

# A Blessed New Year to all

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**January 8, 2012**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Ephesians 3: 2-3**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**These Wise Men saw his star and came to pay homage to the King.**

*The wise men came to present gifts of incense, myrrh and gold which were most fitting for the King they came to worship. Incense represents faith, the myrrh represents balm for men of suffering and the gold, most precious of metals was the offering made to the King of Kings who came to offer the kingdom of heaven to every man.*

**Thank You**

**Our Weekly Offerings:**

**Regular \$ 1,314.00**

**Maintenance \$ 1698.00**

**Requested donations when possible \$10.00 for each Mass said.**

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the week:

Saturday	Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	Mass for the Parish Living and Deceased
Sunday	Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Aurora Quadrio
Monday	Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Gerrie Kirouac †
Tuesday	Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Brian Johnson †
Thursday	Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Gerrie Kirouac †
Friday	Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Gerrie Kirouac †

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & Lectors**

Saturday 5:00pm	Toni Pleau	Nita Jimenez
Sunday 9:30am	Linda Porter Julie Chavez Patty Parker	Priscilla McEfee

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Adelle Mini, George Hawkins, Jr. Anna Mae Giannotti, John Cozort, Gerrie Kirouac, Marvin Crocket, Mary & Gina Hasselwander, Pat Guibault, Ruby Vocke, Aurora Quadrio, Carol Griswold, Vera Young, Art & Barbara Tantardino, Rose Fama, Ron Roderick, Judy Denny, Hal Martin, Nancy Ceaglio, Jeff Goodsill, Keith Ricci, Brian Johnson, Walt Parker.

*Call 258-2101 to add or delete names to this list. Call Father at 256-3151 for anointing of the sick.*

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**Welcome!! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in the Parish. We thank God for you. If you are not yet registered in the Parish, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory. We have offertory envelopes if wanted. Thank you & God Bless.**

Name-----

Address-----

City-----Zip-----Phone #-----

## Happy New Year to all.

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This is the season of Advent, and we are using our new Missals with the hymn books in the back of it. Please follow along the order of the Mass and you will see the response will be different from the old Missals. The prayers updated for the celebration of the Mass. You have had inserts in the bulletin for the last few weeks to help you with the change.

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### Faith Formation Classes:

For all children elementary age needing sacraments AND for those who have received some sacraments. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month @ 3:00pm @ the home of Faye Wilkinson. Questions call 258-1850. Class will resume after school vacation.

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Please make sure when you leave the church that the lights are out in both the sanctuary and the hall, they have been left on for days. Also do not turn the heat thermostats up. Special people take care of the heat in the church. These two things are really running our heat and light bills up, and as you know the cost is terrific. Thank you.

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Please pick up your new 2012 calendars and your donation boxes for the year. These are in the Social Hall as you come in the front door.

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### Donation for Mindanao in the Philippines.

Next Sunday January 15th we will be accepting donations to help those affected by severe flooding in the Philippines on Mindanao. Your generous donation will help with food, shelter, medicine and those with the greatest needs. There will be a donation basket in the Social Hall for your convince. Thank you very much.

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Be sure to stay after Mass this morning as the Ladies of the Altar Society will be serving Coffee and Goodies for everyone. This is a nice way to get to know and socialize with each other.

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Walk for Life in Susanville will be January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the exact anniversary of Roe vs. Wade which legalized abortion in America. Please come and walk with us at 2pm at the Lassen Shopping center near Round Table Pizza.

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### Fr. Aldo's Reflection:

Let your Star, Jesus, Shine! "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage (Mt/ 2:2)."

Thanks For The Call.

Six years ago, on January 8, 2006, during the Feast of the epiphany of the Lord, I was ordained a priest at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, by Bishop William Weigand.

Six-years seems like yesterday. Being a priest is indeed the best thing that happened to my life. My life has never been the same. It leads me to a life of wonder and awe, in the trust and in His divine providence.

This is my belief – If we gaze upon the star of Jesus Christ, it will lead us to a wonderful journey of faith- life where we can find him in the faces of the others, even in the daily routine of life.

So keep your eyes open unto the greatest gift of the Father-Jesus, his Son.

### LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE

Last Christmas day, I had a close call. After Mass in Greenville, I hit a black ice and crashed into the curve of the road, it was a mess.

Thank you Lord, I am still alive, alert and, in fact, more enthusiastic. I just thank God for Nick and Gennie, good Samaritans, for giving me a ride back to Quincy.

Life is so short and fragile and so make the most of it.

I just noticed that "when an accident happens on the road, traffic builds up, not because of the accident but because motorists like to look at the accident. We like gazing at the car wreck.

Why? Human beings have this tendency to look at what went wrong. We like to look at the mess.

But if there's a magnificent sunrise on the other side of the road, so utterly majestic and beautiful, with shafts of sunlight piercing the clouds...a masterpiece by the Divine Master...do we look?

Nahhhhhh. We don't even notice.

So we speed through. Zoom! Missing out on magnificence.

Something in us likes looking at what's wrong, not what's right. We're drawn to messes, not magnificence.

Today, God wants you to focus on your magnificence. Sure, you've got car wrecks in you life. You've got parts of your life that are so terrible, you want to hide them from everybody. But there's also a sunrise within you. There are 'star moments' in your life, something so beautiful, it'll take your breath away.

So focus on your sunrise! Let your star shine!

That's what God does.

That's why there's Christmas. That's why we have the Feast of the Epiphany!

Happy Epiphany to all of you! May your prayers come true! God Bless you all. - Fr. Aldo