

Feast of the Epiphany

January 8, 2006
St. Christopher
Catholic Church,
Marysville

FORGETTING WHO YOU ARE

by Fr. Art Baranowski

Giving back to God is the key to life. Giving back!

Everything I have and everyone in my life is from God. The greatest gift of God is God himself. God became human in Christ so God could give me himself. After all, I am human and the only way I can understand and receive is in a human way. So, God became human so that I could receive God and become a child of God.

Getting to know Christ and getting to love Christ is the goal of life. That is why a person simply has to make time to pray each day. Being with other Catholic people wanting to grow in a relationship with Christ is necessary, too. That is why we have small groups in the parish.

Making time for faith is the way to accept God's offer to know his Son and to receive more deeply one's own belonging to God as God's beloved child. Making time for faith is giving back to God.

The parish renewal begins in a week. The word is **renewal**, the opportunity as a parish to deepen a relationship with God. The renewal is an offer from God to know his Son better—to be transformed by His Son. Making time for the renewal is giving back to God.

Giving to the parish is giving back to God. The main way to give back to God is to support the faith of the church. How?

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Matthew 2, 1-12

The word **Epiphany** means a manifestation or showing. The Magi or wise men are foreigners and seekers. They come from far away to seek this Christ Child. God draws them and puts the desire into them. God wants all people to find his Son and to find life.

1. How has Christ been a light for you, personally?
2. Would you say that your life is more a preoccupation with the everyday tasks of life or a seeking for something or someone more than just the everyday? Try to give examples.
3. What would you need to do to worship Christ everyday? How?

Next Sunday's Gospel

John 1:35-42

PARISH RENEWAL with Father Bob Weiss *Ordained Passionist Missionary*

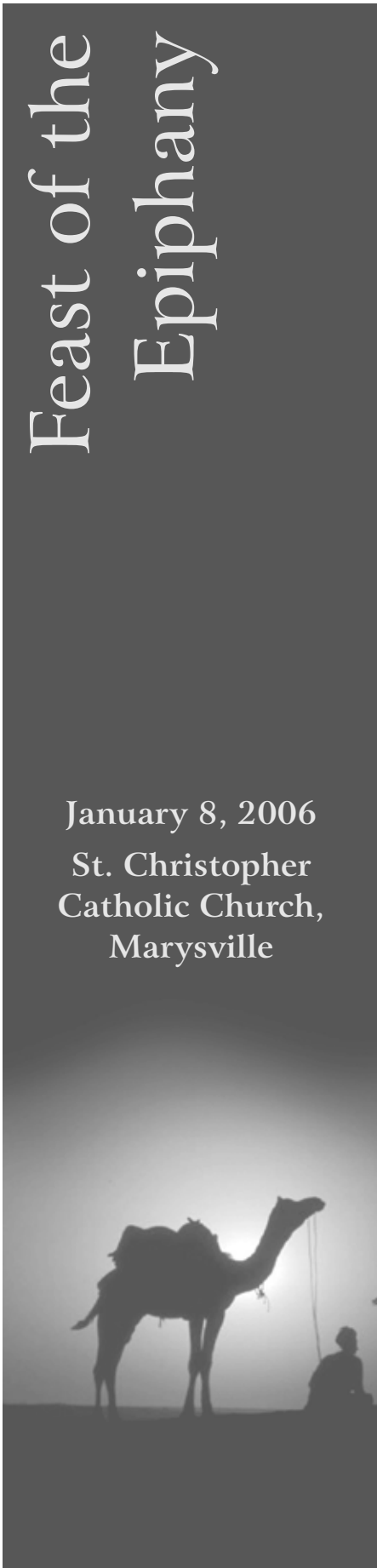


Studied Scripture and Spirituality in Rome

***35 years experience with
Retreats and Parish Missions
in Canada and 36 States***

***Sunday, January 15
Monday, January 16
Tuesday, January 17
7:00-8:00 p.m.***

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WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, January 8, 2006

9:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Bread
 9:30 a.m. Baby/Toddler Sitting
 Ages 10 months – 3 yrs.
 9:30 a.m. Children's Church
 Ages 3 yrs – Kindergarten
 9:30-11:00 a.m. D.R. Mtg. #2 /
 Rectory
 10:30 – 12 p.m. RCIA /Quest Rm.
 10:45 a.m. 1st-8th Grade
 1:30 p.m. 8th Grade Youth/ Parent
 Confirmation Mtg.
 5:00 p.m. Quest Leaders Dinner
 6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders Mtg.
 7:00 p.m. Quest/ Gym Night

Monday, January 9, 2006

7:00 p.m. Administration Mtg./Rm. 1

Wednesday, January 11, 2006

4:00-5:15 p.m. 1st-6th Grades
 7:00-8:30 p.m. 6th, 7th, 8th Grades
 7:00 p.m. Baptism Classes

Thursday, January 12, 2006

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians

Saturday, January 14, 2006

Bake Sale After Mass

4:00 p.m. Confession

Sunday, January 15, 2006

Bake Sale After All Masses

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 1:00 p.m. Baptism
**7:00–8:00 p.m. Mission Parish
 Renewal**
 7:00 p.m. Quest
 8:00 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation Mtg.

**Quest/ Parish Youth
 "Detroit Church Tour"
 Sunday, January 29
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

*All high school students and parents.
 More details to come.*

Come to Mass prepared by reading and meditating on the readings ahead of time. Reflect on your week and bring your week to offer to God in the Mass with his Son's offering. Come to church early and pray for the people there. Sing! Show devotion to others.

Contributing financially to the church also is giving back to God. Each parishioner is asked to give in a conscious and planned way. Each of us is asked to give back to God.

Remember: I am first of all a receiver. I am always loved in ways that I cannot even imagine. God gives me gifts and I notice only some of them. But, giving back to God and to his church is the key to life.

Welcome New Parishioners



David Gomez and daughter Ariana (3 years old) are new in the area and to our parish. David was raised in the San Antonio area and in a strong Catholic home and he brings a love of God and of the church. As a single father, David seeks a parish that will support him in the faith and will help Ariana to know people of faith. A young man with a heart set on God and on the church is a welcome sight. St. Christopher's is a good parish for David and Ariana and they are good for the parish. God does draw people to the parish and renews his church through the people he draws.

Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

Virginia Tracey, Connie Green, Corey Aspey, Irene Brow, Patrick Owens, Leo & Betty Visga, Avery Langowski, Mary Warren, Ralph & Nancy Ceglarek, Dorothy Smarch, Simone Stern, Barbara Rumley, Dorothy Horn, Maria Miller, Bill Soboleski, Elizabeth Wessel, Bernice Melczarczyk, Theresa Prince, Rosie Dazer, Maureen Pochodylo, Greg Riley, Lori Charette, Helen Ferris, Mia Nowak, Albert Kubek, Kathy & Karen Carty, Kyle Clayton, Patrick McCarthy, Bernard Shafran, Loreen Metheny, Helen Senik, James Newson, Florence Ferris, Al Kustowski, Marlene Konik, Mary Blessinger, Dominic, Gino & Jordan Pecoraro, Russel Rumsey, Doris Godi, Barbara Stockwell, Harvey Brodeur, Mary Hodges, Patricia Pavlov-Leins, Jean Brockdorff, Kyle Stivers, Kim Stephenson and those who care for them.

Matthew and Stacey Bentley (Tanoury) and children Haiden (2) and Josephine (4 months) are also new, coming from Chesterfield Township in Macomb County. Stacey comes from two Catholic parents devoted to the church. For her parents, faith and church were very important and Stacey wants to be that kind of parent for her two children. Matt's job takes a lot of time but he comes with Stacey sometime. His family will draw Matt and he will get to know the church through them over the years ahead. Hope the Bentleys stay for a long time—even for a lifetime.

NEW PARISHIONER MEETING

**Thursday, January 19
 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Social Hall**

*****Look the parish over and see
 about joining.*****

**Weekend Liturgy
January 14 & 15, 2006**

Day/Time	Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Mass Intention	Wilma Earl by The St. Coeur Family	Shirley Simms by William Simms	Emma Rhadigan by Kay Borowski	Parishioners of St. Christopher
Celebrant	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski
Lector	Mike Rumley Traci Rumsey	Joe Pavlov Mike Finch	Jon Bilina Allison Warsinske	Jenine Ulrich Charlie Andrews
Eucharistic Minister	Vince Pecoraro Judy Pecoraro Esther Pelliccia Chris Krohn John VanTiem	Fely Nurenberg Ron Nurenberg Charlotte Carufel Jane Banyas Gay Venia	Cheryl Borowski Dieter DeVigili Kathy DeVigili Terrie Formaz Mary Jo Jewell Kimberly Erb Bernadine Newby	Deanne Quain Eugene Mozal Joanne Wesch Cheryl Azarcon Monica Myers Lisa Jones Kimberly Erb
Cantor	<i>As Assigned</i>	<i>As Assigned</i>	<i>As Assigned</i>	<i>As Assigned</i>
Altar Servers	Grant Rumley Sean VanTiem	Cara Maertens Kelly Maertens	Jenna Furchak Lindsey Fandrick	Matt Miller Emmanuel Canto
Hospitality Ministers	Paul Urben Jason Finn Ken & Angie Shoff	Greg & Penny White Ben DePetris Mike O'Brien	Chris, Tori, Nick, Nate, Kim Deland	Rick Goodmen Steven Makowski Steven & Robin Stivers

**Weekday Mass Intentions
January 9, 2006 – January 13, 2006**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Veronica Quinlan, by Bernard & Dorothy Shafran
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Bea Cowger, by Larry & Joanne Campbell
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Dorothy Frendt, by Al & Helen Westrick
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Nancy Wilkens, by William Simms

Financial Stewardship At St. Christopher's

Dec. 31 & Jan. 1.....\$6,644.31
Children.....2.00
Christmas Total.....\$31,153.00

Stewardship Thought...

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

Adoration at St. Joseph's Parish

St. Joseph Church has been selected as one of only 12 sites in the Archdiocese of Detroit to host the monstrance blessed by our late Holy Father Pope John Paul II. Eucharistic adoration is to begin shortly after the arrival the monstrance at **7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 13**. A Holy Hour is scheduled for **8:00 p.m.**, followed by all-night adoration until **7:00 a.m.** *The cluster of St. Joseph and St. Stephen is very proud to be hosting this once in a lifetime event. St. Christopher's parishioners of all ages are invited to St. Joseph's for adoration.*

Readings for the Week

Sunday, January 8
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 9
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, January 10
1 Sm 1:9-20, or
1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20
Mk 1:21-28, or
Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 11
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 12
1 Sm 4:1-11
Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 13
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 14
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday, January 15
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes is offering a **Scripture Study** program topic **"The Gospel of Mark"**

Tuesday, January 10 thru Tuesday, March 14

10 sessions-**cost is \$9** for materials
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To register, call St. Joseph Church 985-9616 or Deacon John Connors 364-9432 .
The group will meet at St. Stephen School.

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