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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Dorothy Kosowskie.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Betty Sammon.

THE WORD AMONG US: copies of the January edition may be found at the church entrances. A donation of \$3 would be appreciated to help defray costs which have increased due to the exchange rate.

FUNNY IN A GOoD WAY presents an event opening the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Appearances by nationally recognized Comedian/Actor - Leland Klassen, Canadian Military Wives Choir - Petawawa, GATE47, and a skit by local pastors. Proceeds to support Local Food Banks. January 19, 2019 at the Festival Hall, Pembroke. Doors open at 6:30 pm Tickets \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. For tickets please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at 613 732-7933 ext. 206.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL RENFREW COUNCIL 1916: The General meeting will be held on **Monday, January 7th** at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

SUNDAY OFFERING - Dec. 23rd - \$3,830.00

\$3,241.00 - Envelopes \$240.00 - Loose
\$349.00 - Weekly EFT

\$1,670.00 - SFX Care Fund

\$350.00 Gift Cards for SFX Care Fund

SUNDAY OFFERING - Dec. 30th - \$4,026.25

\$3,463.00 - Envelopes \$214.25 - Loose
\$349.00 - Weekly EFT

\$20.00 - SFX Care Fund

\$25.00 Gift Cards for SFX Care Fund

**CHRISMTAS COLLECTION - \$10,156.45
(to date)**

\$7,971.00 - Envelopes \$1,360.45 - Loose
\$825.00 - EFT

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: Any donations received or deposited after December 31st, 2018 will be credited to your 2019 income tax receipt.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

It's hard to talk about Epiphany without sounding like we're exaggerating. Today is a day of superlatives. Epiphany is the grandest, merriest, brightest and best day of Christmastime.

Today we celebrate three wonders: the Magi offer the Lord gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Lord comes to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. The Lord turns water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana.

Epiphany means "appearance" and "revelation" and "manifestation." In the gospel stories of Epiphany, we hear that God appears in creation. God is revealed in a star, in the waters of a river, in the shining skies, on the wings of a dove, in stone jars of everyday water.

In a sense, at Epiphany all of us are queens and kings. In baptism we were anointed to be God's royal people. Now the star shines over us, we who are baptized, we who bear the name of Christ.

CARE FUND DONATIONS: A "Thank You" also to the many parishioners who donated to the Parish Care Fund either monetarily or with gift cards. Many in our community struggle to make ends meet and thus the demand for financial assistance has been substantial. May God bless you all abundantly for your generosity.

Women's Retreat. The Joy of Catholic Womanhood: "The Joy of the Lord is my strength." This retreat will be led by Cynthia Donnelly and Fr. Robert Johnson of Madonna House from Friday, February 22, 2019 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 2 p.m. at the Graphite Bible Camp. Cost is \$150 (\$120 for those who wish to commute). Student rates available. To register send etransfer or cheque (Made out to Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish – Women's Retreat) to: Claudia Francis, 976 County Road #27 Codrington, ON, K0K 1R0. Registration is confirmed upon receipt of etransfer or cheque. For more info contact Claudia Francis at claudia.francis777@gmail.com or call 613 970-4656.

BLESSINGS TO ALL IN THE NEW YEAR!

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON Jan. 7 NO PARISH LITURGY (8:15 a.m. Mass @ OLF)

TUES. Jan. 8
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Suzanne Mullins
- Pembroke Diocesan C.W.L.

WED. Jan. 9
8:00 a.m. Dorothy Kosowskie
- Jim & Linda Freemark

THURS. Jan.10
8:00 a.m. Wil Hermans - Arlette & Family

FRI. Jan. 11
8:00 a.m. Isadore Lorbetskie
- Connie Pierunek & Family

SAT. Jan. 12
4:30 p.m. Dad, Mom & John - Fay & Darlene
Mervyn Martin
- Donald & Helen Paquette

SUN. Jan. 13
10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

LITURGICAL ROLES

Baptism of the Lord - January 13th, 2019

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - A.M. Slight; J. Freemark
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - D. & C. Sulpher;
T. Brazeau; B. Kuslusi
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - R. & N. Connors;
C. Sulpher; G. Blanchette

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - T. Keller; L. Richards
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - D. Dawkins; T.B.A.
L. Sammon; B. Taylor
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – D. Yemen; D. Lennox;
J. O’Gorman; M.L. Rowat; D. Yantha
SERVERS - N. & S. Lesk
CANTOR - T.B.A.



*We have seen
this star in the east
and have come to
worship Him.*

FOOD BANK DONATIONS:



Next weekend is the Parish **Food Bank Weekend** for January. Baskets will be at the doors of the church for your donations.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.W.L. NEWS:

SENIOR OUTREACH PROGRAM IN 2019:

St. Francis Xavier Parish CWL Council plans to embark on a Seniors Outreach Program in 2019 if enough interest is shown. Members have agreed to occasionally visit any elderly women from the Parish who would welcome visits either in their own home, a nursing home, retirement home or chronic care. All participating CWL Members will undergo a Police Check. If you or a member of your family would welcome such a visit please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible at martha.sfx@on.aibn.com or 613-432-5825 with the following info: name, address, phone number and email address which will be forwarded to the S.F.X. C.W.L. Seniors Outreach Sub Committee Chair.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP:

it's not too late for the ladies of the parish to join or renew. Membership payments by cheque payable to St. Francis Xavier CWL can be dropped into the collection basket. CWL new member application forms are in pre-addressed envelopes at the church entrances and the blue CWL membership renewal envelopes as well as the direct deposit options are gratefully accepted. For more information call the membership chair - Debbie Macdonald at 613-432-5768 or email at debbiemacdonald12@gmail.com.

12th Annual Men's' Retreat. January 18-20, 2019 at Graphite Bible Camp. Cost is \$150. Leaders: Fr. David May and Steve Heroux from Madonna House. Theme: "The Lord is My Strength and My Song." \$50 deposit to reserve a place. See poster or contact David Douthwright at daviddouthwright@hotmail.com.



POTLUCK SUPPER: Saturday January 19th

The Parish Council would like to invite you to a potluck supper after the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass. It's a great opportunity to gather as a community and celebrate winter! Come one, come all!

The kitchen will be open at 3:30 p.m. with the oven on warm. Any questions please contact Nancy and Russ Connors @ 613-432-3207.

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