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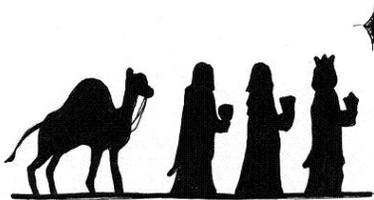
## Epiphany

### Welcome Child of God!

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,  
No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, or marital situation,  
No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue,  
You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!  
You are invited, accepted and respected here at the Parish of Saint Thomas More.*

*Take our hands, Lord Jesus, leading us in courage to confront with courage the forces which oppress and divide.  
Take our hearts, Lord Jesus, and open them to the truth which will set others free.  
Accompany us on our way, Lord Jesus, as we seek to share our Roman Catholic faith and life in your Spirit.*

### The Message of Epiphany



### *The Epiphany of the Lord*

Today's feast means "the showing." Each year believers throughout the world find hope in the story of the three Magi who went on a journey with a vision: they were in search of something that gives true meaning to life, the search for truth.

Epiphany and revelation are essentially the same image. They mean to draw back the veil which obscures vision and to show something. In this case, what is shown is that in Jesus the word of the Father has become a human being. And this truth is shown not just to a particular race or to those alive at a particular time, but to all and for ever.

"Rise up in splendor.  
Your light has come;  
The glory of the Lord shines upon you."

Epiphany and the Magi remind us never cease to hope, for truth cannot be hidden, the Light cannot be extinguished.

Revel in the joy of the Magi: a testimony to the meaning of faith.

*Fr. Andrew*

### CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish & University Ministry  
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#### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK & NEXT:

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9am - 3pm; Weds, 9am - 1pm

#### Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 12:10pm.

Food Pantry: Thurs 4-6pm

#### January 12: Baptism of the Lord

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Reading II: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17



#### **For January 4th – January 5th**

Saturday, 5pm – ☩ William Christian Erickson

Sunday, 9am – ☩ Richard Ferrari (1st Anniv)

Sunday, 11:15am – ☩ Brian Cox

#### **For January 11th – January 12th**

Saturday, 5pm – ☩ Kathy DeLorio

Sunday, 9am – ☩ Gloria Hedberg (1st Anniv)

Sunday, 11:15am – ☩ John Rochford

#### **CARING & SHARING**



For this week the Pantry needs are:  
jelly, condiments, tuna, juice, vegetable soup,  
other soups except tomato and chicken

Thank you!!

#### **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:**

**Average Weekly Regular Offertory Amount Needed  
to Meet Our Annual Budget = \$5,234**

**Offertory for Dec 22: \$ 3892**

**Christmas: \$ 8920**

**Offertory for Dec 29: See next weekend's bulletin.**

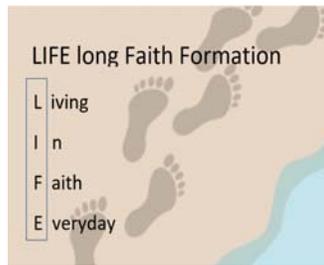
*"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38*

**Thank you for your generous contributions.**

## LIFE LONG FAITH FORMATION

On behalf of the Faith Formation Team & Catechists, we would like to wish all of our students and their families a Blessed & Happy New Year.

No Faith Formation classes until February



## "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

We extend our deepest sympathy and continued prayers for the family, friends and loved ones of:



† Richard "Dick" Fralick  
husband of Katy Fralick



† John Rochford  
husband of Kathleen Rochford

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



## Middle School Faith Formation

The next session is **Feb 10** (no January classes) from 6-7:30pm.

## High School Youth Ministry



Life Teen: Sunday, Jan 5; 6-8pm (snacks)

## STM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



St. Thomas More Prayer Shawl Ministry is *seeking new members*. Our Ministry provides prayer shawls for special celebrations; for the sick or lonely, and baby blankets for Baptisms. *We need a facilitator* to pair prayer shawls or baby blankets with cards, to give to Father Andy or Roberta when requested, and to keep track of who receives the shawls and blankets.

Our group meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month from October through May in the Student Center Library, 11:00 am to noon.

We hope you will consider joining us on **Tuesday, January 7.**

If you have questions or know anyone who would benefit from God's healing love by receiving a shawl, please contact the STM office at 868-2666, or Mary Ann Marchi at 868-2019.



## Congratulations!

Mark Reilly & Catherine McNally were joined in Holy Matrimony on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

On behalf of the St. Thomas More parish community, we wish you many years of wedded bliss!

## Care for Creation

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being."

- Job 12:7-10



## Walking with Purpose (WWP) Women's Bible Study

Next meeting, **January 9, 2020.**

For more info:



## Christmas Memorials

HONOR living friends and family and/or REMEMBER deceased loved ones with a donation to support our STM Church Advent/Christmas environment. All Honorariums and Memorials will be listed in the Bulletin.



### Memorials for Deceased loved ones

Albert & Lorraine Landry

Josephine Papia

Lorraine E. Smick

Alois, Rosa & Emil Katzer

Regis Croke

Ruth and Bill Sullivan

Russell E. Smick

Hannahoe - Stumhofer Family

Linfred Bovat

Mary Kroma

Connie Attisano

Claire Miles

The Hurley Family

Arnold Hayes

Stan Filar

Jean Kwasnik

Rita Smith

Joseph Hayes

Cindi Richard

Mr. & Mrs. Philip Cardaropole

The McDowell Family

Alice Piotrkowski

Arlene B. Bellerose

Deceased members of the Holmes and Ambrose Families

Grace, Harold & David Whitworth

### Honorariums for Living loved ones

Lawrence J. Bellerose