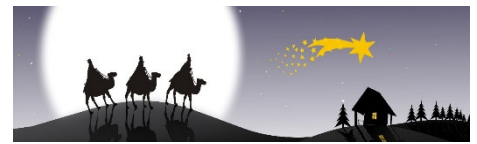




January 7, 2018

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 9th

6^{pm} + David Fontana – Cecil Hebert

Wednesday 10th

9^{am} + Mauricio Vidas – Luz Vidas

Thursday 11th at Rainycrest

10^{am} + Grace Armstrong – Gladys Payne

Friday 12th

9^{am} Deceased Loved Ones – The Bereavement Group

Saturday 13th

5^{pm} + Mr. & Mrs. Jun Blase – Nissa & Family

Sunday 14th (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9^{am} + Mauricio Vidas – Luz Vidas

11^{am} + Epetacia Donasco Juntilla – Patrick Marsh & Family

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1st reading: (Isaiah 60.1-6)

2nd reading: (Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6)

Gospel: (Matthew 2.1-12)



In your prayers, please remember those who

are sick: Eva Mattson, Arlene Steinke, Ewan MacKintosh, Rosalie Cousineau, Shirley Fraser, Nick Mutz, Kari Urquart, Ernie McColeman,

Queenie Leschinski, Maurice DeGagné, Nicole LePine, Larry Mattson, Dianne Pattison, Noella & Rick Hamilton, Father Michael Mitchell, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Ismael Alba

*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of*

December 31st – \$1873.23

January 1st – \$1031.15

Counting Teams

January 8th – Linda



Women's Cursillo

Cursillo is a short weekend course that enhances your experience of Christianity and

builds Christian community. The next women's Cursillo is scheduled for **February 8 – 11, 2018** at Eagle's Nest Retreat Centre. It is not too late to apply! For application forms, go to www.cursillo-thunderbay.org or contact anyone you know who has made a Cursillo.

The Third Sunday of Every Month will be Food Box Sunday. Bring non-perishable food items for the needy.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH NEWS

**In your prayers, please
remember those who are sick:**

Jan Adams, Linda Anderson, Greg Perreault, Doug Cross, George Supinski, Curtis Jourdain, Florence Lampi, Jan Glueheisen, Phyllis Johnson (Bruyere), Kayla Bruyere, Desiree Alfred, Brian McPherson

Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekend of

December 31st – \$589.45

January 1st – \$445.00

What's going on?!

January 9 – Bereavement Group – 1:00pm

January 10 – Financial Council – 11:00am

January 11 – EDGE Night – 6:30-8:30pm

January 13/14 – CWL Membership Drive

January 14 – OLOL Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 16 – Assoc. of St. Marguerite d'Youville – 1:00pm

– Parish Council – 6:30pm

January 17 – OLOL Parish Council – 7:00pm

January 20 – Youth Mass & Life Teen

January 20/21 – St. Mary's Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 25 – EDGE Night – 6:30-8:30pm

– 4th Degree – 12:00pm

January 28 – All Youth Group Pancake Breakfast



CWL Membership Drive for 2018 will

start at the weekend masses, Jan. 13 & 14.

Memberships are available to the women of the parish (16 years of age and up). Annual dues are \$25 with cheques payable to

Catholic Women's League. Be sure to read the newsletter for 2017 which highlights the many activities of our parish council. Your support will be appreciated! Thank you very much! **Reminder:** the items for the blessing bags from Dec. were slippers/spa socks (one size fits all) **OR** deodorant **OR** body wash & net scrub - the box is in the church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.



Families for Families are happy to let you know the second Refugee Family is here!! They are Rami, Fivyan, Fbaana & Oryana. Be sure to

welcome them with a big SMILE!! Let's all make an effort to help them to feel comfortable in our wonderful Parish community. If anyone would like to help them out, please donate Safeway or The Bargain Store gift cards. If you would like a taxable receipt, please bring your cash donations to the parish office. Thank you for all your support!



EDGE: Youth groups for grades 6-9

The EDGE leaders would like to wish the youth a very Happy New Year. May you feel God's presence near, and may He guide and bless you all! Many thanks and blessings to our Parish community for supporting our Youth Groups! **We meet again on January 11, 2018.**

LIFE TEEN Youth groups for grades 9-12



Our next Life Teen night will be held on Saturday January 20, 2018 after the 5pm mass.



LIFE TEEN Lunches:

Life teen lunches at the Northwest Catholic District School Board Office will resume on January 10, 2018 from 11:30am-12:15pm. See everyone there!

Salt & Light Discovery Camp: will be held outside Fort Frances at beautiful Sunny Cove camp on Rainy Lake from July 2nd - 6th this year. This is a Catholic Bible camp directed by Michael and Kali Brady for youth in grades 7-10. Cost is \$180.00. We also need staff and Jr. & Sr. Counselors. Applications will be available at the back of the church for both staff and campers. For more information email: kalidbrady@gmail.com or call/text 1-807-275-9225 or call St. Mary's Parish at 1-807-274-5233.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is suspended until January 17, 2018. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Marriage



Preparation

Are you planning to get married in 2018? St. Joseph's Parish in Dryden is offering the **Marriage Preparation Program** the weekend of February 9 & 10, 2018. The deadline to register is January 25, 2018. Please call the Parish Office at

274-5233 as soon as possible if you would like to attend this program.



TEC #83 has been postponed to the weekend of Feb. 2-4, 2018. Applications are available at the back of the church.

A Smile for Your Journey - Garden of Eatin'

One of the Community Church pastor's favourite premarital counseling jokes is this one: Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

Food for Your Journey - Taking the Place of the Three Kings

The high school students were putting on a Christmas play which they themselves had written. In the afternoon before the play's performance, the students suddenly realized that they had forgotten all about the three kings in the story. The director of the play hit upon the following solutions: he would phone three people at random and ask them if they would stand in for the three kings. All they had to do was this: bring along some gift which was especially meaningful to them and then explain in their own words why they had chosen that gift.

The first of the three kings was a fifty-year-old father of five. He worked for the town council. He brought along a pair of crutches and explained: "Some years ago I was in a head-on collision on the highway. I spent many months in the hospital with broken bones. No one was sure that I would ever walk again. But I tried and tried and used these crutches for weeks. During that time my whole attitude changed: I became happy and grateful for every little daily success. I learned to take nothing for granted. I bring these crutches as a symbol of my personal thanks to God."

The second of the three kings was really a queen, a mother of two children. She brought along a bundle of diapers and baby clothes. She explained, "I was very happy and successful as a graphic artist. Then I got married and the bottom fell out of my life. My husband did not want me to work anymore. All he wanted me to do was stay at home and take care of the house. Then along came the babies, and they needed me. But after they grew up, I was again lost....until I began to put my talents to work in creative art classes for children. I bring along this bundle of baby things to show that it was the little ones, the babies, who brought a new meaning into my life. I feel that by working and helping in their little world I am bettering the whole family of mankind."

The third king was a young teenager. All he brought along was a blank piece of paper. He laid it before the Infant Jesus in the crib and explained: "I was not even sure whether I should come here or not. My hands are empty; I have nothing to give. In my heart I long for success and a meaning for my life. I am filled with doubts and questions and unrest. My future looks foggy and unclear to me. I lay this empty sheet of paper before you, Child in the crib, and ask you to bring me an answer to some of my problems. I feel empty on the inside, but my heart is open and receptive.

WE OBSERVED HIS STAR AT ITS RISING, AND HAVE COME TO PAY HOMAGE TO THE LORD.
(Matthew 2.2)