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*We saw his star
in the East
and have come
to worship Him*



The Epiphany of the Lord – Closing of the 125th Jubilee

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 4

Tuesday, January 5

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Congregation of the Resurrection

Wednesday, January 6

9:00 am In thanksgiving for blessings received – Esther MacKinnon

7:00 pm † Esther Dietrich - CWL

Thursday, January 7 – St. André Bessette, Religious

9:00 am † Colleen Marley – Mary Ellen Marley

Friday, January 8

9:00 am For all benefactors of St. Louis Parish

Sunday liturgy – Baptism of the Lord

5:00 pm † Margaret Ann Ertel – Tim & Brenda Ertel & Jayne & Bill Grebinski
† Gene Eckensviller – Doug & Barbara Eckensviller

† Audrey Moser – Moser Family

† Mariette Peeters – Delattre Family

Sunday, January 10 – Baptism of the Lord

9:30 am † David Kirby – Kirby Family

† James Donkers – Donkers Family

† Alex MacKinnon – Esther & Family

† Deceased Members of the Artinger & Skoog Families – The Skoog Family

11:30 am People of St. Louis Parish

For The Epiphany of The Lord:

On this celebration of Christ's manifestation to all the world, the First Reading brims with light, brightness, radiance, and glory. This passage comes from the last section of Isaiah, most likely written about the time of Judah's release from exile in Babylon and the return to the homeland in Palestine. The Prophet looks forward to the fulfilment of divine promises to re-create the covenant people, the city of Zion, and God's dwelling place among them. Repeatedly, Isaiah stresses that God's act of restoration will be witnessed by foreign nations, who will thus recognize the saving work of the Lord.

Twice in the first two verses of today's reading, Isaiah uses the Hebrew word *kabod*, translated "glory." This significant term indicates an outward manifestation of divine presence, at times nearly equivalent to God himself. The earlier Prophet Ezekiel, a Jerusalem priest taken to Babylon with the first wave of exiles, saw a vision of the glory of the Lord leaving the Temple, a certain sign that Judah's final desolation had begun. Isaiah now announces that not only will the Lord's people return to their land, but more importantly, the "glory" of God will again dwell in their midst in a new Temple, in a new Jerusalem. The Prophet further proclaims that the radiance of the Lord's saving act will be the marvel of other nations and their rulers. The Lord will again gather together a scattered people, drawing those from foreign lands to praise the God of Israel.

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 4

7:00 pm St Vincent de Paul meeting Large Hall

Wednesday, January 6

7:00 pm CWL Mass and meeting Large Hall

7:30 pm (11:30) Choir rehearsal Church

Thursday, January 7

9:30 am Small Christian Community Large Hall

7:30 pm (9:30) Choir rehearsal Church

7:30 pm RCIA Large Hall

Sunday, January 10

5:00 pm OOTC Community Supper Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Jan 9 5:00 pm	1 Peter Fioravanti 2 Maggie Fioravanti C Debbie Delattre	1 Sharon Carey 2 Guy Tremblay 3 Trudy Allensen
Sun. Jan 10 9:30 am	1 Lauren Krause 2 Caroline Noel C Linda Wanka	1 Mary Sehl 2 Jack Sehl 3 John Klein
11:30 am	1 Paul Butler 2 Rose Mastnak C Kelly Krause	1 Donna Herbstreit 2 Terry Sullivan 3 Marianne Butler

In the Gospel Reading, Matthew relates the encounter between the three wise men and king Herod. While many debated the exact character of the wise men, what is more important is that they come "from the East," indicating that they are Gentiles. These foreigners are the first to pay homage to the infant "king of the Jews." Like most in the ancient world, the wise men understood the appearance of the great star to signal a ruler's birth. The evangelist also alludes to Balaam's oracle that "a star shall come out of Jacob." Giving a reason for the child's birth in tiny Bethlehem, Matthew quotes Micah 5:2, which states that Israel's messianic ruler will come from this town of David's birth. The guiding star leads the wise men to the infant and his mother, and these Gentiles from a far country prostrate themselves before the true King of the Jews, Jesus the Messiah. Matthew makes apparent that God, not Rome, has designated Israel's true Messiah-King, and that though he first appears among the Jews, Gentiles also welcome the revelation of their true ruler.



First Communion: Anyone in grade 2 wishing to have their Sacrament here at St. Louis parish is asked to register with Kelly Krause at the parish office. Classes will begin Wednesday, January 20th, 6pm-7:30pm in the Nursery.



Next CWL meeting: Wed., Jan. 6th: Mass 7 pm - Installation of your 2016-18 executive - Please come out to thank those who for many years have served on the executive and now wish "to take a breather" and congratulate those who have said "Yes" to join your executive!

Speaker's topic: "Days For Girls": (in poor countries many girls lose 4-5 days of school each month). Find out how to make washable feminine hygiene kits and keep these girls in school! Members and non members always welcome.

The Symbolon (Part 2) – Living the Faith - 10 sessions resume on Monday, January 11th, 2016 at 7:30 pm. In the second part of the study program we will be looking at how we encounter God in the Sacraments and in moral life. Returning and new participants are very welcome.

Prayer Vigil - Thursday, January 7th, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking available across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

Mercy: A Study in Scripture - A Workshop Series - 7 Wednesdays, starting Jan. 6, 1:30- 3:30pm at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown. By exploring the theme of Mercy in the Old Testament we hope to understand better why Pope Francis is calling us to the virtue of Mercy. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND & David Dayler. The cost of \$75 includes the textbook & other resources. Register by Dec.18. For further info contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528 7988 ext. 2238.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2016 will be celebrated in KW from January 17-24. The theme this year is: "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God" based on 1 Peter 2:9. The prayer text this year was prepared by an ecumenical team from Latvia. The week will begin with an Ecumenical Prayer Service on Sunday, Jan. 17th, at 2 pm, in Calvin Presbyterian Church (248 Westmount Road East, Kitchener). The week will end with an Ecumenical prayer service with Taizé-Songs on Sunday, Jan. 24th, at 7:30 pm in Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener). All are welcome to participate.

St. Mark's Winter Games Night – Wed., Feb. 3rd at St. Mark's Parish Hall, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener. Join us for an evening of cards or bring your favourite board game! Doors Open at 6:00 pm. Admission: \$8 (includes sandwiches, desserts, drinks). Cards will also be provided. PRIZES!!! To volunteer or donate a prize please call Edwina at 519-954-5669. Hosted by St. Mark's Parish Fundraising Committee.

Please note: This bulletin was submitted to be printed on Dec. 24th – as per Liturgical Publications requirements.

Christmas season comes to an end next Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. As the Christmas decorations come down some people write the following on their front doors with a chalk that was blessed for the occasion on the feast of the Epiphany.

20 * C + M + B + 16

A key to the code:

- The '*' symbolizes the star that led the wise men to Jesus.
- The letters 'C', 'M', and 'B' signify the Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They are also the first three letters of the Latin phrase 'Christus mansionem benedicat' which means 'May Christ Bless the house'.
- The three crosses signify the Holy Trinity made known to us through the Incarnation.
- Encompassing them all is the year we have just entered into: '2016'. It is a nice devotion for Epiphany – great for families – and is an active reminder for us through the year of the wonder of Christmas. (*Pieces of the blessed chalk will be available at the back of the church.*)

Collection: December 19 & 20, 2015

Sunday envelopes:	\$ 5955.25
Christmas envelopes	\$ 1240.00
Loose donations:	\$ 439.90

Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!

TODAY OUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS COME TO AN END.

We thank God for many blessings bestowed on our Parish.

We would also like to express our gratitude to everyone who made this period of six months so special.

We thank:

Bishop Crosby and Bishop Miehm for coming and celebrating our Opening and Closing Masses;

Jubilee Committee for organizing and overseeing all the special events;

Ania Krysciak and Fr. Adam Voisin for their talks and parish mission;

Social Committee and all involved for organizing the picnic, banquet and all receptions;

Marianne Butler and all involved in *Life of St. Louis* play-presentation;

Open Doors volunteers for preparing and welcoming visitors to our church;

John Miller and friends for special Advent and Christmas concert;

History book committee for researching, writing and editing a new addition of our parish history book;

Photo directory volunteers for their help in organizing photo appointments and Fr. Michal for putting the extra material together;

Annette and Frank Hulme for scanning, arranging and presenting the slide show: *History of St. Louis in Pictures*;

All Parishioners and visitors who participated in those special events!



Fr. Phil and Fr. Michal



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