



Epiphany

The
People
who walked
in Darkness
have seen
a great
Light

With these words the Isaiah prophecy sets a tone for the Midnight Mass and we're off and running to the light of Easter. Christmas to Easter, one quick and easy swoop. Not really a stretch at all if you stop to think about.

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, a year that gives us invitation for reconciliation even as it invites us to be reconciled, when we look behind the mercy we find joy. Both reconciling and giving or receiving mercy are natural pathways to joy. To reconcile is to lighten our hearts by letting go, by laying a burden down. To be merciful is to recognize that we have been given the gift of mercy to share with others, we have been given the power to be merciful.

The source of our power? The love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. The message of Christmas – God has entered the world. The message of Easter – God has saved the world. While no one witnessed

the Resurrection, our image for it is one of light and brightness rising out of darkness (death). The image of the Christmas star is also one of brightness and light emerging out of the darkness of a world of sin, separated from God.

In both images, the light of Christ emerges to set us free, to shake things up, and to turn worldly ways on their ear. As we begin our 2016 ministry, which looks like we will see the construction of a new building for ministry, we must ask ourselves as a community, what is the light we bring to the darkness of our times. And if it is a question for our community, to answer the question we must each give individual thought and input to the answer. More than that, our community is called to engage with each other and share answers and build on the results of our process.

For the process in which we are engaging is faith sharing and faith building. It is the hallmark of being both a parish and campus ministry. We are called to engage with each other and trust... Christ. You thought

I was going to say engage and trust one another, didn't you? But that is not what forms a community. It is important for us to trust one another, but to trust Christ first is the hallmark of faith. To trust Christ to form us as a people is to take a step beyond selfishness and the "what can I get out of this," mentality. To put Christ first means we see what is bigger than ourselves, and we can see the challenge we need to rise to.

As a Christian community, the playing field is always about seeing the bigger picture – what is Christ calling us to? Not, what do we think Christ is calling us to? But by our actions and our choices to come together in so many different activities (that parish and campus ministries offer) are we looking for the clues about living and sharing the Christian Faith and making the evaluation necessary to move forward?

That's our quest in 2016 dear friends – let us look for the light, share the mercy, and discover where Christ is leading in all we do.



Fr. Brad Schaeberle, CSP
Pastor

Altar flowers this Sunday:



Given in Memory of
+ Steven Szczesny
 by David Szczesny

SPiRiT of CHRISTMAS
FOOD DRIVE



Saint Luke's Food Pantry appreciates your help!

Our current food pantry needs:
 Canned Fruits & Vegetables
 Next pantry date: January 14, 2016

Faith Formation

Faith Formation (K-3) meets at the Parish Center at 9:15 a.m.

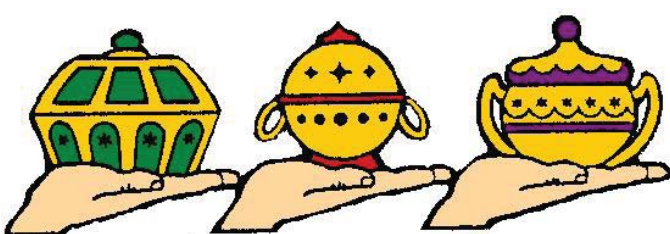
Young Disciples Jan. 3 class location TBA, at 2:15 p.m.

Youth Ministry Special Event at Georgetown Ice Arena is today. Prices \$3 Children, Students, & Seniors \$5 Adults. Skate rentals & skate mates \$3. Meeting at GVSU 2 p.m.

Adult Bible Study
 Next meeting Jan. 13

SACRAMENTS AT SAINT LUKE

For sacramental information, contact John Graveline or speak with one of the priests



AND THEY WORSHIPPED

This Week...

Sun., Jan 3	Epiphany of the Lord	
8:00 a.m.	Mass	Barbara Skowneski Parish Ctr
9:15	Faith Formation (K-3)	Parish Ctr
10:30	Mass	For Our People Parish Ctr
2:00 p.m.	YM Special Event	Georgetown Ice Arena
2:15	Young Disciples (4-5)	TBA
5:30	Mass	Jubilee Year of Mercy Parish Ctr
Wed., Jan 6		
7:00 p.m.	Mass	Kristin Bihr Parish Ctr
Fri., Jan 8		
5:00 p.m.	Mass	Roxann Bihr (Birthday) Parish Ctr
Sat., Jan 9		
7:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship	Parish Ctr
Sun., Jan 10	Baptism of the Lord	
8:00 a.m.	Mass	Parish Ctr
9:15	Faith Formation (K-3)	Parish Ctr
10:30	Mass	Parish Ctr
2:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry	Thornapple Rm
2:00	Baptism Preparation	Parish Ctr
2:15	Young Disciples (4-5)	Cook-DeWitt
5:30	Mass	Cook-DeWitt

Ministries for Jan 10

Lectors

8:00 a.m. Jason Horton (Reader 1), Terri Rowland (Reader 2)
 10:30 Sandy Meyer (Reader 1), Rick Meyer (Reader 2), Chara Potyraj (Intentions)

Altar Servers

8:00 a.m. Ben Muma, Elyse Muma
 10:30 Brandon Van Wyk, Ella Bingle

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion


8:00 a.m. Bob Fox, Pat Warren, Sheryl Horton
 10:30 Sabrina & Tom Van Wyk, Barb & Bruce Grzegorzcyk, Jon Noworyta, Elaine Briar

Ushers

8:00 a.m. Tim Rowland (Lead), Sue Sandberg
 10:30 Joe Schmidt (Lead), Tom Garvelink, Max Ainslie

Readings for the Week of the Epiphany

Sun., 01/03	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Mon., 01/04	Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tue., 01/05	John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wed., 01/06	André Bessette, Religious 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thu., 01/07	Raymond of Peñafort, Priest 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14-15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Fri., 01/08	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Sat., 01/09	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sun., 01/10	The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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SCRIP

We had a busy December with several parishioners using scrip for the first time. THANKS to everyone who participated. As you settle into 2016, we ask for your continued support of the SCRIP program. Rebates earned help with St. Luke's day-to-day operations and the building fund. We look forward to seeing you at the scrip table after Mass. Watch the bulletin over the next few weeks as we explain scrip and how many different ways you can purchase prepaid cards. You will be amazed!

Soup's On For All!

Soup's On For All! has warmed the hearts of thousands while helping to provide hot meals for those in need. Held at the B.O.B annually for the food and pantry programs of God's Kitchen. Guests can visit each of the building's five floors where they are able to sample soups, breads and desserts donated by area restaurants, while enjoying live entertainment. Volunteers hand paint soup bowls, which each guest selects as a souvenir from the evening -- and a reminder that hunger is a reality every day for many in our community. Contact Bethany Stowe (bstowe@ccwestmi.org) or by phone at 616-551-5663. Jan. 25, 2016 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$50/person in advance. Get tickets at Schuler Books & Music, Michigan Church Supply at Cathedral Square or online at soupsonforall.org or at the door the night of the event for \$60/person.

Walk for Warmth

Last year's walk raised over \$19,000 to keep families throughout Ottawa County warm. This year's walk starts at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13 at City On A Hill, located at 100 Pine St. in Zeeland. Registration is free, donations are encouraged. Maps and walking team information can be found at miottawa.org/w4w.

****Women Wanted****

St. Luke's Women's Fellowship will be starting off 2016 with a brunch/membership drive. Come join us at the Parish Center, Saturday, Jan. 16, noon to two. Bring a dish to pass. We will also be working on setting the agendas for our 2016 meetings. New ideas are always welcome.

We will be putting out a blue and silver suggestion box in the next few weeks. You may also put in your name, phone number, and/or email address, so we may add you to our membership list

Project Rachel

During this Year of Mercy be open to receiving forgiveness, hope and healing. Join us for our next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat on the weekend of Feb. 5-7. Contact Project Rachel to find out how to move beyond the sorrow of abortion. Call 616-340-1824 or email mwash@ccwestmi.org. Project Rachel in the Diocese of Grand Rapids is a ministry of Catholic Charities West Michigan.



This **JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY** is a special time for us. Lent, the biggest celebration of mercy, begins on, Wednesday, Feb. 10. Easter is also March 27.

Besides the regularly scheduled Lent celebrations: Soup Suppers, Masses, Stations of the Cross, St. Luke's is also presenting two special opportunities.

Join us for **LIVING THE EUCHARIST**. This

will be the 3rd year of our popular Faith Sharing and Faith Growing program. Sign-ups begin soon. Get Ready.

Join us for a Parish Mission: **POPE FRANCIS and HIS WORDS OF MERCY**. Fr. Frank Desiderio, CSP who leads retreats and missions around the theme of Forgiveness, will be with us February 20 - 24. Save the dates now.

Also - be prepared for other special events and activities as we celebrate this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Euchre & Dominoes are Back!

Jan. 16! Better late than never. Come one, come all for fun and fellowship. Doors open at 6, play begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to pass. Beverages available for donation. Look forward to seeing everyone!



The Year of Grace - 2015, and 2016

Little did we suspect a year ago how fast life could change in the getting a church building department.

At Christmas 2014 there had been some discussion with Bishop Walkowiak about finding a location for the parish center closer to campus. By March of this year, there was a particular site - what is now 10144 42nd Ave, just south of the GVSU campus.

On July 31, 2015, the Diocese of Grand Rapids closed on the property.

Ever since purchasing the property we have been engaged in a much quicker dash to have a new building in place before Christmas 2016. The designs for the 6000 Lake Michigan Drive property have been adapted and expanded - especially as we note that proximity to campus will add numbers.

The expansion also includes space for a nursery; class, meeting and social rooms; even as the worship space can flex upward to 400 people. It will be a green campus with geothermal heating, carefully chosen materials and an eye to the future.

Most importantly, our goal of two ministries within one parish, who will care for and support each other in the faith even as we grow in our ability to share it and lead others to it; now will have a common roof, close to campus - a place we can all call home.

If you are interested in helping support our building project - let me know.

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Have a Great Christmas
and a
Very Blessed New Year!

