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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 7 - St. Andre Bessette, Religious

9:00 am † Elizabeth & Laird McDonald – McDonald Family

Wednesday, January 8

9:00 am

7:00 pm † Dorothy Bird – St. Louis CWL

Thursday, January 9

9:00 am † Margaret Schulde – Claire & Richard Armitage

Friday, January 10

9:00 am

Saturday, January 11

Sunday liturgy – Baptism of the Lord

5:00 pm † Edna Ertel – Larry & Phillis Ertel

† Audrey Moser – Moser Family

† Walter Hartman – Family

Sunday, January 12 – Baptism of the Lord

9:30 am People of St. Louis

11:30 am † Ethel Kehn – Beaton Family

† Patricia Hickey – Alice McTavish

† Allan McTavish – Alice McTavish

3:00 pm Vietnamese Mass

For the Epiphany:

The solemnities of the Nativity and Epiphany, together with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, are the three "manifestation" feasts. Epiphany was the original celebration of God's manifestation, and included both Jesus' birth and Baptism. The celebration of Christmas as a manifestation came later, and in the West, eventually became the principal observance of Jesus' birth.

The words of the prophet Isaiah and the example of the magi in the Gospel reading teach us that those who see the glory of the Lord are accountable for what they see. Just as Jerusalem was called to "arise" and be a light for other nations, we are to proclaim God's glory beyond our church buildings, in the streets and neighbourhoods of our cities and towns. The Lord's glory is so impressive that others want to join in singing God's praises.

Saint Augustine, in an early fifth-century sermon, said, "Recently we celebrated the day on which Christ was born among the Jews; today we celebrate the day, on which He was adored by the Gentiles." Through Christ, God manifested himself to all. Paul understood that the primary purpose of his ministry was to bring Jews and Gentiles together in adoration of Christ Jesus. Both are heirs to His promise. Both are members of the same Body of Christ. In Christ, we are to work through our differences. This endeavour is possible, because God is faithful—the Spirit of Christ remains with us in the work we do.

The story of the magi is rightly most associated with the solemnity of Epiphany. At times, however, placing the emphasis on the details of the number of wise man and the names of their gifts diminishes the importance of the profound truth that the evangelist Matthew sought to convey.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 7

1:00 pm Bible Study Large Hall

6:00 pm Human Trafficking (movie & discussion) L. Hall

Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday, January 9

9:30 am Small Christian Community Notre Dame Hall

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

Friday, January 10

6:30 pm Taize style Adoration & Benediction Church

7:00 pm Youth Group Notre Dame Hall

Sunday, January 12

12:30 am Good Shepherd's Catechises 1&2 Convent

COME AND SEE!

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
Sat. Jan 11	1 Marnie Wharnsby	1 Sr. A. McCarville
5:00 pm	2 Debbie Delattre	2 Trudy Allensen
	<u>C Bea Lajeunesse</u>	<u>3 Guy Tremblay</u>
Sunday Jan 12	1 Terry Collins	1 Edd Ruppe
9:30 am	2 Floyd Ertel	2 John Armatruda
	<u>C John Klein</u>	<u>3 Joanne Bond</u>
11:30 am	1 John Pendergast	1 Anna Malton
	2 Carolyn Beaton	2 Charles Wilson
	C Donna Herbstreit	3 Aurora DiPasquale

In Matthew's gospel, the wise men, Gentiles, are the first to adore Jesus. However, when Jews, including King Herod, were notified about Jesus' birth, they remained unmoved, even caught up in the political importance of the birth. Matthew's main point in framing his narrative in this way is that in Jesus, God is manifest to the whole world. God's promise of salvation is not reserved to a select few. It is available to all, to be accepted in faith just as the Gentile wise men responded.

At the end of today's Gospel story the wise men went back to their home country. They did not remain basking in the excitement from their adoration of Christ. Rather, their mission began in earnest as they journeyed back home to share their joy of seeing the Christ child.

Guerric of Igny, a twelfth-century French abbot, said, "That which we have celebrated up to today is the birth of Christ, that which we celebrate today is our own birth" (Sermo 14.1). The magi's own birth, as followers of Jesus,



occurred as they offered homage to Jesus. We too, are born as Christians in our act of giving homage to Christ and in bringing His presence to the world.

First Communion Preparation Classes will start on Jan. 15th. (The celebration will be on May 25th.) Please contact Kelly Krause at 519-743-4101 for more information.

St. Louis Catholic Women's League meeting Wed. Jan 8th. Mass: 7 pm – Installation of our 2014-2016 executive – Meeting “Why are we League members?” followed by refreshments and fellowship. All women welcome!

The Catholic Women's League invites all men and women of the parish to our annual Card Party on Wednesday, January 29th in the gym. Sandwiches and dessert will be served at 7 pm. The cost is \$8.00.

A box has been placed in the Narthex of the Church. We are grateful to receive any donations of prizes large or small.

Taize Style Adoration and Benediction – every second Friday of the month from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Church – next one on Jan 10, 2014.

Slavery still exists – “Nefarious: Merchant of Souls” Join us for a screening of one of the most powerful, compelling and transformational documentaries ever made on human trafficking– Tue Jan 7th at 6 pm in the Large Hall. See posters in the Church for other screening dates.

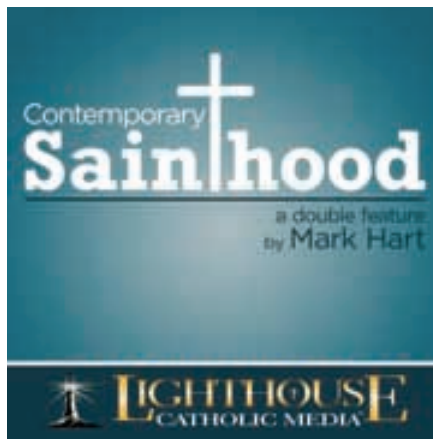
K-W Couples For Christ and their Family Ministries invite you to participate in their 10-week Christian Life Program at St. John's Church, 85 Strange Street, Kitchener, Thursdays, 7 pm, Jan.30 to April 3, 2014. (No Fee) This Catholic family life renewal ministry is recognized by the Vatican Pontifical Council for the Laity. There are more than 1 million adult members worldwide. It is open to all Christian married couples, single adults, widows, widowers, and those separated or divorced. It is a 12-talk integrated course to renew our understanding of God's call to us as Christians, as well as to revitalize parish community life. Be enriched by talks such as: 1.God's Love; 2.Who is Jesus Christ? 3. What it means to be a Christian; 4. Faith and Repentance... (At the same time, we offer a children's program for those 12 and under.) Please contact: Len/Marie Solomon **519-744-5198 to register.**

Consoling The Heart Of Jesus: A 13 week course, all through Lent. Learn a new modified method in making the Spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola; True Devotion to Mary by St. Louis de Montfort, why God made Mary your mother and how she is a part of your life; St. Faustina teaches you about Divine Mercy and the messages that are so urgent for us now living in these times. This course is for little souls both men and women. It begins, Tuesday, January 14 to April 8 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at Blessed Sacrament Church. **Must register no later than Monday, January 6, 2014.** For information contact Yvonne 519-570-9029 or Anne 519-568-7728.

Learn how to Pray: Oremus is an 8 week study on Catholic prayer presented on DVD by Fr. Mark Toups. Over the course of eight weeks the Oremus study program

teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. • Become aware of God's presence in your life • Learn how to respond to God and express yourself in prayer • Discover how to hear God's voice in Scripture, in your heart, and in ordinary moments • Learn how to overcome frustrations, distractions, and dryness in prayer • Grow in your relationship with God and those around you. St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, 56 Duke St., W, Kit., will be presenting the Oremus program on **Saturday mornings at 10:00am in the Lower Hall beginning February 22nd.** The course study book is available at the St. Mary's Parish Office or at the first class. The cost is \$20.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is celebrated each year around the world. **In KW it will be celebrated from January 19-26.** The **theme** this year is: **“Has Christ been Divided?”** based on **1 Corinthians 1:1-17.** The prayer text this year was prepared by an ecumenical team from **Canada.** This is only the third time in 100 years that the Canadian Church has been the focus. Canada is a country that is marked by diversity in language, culture and climate, and we embody diversity in our expressions of Christian faith as well. Living with this diversity and being faithful to Christ's desire for the unity of his disciples is a very Canadian challenge. The week will start with an **Ecumenical prayer service with Taizé-Songs on Sunday, January 19th, at 7:30 PM in St. Anthony Daniel Parish (29 Midland Drive, Kitchener).**



In this incredible double feature, Mark Hart illuminates what it means seek sanctity in the 21st century. In the first presentation, Mark discusses **unleashing** the power of the Holy Spirit and becoming who we are meant to be: **saints.** In the second presentation, Mark talks about the

dangers of putting human expectations on our supreme God. These two talks will be sure to jump start your spiritual life and shed some light on what it means to be a contemporary saint.

Parishioner Comments: Mark Hart does it again! Every Catholic should listen to this!!! (Todd-Coral Springs, FL). Drink in the passion from these powerful talks given by a first-class youth speaker. Old and young alike need to hear him. Be seriously touched! (Julie-Sterling, VA)

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