

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

6/1/2013 The Epiphany of the Lord



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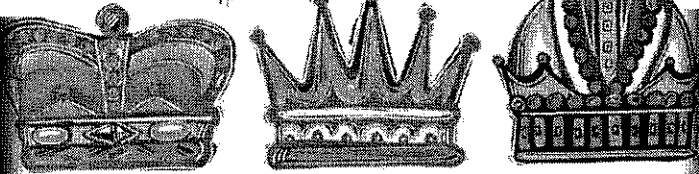
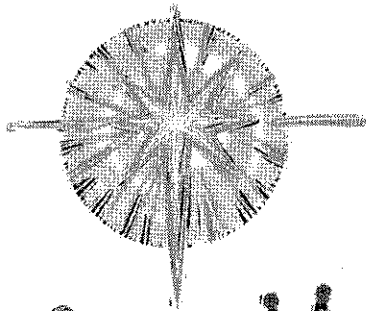
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EPIPHANY

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Rev. Mr. Bill Schnitzler

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Medicine Hat Catholic Youth on Facebook

Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30am, 10:30am & 6:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00-4:00pm

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 2)

Alleluia, Alleluia.

We observed his star at its rising,
and have come to pay homage
to the Lord.

Alleluia.

Welcome To Holy Family Parish

You have entered this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. Being a human, you enter this church as a creature of God; as a baptized person, you enter it as a son or daughter of the Father in Christ. This house of God is therefore your family home. Come in then with humility of mind, joy of heart and thanks on your lips. Acknowledge the Lord's presence in the Tabernacle and adore Him. Come in and pause in prayer in the midst of your busy life and its many worries. Be grateful for those who, for the Glory of God, built this place of worship with faith and sacrifice, and sanctified it with their songs and prayers.

Anyone who wishes to practice the Catholic faith by attending this church may consider this parish as his/her own parish. You simply need to register. Please indicate whether you are a new parishioner or have moved and are providing a new address. Thank you.

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____

Email _____



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JANUARY 5/6, 2013

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OPERATING FINANCES

(December 24-December 31, 2012)

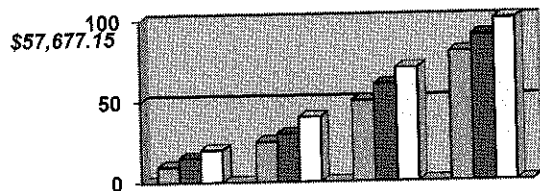
-Cost to operate our Parish (Budget2012)	\$16,500
-General Collections:	\$35,294
-Debt reduction (Mortgage)	\$47,419
-Total parish support:	\$82,713
-Exceed or (Shortfall)	\$66,213

Special Collections;

***Together in Action:.....	\$1,622
***Clergy Retirement:.....	\$25
***World Missions:.....	\$189
***St Vincent de Paul:.....	\$2,480
***NET Ministries:.....	\$500
***CARO:.....	\$80
***Mission Mexico:.....	\$20
***Catholic Education Sunday:.....	\$50

TIA up to date: \$57,677.15/\$59,979.00 (97%)

Together In Action



Thank you for your generosity and support!

Upcoming Events

in our Parish and Mass Intentions

Daily Mass may be cancelled in the case of a funeral

SUN, JAN 6TH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- + Mass: 8:30am (Intention: Peter & Mildred Braat)
- + Mass: 10:30am (Intention: Holy Family Parish)
- + NO CHILDREN'S LITRUGY THIS MORNING
- + Library: open after morning Masses
- + Mass: 6:00pm (Intention: Gladys McCarthy ☩)

MON, JAN 7TH

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

- + Mass-9:00am, (Intention: Elsie Gomes ☩)
- + Knights of Columbus #9502 Executive Meeting: 7:00pm in the Faith Room
- + Circle of Friends Prayer Group: 7:00pm at St. Joseph's Home

TUES, JAN 8TH

- + SVDP Meeting: 4:00pm in the Hope Room
- + Mass: 7:00pm (Intention: Ted Dumanowski ☩)
- + Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: After Mass until 8:30pm
- + CWL Meeting: after 7:00pm Mass in the Faith Room
- + Light Weigh: 7:00pm in the Hope Room

WED, JAN 9TH

- + Women's Praise & Worship: 6:45am in the Faith Room
- + Mass: 8:00am at St. Thomas School
- + Mass: 8:15am at St. Mary's School
- + Mass: 9:00am (Intention: Theresa Kambeitz)
- + Breakfast after Mass in Hall
- + Bible Study: 9:30am in the Faith Room
- + Mass: 11:00am at Monsignor McCoy High School
- + Ministry to the aged: 1:30pm - Sunnyside
- + Ministry to the aged: 3:30pm - Good Samaritans
- + Choir Practice (6pm Mass): 6:00pm
- + RCIA: 7:00pm in the Faith Room

THURS, JAN 10TH

- + Men's Prayer Group: 6:30am in the Charity Room
- + Mass: 9:00am (Intention: Anne Duchscherer ☩)
- + Breakfast after Mass in Hall
- + Rosary Guild: 1:30pm in the Charity Room
- + Holy Hour: 6:00pm
- + Choir Practice (8:30&10:30 Mass) 7:00pm
- + Knights of Columbus # 7325 Meeting: 7:30pm in the Faith Room

FRI, JAN 11TH

- + **Mass: 9:00am** (Intention: Holy Souls in Purgatory ☩)
- + **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** After Mass until Noon
- + Breakfast after Mass in the Hall
- + Seniors Tea: 2:00pm in the Hall
- + Ministry to the aged: 10:00am – The Wellington
- + Ministry to the aged: 10:00am – Meadowlands

SAT, JAN 12TH

ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

- + That Man is You: 8:30am – St. Patrick's Church Hall
- + **Reconciliation:** 3:00 – 4:00pm
- + Confirmation Class: 4:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish
- + 1st Communion/Reconciliation Classes: 4:45pm at St. Patrick's Parish
- + Choir Practice (5pm Mass): 4:00pm
- + Library: open before Mass
- + **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
- + **Mass: 5:00pm** (Intention: Arlene Drysdale)

SUN, JAN 13TH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- + **Mass: 8:30am** (Intention: Emilia Feist ☩)
- + 1st Communion/Reconciliation Classes: 10:15am in the Faith Room
- + **Mass: 10:30am** (Intention: Holy Family Parish)
- + Children's Liturgy at 10:30 Mass
- + Library: open after morning Masses
- + Confirmation Class: 5:20pm in the Faith room
- + **Mass: 6:00pm** (Intention: Adam & Elizabeth Schneider ☩)
- + UNCHAINED: after 6:00pm Mass

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION/ADORATION

If you can spare an hour with the Lord...
Tuesday: After 7:00pm Mass until 8:30pm
Thursday: Holy Hour from 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Friday: After 9:00am Mass until Noon

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7 PM at the board office (1251 – 1st Avenue SW). All are welcome to attend.

PARISH BREAKFAST

The next Parish Breakfast has been moved to January 20th after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. The Knights of Columbus #7325 are hosting this breakfast and hope you can all come out for pancakes eggs and sausage.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Next scheduled Mass will be at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday, January 12th at the 5:00pm Mass. Please be there by 4:00pm.

New Members Always Welcome!

SACRAMENTAL PREP CLASSES

First Communion/Reconciliation and Confirmation will resume January 12th and 13th. Please make sure your assignments are completed up to date.



CWL

CWL will be meeting on Tuesday, January 8th in the Faith Room after the 7:00 Mass.

Just a friendly reminder to all CWL members to renew your 2013 membership (\$25.00) as soon as possible if you have not already done so. If you have any questions please call Rita at 403-527-7580. Sincere thanks to all who have already renewed.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus #9502 Executive will be meeting on Monday, January 7th at 7:00pm in the Faith Room.

Knights of Columbus #7325 will be meeting on Thursday, January 10th in the Faith Room

LIGHT WEIGH

Light Weigh is coming to Holy Family Parish. Would you like to learn how to overcome temptation and eat the foods you enjoy, while you grow closer to God and lose weight? *Prevention Magazine* chose **Light Weigh** because it met their criteria for a safe and healthy faith based diet program. New research shows, church based meetings increased people's weight loss. There are no weigh-ins. The Light Weigh Bible Study DVD series will have an **Orientation on Tuesday January 8th, 2013 @ 7:00 pm in the Hope Room.**

2013 MISSALS

The New St. Joseph Sunday Missal, Prayer book & Hymnal 2013 has arrived at Holy Family and is available for you to get. We are asking \$3.00 per copy. You can get yours today at the Hospitality Desk or if nobody is at the desk copies are available at the display rack and we trust that you will put the money in the cash box. The 2013 Sunday Missals for Young Catholics are \$7.00 and can be purchased at HFP Office or at the Hospitality Desk.

FINE ARTS PROGRAMS

Living Water College of the Fine Arts, Denwer, Alberta, is offering three fine art programs next Summer. Gain artistic skill, spiritual formation, and intellectual insight.

Iconography (June 4-19): Learn how to use traditional materials while painting an icon of St. Michael the Archangel.

Sacred Choral Music (July 7-21): Become immersed in the timeless beauty of traditional church music from Mozart, Schubert and others, and learn the basics of liturgical Gregorian chant. The program benefits all participants, whether new to choral music and arriving as a soloist, and concludes with a concert at an Edmonton parish.

Youth Sacred Choral Music: (July 14-21): Participate in Living Water's first youth program and learn music worth remembering. Ages 12 and Older.

Details are available at www.livingwatercollege.com, (780)741-2488 or on Facebook: (Living Water College of the Arts). A reduced rate for early applications. Contact: Nicole Dunn at Nicole@livingwatercollege.com

GOOD "NET" NEWS FOR THE NEW YEAR!!

The NET will be returning to our community on January 12th and I am so pleased to report the calendar for the next 2 ½ months is looking great! The **only available date** from Jan 12 – March 21 is: Feb 7 – Feb 21 - 3 M & 1 supervisor

Two supervisors: 1 Male and 1 Female, will be staying with the host homes for only 4 days from Feb 16-20. The female supervisor is already scheduled to stay with a family who is hosting the girls.

Thank you to Maria & Dean Sehn, Cheryl & Brad Stenger and Alicia & Boyd Garrecht who are hosting from Jan 12 to Jan 24th.

I would like to thank the parishioners who said **'YES' to Adopting a Host Family in 2012**. If you are not able to host the NET, please consider to 'adopt' a family who is hosting. The commitment is minimal and, yet, the host home families are so thrilled to receive the help. By saying 'YES' we are being witnesses of faith to the young people in our parishes. If you decide to adopt a family, I will connect you with a host family that lives in your area.

If you have any questions, concerns or interested in booking please call 403-527-4338 or email hdfrey@shaw.ca. If anyone wishes to view the calendar, send me an email and I will forward the calendar. **Please note:** there are only 10 weeks to choose from before Net will be leaving our community.

Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy 2013! Dianna

BEGINNING WHERE WE FIND OURSELVES

By Diane M. Houdek

We hear a lot about spiritual seekers these days. More than at any other time in recent history, we can't assume that children will follow

their parents' and grandparents' faith traditions. Increasingly they may come from families that had no shared faith tradition. And so they find themselves searching for meaning in a variety of spiritual practices, whether mainline denominations or eclectic fringe groups.

But all of us, no matter our upbringing, find ourselves seeking the right path at different times in our lives. Our enthusiasm for and involvement in questions of faith and spirituality is often determined by what's happening in our day-to-day lives. A new baby, the death of a loved one, a new job or extended unemployment, illness, a vacation of a lifetime can all make us feel closer to God—or farther away! But what we discover if we take our spiritual search seriously is that we will find God, not only at the end of the journey but all the way along the path.

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The story from Matthew's Gospel about the visit of the Magi forms the basis of this Feast of Epiphany. We're fascinated by the exotic backdrop of this story. Were these visitors' kings, wise men, astrologers, astronomers, philosophers? We don't know for sure. What we do know is that they were seekers. Their field of study had led them to an awareness of a great event taking place in a distant land, one that was worth a long and arduous journey, the journey of a lifetime.

We can discover in the experience of the magi questions about our own spiritual search. Often we begin our search in ordinary and expected ways. But in the course of asking questions and discovering answers, we suddenly come upon a manifestation of faith in God's love for us that turns many of our conventional expectations upside down.

The real heart of this feast refers to the manifestation of God's presence in our human world, the showing forth of the kingdom of heaven. God's presence in our midst is something we must search for not because it's hiding but because we can't always see it.

The magi found the child because they sought him. They arrive in Bethlehem, worship the child and present him with symbolic gifts: gold for kingship, frankincense for divinity, myrrh for the death that he would both endure and conquer.

We each have unique gifts to offer the world, and today's solemnity of the Epiphany reminds us that we are called, first and foremost, to bring those gifts to the Lord of all who was born in a humble stable in Bethlehem. We do this best by sharing our gifts with those who walk the way with us.

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Bringing Home the Word



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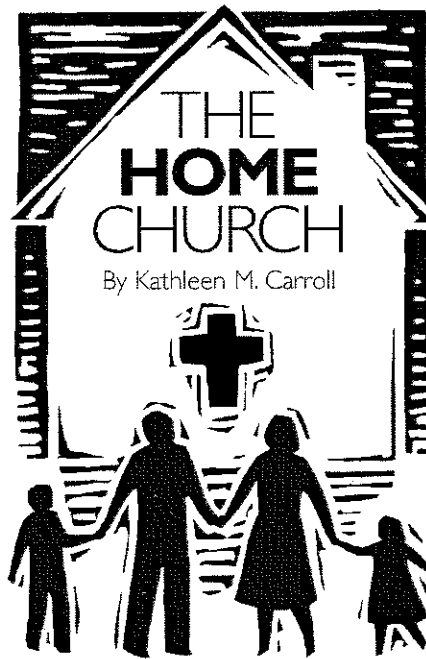
QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- Who or what surprised you this season with something completely unexpected?
- Where did you especially see God's presence this Christmas season?
- Where do you begin your search for the King of Kings? Whom do you ask for directions? How might the search change your life?
- When people ask where to find Jesus, how do you respond?

PRAYER

Let my prayer
rise before you
like incense.
May the lifting
of my hands
be as an evening
offering.

—Psalm 141:2



In my childhood home, the Christmas tree stayed up until the Feast of the Epiphany. It was “the Catholic thing to do,” my mother assured me. Sadly, it is a tradition with which my own family has parted ways. We get a live tree every year and the city will only collect discarded Christmas trees during the first week of the year. I stubbornly resisted this assault on my Catholic heritage until the year I caught myself instructing my oldest to drag the tree out to the back yard, to be dealt with “later.” Our yard is small and he sensibly asked, “Where should I put it?” When I heard myself saying, “Next to the other one,” I had an epiphany of my own.

The New Year is a good time to ask ourselves which traditions are worth keeping and which have lost their meaning or practicality. As we try to find a place to stash all those treasured (and trashy) Christmas gifts, we might find that we have too much to store, which usually means we have more than enough to share. Start the New Year resolving to let go of what you don't need, what doesn't work, and what just doesn't fit anymore.

DEI VERBUM

VATICAN II'S CONSTITUTION ON DIVINE REVELATION

The Feast of Epiphany is the perfect time to begin a series on one of the major documents of Vatican II, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, sometimes referred to by its Latin title, *Dei Verbum* (“Word of God”).

As we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, we take time to appreciate how the work of that gathering transformed our understanding of our faith.

Bill Huebsch describes the importance of the Constitution on Divine Revelation: “Above all else, this constitution restored an important sense of balance to the Church's understanding of how God speaks to us. Faith would no longer be seen as mere adherence to a list of doctrines and practices, but as a response to God's self-communication, which involves the whole human person. Faith is not mere belief. It is a covenant that leads to discipleship, to Christian living.

“This constitution also restored the reading and study of Scripture to the lives of average Catholics. We forget that before the Council, Catholics had not read Scripture much at all.... But now with this document, Bible study by Catholics could proceed with full force and authority” (“Very Revealing: The Constitution on Divine Revelation,” *Scripture From Scratch*, April 2005).

WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday	I Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	Thursday	I Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Tuesday	I Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44	Friday	I Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Wednesday	I Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52	Saturday	I Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30