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Feast of the Holy Family
DECEMBER 27, 2015

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SAINT JOSEPH Cathedral

Liturgy

Sunday Masses

Sunday: 7:00, 10:30 am, 4:30 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am, 12:10 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am

Holy Day Masses

Day: 6:30 am, 12:10 pm and 5:10 pm See special bulletin insert, website or call Rectory for Christmas, Holy Week, Easter Schedules

Sacrament of Denance

Weekdays: 11:30-11:55 am

Saturdays: 7:15-7:50 am, 4:00-5:00 pm

Holy Days: 11:30-11:55 am

First Friday Devotions

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each First Friday after the 12:10 pm Mass until devotions and benediction after the 5:10 pm Latin Mass

SAINT JAMES THE LESS

Liturgy

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Saturday: 6:00 pm Spanish Language

Sunday: 8:45 am

Weekday Masses

8:00 am

Holy Day Masses

Vigil: 5:20 pm; Day: 8:00 am

Sacrament of Denance

Saturdays: 3:30-4:15 pm

Adoration & Benediction

Friday Adoration: 8:30 am Friday Benediction: 2:40 pm

CCD Instruction

Sunday: 10:00 am



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Dear parishioners and visitors,

"All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth" is the title to a song written by Donald Gardner in 1944. He was a public school music teacher who had asked his students what they wanted for Christmas. When he noticed that many of his students were missing their two-front baby teeth, it inspired him to write this song; it took him 30 minutes. With the beginning of the New Year, what do we need most?

There are many things for which we can ask whether it be personal or for our family. However, the greatest thing for which we might want for the world is to ask God for peace. It is not that he doesn't give it but that humanity doesn't do a very good job accepting and sharing it. It would certainly make the world a better place if human beings did.

Please pray for peace as the New Year begins; we and the entire world need it badly. Even though the world cannot be perfect, it shouldn't stop us from trying to make this world a reflection of the kingdom of God. If all of humanity did, people could live in peace with a tremendous lessening the threat of terrorism and war.

Thank you and God bless you.

Msgr. Stoetzel

The intercession this week is to pray for peace in the New Year.

2016 CALENDARS

The 2016 calendars are at the entrances to the Cathedral for parishioners and visitors. Please take one per household.

Here is the schedule for Masses on New Year's Eve and Day for our parish cluster:

New Year's Eve: 4:30 PM at St. James

New Year's Day: 6:30 and 8:30 AM at the Cathedral

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

To lectors, servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from the Cathedral: the sign-up sheets are in the sacristy. Please sign is you can assist and do so as soon as possible.

TITHING

Please do not forget your parish family this Christmas. We need your financial tithing to support the work of the parishes. May the Lord bless you for your generosity!



EMBRACE THE YEAR OF MERCY

See Christmas with Fresh Eyes

Isn't it funny how we get used to things?

We should never get used to Christmas. This past Friday we celebrated the mind-boggling truth that God became man. When was the last time you really thought about that?

Why would the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, do that? Why enter into a life of human limitation, fatigue and hunger? Why subject Himself to being misunderstood, hated and ultimately put to death? He could have come down to earth as a glorious King and struck dead everyone who opposed Him with a wave of His hand.

But He didn't. He came to an unknown maiden and her unknown husband and let Himself be placed in a feeding trough for animals. He spent the first 30 years of His life in obscurity. He pulled together a ragtag group of 12 followers who showed themselves to be confused much of the time, argumentative about who was the greatest, and mostly cowardly in His time of greatest need. Not to mention the one who betrayed Him to His death.

This has been the history of God's dealings with us, from ancient Israel that repeatedly

Sacraments & Services

Baptism: Parents may request the baptism of their infants at least two months prior to the anticipated date of baptism. The baptism of infants at the Cathedral is ordinarily celebrated on Sundays at 12:00 noon. To request a baptism, please call 782-0322. Baptism of infants at St. James the Less on Sundays at 10:00 am. A class for parents is required.

Marriage: Couples who want to request the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the rector/pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage. In the case of a mixed marriage, the

turned its back on Him and stoned the prophets, to the sin and nonsense of our own day.

The only explanation is divine Love, a love so deep and merciful we can barely begin to fathom it. The earthly loves we know - that of parents, or spouses – as beautiful as they are, are only faint shadows of God's love for us.

This is a love that saves us, rescuing us over and over again from the sin begun in Adam and Eve, and multiplied ever since.

God had given our first parents everything they could have wanted. For their own good, he had placed one limit on them, but the devil persuaded them that God was jealously holding back, and that if they would only defy that one limit, they would become like gods. Tempted by pride they disobeyed, rebelled against their status as creatures, and tried to become equal to God.

It did not end well, but from that very moment God promised a Redeemer. At this time we celebrate the coming of this One, the only Son of God, and the manner of His coming precisely reversed the proud sin of Adam and Eve.

Listen to the words of St. Paul to the Philippians:

Though He was in the form of God, [Christ] did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

During this Holy Season, let us intentionally give thanks to our Heavenly Father, who in His merciful love, has given to us the gift of His Son. In doing so, we will know the true meaning of Christ's birth and see Christmas with fresh eyes.

non-Catholic party must arrange to receive instructions about the Catholic faith prior to the celebration of the wedding. Weddings are not ordinarily celebrated during Lent.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please call YOUR parish office to make arrangements.

Visitation of the Sick: If you become homebound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call the Cathedral parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Monday, December 28

6:30 am Mass (Eileen Wright) 12:10 pm Mass (Arthur Barbier)

Tuesday, December 29

6:30 am Mass (Intention of CMA Guild Chaplains, Past & Present)

12:10 pm Mass (Oanh Pham)

Wednesday, December 30

6:30 am Mass (Intention of the La Crosse Medical Association Guild)

12:10 pm Mass (Harold & Terry Martini)

Thursday, December 31

6:30 am Mass (Roger Reichert)

12:10 pm Mass (Franke & Bartel Families)

Friday, January 1

First Friday

6:30 am Mass (Roger Reichert) 8:30 am Mass (Daniel Link)

Saturday, January 2

First Saturday

8:00 am Mass (Stop Abortion & Support Family Life)

Sunday, January 3

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 am Mass (Intention of the Cathedral & St. James Parish Families)

10:30 am Mass (Rosemary Ballas Jambois)

4:30 pm Mass (Claude Newmann)

SAINT JAMES THE LESS

Monday, December 28

8:00 am Mass (Bob Franke)

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 am Mass (Helen & Ray Brisson)

Wednesday, December 30

8:00 am Mass (Irene & Jack Dunham)

Thursday, December 31

8:00 am Mass (Walter Marx)

4:30 pm Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass (George Schwabenbauer)

Friday, January 1 First Friday

No Mass at St. James Today

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Today

Saturday, January 2

First Saturday

4:30 pm Vigil Mass (Irene Dunham) 6:00 pm Spanish Language Mass

Sunday, January 3

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:45 am Mass (Clara, Patrick & Daniel Haag)

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday 1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18. Tuesday 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35. Wednesday 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40. Thursday 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18.

Friday Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.

Saturday 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28.

Sunday Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

Bulletin Deadline: The Cathedral/St. James the Less Bulletin deadline is 4:00 each Monday.

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

We welcome all new parishioners into our parish family. To register, please call to make an appointment at the parish office.



FIRST FRIDAY HOME VISITS

Typically, home visits are made on First Friday's of each month. Because the First Friday of January 2016, falls on the Solemnity of Mary and is also New Year's Day, home visits will be postponed until Friday, January 8. Msgr. Stoetzel, Fr. Hennes and Sue Gilbert will contact those on their lists to establish the time of the visits.

FIRST FRIDAY OF JANUARY 2016

The First Friday of January 2016 falls on New Year's Day and the Solemnity of Mary. Masses at the Cathedral that day will be 6:30 am and 8:30 am. There will not be the usual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, nor will there be a 5:10 pm Latin Mass followed by Eucharistic Devotions and Benediction.

First Friday devotions and Latin Mass will resume on February 5, 2016.

STOP ABORTION & SUPPORT FAMILY LIFE

The Mass intention for a novena of Masses on First Saturdays, from October to June is to Stop Abortion and Support Family Life. The January 2, 8:00 am Mass here at the Cathedral will be to pray for these intentions.

FIRST SATURDAY

Please join us in observing First Saturday Devotions as Our Lady requested at Fatima in order to obtain peace for the world. On Saturday, January 2, 2016, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Father Jacinto M. Chapin, F.I., will give a presentation on one of the mysteries of the Rosary. His talk will begin at 11:15 am, in the Shrine Church, followed by the Holy Rosary at 11:45 am, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12:15 pm. Confession will be available from 11:00 am – 12:15 pm, and also following the12:15 pm Mass.

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

On Monday, January 4, from 7:00-8:00 pm, come to the Crypt Chapel of the Holy Cross Diocesan Center to pray for all families and young people, that they discover God's call and mission for them.

HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

SAINT JAMES THE LESS

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

During the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass we present to God all our needs and the needs of the world. In a special way we pray for the needs of those from our parish who are sick.

ST. JAMES MEN'S CLUB

The St. James Men's Club will host a pancake breakfast in Murphy Hall on Sunday, January 31, following Mass. Our next scheduled meeting is December 20, at 6:30 pm, and will be a social gathering. Please plan on joining us. In January, we will meet on the 17th. The Men's Club meets on the third Sunday of each month in Murphy Hall at 6:30 pm.

CHURCH LOCKS

Please note: The first week of January, St. James church doors will be fitted with new Please contact the Church office regarding the policy for distribution of new keys. Thank you.

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed prior to Mass, Monday through Friday at 7:35 am.

CHURCH CLEANING

January 2 - R. Brauer, C. Guanella, C. Ebner January 9 - Mary and Tom McConaghy January 16 - M. and T. Dolle, J. and D. Wurzer

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOSEPH

The Knights of St. Joseph will meet on Friday, January 12, from 6:00-8:00 pm, for their evening of prayer at St. James the Less (1032 Caledonia St). The Knights of St. Joseph focal point is prayer which consoles the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Unlike other organizations, we do not maintain a membership list, nor do we do fund raising or membership drives. Our evenings of prayer are open ended and men are welcome to come and pray as their time allows. We do though, encourage men to invite their sons and other men, who are in their sphere of influence, to join us in prayer.

Our schedule is as follows: At 6:00 pm we pray the Angelus, followed by Evening Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, a talk, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and conclude with Night Prayer. Afterwards, the men adjourn to Murphy Hall for pizza and light refreshments and camaraderie.

CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

- Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 - Feast of the Holy Innocents
- Dec 29 Memorial of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Dec 31 Memorial of St. Sylvester I, Pope
- 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- lan 1 World Day of Prayer for Peace
- 2 Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Jan 3 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
- 4 Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- 5 Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop Jan
- 6 Memorial of St. André Bessette, Religious

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKMAN Cathedral

- Dec 27 Family of the Year 7:00 am Mass
- 1 No First Friday Eucharistic Adoration or 5:10 pm Latin Mass
- 5 Publicity Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Rectory
- Jan 10 Hospitality Sunday
- Jan 11 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Jan 21 Finance Council Meeting 8:45 am Rectory
- Jan 23 Sacred Worship Committee Meeting 8:45 am Bishop's Vestry
- Jan 28 Cathedral Book Club 9:00 am Gathering Area
- Jan 30 Brains and Brawn Mass 6:45 pm (Celebrant: Bishop Callahan)
- 7 End of the Year for Consecrated Life Mass 10:30 am
- Feb 7 Hospitality Sunday
- Feb 8 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Feb 14 Rite of Election 2:00 pm (Celebrant: Bishop Callahan)
- Feb 15 Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Feb 22 Ministry of Care Meeting 5:00 pm Bishop's Vestry Mar 1 Social Concerns Meeting 6:00 pm Bishop's Vestry
- Mar 5 First Confession 10:30 am Church
- Mar 6 Confirmation Retreat 11:30 am 3:30 pm Undercroft
- Mar 6 Hospitality Sunday
- Mar 14 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Mar 19 Catholic Daughters Morning of Reflection 7:00 am 1:00 pm
- Mar 21 All Day Confessions 9:00 am 6:00 pm (Tentative)
- Mar 22 Chrism Mass 10:30 am (Celebrant: Bishop Callahan)
- Apr 3 Hospitality Sunday
- Apr 9 PCCW Rummage Sale (Times to Be Announced)
- Apr 10 Confirmation 1:30 pm
- Apr 11 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Apr 12 Catholic Daughters Luncheon Meeting 11:00 am 2:00 pm

SAINT JAMES THE LESS

- Dec 27 No CCD Christmas Break
- Dec 30 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- 3 Hospitality Sunday after Mass Murphy Hall
- Jan 3 CCD 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Jan 6 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- 8 Knights of St. Joseph 6:00 pm Church (Evening of Prayer)
- Jan 10 CCD 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Jan 13 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Jan 16 First Confession for CCD Students 10:00 am
- Jan 17 CCD 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Jan 17 St. James Men's Club 6:30 pm Murphy Hall
- Jan 20 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Jan 24 CCD 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Jan 27 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Jan 31 CCD 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Jan 31 Men's Club Pancake Breakfast Murphy Hall after 8:45 am Mass
- Feb 3 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Feb 7 Hospitality Sunday after Mass Murphy Hall
- Feb 7 CCD 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Feb 9 PCCW Meeting 6:30 pm Murphy Hall
- Feb 10 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Feb 12 Knights of St. Joseph 6:00 pm Church (Evening of Prayer)
- Feb 14 CCD 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Feb 17 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Feb 21 CCD 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Feb 21 St. James Men's Club 6:30 pm Murphy Hall
- Feb 24 Matt Talbot Meeting 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Feb 24 Mandatory Confirmation Class With Msgr. Stoetzel
- Feb 28 CCD 10:00 am St. James School Building

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES

For weekend of January 2-3

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SUNDAY - 7:00 AM MASS

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Extraordinary Minister

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SUNDAY - 4:30 PM MASS

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SUNDAY - 8:45 AM MASS

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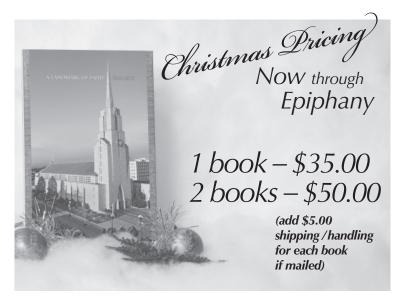
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