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Epiphany of the Lord

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	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Mon. Jan. 9			No Mass Scheduled	
Tue. Jan. 10	7:00 pm	Pierceland	+Gerald Bender and Brenda	Henry and Rose Gonie
Wed. Jan. 11	7:00 pm	Goodsoil	For all shut ins and sick in our parish	St. Boniface C.W.L.
Thur. Jan 12	9:00 am	Goodsoil	+Ewald Baumgardner	Bev Lutter
Fri. Jan 13	9:00 am	Goodsoil	+Marianne Schamber	Mark, Sandy, Matt, Mike
Sat. Jan. 14	7:00 pm	Loon Lake	+Tony Schreiber	Isabelle and Julian Dalpe
Sun Jan. 15	9:00am	Goodsoil	For All Parishioners	
	11:00 am	Pierceland	+Gerald Bender	Janice Johnson

ST. BONIFACE

MINISTERS LIST- JAN. 15

ST. ANTONINUS

Commentator- Gloria F.

Eucharistic Minister - Susan

Readers—Yvonne R. Bob R.

Readers - Audery Debbie

Greeters - Trevor/Collette H.

Music— Folk Mono— Leona

Gift Bearers - Wes/Lorraine D.

Gifts - Gail and Theresia

Eucharistic Minister— Lucille M.

Servers - Roy Ryder

Rosary - Louise H.

Greeters - Bev Sun. School—Janna

Jan. Cleaners—Rudy/Isabelle Leo/Louise Pat/Amy

Brunch—Chris, Myrna, Keri

Epiphany of the Lord A Vocation View: More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Prayer: For an increased understanding among our young people that they would know they are uniquely chosen by God to be holy through their specific vocation to their state in life in Christ, we pray to the Lord

Action: CHRIST SPOKE of the talents each one of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.



Feast of the Baptism of Christ—January 9th we celebrate the baptism of Christ in the Jordan.

This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany.

The Most Holy One placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan.



—The Light of the World by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.

Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25 The Model of unity we seek is found in the Trinity. Jesus prays that all his followers will be one as He and the Father are one, so that all people may come to believe in Christ (John 17:21). The goal of ecumenism is to remove obstacles to unity so that we are able to come together in a common celebration of the Eucharist. (p. 64)

"This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity should be emphasized throughout the week. All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism... (p. 123) *Taken from the Ordo: Liturgical Calendar 2022-2023

PIERCELAND ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Cleaners—Pam Johnson 839-2167 Colleen Nault, Angie Gelowitz, Susy Hetlinger, Sharon Rawlake

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**.



After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "**God Saves.**" According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name.

Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

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The star . . . stopped over the place where the child was. (Matthew 2:9)

Imagine how difficult the Magi's journey was. If they came from Persia, as most scholars believe, they would have had to travel nearly one thousand miles. That's four months on the road. Traveling all that time with treasures like gold, frankincense, and myrrh would have made them ripe targets for brigands and highway robbers. And then there were the general conditions, "the ways deep and the weather sharp," as the poet T. S. Eliot put it. How many times do you think they were tempted to turn around and return home?

To add insult to injury, when they came to Jerusalem, they discovered there was no "newborn king of the Jews" to be found (Matthew 2:2). They had to go to Bethlehem and "search diligently" for him there (2:8). What a model of faithfulness and perseverance! And these were pagans who didn't even worship the God of Israel!

On this day, when we celebrate the first Gentiles to worship the Lord Jesus, let's follow their example on our own journey toward Jesus. When the way of discipleship seems too deep and the weather too sharp, picture the Magi trudging over miles and miles, determined to get to Jesus. When the lies of the devil or the allure of the world tries to rob you of your faith, picture the Magi guarding their treasures. When the road to holiness turns out to be longer than you thought it would be, or when it takes an unexpected turn, picture the Magi pressing on to Bethlehem to seek the Christ child.

The Magi were "overjoyed" when they found the Lord (Matthew 2:10). Similarly, your perseverance will be rewarded with the deep-down joy that comes from knowing the overflowing love of Jesus. Surely this is a journey worth taking!



"Jesus, help me to persevere so that I can behold your glory!"

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