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The Epiphany of the Lord—January 8, 2017

Gospel Acclamation: We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. Matthew 2:2

The Vigil Mass this Saturday, Jan 7th was in

Vietnamese: We arranged this only for this Sunday as an aid to our Vietnamese parishioners.

No Holy Mass at Sorrell Chapel until Jan. 22nd: due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

Fr. Irwin away Jan 2-8: Fr. Irwin is with our college students at a conference January 2 – 8. In case of emergency, please call or text Deacon Dave at 334-806-6700.

Memorial Gifts toward Christmas Flowers: If you would like to give toward our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one(s), please use one of the red envelopes on the tables at the back of the church and clearly print the name(s) of your loved ones on it.

We welcome more Adorers: As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord where we recall the 3 wise men who came to do the new born King homage and offer him gifts, please consider signing up for a time slot for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which is offered on Wednesdays from 9 am – 8 pm. It would be great if we had a few people per hour; that way, if someone will be out of town, there would be others to cover for that person.

We can also use substitutes. One of the greatest gifts we can give God is our time. Our dear Lord is just waiting on us to come and spend some time with him. For more info please contact Barbara Patterson [REDACTED].

Please Help us Put Away Christmas Decorations: immediately following Holy Mass this Sunday. Many hands make light work!

Catholic Charities: Thank you all for the wonderful response we had to the Catholic Charities appeal we had last January. As we approach the end of the year in terms of the Catholic Charities appeal, please make sure that you make good on your pledge. Thank you very much.

New Email Address for Fr. Irwin: please continue to use the parish email address for most all correspondence, even with Fr. Irwin. However, if you need to send Fr. Irwin anything confidential, please send it to: frdenirwin@yahoo.com. This email address will be placed in the bulletin under his name.

Thanks to All Church Decorators: We appreciate everyone who helped decorate the church: special thanks to Barbara Patterson our liturgical coordinator. The Church looks beautiful.

Thanks to Jamey McDaniel, Dr. Block & our Choir: We really appreciate their service each week to our parish and especially at times like Christmas where the music is so special. Please offer them a word of thanks.

Please pick up your New Envelopes in the Hall

CCD: resumes Sunday, January 8th. There will be no CCD Jan. 15th.

RCIA: resumes Thursday, January 12th.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, January 8

CCD - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary – 9:30 am
Holy Mass – 10:00 am
Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

Monday, January 9

The Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am

Tuesday, January 10

Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Wednesday, January 11

Adoration - 9 am - 8 pm
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm
Bible Study in Spanish - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursday, January 12

Holy Mass - 12:15 pm
RCIA - 6:00 pm

Friday, January 13

Holy Mass - 6:30 am

Saturday, January 14

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 4:45 to 5:15 pm
Holy Mass—5:30 pm

Sunday, January 15

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary – 9:30 am
Holy Mass – 10:00 am

Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am



Let us Pray for:

Denise Broxton, K.D. Blair, Ellen Blum, Bruce Tustin, Charles Owens and Carol Gibbs. Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



The Parish Code for Access to FORMED.ORG: is [REDACTED]. Please keep in mind that this code is for our parishioners and students only. I believe very strongly in honoring these sorts of rules. After all, if we want good Catholic material to learn from and share with our children, someone has to pay for it! (In case friends from other places enquire about getting access to FORMED, individuals are welcome to purchase access to the site as well as parishes). Thanks, Fr. Irwin

Spotlight on FORMED.ORG

Audio:

"Prepare the Way of the King" Dr. Scott Hahn
"The True Meaning of Christmas" Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Movies & Documentaries:

"Bakita From Slave to Saint"
"Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message"

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Thanks to our Choir & Liturgical Volunteers: As we consider the magi who came and adored the Lord, we thank all those who help make the Liturgy so beautiful: our choir members who lead the singing, especially Pat Block, Mike Gibbons, and Rebecca Sanders our cantors, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, gift-bearers and Altar Servers. A big thanks as well to Barbara Staskowski, Jo Ann Gibson, and Barbara Patterson who each set up for one of our three Masses each weekend. Finally, thanks to Nelly Robledo who coordinates everything for Holy Mass in Spanish each month and translates Father's homily into Spanish. We really appreciate you and the service you provide for our parish.

Children in Church: This time of year, when we are so focused on children, is a good time to say a word of encouragement to our parents of little children attending Holy Mass. Obviously, children are going to cry, talk and make noise in church. Some of us who do not have children, or whose children grew up long ago, may have forgotten how difficult it is to try and keep a child quiet throughout Mass; therefore, we should be understanding. Children are welcome at our parish; we want parents to bring them. On the other hand, parents of little ones must be aware that at a certain point, a child needs to be taken to a place outside the congregation where he/she may be properly cared for. Children should never be allowed to play with noisy toys or eat food that will leave any kind of mess in the church during Mass. If we all try and be considerate of one another, as the people of our parish do, things work out well. Thank you for being understanding of one another
- Fr. Irwin.

Thank you Anna Gooden: Anna works up the bulletin for us each week; she also manages our website. If you see any mistakes in the bulletin, they are almost always mine! - Fr. Irwin. Thank you Anna for doing this service for the parish.

Words of Encouragement for Parents: The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery - the preconditions for all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the 'material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones.' It adds: "Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children." (CCC #2223).

- 1) <http://www.more4kids.info/549/best-parenting-websites/>
- 2) <http://www.realsimple.com/work-life/family/kids-parenting/best-parenting-websites-0000000008335/index.html>
- 3) <http://www.top100familysites.com/parenting-websites.html>
- 4) <http://www.parenting.com/article/4-websites-for-tween-girls-1000071995>

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

Saturday – January 14, 2017

Greeters: Chris Gambles
Lectors: Beth Ann Gibson, Maria Bernardo
Ushers: John Leveque, Barbara Staskowski
Gift Bearers: The Messick Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Dianne Leveque, Nick Drosyk
Altar Servers:

Sunday – January 15, 2017

Greeters: Jeffrey and Stace Blair
Lectors: Kelsey Burgans, Randy Leutzinger
Ushers: Barry Smolcic, Mike Kreis
Gift Bearers: The Robledo Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Herb Huner, Pat Block
Altar Servers: Eduardo Martinez, Lisbeth Martinez, Hannah Huner

Tithing Report January 1, 2016

Regular - \$4,434.38

Total - \$4,434.38

Renovation Campaign

Pledges Received - \$91,049.00
Percent of Total Pledged - 86%