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EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

JAN 8, 2012 - YEAR "B"

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

ST. PATRICK'S

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 am

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME

7:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10:00am - 11:00am

LATIN MASS

1st & 3rd Sunday @ 6:00pm

With Confessions @ 5:30 pm



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

May the Lord's healing and life giving touch be upon those whose cross is heavy to bear. **AMEN.**

MASS INTENTIONS

JAN 7 & 8, 2012

5:00 PM Paulette Gorrie †

9:00 AM Mary Schmidt Penner

(†Abe)

11:00 AM Alex Lacaille †

JAN 14 & 15

5:00 PM Lyle McKee †

9:00 AM Helen McLellan & Family

(†Wes)

11:00 AM Marie Banack †

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday:

8:30am - 12:00 noon &

1:00 - 4:30 pm

OFFICE CLOSED WEEKENDS AND GENERAL HOLIDAYS

SENIOR HOME MASSES

Mon - Fri 8:30 am St. Joseph's Home

Tue Jan 10 2:00 pm Teeoda

Wed Jan 11 2:00 pm Riverview

Thu Jan 12 9:30 am Wellington

Thu Jan 12 2:00 pm Masterpiece

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Epiphany of the Lord: **YEAR B**

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

Imagine the difficulties these people went through on their journey to Jesus! And yet, even after all the difficulties, they still offer very costly gifts. To what lengths would you go to show how you feel about Jesus?



SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

"**THE MAGI** set out because of a deep desire which prompted them to leave everything and begin a journey. It was as though they had always been waiting for that star." *(Pope Benedict XVI)*. Our response to the Father's offer of salvation is that of the Magi: "To offer gold is to proclaim Christ's kingship, to offer incense is to adore his Godhead, and to offer myrrh is to acknowledge his mortality" *(Saint Odilo of Cluny)*. Creation responds as well: "When the king of heaven was born, the heavens knew that he was God because they immediately sent forth a star; the sea knew him because it trembled when he died; the sun knew him because it hid the rays of its light" *(Saint Gregory the Great)*. The manifestation of the Son of God to the world begs belief from us by which we will be led by another way.

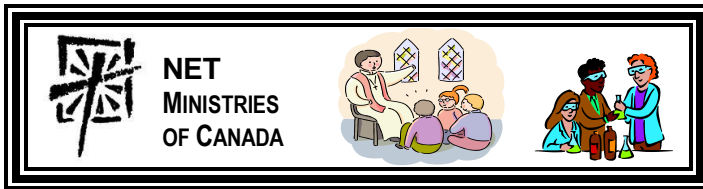
EPIPHANY

Continues the Christmas cycle as we celebrate the ways in which God's love is manifested or revealed to us through his Son, Jesus.

*Arise, shine out, for your light
has come, the glory of the
Lord is rising on you. (Isaiah 60)
The glory of God has been
manifest to us in the birth of a
Saviour.*



*How can your discipleship spread the light of Christ
upon the dark places of the world?*



INFUSE 2,

PHILIPPINES FLOODS APPEAL - The Catholic Diocese of Calgary is participating in the appeal for aid in the southern region of the Philippines by forwarding all donated funds to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Development and Peace is currently accepting donations towards humanitarian aid in the region. Donations can be made as follows:

- directly to Development and Peace by telephone (1-888-234-8533) or online at www.devp.org
- by sending a cheque payable to your parish, earmarked "D&P - Philippines Floods"
- by sending a cheque payable to the RC Diocese of Calgary, earmarked "D&P - Philippines Floods" and sent to the Pastoral Centre at 120 17th Ave S.W., Calgary, AB T2S 2T2

GOD TIME - (ages 4-6 yrs) program at the 11 am Mass.

MEDICINE HAT PRO-LIFE NOTICE OF MEETING
Monday, Jan. 9, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m.
St. Patrick's Church Everyone welcome!
For more information phone George Ibach at (403)527-7434.

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING KLUB - will meet Tuesday Jan 10 at 2 pm in the parish hall. Everyone is invited.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1732
3RD DEGREE MEETING

TUE JAN 10, 2012 @ 7 PM in St. Patrick's Parish Hall.

GRAND KNIGHT: DAN WHITE
daniel_white@shaw.ca
Ph: 403 488-6210 Cell 403-502 4541

BIBLE STUDY - ACTS - SPREAD OF THE KINGDOM
Wed Jan 11 @ 7 pm in the Parish Hall meeting room.

CHOIR PRACTICE - Wed Jan 11 @ 7 pm in the church.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

DEC 18: ENV: \$ 8,733.00 **LOOSE:** \$ 676.71
DEC 25: ENV: \$ 22,006.90 **LOOSE:** \$ 3,856.33
DEC 31: ENV: \$ 3,455.00 **LOOSE:** \$ -

PLEASE REMEMBER:
DEADLINE FOR 2011 TAX RECEIPT DONATIONS is **Jan 15, 2012** checks must be dated **Dec 31, 2011.**
JAN 1/12 ENV: \$ 7,715.99 **LOOSE:** \$ 412.28

2011 ANNUAL BISHOP'S CAMPAIGN
"TOGETHER IN ACTION"

UPDATE:
TARGET TO COLLECT: \$ 44,494.00
COLLECTED TO DATE: \$ 43,521.28
MINUS TOTAL COLLECTED \$ 2,061.00
TOTAL: \$ 45,582.28
OVER: \$ 1,088.28 (SURPLUS)

COLLECTED: DEC 18:	\$ 709.00
DEC 25:	\$ 495.00
DEC 31:	\$ 610.00
Jan 1/12:	\$ 247.00
TOTAL:	\$ 2,061.00

WE HAVE REACHED AND EXCEEDED OUR GOAL!!!! A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!!!

FOOD BANK - Thank you to August & Magdalen Soehn for delivering the food during December. Mike Ibach will deliver the food in January.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES:

CONFIRMATION
St. Patrick's: Sat Jan 14 @ 4:20 pm - Parish Hall
Holy Family: Sun Jan 15 @ 5:20 pm

COMMUNION
St. Patrick's: Sun Jan 15 @ 10:40 am - Parish Hall
Holy Family: Sun Jan 15 @ 10:10 am

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The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education regrets to announce that the Centennial History Book Launch scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2011 has been postponed. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the printing of the Centennial History Book has been delayed and therefore cancellation of this event was necessary. The Centennial History Book Launch will be rescheduled in early 2012. The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education wishes to thank you in advance for your patience.

- ★ **CENTENNIAL BISHOP'S DINNER (JUNE 09, 2012)** **TICKETS** are on sale. Purchase now and secure a table for yourself and your family or close friends. Either purchase individually or become a "Friend of the Centennial" and as a Sponsor, receive complimentary tickets. Proceeds to: *Youth Ministry & the Assisted Living Project for Priests.* Tax Receipts issued.
- ★ **Sponsorship** opportunities are available, contact Mr. Stan Aberle, Board Member & Centennial Committee Rep. 403.878.7422. "Thank you for supporting Catholic education now and for generations to come".

ST. PAT'S CAFÉ is open Sundays, except if there is a pancake breakfast, from 10am - 11am in the parish hall.

Bring your families and enjoy a healthy, nutritious breakfast at the 50's prices. Proceeds are donated to SVDP.

St. Pat's Café will reopen on January 22, 2012.

BAKERS ARE NEEDED FOR:

- Jan 22
- Jan 29
- Feb 5
- Feb 12

If you would like to bake please call the parish office by noon on Wednesdays. Thank you.


CWL DUES are \$ 25.00. You can drop them in the collection on Sundays. Important: Please remember clearly mark your name and "CWL dues" on the envelope.

CWL DUES RECEIPTS can be picked up at the hospitality desk.

ST. JOSEPH'S COFFEE SHOP
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LEGION OF MARY - learn more about the Legion and your Catholic Faith next Sunday, Jan 15th. A display table with various pamphlets, prayer cards, rosaries and miraculous medals will be available for free. Talk to the Legion members on how the Legion of Mary has helped them with their spiritual growth.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

 The Knights will be holding a Pancake breakfast on Sunday Jan 15 from 9am-1pm in the parish hall. Bring your family down. Everyone is invited!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY... the love of our neighbor is a safe and rather accurate measure of our love of God. SHARE YOUR COINS IN OUR POOR BOXES.

IN OUR PARISH 2011

Through **BAPTISM** we welcomed **50** new members into our Catholic community. **1ST COMMUNION** we were joined at the table of Our Lord by **26** young members for the 1st time. In **CONFIRMATION** **22** young people are more perfectly bound to the church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit to be true witnesses of Christ and to help spread and defend the faith by word and deed. **13** couples were united in **MARRIAGE** and received the sanctifying grace to help them to advance in holiness and together cooperate in God's plan of redemption by raising their future children in the Faith. We celebrated **43 FUNERALS** this past year. As we laid to rest our loved ones we are reminded that God has taken them home and that one day we will reunite with them.

A HEARTFELT THANKS to everyone who helped in the various ministries over Christmas and New Years. Thank you. A job well done! All the ministries, Ushers, Hospitality, Altar Servers, Gift Bearers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Choir...ALL gave of their time and talent to make our parish an inviting and spiritual place to come and worship. We thank the caretakers for the church decorating and the extended hours needed for setting up the overflow area and cleaning the church, the hall and washrooms. So, again, a big thanks you to all who made it possible to operate a parish all year long.

