

January 6, 2019 – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord



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Unless noted, all daily Masses are at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

01/05 – Saturday – Bechyne – **CONFESSION** – 4:00 pm – **MASS** – 5:00 pm – †Bob & †Kay Shirek – Shirek Kids
 01/06 – Sunday – Lankin – **ADORATION** – 7:00 am – **MASS** – 8:30 am – † Dorothy Karas – Her Family
 01/06 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS** – 10:30 am – Tri-Parish Members

MASS INTENTIONS (January 7 – January 13)

01/07 – Monday – **NO DAILY MASS**
 01/08 – Tuesday – **NO DAILY MASS**
 01/09 – Wednesday – **NO DAILY MASS**
 01/10 – Thursday – **NO DAILY MASS**
 01/11 – Friday – **NO DAILY MASS**
 01/12 – Saturday – Bechyne – **CONFESSION** – 4:00 pm – **MASS** – 5:00 pm – † Evelyn Due – Pat & Karen Restad
 01/13 – Sunday – Lankin – **ADORATION** – 7:00 am – **MASS** – 8:30 am – † Harold & † Loretta McLaughlin & L) Marlen & L) Diane McLaughlin – Francis & Marilyn Praska
 01/13 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS** – 10:30 am – Tri-Parish Members

Reconciliation – ½ hour before daily Mass; 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday; after 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass upon request; or, by appointment.

Adoration – 7:00 a.m. on each Friday
 7:00 a.m. before each 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Morning Prayer – Weekdays at 7:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer – Weekdays at 5:00 p.m.

Baptism – Please call 2 to 3 weeks prior to date requested for baptism.

Wedding – Contact pastor 6 months to 1 year in advance of anticipated date.

New to Parish – Please register at the parish office (284-6163) or call parish secretary, Louise (284-6167)

FUTURE MASS SCHEDULE

January 2019

Bechyne – 5:00 pm – Saturday
 Lankin – 8:30 am – Sunday
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

February 2019

Lankin – 5:00 pm – Saturday
 Bechyne – 8:30 am – Sunday
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

March 2019

Bechyne – 5:00 pm – Saturday
 Lankin – 8:30 am – Sunday
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE LITURGY HELPERS

	January 13 – 10:30 am
Ushers	Allen & Joy Zidon
Read	Allen Zidon
EMHC	N/A
Clean	TBA

ST. JOSEPH LITURGY HELPERS

	January 13 – 8:30 am
Usher	John & Heidi Gustafson
Read	Judy Bosh
Clean	John & Heidi Gustafson

S.S. PETER & PAUL LITURGY HELPERS

	January 12 – 5:00 pm
Usher	Tanner Brueckner & Jim Kovarik
Read	Mollie
Serve	Lexi & Mitchell
EMHC	N/A
Clean	TBA

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the following members of our Tri-parishes who are sick or hurt:

**Hadler Ellingson, Fr. Lefor, Roger Kovarik,
 Linda Knudson, Joe Zikmund, Charles Waechter,
 Andy Sobolik, Barbara Jarolimek**

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. After 4 weeks names will be removed unless resubmitted. Thank you.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

FAITH FORMATION

(See www.plbtriparish.org for full schedule)

01/06/19 – No Class – Gr. K-6
 01/09/19 – No Class – Gr. 7-9 & Gr. 10-12
 01/13/19 – Gr. K-6 – 9:00 am – Pisek
 01/16/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek
 01/20/19 – Gr. K-6 – 9:00 am – Pisek
 01/23/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY

An "epiphany" is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendid lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today's Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting "a ruler of Israel" who will "shepherd his flock" and whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth" (see Micah 5:1-3).

Those promises of Israel's king ruling the nations resound also in today's Psalm. The psalm celebrates David's son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch "to the ends of the earth," and the world's kings will pay Him homage. That's the scene too in today's First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing "gold and frankincense" for Israel's king.

The Magi's pilgrimage in today's Gospel marks the fulfillment of God's promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the "kings of the earth" (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6; 4:6, 14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are "co-heirs" of the royal family of Israel, as today's Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology ~ Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn ~ www.salvationhistory.com

WEEKLY BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, EVENTS & SAINT of the DAY CALENDAR

01/06+/19	01/07/19	01/08/19	01/09/19	01/10/19	01/11/19	01/12/19
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Epiphany of the Lord</u>	<u>St. Raymond of Penafort</u>	<u>St. Angela Foligno</u>	<u>St. Adrian of Canterbury</u>	<u>St. Gregory of Nyssa</u>	<u>Bl. William Carter</u>	<u>St. Margaret Bourgeoys</u>
<u>St. Andrew Bessette</u>	Lois Kovarik	Sherry Greicar			Kristi Brintnell	Bechyne - Parish Council Meeting following Mass
Mollie Shirek						Dale Lovcik Trent Samson

(Learn more about the saints by clicking on the hyperlinks above or on the Tri-Parish [Facebook Page](#))

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY will hold a meeting on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 pm. Please put this on your calendar, and make plans to attend as we will be discussing upcoming fund raisers for our parish.

ST. JOHN'S MONTHLY SOCIAL – Reminder of the Monthly Potluck Social at St. John's on Sunday, January 13, after the 10:30 am Mass. See you there.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA BEGINS JAN. 14 – January 14-22 will mark the USCCB's nationwide Novena 9 Days for Life. The prayer effort takes place during the U.S. bishops' annual period of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. While the overarching intention of the centerpiece novena is the end to abortion, each day's prayer focuses on a different aspect of respecting each other's God-given dignity. Download or sign up to receive the novena any of four ways: free mobile app, text message, email, or online. Quick, easy-to-use tools can help you share 9 Days for Life. For more information visit www.9daysforlife.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE ND INVITES YOU TO AN EVENING OF THANKSGIVING

Ramona Trevino will be the guest speaker at an evening event honoring the participants of the 40 Days for Life fall campaign and all who stand for life! You are invited to join Ramona as she shares her story of conversion from an abortion provider to an advocate for life. Mark your calendars for Tues., Jan. 22, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Avalon Events Center, 2525 9th Ave. South in Fargo. Registration is not required. Will be served; Hors D'oeuvres will be served - there will be a free will offering. Sponsored by 40 Days for Life ND. For more information contact the Pregnancy Help Center at 701-284-6601.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – Each parish will hold their annual Parish Board meeting in January on the following dates:

Sts. Peter & Paul – Saturday, Jan. 12 at 6:30 pm after Mass.
St. Joseph – Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 6:30 pm
St. John Nepomucene – Thursday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 am

Board members are urged to make sure of attendance, as a letter to Bishop Folda needs your signature.

CENSUS FORMS – If you have not completed and returned the Census form you received last November, and are a member of one of the Tri-parishes, please do so ASAP and return to the parish office. Thank You to those who have already done this.

JOIN JOHNETTE BENKOVIC FOR LUNCH

Johnette Benkovic will be the guest speaker at a pro-life luncheon on **Mon., Feb. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at Sts. Anne and Joachim Church social hall in Fargo. Johnette is Founder and President of Women of Grace, a Catholic apostolate for women featuring a number of outreaches including conferences, media, study groups and more. In addition, she has been an inspiring and consistent presence on Catholic radio and in Catholic television. She will be speaking on Missionary Discipleship for the Gospel of Life. Cost is \$15/person, pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is Feb. 10. To register go to: www.fargodiocese.org/respectlife or call 701-356-7900. Sponsored by the Respect Life Office, Diocese of Fargo.