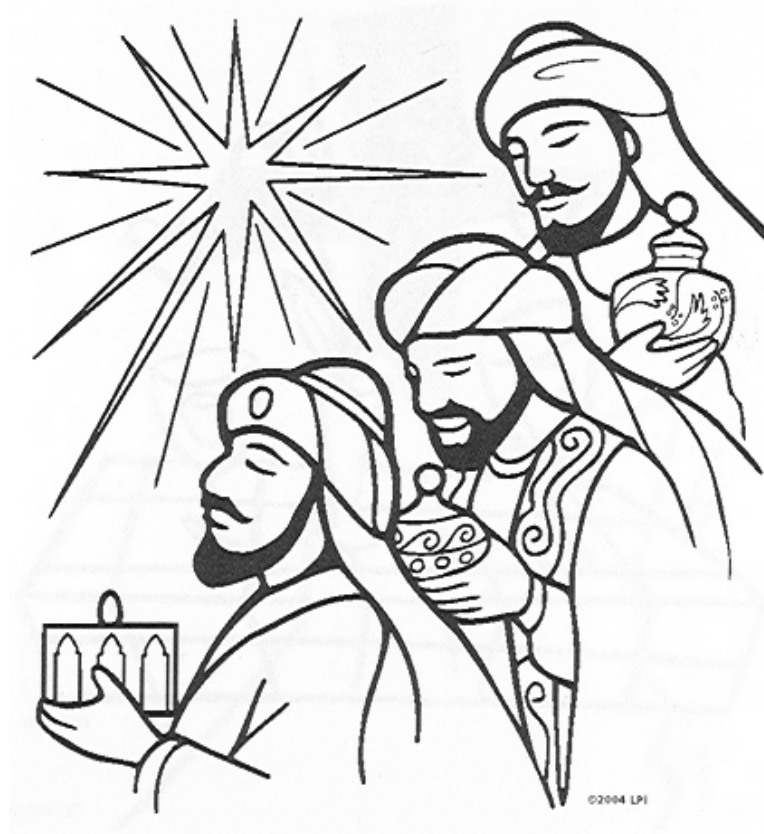


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## *Epiphany of the Lord*



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### **W e l c o m e**

**New Parishioners are welcome at St. Cecilia's! To join our parish please contact Paula Almer in the parish office at 651-644-4502, or talk to one of the hospitality ministers.**

## Saint Cecilia Community

Dear Friends:

Robert Mickens is a Rome correspondent for the London-based Catholic journal, *The Tablet*. In his regular "Letter from Rome" in the same publication, he relates the goings on behind the scenes in ecclesiastical posturing. He's a kind of Vatican gossip columnist, only intelligent and respectful. A recent issue carried his report of the laments of Curial insiders with regard to Benedict XVI's young papacy. Specifically, "The honeymoon period is over..." Apparently there is disappointment among Vatican bureaucrats because the Pope hasn't "done enough." He hasn't endeavored to launch any sweeping initiatives, whether "progressive" or "conservative." He hasn't written enough doctrinally weighty material since assuming office. He hasn't even put in enough cameo appearances at media events. He's just not the man of the regular, sweeping dramatic gesture that his predecessor was. For which I say, "Gratias agimus tibi Domine."

Knowing the Pope to be a brilliant theologian, particularly in matters of the church, we might do well to consider this new mode of exercising the papacy not so much as a failure to "do more" but rather as a quite deliberate retrieval of what the papacy historically has been, and how, perhaps, Benedict imagines its optimal functioning. Personally, as one who is just old enough to remember that the Roman church existed, indeed thrived, prior to the pontificate of John Paul II, it does not seem so peculiar to ponder the idea of a much more modest day-to-day exercise of the ministry of the Vicar of Peter. There was a time, not so long ago, when it was not expected that the Pope would be quoted in every homily, pastoral letter, or doctrinal instruction issued by a bishop. There was a time when he was not expected to have something to say about everything all the time. There was a time when bishops and their national conferences took initiatives in pastoral leadership that didn't require the prior approbation of central curial authority. There was a time when the Pope's dispositions on matters of doctrine were the *first* considerations in theological ruminations, not the *last and only* ones.

Today, the very instinct automatically to look to Benedict to be the sole instigator of anything legitimately new in the church is a reflection of where we have most recently been in our church imagination. Might it be that the present Pope's disinclination to be the source and sole arbiter of all things theological is a calculated effort to situate the papacy more meaningfully within the college of bishops, as Vatican II taught? Might it be that "doing nothing" is a signal to the bishops around the world to awaken to what they might do? I'd like to think so.

An eminent church historian recently wrote of the "papalization" of the Catholic church that is so characteristic of the past century or so. He noted that prior to about the 16<sup>th</sup> Century most Catholic people didn't even know that the papacy existed. By contrast, today it seems that many Catholics, including too many in leadership, are afraid to have an expressed thought without looking over their shoulders for prior papal approval. Nothing in our theological tradition supports the notion that we are a church that is run by a single man, even though popular media reports (and some clerics) regularly convey exactly that impression.

Think of all the creativity in the church that can be tapped into, if only we actually trusted that the Holy Spirit isn't confined to a single zip code.

Fr. Mike Byron

### Thank You

David Haas Concert	\$2,823.23
Weber Communication reimbursement:	+\$350.00
Sound System cost:	<u>-\$3,030.00</u>
Surplus	\$143.23

### Stewardship-Fiscal Year July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005

Anticipated Weekly Envelopes	\$5,010.07
<b>Weekly Collection</b>	
January 2	\$10,576.15
Year to Date Budget Needed	\$135,271.89
Actual Contributions to Date	\$144,406.66
Year to Date <b>Surplus</b>	\$9,134.77

*Thank You for your generosity!  
God Bless You*

### Liturgical Roles

#### Saturday, January 14, 5:00 P.M.

<b>Host</b>	Dick M
<b>Cup</b>	Ellen C Peggy C
<b>Cross</b>	Nancy K
<b>Book</b>	Rita C
<b>Candle</b>	Liam D Nick D

#### Lector

<b>Hospitality</b>	Eggenberger's
<b>Sacristan</b>	Marge V

#### Sunday, January 15, 8:15 A.M.

<b>Host</b>	Rose R
<b>Cup</b>	Cyndy P Mary Pat R

#### Sunday, January 15, 10:00 A.M.

<b>Host</b>	Siobhan D
<b>Cup</b>	Michael B Sue W
<b>Cross</b>	Connor H
<b>Book</b>	Dan D
<b>Candle</b>	Amelia S Medora S

#### Lector

<b>Hospitality</b>	Coughlan-Smiths
<b>Sacristan</b>	Larry C



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Sunday Forum

Please join us following the 10:00 Mass **this** Sunday for our monthly forum. This month's theme is We Live: Making Choices

### Thank You!

Kudos to Virginia McBride who led a group of us to the Basilica to view Creches from around the world and the Basilica's new mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We also visited the Plymouth Congregational church and viewed art of two local artists. Before this trip Virginia led some of us to the Mpls Institute of Art to see the living Bible. Both trips were outstanding.

So, if in the future you see a notice in the bulletin or receive an e-mail about a trip she is leading, make sure you join it. Besides seeing beautiful art work, you get to be with wonderful people from St. Cecilia's. Thank you Virginia!

*Jeanne Weyandt*

## Marriages

When members of our community celebrate the sacraments the whole community joins in their joy. We therefore wish to congratulate and offer our prayers to

**Katie Brandt & Jason Gott**

married Saturday, January 7, 2006  
at St. Cecilia's.

### Liturgical Minister Training

Many people say they are drawn to St. Cecilia's in large part because of our prayerful liturgies. To maintain this prayerful atmosphere, the Liturgy Committee has scheduled a training session for **all** liturgical ministers on Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 P.M. This training is for all who serve as a candle, cross & book bearer and eucharistic minister whether you have just signed up or have been serving for any length of time. Fr. Mike and Jack Shea will walk through the rituals for each ministry and answer any questions that arise. Please make every effort to attend this training.

Lectors will be trained at a later date. Please watch the bulletin for more information on that training.

### BeFriender Ministry

BeFriender Ministry is a lay pastoral care program where specially trained individuals are companions to others during life transitions. These transitions may include loss brought on by death, relocation, job loss, health, empty nest, etc. Transitions may also include new parishioners, changing family structures (birth, adoption, etc.) Befrienders bring a nonjudgmental listening and caring presence. BeFrienders participate in an intensive training program and have ongoing ministry reflections which provide continuing education and personal growth. St. Cecilia's BeFrienders are Sharon Lee Sheridan, Bev Blake, Joanne Kellen, Mary Ann Jens and Marge Virnig. We are planning to train new BeFrienders this spring. Please watch the bulletin for more information. If you are interested in learning more about BeFrienders Ministry contact any of the BeFrienders listed above. If you are interested in having a BeFriender visit you contact call Marge Virnig at 651-644-4502 ext.24. Confidentiality is always strictly maintained.

### Parish Dinner Meeting

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in helping with our Annual Parish Dinner next Sunday, January 15 following the 10:00 Mass in Fellowship Hall. This year's dinner is scheduled for Sunday, March 5th

Bob Kessler Parish Dinner Chair  
Silent Auction Chair  
Bruce Tyler Food Chair

## OUT & ABOUT

### Transforming the World:

**Being Catholic & Public in the 21st Century.** Transforming the world is being presented in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Pastoral Constitution - the document of the Second Vatican Council that redefined the relationship between Roman Catholicism and modernity. Three distinguished theologians will address the opportunities and challenges of public Catholicism at Pax Christi Catholic Community in Eden Prairie, MN. The session will be held on three Saturday mornings Jan 28, Feb 11, & Feb 25 from 9-Noon. To register call Pax Christi at 952-941-3140. \$10 cost per session. Breakfast included. Free child care. [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### Sunday, January 8

10:00	Epiphany of the Lord Baptism Weekend Sunday School Sunday Forum: We Live: Making Choices
11:15	

### Tuesday, January 10

7:00	Community Life
7:00	Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, January 11

9:00	Staff Meeting
6:30	FF Faith Sharing

### Thursday, January 12

6:15	Rosary
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### Friday, January 13

9:30	Lay Preaching
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### Sunday, January 15

10:00	Sunday School
11:15	Parish Dinner Meeting
11:15	Confirmation

### DeLaSalle HS Open House

DeLaSalle High School is hosting an Open House Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 P.M. for all interested junior high students and their families. Call Sarah Graham, Director of Admissions at 612-676-7675 for more information.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### Epiphany of our Lord

*(The Journey of the Magi)*  
January 8, 2006

#### Reading I:

Isaiah 60: 1-6  
(The Glory of the Lord)

#### Reading II:

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
(The Gentiles Are Coheirs)

#### Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12  
(The Magi)

**Adults:** How can I be more authentic in my faith with week?

**Children:** How can I follow Jesus this week, even if it might be difficult or make me unpopular?