growth and depth this coming year. If you are reading this and have recently returned to the practice of the faith, WELCOME! The Church calls each year a year of grace! May 2010 be your year of grace!

# READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 

Isaiah 40:1-4, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22


## $\underset{\text { Forget }}{\text { Dit }}$

*RE Classes resume Monday, January $4^{\text {th }}$, at $6: 45$ p.m. Family members and interested parishioners are invited to participate in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m. We will conclude with Benediction.
*Permission slips for the Confirmation Year I Retreat on January $16^{\text {th }}$ are to be turned in to your child's Catechist or the RE Office by Monday, January 11.
*There is a preparation meeting for First Communion Families on Monday, January $11^{\text {th }}$, at $6: 45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the Holy Family Room. At least one adult from each family is expected to attend. Calendars and home preparation materials will be distributed and discussed. The children will go to class as usual and the meeting will be done by the end of class.
*The O'Hare Cluster is sponsoring a two-Saturday class on the Liturgy \& Sacraments of the Church as part of the Archdiocesan Catechist Certification Process, which consists of 5 courses, 10 hours each. The class will be hosted here at St. Isaac Jogues Parish on Saturday, January 9 and February 6, registration at 8:30 a.m. and class 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch is provided. SIJ Catechists and Assistants are to RSVP to the RE Office by the end of class on Monday, January $4^{\text {th }}$. Certified Catechists are encouraged to come, too, for further enrichment.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION



Older teens and adults who have made their Communion but have not yet been confirmed are invited to participate in preparation sessions beginning on Sunday, January $10^{\text {th }}$, at 9 a.m. in the Religious Education Office. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in early May. For more information, please call the Religious Education Office, 847/966-1180.


Our next Bible Study session begins on Wednesday, January 13 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 6 of the school (please enter building from the Holy Family Room door). We will be studying St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. Previous bible study is not necessary for this combination study and faith-sharing group. To register or for more information, please call the RE Office, 847/966-1180.

## HUMAN CONCERNS

Drive Focused in 2010

(courtesy of Advocate Health Care)
Driving under the influence is not the sole bane of safe driving. Driver inattention is related to " $80 \%$ of crashes and $10 \%$ of all fatal accidents." Behaviors such as "eating, picking something off the floor, drowsiness, fiddling with the radio, gawking and polishing nails can be disastrous while you drive." Cell phone use is of particular concern.

If you use a cell phone while you drive, "you are four times more likely to have an accident," "... are more impaired than someone having a blood alcohol level of $0.8 \ldots$..." "... reduce your driving brainpower by 37\%."

It is a punishable offense in Illinois for "drivers under 19 or school bus drivers" to use a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle. Cell phone use is "banned in a school zone or a highway construction zone." It's illegal in Chicago to use a "hand-held device." As of January 1, "texting" is prohibited for "everyone driving anywhere in Illinois."

Have to make or answer a call or need to text someone? Pull off the road. It's the lawful \& responsible thing to do.

Have a safe 2010.
Pat Kellen, Parish Nurse, Advocate Health Care/ St. Isaac Jogues


## The Nurse Is In...Room 6 Next Sunday

Parish Nurse, Pat Kellen, will be in Room 6 Jan. 10 from 8:30AM to 1:30PM to meet with individuals to discuss health issues, advance care planning, check a blood pressure or answer questions. For an appointment, please call her at 967-1094.

## Alzheimer's \& Dementia Caregivers Support Group

Our Alzheimer's \& Dementia Caregivers Support, co-sponsored with Arden Courts of Northbrook, is set for Thurs., Jan. 7 at 7PM in the Holy Family Room. Any local resident or parishioner who is caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia is welcome to attend. For information, contact Arden Courts at 847-7959000 or Pat Kellen at 967-1094.

## Safety \& Health Board to Meet

Our newly forming Safety \& Health Board is meeting Tues., Jan. 12 at 7PM in the Holy Family Room. Any adult parishioners with an interest in the wellness of our parish family/ local community \& expanding the Parish Nurse Ministry within St. Isaac Jogues are


## ST. JOSEPH TABLE MEETING



The next planning meeting for the St. Joseph Table, which will be held in early March, is this Wednesday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m. downstairs in the Parish Hall. The St. Joseph Table is a beautiful tradition made so by the prayers, food \& monetary donations and help of many, many people. All are invited to come to the meeting on January 6 . We would also appreciate hearing from you if you are willing to donate to or work at the St. Joseph Table. You can leave a message for Santa or Dee by calling the Religious Education Office, 847/966-1180. In upcoming weeks we will have a list of food, supplies and workers needed to carry out this special event!

## TEMPER AND PRIDE

Temper is what gets most of us into trouble Pride is what keeps us there.

## PARISH LIFE COMMISSION



The Parish Life Commission will meet on Thursday, January $14^{\text {th }}$, at 7:30 p.m. in the Holy Family Room.

ST. ISAAC JOGUES

## WOMEN'S CLUB

GUILD \#7


WILL HOST ITS 4TH ANNUAL CARD \& BUNCO PARTY

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH IN

 THE HOLY FAMILY ROOM
## PLEASE SAVE THE DATE



The music ministry of St. Isaac Jogues Church will present a concert of holiday music today Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 3:00PM in the church. Our adult choir, youth choir and cantor ensemble will: provide you with an entertaining and joyous afternoon of music and laughter. After the rush of preparations, sit back and let the peace of the Christmas season and its music surround you.

January $22^{\text {nd }}$ marks the $37^{\text {th }}$ anniversary of the legalization of abortion which has resulted in the death of nearly 52 million innocent, unborn babies in this country, one every 30 seconds. Legalization of abortion was promoted as supposedly a rare procedure. We can only estimate how many women have undergone tremendous suffering because of their abortions. The Women's Center is a pregnancy resource center which has saved approximately 33,000 babies and their mothers from the pain of abortion in our 25 years of service. We offer them a choice other than abortion and provide counseling, material assistance, friendship and prayer support.

Volunteers are needed Monday through Saturday to organize and sort clothing donations, to answer calls in our counseling offices. For more information call 773-794-1313.

Mark your calendars. The Women's Centers' 25th Annual Life Banquet will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2010 at The White Eagle in Niles. Since it is our Silver Anniversary, it will be a very special event. Featured are Conrad Wojnar, Joe Scheidler, Susan Conroy and Sheila Liaugminas. If you have an item, gift certificate or service to donate for our silent auction, it would be most appreciated. For tickets or to donate phone 773-794-1313.

We desperately need a used cargo van in good working condition.

We need diapers in sizes newborn, 4, 5 and 6. If you can organize a diaper drive, perhaps as a service project for Scouts, Confirmation, service hours, etc., call Peg at 773-794-3292 (for more information on diaper drives only). Thanks to those who have responded.

We also need new layette items, infant sleepers, crib sheets, bumper pads, new clothing for infants (newborn to 9 months) and winter coats and boots (especially for children). Due to space limitations, at this time we cannot accept any other clothes. We need 7 baby cribs, odd crib parts for repairs, 3 toddler beds, infant car seats, 4 bouncers, 5 pack and plays, 7 strollers, 3 changing tables and 6 baby swings. It will be a great help if you can deliver these to us. For our address, or if a pick up is needed, please call 773-794-1313. All clothing needs to be dropped off unless accompanied by baby furniture. We need more volunteers to pick up baby furniture. The families who receive these items are grateful for your generosity.

If you shop at Dominick's Food Stores and register your Fresh Values card with The Women's Center, we earn a percentage of what you spend. You can shop any day and at any time of day. Please call us at 773-7941313 to register your card.

## A PARISH "Oplatek"

We extend a heartfelt invitation to ALL parishioners to break the "oplatek" (A Christmas wafer) on January 10, 2010 after the 12:00 noon Mass in the Holy Family Hall. This event has been organized by a Polish Group.
Desert and snacks will be most welcome. ********

## OPLATEK PARAFIALNY

Serdecznie zapraszamy WSZYSTKICH parafian
na podzielenie się opłatkiem
10go stycznia, 2010 r. po mszy świętej 0 godzinie 12:00 w sali parafialnej SIJ. Zaorganizowana przez polska grupe. Deser lub zakaski mile widziane.

HUMAN CONCERNS


Pregnancy can be a time of mixed emotion. If you need support or assistance, call HOPE.
(847) 832-HOPE
www.hopeline.wordpress.com

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA


iBraeden Manogura told Santa that he has been a ! good boy and asked for "Five Little Monkeys" as his i ¡Christmas present, Santa said YES to Braden's wish. ! ¿Lucas Mueller asked Santa for a Nintendo DS and ¡Santa said OK. Like Braden and Lucas, all the kids Ifrom the Saint John Brebeuf community lined up to ¡ ask Santa for their favorite toys last Sunday after imass. Mr. and Mrs. Santa stopped at the Parish ! iMinister Center at about 10:30 am while the children! iand their parent(s) were enjoying a healthy and idelicious breakfast. Mrs. Santa Claus handed little ! ${ }_{¡}$ presents to the kids after they met Santa, and Jacob ! Kanarowski, a kindergartener handed candy canes. !
iTo make sure Santa remembers their wishes, the ${ }_{i}$ ¡kids also wrote him letters. While waiting to talk to ! iSanta, the children enjoyed making ; other crafts. At the end, the kids iparticipated in the Christmas raffle. ${ }_{\dagger}$ A few lucky kids went back home ! with some exciting toys won in the !raffle. Our own Father May also $\dagger$ visited with Santa and the attendees.
The families of the attendees contributed with toys if for the less fortunate kids. In all, about four hundred ipeople attended the event which was sponsored by ! the Parish/ School Association of Saint John Brebeuf ! ${ }^{\dagger}$ School.
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Sunday, January 3

| 7:30 am | For the Living \& Deceased Members of |
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|  | St. Isaac Jogues \& their Families; |
|  | Anthony J. Angello |
| 9:00 am | Rose Merendino |
| 10:30 am | Felicidad Serain |
| 12:00 pm | Mary Murphy |

Monday, January 4
8:00 am Purgatorial Society; William Janzen

Tuesday, January 5
8:00 am Angela Rendak
Wednesday, January 6
8:00 am Vera Timko

Thursday, January 7
8:00 am John Werner \& Family

Friday, January 8
8:00 am Helen \& Mary Jane Polinski
Saturday, January 9
8:00 am Communion Service-No Intentions
5:00 pm Robert Golden

Sunday, January 10
7:30 am Richard M.Arendt
9:00 am For the Living \& Deceased Members of St. Isaac Jogues \& their Families; Steven Zourkas
10:30 am Marian Brugiel
12:00 pm Caridad Mikulec
Sacristy Committee
Mary Ann Scanlon, Arlene Turek


Reconciliation
Fr. Janas

|  | Liturgies next weekend <br> January $9-10$ <br> Presider |
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| 5:00 pm | Fr. Janas/Deacon Bob |
| 7:30 am | Fr. McGlynn/Deacon Bob |
| 9:00 am | Fr. Luczak/Deacon Paul |
| 10:30 am | Fr Kennedy/Deacon Paul |
| 12:00 pm | Fr. Kalas/Deacon Rod |

Altar Servers

5:00 pm Anna Koziol, Mercedez Gallegos, Christina Jimmychan
7:30 am Rene Dumayas, Adam Ratner, Sandra Kietlinska
9:00 am Carlo Lasco, Athena Lasco, Nelson Perumpel
10:30 am Edrienne Yap, Althea Yap, Bryan Roque
12:00 pm Alexander Kniazuk, Matther Kniazuk Kiran Jose

Thursday, December 31—New Year's Eve 5:00 pm Roshan Muringothu, Rino Muringothu, Bryan Roque

Friday, January 1 - New Year's Day
9:00 am Sandra Kietlinska, Aisha Fernando, Rene Dumayas
10:30 am Nelson Perumpel, Joanne Areno, Jasmine Herrera

Relatives \& Friends
Please remember the sick and hospitalized:
Dan Anfuso, Bob Arns, Shirley Arns, John Arns, Jr., Andre Baros, Noah Baros, Linda Bennett, Shawn Bong,

Genevieve Conway, Mary Cornwell, Ed D'Souza,
Edward Gaske, Shirley Klein, Maria Ladd, Gailmarie Mattison, Laura Maya, Lillian McCloud,
Marilyn Michaels, Susan Nowak, Tammy Heffernan
Propst, Tony Romito, Linda Bong Sanchez,
Paul Sitkowski, Clariza St. George, John Terzakis,
Pat Terzakis, Alec Upshaw, Megan Zimniewicz Upshaw, Chuck Watson, Mary Zimniewicz.

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your Light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

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Mrs. Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Patricia Kellen, Parish Nurse
Ms. Lisa Hall, Music Director

## DEACON COMMUNITY:

Deacon \& Mrs. Robert C. O'Keefe
Deacon Rod Ranola
Deacon \& Mrs. Paul M. Stanton
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Rev. Ron Kalas
Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.
Rev. Philip McGlynn, O.S.M.
Rev. David Stagaman, S.J.

## Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, \& 12:00 Noon
Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM \& 5:00 PM

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 11:00-12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation. Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

Friday at 5:00 p.m.;
Saturday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.;
Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (Ceremony only)
Sacrament of Baptism: Second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Session must be completed before Baptism. Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for details.

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966-3266
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## ADDING NAMES TO THE PARISH SICK LIST

It has always been the policy of St. Isaac Jogues to offer our parish community an opportunity to pray for those parishioners who are ill and in need of our prayers. We have tried to keep close track of these names for our Bulletin as they are made available to us.

However, now we face an important privacy issue, very much like the issues faced by hospitals, health institutions, and certainly by other parishes.

We cannot (by law) publicly let our parish community know the health status of any of our members without their permission.

We appreciate the fact that often friends, neighbors, and acquaintances wish to do something special for a person who is ill, and ask to place their name on the list to be prayed for. While their intentions are surely good, we simply can no longer accept names in this manner.

We will institute a new process regarding calling in names for the Bulletin list.
Names for the sick list placed in the Bulletin have to be called in by the person who is ill, or by a member of their family. At the time they call in the name, they will be asked whether they are the sick person him/ herself, or a member of their family, and if they give permission for the name to be placed on the list. They will be asked for the correct spelling of the sick person's name. If a family member, they will be required to give their name for our records.

Thank you for your patience regarding this new process. We wish to do all we can to offer our parish community the opportunity to offer prayers for those who are ill - but we must also be cognizant of the fact that all members of our congregation are entitled to their privacy in this regard.

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