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MASS IS CELEBRATED ON THE WEEKENDS AT:
5:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY
SUNDAY AT 8:30 A.M.
10:30 A.M.

PLEASE REFER TO "THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH" FOR THE TIMES OF THE WEEKDAY MASSES

THOSE WISHING TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE PASTOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE INTENDED DATE OF THE CELEBRATION

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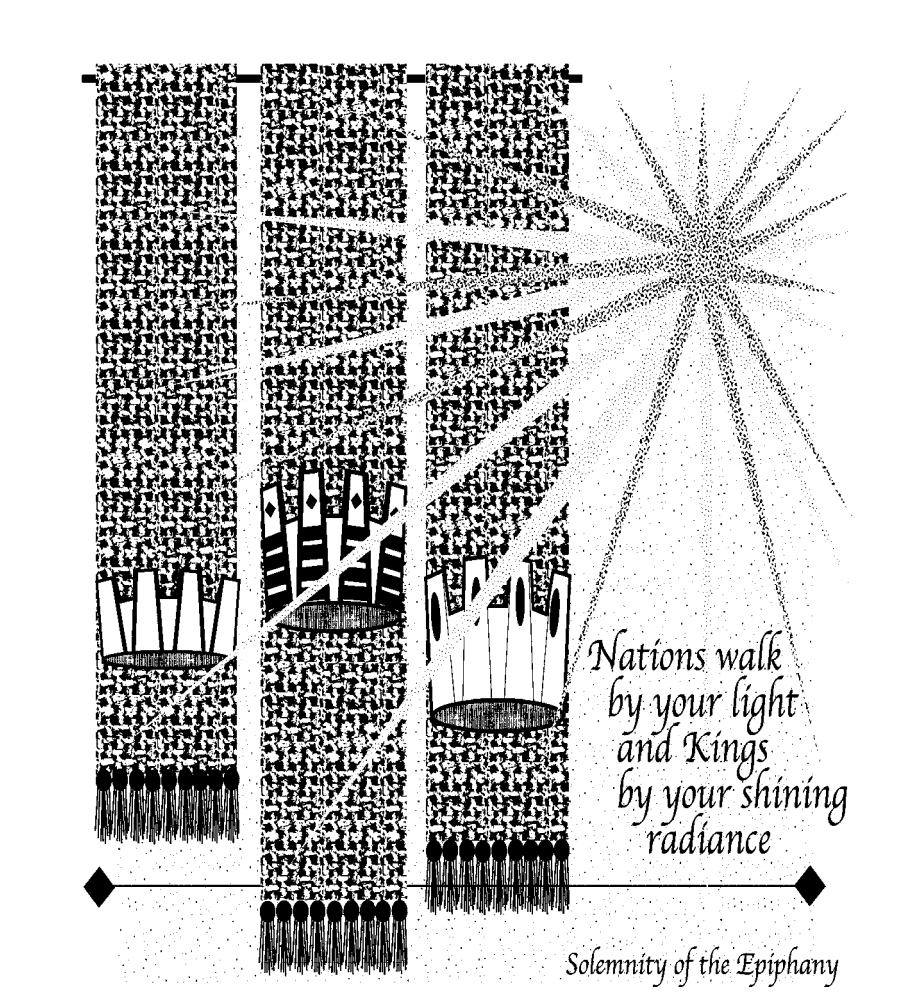
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019

All nations walk by His light!

NOTES FROM FR. RICK:

WE WELCOME THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM Hunter David Sisler, son of Jeremy & Joy Sisler. May he always live for the Lord!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Your help is needed to take down our Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 13th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please know our gratitude in advance!



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

7 - Monday - 1 John 3:22—4:6—Psalm 2:7-8, 10-12—Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
 6:00 P.M. Cabinet Meeting
 7:00 P.M. Volunteer Appreciation

8 - Tuesday - 1 John 4:7-10 —Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8—Mark 6:34-44
 8:00 A.M. Mass - Lisa Swanson
 8:30-10:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 11:00 A.M. Mass at Thief River Care Center - Special Intention
 3:15 P.M. All Staff Gathering
 7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Meeting

9 - Wednesday - 1 John 4:11-18—Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13—Mark 6:45-52
 7:00 A.M. Buildings and Grounds Meeting
 3:00 P.M. After School Youth Gathering
 5:15 P.M. Mass - +Margaret Kne
 5:45 P.M. Reconciliation
 6:30 P.M. Grades 6 & 8 Religious Education Classes
 8:00 P.M. Men's Prayer Group

10 - Thursday - 1 John 4:19—5:4—Psalm 2:1-2, 14-15, 17—Luke 4:14-22
 8:00 A.M. Mass - +Anne Barnick
 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 10:30 A.M. Bible Study
 6:30 P.M. RCIA Meets - Rectory Meeting Room

11 - Friday - 1 John 5:5-13—Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20—Luke 5:12-16
 8:00 A.M. Rosary Recitation
 8:35 A.M. Mass - +Larry O'Neil
 10:00 A.M. Mass at Oakland Park Nursing Home - +Ken Murphy

12 - Saturday - 1 John 5:14-21—Psalm 149:1-6, 9—John 3:22-30
Celebration Weekend
 4:00 P.M. Reconciliation
 4:30 P.M. Rosary Recitation
 5:00 P.M. Mass - +Melvin & Marvin Rasmussen

13 - The Baptism of the Lord - Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7—Ps. 29P1-4, 9-10—Acts 10;34-38—Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
Celebration Weekend
 8:30 A.M. Mass - +Rita Yaggie
 9:20 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Mass - For the People



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*The shepherds went in haste
 to Bethlehem and found
 Mary & Joseph,
 and the infant
 lying in a manger.*



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Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:

Mrs. Rosalie Burda, Marguerite Barth, Brian Williamson, Tony Dorn, Sr., Deacon John Eisbrenner, Candace Schafer, Sr. Lucille Schafer, Lloyd Bergeron, Ed Walseth, Madeline Baumann, Darlene Eisbrenner, Lowell Arlt, Sr. Edwine Gerou, Pete Christianson, Barb Konickson, Elaine Radniecki, Rachael Carlson, Carlos Diaz, Tim Przybylski, Catherine Odette, Munro Poole, Duane Lusignan, Jannelle Knott, Brian Huerd, Gordon Peterson, Frank Miller, Randy Winter, Alayna Espeseth, Lesterese Restad, Andrea Dowers, Gail Hjelle, Connie Aasand, Joe Lempe, Jim Osowski, Larry Schaefer, Daniel Derouin, Bev Oski Hayes, Darlene Gast, Mikey Hedegard, Andy Sololik, Rose Srnsky, John Parent, Sharon Iverson, Jovi DeFrang, Julie Kaiser, Connie Folden, Judy Langhorst, Cheryl McClanehan, Jeremy Johnson, Bobbi Jordet, Jeff Blom, Todd Teiken, Lisa Swanson, Donna Radeke, Katherine Salwei, John St. Marie, Emily Novacek, Marty Torgerson, Jane Palm, Jason Miller, Gerald Kostrzewski, Lori Kristo, Sherrill McDonald, Floyd Neuschwander, Dennis Srnsky, Mike Kaushagen

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

By Margaret Rasmussen
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Jan. 9 – Grades 6 & 8 RE
Jan. 13 – Sunday School
Jan. 16 – Grades 6 & 7 RE
 6:00 -8pm Pat's 9th Grade RE
Jan. 20 – Sunday School
Jan. 23 – Grades 6 & 8 RE
Jan. 27 – Sunday School
Jan. 30 - Grades 6 & 7 RE
Feb. 3- Sunday School
 10:30 am Mass -Rite of Enrollment for First Communion
Feb. 6 – Grades 6 & 8 RE

JANUARY 2019

A Whole Month of Liturgical Content on formed.org!

Jan. 1 SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
 The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Session 8: Mother Crowned in Glory*Study: Footprints of God: Mary, the Mother of God
 Watch: Mary of Nazareth

Jan. 6 SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 Study: Advent, Session 4: The Gift
 Listen: The Mystery of Christmas

Jan. 13 SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 Study: The Wild Goose, Segment 7: The Spirit of Adoption
 Read: Sacraments in Scripture
 Listen: Changed Forever

Jan. 21 SAINT AGNES
 Listen: Love or Lust?
 Read: Freedom: Battle Strategies for Conquering Temptation

Jan. 22 DAY OF PRAYER FOR LEGAL PROTECTION FOR THE UNBORN
 Study: Symbolon, Living the Faith: Session 10, Catholic Social Teaching*
 Watch: Angel in the Waters
 Listen: There is Life in the Womb

Jan. 24 SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES
 Study: True Reformers, Session 6: Saint Francis de Sales
 Read: Introduction to the Devout Life

Jan. 25 FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL
 Study: Footprints of God: Paul
 Watch: Paul of Tarsus

Jan. 28 SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS
 Study: Symbolon: Living the Faith, Session 6: A Catholic Moral Vision*
 Read:Practical Theology: Spiritual Direction from Saint Thomas Aquinas
 Read:Saint Thomas Aquinas (Children's Book)

Jan. 31 SAINT JOHN BOSCO
 Watch:Saint John Bosco
 Watch:Don Bosco

YOUTH NEWS

By Misty Mehrkens
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Greetings!

January 9 – Youth Get-Together

Week 2 of "The Best Year Ever" series: When your life begins to stink, what's your natural response? Do you lean more into God's embrace and trust him? Or do you throw your hands in the air in frustration and run from him? We will learn that if Joseph had given up when life was rough, he would have missed out on A LOT!! Join us on Wednesday, January 9th from 3:00 – 5:00 downstairs in Rectory Meeting Room.

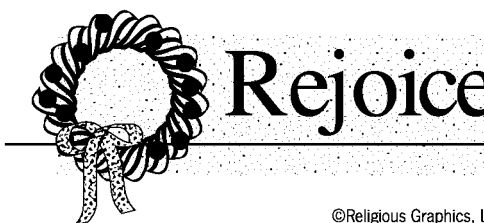
January 26 – Everett Fritz Workshop – Register Now!

On Jan. 26, the Office of Formation in Discipleship will host a workshop featuring Everett Fritz at St. Mary, Fosston, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop is open to youth ministers, catechists, priests, parents, volunteers RE teachers and anyone who works with youth. The cost to attend is \$10 and will be collected at the event. Lunch is included. Fritz is author of *The Art of Forming Young Disciples* and founder of St. Andrew Missionaries, an organization dedicated to training and equipping Catholics in discipleship of young people. For more information about Fritz and St. Andrew Missionaries, visit www.everettfritz.com and www.standrewmissionaries.org. Register here: <https://www.crookston.org/everett>

February 18 – Ski Trip – This is a tentative date for our annual ski trip. More information will be coming as soon as I get it confirmed.

I recently came across a "cheat sheet" for teen slang. I needed it. However, I know that if Jesus were to talk in slang, this would be his message: YO-LO. LOL. JK. BRB. - Jesus (Parents – ask your kids what this means if you can't decode it! I also have copies of the cheat sheet in my office!)

Blessings,
 Misty Mehrkens



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ST. BERNARD'S SCHDDL NEWS

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Hello from St. Bernard's School!

Happy New Year and welcome back to new adventures at St. Bernard's School!

Thank You!

We would like to sincerely thank you for all of the time, talent, and treasure you have shared with St. Bernard's School over the past year! Please know that you all have made a difference in our lives!

Thank you to Virginia Martinez who gave to our scholarship fund, John Sherack who gave in memory of Eunice Munt, Beth and Vick Zerr, as well as Don and Jeanette Kohns who donated towards our Science Museum of Minnesota assemblies, and our generous anonymous donor who gave to our annual fund!

In addition, thank you to the St. Hilaire Lions for the donation of NetSupport School IT Management Software. Thank you, also, to our technology teacher Dan Kotaska for his research in bringing this valuable tool to our school!

St. Bernard's Night at the Norskies

THE TICKETS ARE HERE! On Saturday, January 26, 2019 we will be having the St. Bernard's Night at the Norskies! We hope to make this into a huge event for the entire community with a series of "You Pick 'Em" 50-1 raffle, face painting, silent auction, and all the students singing the national anthem! Tickets are a great idea for a Christmas gift or stocking stuffer for your family, friends, and co-workers! Instead of the regular price of \$10 a ticket, St. Bernard's will be selling tickets in advance for only \$8 a ticket for adults and \$5 for kids 5-12. Interested in making a donation or purchasing a block of tickets for your business, family or group, just contact us at the school office. Also, the TRFAHA Mega Raffle is the same night and the same place! If you know anyone who wants to go to the Mega Raffle, then we can provide cheap tickets to go to the game! However, you need to purchase your own Mega Raffle ticket to enter that separate event in the Imperial Room.

NWEA Testing

For the next two weeks the 1st - 5th grades will be completing the NWEA MAP testing in Reading. This is to gauge on how our students are doing at mid-year.

Special Lunches

1/9 - 2nd Grade Lunch 11:25 - Please RSVP
1/15 - Alumni Lunch 11:15 - 12:15

No School

We will be having no school on Friday, 1/18 and Monday, 1/21 as the teachers will be attending a variety of professional development opportunities.

Many Blessings and Go Make a Difference!
Laura Brickson

Thank you Kenneth Garceau for a memorial given to St. Bernard's Cemetery in memory of Bernadette Erickson.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

The next Baptismal Preparation Session will be held Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Basement Meeting Room. Parents planning baptism in the near future may attend the session before the birth/adoption of their child. Both parents need to attend the session. Please call the parish office to register: 681-3571.

If you are new in the parish and not registered, or have recently changed your address or phone number, please fill out this form & return to the parish office, (email carola1@mncable.net) or drop in the Sunday collection basket.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 5-7, 2019 in Baxter, MN and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" (Ephesians 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how he wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one".



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