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*May the Spirit of God
Lead You Through the New Year*

HOLY FAMILY AND MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 30 – 6th Day within Octave of Nativity – No Mass

Tuesday, December 31 – 7th Day within Octave of Nativity

Eve of Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

5:00 PM Intentions of Rheal Gingras (100th BD) -Potvin Family
Intentions of Danielle Pilon – Cecilia Beechey

† Joe Arseneault– Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region

† James Dashney – Catherine & Paul Motz

Wednesday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:30 AM For God's Blessings on Canada

Thur., Jan. 2 – St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazlenzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

9:00 AM † Elisabeth & Andreas Schwarz – Elizabeth

Friday, January 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

9:00 AM † Marie Mason – Waterloo K of C Retirees Club

Saturday, January 4

Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 PM † Doug Huehn – Janet & Grant Ertel

† Henry Chyc – John McNeely

Intentions of Marta Melik – Malton Family

Deceased Members of Corrick Family – John McNeely

Sunday, January 5 – Epiphany of the Lord

9:30 AM † Mary & Norman Smart – Joan Silver

† Laurie Vassallo – Hulme Family

† Chiamaka Okoli – Delattre Family

† Samren, Khamphens, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy –

Xaysy Family

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the Gospel of Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23:

Before the birth of Jesus, an Angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. In today's Gospel, Joseph receives two more revelatory dreams. The pattern of the two dreams today continues the established pattern: the Angel directs Joseph how to act, and Joseph responds obediently. Throughout Matthew's opening chapters, Joseph is a righteous man who readily accepts the revelations that God gives him. In all three dream scenes, allusions to the Hebrew Scriptures create continuity with the past even as God is doing something new in the present.

The first scene begins when the wise men departed. Though the wise men had thwarted Herod's plans, the Angel reveals that Herod is still seeking to destroy the child. Like his ancestor Joseph, the new Joseph is to flee to Egypt for refuge. Unlike the Joseph of old who interpreted Pharaoh's dreams, Joseph's dreams need no interpretation. The Lord's directions are clear, and Joseph follows them exactly. The final verse is from the Prophet Hosea, fulfilled in a new way. In Hosea, Israel is God's son, called from Egypt to return home; now, Jesus, God's own son, is called from Egypt to return to his homeland, where he will minister to his people.

One more dream directs the family, not to Judea where Herod's son is wreaking havoc on the people, but to Nazareth in Galilee. (Based on Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word)

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, December 30

9 AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

Friday, January 3

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Saturday, January 4

6:00 PM Epiphany Potluck, Carol Sing & Games L. H., Gym

Sunday, December 29

10:30 AM Sunday Social Large Hall

5:00 PM OOTC Community Supper Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Tue. Dec.31 5:00 pm	1 Joan Sichewski 2 Paul Butler C Cecilia Beechey	1 Debbie Delattre 2 Daniel Delattre 3 Guy Tremblay
Wed. Jan 1 9:30 am	1 Jennifer McDonald 2 James Skidmore C Sharon Carey	1 Rob Hinsperger 2 John Carey 3 Anne Marie Webster
Sat. Jan 4 5:00 PM	1 Jennifer McDonald 2 Joan Sichewski C Andy Zajchowski	1 Grant Ertel 2 Guy Tremblay 3 Sharon Carey
Sun. Jan 5 9:30AM	1 Barry Hinchberger 2 Betty Gross C Annette Hulme	1 Mary Smith 2 Eric Davis 3 Frank Hulme
Sun. Jan 5 11:30AM	1 Rosemary MacNeil 2 Darlene Wilson C Shaun MacNeil	1 Lois Peterson 2 Charles Wilson 3 Al Kehn



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - This feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The English title "Mother of God" is a translation of the Latin title *Dei Genetrix*, which means "She Who Generated God", as the corresponding Greek title Θεοτόκος (*Theotokos*) means "She Who Gave Birth to God". This title was dogmatically adopted at the First Council of Ephesus (431 AD) as a way to assert that Jesus is God, and that His Mother can therefore be called Mother of God. The title that the January 1st feast celebrates is thus not only Mariological, but also Christological.



St. Louis CWL would like to thank the entire parish for contributing to the success of our recent Mission Craft and Bake Sale which raised over \$5500. The funds will be divided equally and sent to: Canadian Food for Children, Catholic Missions in Canada and D & P.

Ladies, if you haven't already, please submit your CWL 2020 dues which are \$25 and can be placed in the collection basket or handed to any member of the executive. Envelopes and cheques should be made out to St. Louis CWL. Thank you.

Hello Co-Missionaries,

I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support in this mission of evangelization! This would not be possible without your generosity, both prayerfully and financially!



I am however still in need to continue this mission in the New Year. I am currently \$800 away from my fundraising goal. If you are at all interested in supporting NET's mission you can go to my fundraising page: netcanada.ca/support-a-missionary/colin-f Please know I continue to pray for you all!

God Bless and Merry Christmas - **Colin Frayne**

Children's Sunday Programs at 9:30 am Mass (Babysitting, Sunday School and Liturgy of the Word) will resume Jan. 5th.

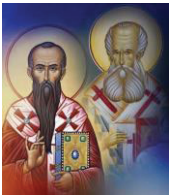
Good Shepherd Catechesis will resume again on January 13th.

Next Youth Group meeting is Jan. 10th. It is a fun night so bring a friend!!

Next CWL meeting - February 5th at 7pm

Next St. Vincent de Paul meeting - January 7th at 6:30 pm

Next Prayer Shawl meeting - January 28th at 1 pm



Sts. Basil and Gregory were childhood friends who both came from saintly families. Their parents and some of their siblings were also saints. They grew up in Cappadocia (current day Turkey).

Basil became a lawyer with great rhetorical skills, but since he was tempted by pride he decided to sell all he owned and became a priest and a monk. He founded a monastery and wrote down instructions on community life, which have become famous especially in the east.

From his youth, Basil was friends with Gregory of Nazianzus, another brilliant thinker and orator. Gregory followed a similar career path as Basil—he was ordained a priest, even though he yearned for the life of a monk.

Basil and Gregory were defining figures as the early Church sought to figure out just how to describe Jesus as fully human and fully divine. They helped the Church articulate this mystery and refute persistent strains of thought that would emphasize one aspect of Jesus' nature over another. Both were largely responsible for safeguarding the faith that has guided the Church for thousands of years. Their doctrinal contributions are codified in the Nicene Creed. (From U. of Notre Dame website)

OFFICE HOURS:

DEC. 30 & 31: OFFICE OPEN 9 AM - 1 PM

JAN. 1 & 2: OFFICE CLOSED

JAN. 3: OFFICE OPEN 9 AM - 1 PM



First Communion: Anyone who has a child in Gr. 2 and would like them to receive the Sacrament of the First Eucharist here at St. Louis parish; classes will run Tuesday or Wednesday nights (To be determined) beginning Jan. 21st or 22nd from 6 pm - 7:30 pm in the Nursery. The celebration of this Sacrament will take place on Sunday, May 3rd at the 11:30 am Mass. Please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office to register.

Twelfth Night - Epiphany Party on Sat., Jan. 4th from 6 PM:



Potluck dinner (bring your own plates and cutlery if you wish), Carol Singing, Games in the Large Hall, Gym will be available for active games. Teen supervision of younger children possible - please inquire.

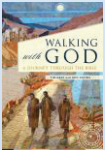
Also add to your calendar: **Potluck Dinner and Ceili Dance on Saturday February 1st, 2020.**

FAITH ENRICHMENT IN 2020:

Mondays at 7:30 pm - Frances Hogan's *Gospel of Luke* - continuing on Jan. 6th from Chapter 15- It is a detailed study of the author, setting and all the action in this Gospel of Luke. Each session (independent of others) is full of insights. This program will continue till Lent.



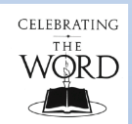
Mondays at noon - Lunch and Learn Book club resumes on Jan 6th with continuation (Chapter 7) of "Walking with God: A Journey through the Bible" by Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins. This book unpacks the central story woven throughout Scripture and presents it in an easy-to-read, concise manner.



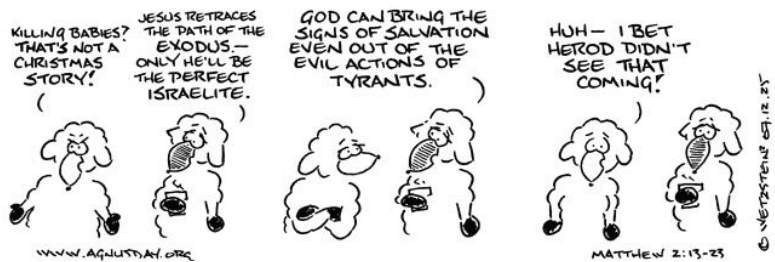
Thursdays at 1 pm - *Pivotal Players* - Bishop Barron presents life and impact of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, Bl. (now Saint) John Henry Newman, G.K. Chesterton and Michelangelo. Starts Jan 16th.



Thursdays at 9:30 am - *Celebrating the Word* meetings resume on Jan. 9th - This group reflects weekly on the Scripture Readings for the following Sunday using as a guide *Celebrating the Word* publication of the Congregation of the Resurrection.



Lectio Divina - Wed. Jan 8th (2nd Wednesday of each month) - Meditation on the Gospel of the upcoming Sunday. Meeting starts with dinner.



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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

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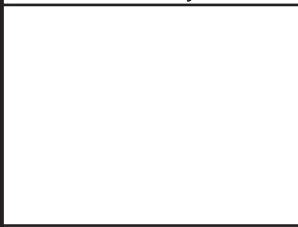
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