

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2010

This day in the Christmas season is really all about Jesus to make known to representatives from the world outside the Jewish religion. This is the “Epiphany” or “Appearance of God” to the whole world. There is a response from the world — the worship and giving of gifts.

Today is a good time for us to consider all that the Lord has given us. To get outside and enjoy the beauty of the lakes, trees, and snow and see God's gifts; to take stock of the gift of life, especially human life; and to understand the gift of salvation and the eternal peace open to you.

What is our response? Take some time now at the beginning of a new calendar year to think about the ways you responded to the Lord in 2009. How much of your time, talent and treasure did you give in response to God’s generosity. The beginning of a new year is a good time to make a resolution. Possibly the best resolution of all is to give a proper response to the Lord. Every time we are blessed let us pay tribute to the Lord.



*When Jesus was born
in Bethlehem of Judea,
in the days of King Herod,
behold, magi from the east
arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is the newborn
king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.”*

A CHRISTMAS DINNER THANK YOU—Thank you to ALL, for the wonderful success of the Christmas Day Dinner held at St. Agnes. We served 80 people and had 5 take outs. Thank you to all returning volunteers and the many new volunteers. It couldn’t have happened without you giving of your time and talents. Also, thank you to those who donated food and/or made monetary contributions for the dinner. The community greatly appreciates your kindness.

The camera at Sacred Heart is missing! If you might have used it and forgot to return it please do so. It can be placed where the sound booth is and plugged in. Thank you.

The St. Agnes Music Ministry is in need of volunteers. Please contact the parish office A.S.A.P. if you may be able to help with the music ministry program. For example: learn to run the Clavinova; be a song leader; and/or play a musical instrument such as a guitar or piano.

There are Masses to attend at St. Edward’s in Longville on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30 a.m. or St. Paul’s Church in Remer on Thursday night at 6:15 p.m. For more information or directions call the St. Edward & St. Paul’s parish office at 218-363-2799.

2010 Contribution Envelopes

Envelopes are available in the church entrance for you to pick up. If you do not see a box with your name on it and would like us to prepare one for you, please call the parish office at 547-1054.

Please make note!

We have a new website address for the parishes: www.stagnescatholic.com.



This Week's Schedule of Events

Saturday	SAINT BASIL THE GREAT AND SAINT GREGORY NAZIANZEN	1/2
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass—Intention for Grace Hatheway	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass—Intention for Keith Arnold	
Sunday	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	1/3
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass—Intention for John Hatheway	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass—Intention for Ralph Juenemann	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall—All are welcome!	
Walker	7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class	
Monday	SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON	1/4
Hackensack	2:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Rosary Prayer Group	
Walker	5:30 p.m. St. Agnes Pastoral Council	
Walker	6:30 p.m. Women's Prayer Group	
Tuesday	SAINT JOHN NEUMANN	1/5
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration	
Wednesday	CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY	1/6
Walker	8:30 a.m. Release Time (Grades 1st-3rd)	
Hackensack	10:00 a.m. Craft Wednesday	
Walker	1:30 p.m. Release Time (Grades 4th-6th)	
Thursday	CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY	1/7
Walker	7:30 a.m. Men's Cursillo Meeting	
Friday	CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY	1/8
Saturday	CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY	1/9
Walker	2:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance	
Hackensack	3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance	
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass—Intention for Family of K. Armstrong	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass—Intention for Russ Smith	
Sunday	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	1/10
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass—Intention for Martha Arndt	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass—Intention for Darrel Naugle	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall—All are welcome!	

Attention Committee Members—Please email your meeting Minutes to the Parish Secretary at stagnes@arvig.net so they can be posted in the bulletin, on the website, and archived. Thank you.

Attention Angels of St. Agnes!!!

We will meet Monday, January 11, 2010, at "Matty's" (412 MN Ave. W., Walker) for a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Key: S.A. = St. Agnes & S.H. = Sacred Heart

January 2010

- 11 Angels of St. Agnes at 11:30 a.m.
- 11 Rosary Prayer Group at 2 p.m. at S.H.
- 13 Craft Wednesday at 10 a.m. at S.H.
- 17 Blood Pressure Clinic at 9:30 a.m. at S.H.
- 17 Blood Pressure Clinic at 11 a.m. at S.A.

The Women's Lamb of God Prayer Group will meet Monday, January 4th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Agnes in the Social Hall. Please bring your Bible and join us. Contact: Rosemary at 547-1509.

Please keep in your prayers....

- ✠ Joe Enos, who passed away on December 23rd. Please pray for his family as they go through this difficult time.
- ✠ Kathy Ihrke, who is in hospice at home and thankfully receiving good care.
- ✠ Kathy Green, who is in St. Benedicts Center in St. Cloud to recover from a recent medical condition. For information on calling, visiting, or writing her please see the bulletin board in the St. Agnes Narthex.

2009 UCA Update

St. Agnes.....	Goal—\$26,470
.....	YTD—\$10,630..40%
Sacred Heart..	Goal—\$21,361
.....	YTD—\$8,589..40%



Last Week's Collections

December 26th & 27th



	Walker	Hackensack
Plate:	\$3,617	\$1,227
Envelope:	\$2,899	\$5,875
St. Agnes Building		
Balance Remaining: \$299,345.64		

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THINKING AHEAD... We know life can seem disordered, but God will help us sort it out!

CHAOS is the Diocese of Duluth's gathering of teenagers, speakers, musicians, priests and youth ministers. **CHAOS** gives you time to bring your life and your faith together.

CHAOS is time to join with your Catholic peers for a night of refuge from the outside world and a place to strengthen your will to live as a Christian. **CHAOS** stands for the four marks of the Catholic Church, put together chaotically! We grow in faith through the **Spirit** in the **One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic** Church.

CHAOS is a huge rally of energetic Catholic teenagers in grades 9-12 gathering together for Mass, talks, dramas, games, prayer and snacks. Bring a friend!!!

Anna is looking for a group of youth (grades 9-12) from our parish to attend the next **CHAOS** in Duluth on

January 23, 2010: Topic: *Prophet* and March 6, 2010: Topic: *King*

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. each night and we will end each evening at 9:30 p.m..

CHAOS will be held at St. Lawrence Church, 2410 Morris Thomas Road, Duluth, MN.

Altar Servers Needed—Thank you for the quick responses to fill our calendar for December. If your child is interested in being an altar server in January, please put their name next to the appropriate date on the sign up sheet located on the youth bulletin board. For questions, please contact Jennifer. Thank you for your support!

Please pray for our entire parish as we go through this time of transition. So many people have come to us with GREAT ideas, questions, and support... THANK-YOU and please keep it coming. Our door is always open.

For questions, ideas, or comments on activities for our youth, contact Anna Frost or Jennifer Arnold at the parish office 218-547-1054, or e-mail us at:

anna@walkercatholic.org or

jennifer@walkercatholic.org

Residents at Golden Living Center appreciate visits; a one to two hour commitment per month would include bringing the Eucharist. Please call the parish office at 547-1054 if you desire to help with this ministry.

2010 Liturgical Calendars

The First National Bank of Walker has again provided us with Liturgical Calendars for our homes. You will find the calendars in the church entrance for you to take home.



Walker Area Food Shelf

Volunteers will be needed to work at the food shelf for Tuesdays in January. Hours for the 5th, 12th, and 19th are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Later times are from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 26th only. Please sign up for one Tuesday or more by calling Viv Palmer at 675-5082. Merry Christmas and thank you for remembering those less fortunate with donations and food. We are also in need of new or used blankets.



Natural Family Planning of the Brainerd Lakes Area FREE Introductory Sessions:

Thursday, January 14th at 6 p.m. at St Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd

Tuesday, January 19th at 6 p.m. at the Cashen Enrichment Center in Crosby.

Free introductory classes are also offered at St Alice Church in Pequot Lakes by appointment. Registration is required. Individual sessions may also be scheduled. For more information or to register please contact the NFP Office at 218-829-2861 Ext 6217 or www.brainerdnfp.org.

FAITH FORMATION Programs—It is the Year of the Priest, so the programs will be area priests speaking about their personal priesthood—their background, interests, calling, etc.

The next program will be on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at Sacred Heart Church in Hackensack with Adoration at 4 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner and a speaker.

If you would like a ride to this event please call:

MJ & John Warren 547-2865 or

Clarence & Joan Rueter 682-2324