

**January 4, 2015
Feast of the Holy Family**

**Isaiah: 60:1-6
Ephesians: 3:1-12**

**Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK



WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES

We are the Catholic Communities of St. Aloysius Parish in Buckley and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Wilkeson... making a difference for Christ in our communities. We serve all the communities surrounding us with an open heart, committing ourselves to helping all people connect with Jesus Christ's love and power for their lives! Thanks

for being a part of us. If you are not, consider joining us! The Staff and I wish you all a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Fr. John J. Ludvik, Pastor

Life: An "Epiphany" of God

"Life is always good. ... Why is life good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 8:6). This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: 'Man, living man, is the glory of God'. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself" (The Gospel of Life, n. 34).

EPIPHANY

As with most aspects of the Christian liturgical calendar, Epiphany has theological significance as a teaching tool in the church. The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the infant Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.

Epiphany is now observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by "showing" Jesus as the Savior of all people. It is also a time of focusing on Christian brotherhood and fellowship, especially in healing the divisions of prejudice and bigotry that we all too often create between God's children.

The Gifts of the Magi

Gold: The possession of royalty/Kingship. Symbolic of Jesus as the King of Kings.

Frankincense: Resin of the "arbor thuris" (the incense tree). It was used by the priest in sacrifices. The image is from Isaiah's description of God's Throne room--a smoke-filled room. Symbolic of Jesus as the Great High Priest and of his being sacrificed for our sins.

Myrrh: Resin from leaves of the "cistus rose". The oil is used to make perfumes and some cosmetics. It could be mixed with wine to serve as a pain killer, but was most frequently used as a spice to anoint dead bodies for burial. Symbolic of Jesus' anointing before his death.

Calendar for the Week

Monday - Jan 5

Rosary 3:00 pm
RE K-7th 4:30-5:30pm

Tuesday - Jan 6

Mass +Georgia Hertz by Prayer Group 8:00 am
St. A. Altar Society 1:00pm
Prayer Shawl 7:00pm

Wednesday - Jan 7

Mass +Gus Soler by M. Soler 8:00am

Thursday - Jan 8

Mass - Bill & Marieta Rumpza 60th Anniversary by Children 8:00 am
Pastoral Council 7:00pm
AA Meeting 7:00pm

Friday - Jan 9

Mass 8:00am

Saturday - Jan 10

4th Degree Knights of Columbus 9:00am
Confession 3:30pm
Mass 5:00pm

Sunday - Jan 11

The Baptism of the Lord
Mass at OLOL 8:30 am
Mass for parishioners/intentions 10:30 am

Prayer Requests



Please Remember all those who have asked for prayer.

The most recent request for prayers: James Howell , Mary Radford, Bill Gray and Lisa Qualls

Rest of the soul of Gayleen Vanesse—
Fr. Vanesse's daughter.

Prayer request must be made through Cindy Guillot 253-862-9100.

*As a reminder please call Cindy with 2015

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

During this time of year, we remember those family members and friends in far away places. Let us lift in prayer the many women and men serving overseas in our Armed Forces. May they know of our respect and gratitude and be kept safe in the Lord's love. Amen.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?"

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal is nearing an end before we move to the 2015 appeal. We want to encourage parishioners, if you have not honored your 2014 pledge, to please do so. Thank you!

EPIPHANY DINNER AND PAGEANT TONIGHT!

The Knights of Columbus host our annual Epiphany Dinner and Pageant this evening beginning at 5pm. It will include the traditional Lasagna Dinner and the Pageant performed by children of the parish. Cost is \$8 single, \$15 for couples, or \$25 families.

“Arise, for Thy Light Is Come” Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee, Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary.”

Theme Song for the Feast of the Epiphany taken from the Lesson, Epiphany Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—JOIN US!

Who are the Knights? The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.6 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic men who are at least 18 years old. If interested contact Jim Devlet, Grand Knight of our Council.

RETRouvaille OF SEATTLE

Do You Feel Disillusioned with Your Marriage? Do you think you have to settle for a lackluster (or even a cold and distant) relationship? Think again! You can gain new insight into your marriage and rekindle the warmth you once felt. The Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) program has helped tens of thousands of marriages worldwide. Your marriage could be next. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning January 23-25, 2015 call 206-706-2608 or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

Will be meeting at Dar Devlet's house this Tuesday 06 January.

Please call Dar for directions (253) 862-1900.

The prayer shawls are for anyone who is experiencing mental, physical, spiritual or emotional crisis. If you don't know how to knit or crochet and want to learn, there are wonderful people to instruct you.

Please come and join us!



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, show forth, we beseech Thee, in Thy Church the Holy Spirit with whose power the apostles were so abundantly filled. We thank Thee for the blessings bestowed upon the work of priests and religious; and we pray that Thou wilt add to the number of those who now pray, labor, and sacrifice themselves for Thy glory and the salvation of souls. Give them unselfish zeal for Thy glory. O good Jesus, give us more priests and religious after Thine own Heart!

PRO-LIFE

~To be Catholic is to be Pro-Life~

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.” Please spiritually adopt an unborn baby. Every day over 4,000 babies are killed by abortion. They have so little protection only the hand of God can end this massacre. Prayer is the best weapon to help them • the most effective. Say this prayer every day to save a baby's life!

“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.” —Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

MARCH FOR LIFE

“Human life is always sacred, valuable and inviolable. And as such, it must be loved, defended and cared for.”

-Pope Francis



MARCH FOR LIFE IN OLYMPIA

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

9:30 AM Mass for Life with Archbishop Sartain will be held at St. Martin's University Marcus Pavilion, 5000 Abbey Way S.E., Lacey, WA

Noon March for Life & Rally – bring a bag lunch or *After the March for Life* - marchers are invited to Sacred Heart Parish's HALLEN HALL for a Complimentary Lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus. If you are coming to the lunch, please email: STFRANCISOLY@AOL.COM thank you in advance.

SACRED HEART PARISH OVERFLOW PARKING and KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRO-LIFE LUNCHEON

812 Bowker Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503

Due to limited parking, all are encouraged to use buses or car-pool. Directions to campus and parking is available online at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/CFR/Resources.aspx

St. Andrew of Sumner will be chartering a coach bus for the 2015 Mass and March for life on **January 20th**. The bus will depart the church parking lot at 7:45am and return no later than 3:30pm. Cost for the bus is \$15 per person or \$25 for a family of 3 or more. Please email Jim Covell: jimcovell@msn.com if you are interested in riding the bus.

FOOD DRIVE

Please leave your canned goods, cereals, toiletries, etc. at the entrance of the Church. We thank you for your support and your generosity! Reaching out to our brothers and sisters is not only for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

EPIPHANY HUMOR

An 8-year old asked, "How come the kings brought perfume to Jesus? What kind of gift is that for a baby?" His 9-year old sister answered, "Haven't you ever smelled a barn? With dirty animals around, Mary needed something to freshen the air in the stable."

Financial Reports - December 28, 2014 (including Christmas)

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$5,255.80	\$2,475.00	\$2,780.80
Fiscal Year to Date Revenue	\$72,773.61	\$64,350.00	\$8,423.61
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$1,312.00	\$741.00	\$571.00
Fiscal Year to Date Revenue	\$21,187.00	\$19,266.00	\$1,921.00