



**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2008**

They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— *Matthew 2:11b*

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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LA ESTRELLA DE BELÉN

El desarrollo del relato de la Encarnación continúa hoy cuando la Iglesia celebra la Epifanía. La historia de los Magos de Oriente es uno de los relatos más fascinantes de las Escrituras. Nos enseña mucho sobre qué podemos esperar, incluso en circunstancias y lugares que pueden parecer insignificantes. Belén era un pueblo diminuto, lo que hoy diríamos un pueblo sin siquiera un semáforo. Sin embargo, es sobre este lugar aparentemente insignificante que la estrella guía se detuvo en su búsqueda del lugar en donde el Salvador nacería. Muchas veces no comprendemos que la estrella de Belén se posa en nuestra vida diaria, donde podemos sentir la presencia de Dios, manifestada de maneras diversas y nuevas. La Epifanía nos llama a salir de nuestro estupor y a reconocer a Aquél que viene a salvarnos. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



**ENLIGHTENING NEWS OF 2008
FOR ALL
SHEPHERDS OF NOTRE DAME!**

Let us give thanks for being given another year, 2008, to be the light to those in Kerr County. As we recall how the Magi (Three Kings) traveled to see this Christ Child, we can continue to give thanks to God by also sharing of our gifts, talents, blessings, and treasure with those in our Notre Dame Faith Community.

In particular, we give thanks for 95 years of Notre Dame Catholic School, tremendous Faith Formation Programs, ever growing ministry programs for persons of all ages, and ever growing support of our Notre Dame Catholic School Alumni.

We give thanks for the second collection support of our Notre Dame Catholic School Endowment Fund. This continued support will guarantee future support and growth of Notre Dame Catholic School and maintain the high standard of programs and outstanding faculty.

In other news, the Floyd A. and Kathleen C. Cailloux Foundation recently awarded Notre Dame Catholic School a \$75,000.00 grant in order to provide an air-cooling system for the gym. As you are aware, the gym is used primarily by the school, but also by many local non-profit organizations. Most recently, the gym was the staging and display area for our Stewardship Fair. Although the school has priority for the use of the gym, the air-cooling system will also provide a comfortable atmosphere for Notre Dame Church Youth Organization activities and combined gatherings of our entire Parish. The school is so incredibly blessed to have the contributions of the Foundation to assist us in our mission.

May each of us feel the power of the Holy Spirit as it moves us to share and give freely of our gifts, talents, blessings and treasure to support our Notre Dame Faith Community.

Yours In Christ,

Fr. Mike Peinemann



Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 6, 2008

Ephipany of the Lord

Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2: 1-12

8:00 am †Delight D. Smoot
Leland R. Smoot

9:30 am †Estanislada Alcorta
By Guadalupe

11:00 am †Ed Gradoville
Marie Gradoville
All Souls in Purgatory
Anonymous

5:00 pm †Clyde Jones
Joe & Gloria Dozier

Monday, January 7, 2008

1 Jn 3: 22-4: 6, Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25

7:00 am †Barbara Cristina Colmenares
The Chaney Family

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

1 Jn 4: 7-10, Mk 6: 34-44

12:00 pm †Bob & Nanci Woodard
Susan Goodwin
†Joseph Nevlund
Carol Aceti

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

1 Jn 4: 11-18, Mk 6: 45-52

12:00 pm †Sharon Schiefen
Lowell Schiefen & Family
Lois Flores
Helen Sandeson & Lula Santa Maria

Thursday, January 10, 2008

1 Jn 4: 19-5:4, Lk 4: 14-22a

8:05 pm †William Alberthal
Mrs. Nolan Friederich
In honor of Magda & Vince Lamm
Teresa Sardo

Friday, January 11, 2008

1 Jn 5: 5-13, Lk 5: 12-16

7:00 am †Pauline Maurer
Eleanor & Bernard Jesko

Saturday, January 12, 2008

Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

Is 42: 1-4, 6-7, Acts 10: 34-38, Mt 3: 13-17

11:00 am Vasquez/Gonzales Wedding

5:00 pm †Ronnie Vlasek
Mr. & Mrs. Jim West
†Joan Fisher
The Fisher Family

Sunday, January 13, 2008

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42: 1-4, 6-7, Acts 10: 34-38, Mt 3: 13-17

8:00 am †Donald Henderson
Lois Pritchard

9:30 am †Deceased Members of the
Flores Family
Emma Rodriguez

11:00 am †Emilia Castillo
By Daughters
†Frances Vuskovich

5:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Richard Carbone
†Bob & Nanci Woodard
Susan Goodwin

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, January 7, 2008

Faith Sharing-12:00pm-Kemper Hall RM 204
Cub Scouts-5:30pm-School Classrooms
Liturgy Board-5:30 pm-Fireplace Room
Catechism of the Church- 6:30pm-Family Life Ctr
Boy Scouts-7:00pm-Kemper Hall RM 206
Cursillos- 7:00 pm -Social Center

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Parenting Sessions-8:30am- Kemper Hall RM 204
Good Shepherd-8:30am-Kemper Hall RM 205
Bible Study-10:00am-Kemper Hall RM 206
Girl Scouts-3:30pm-Fireplace Room
Good Shepherd-5:00pm- Kemper Hall RMS 204-206
PTC Board-School Library-5:30pm
RCIA- 6:30pm- Fireplace Room
RCIA-6:30pm- School Classrooms
Choir Practice-7:00pm-Church
Spanish Choir -7:15 pm- Kemper Hall-Music Room

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

Good Shepherd-8:00am-Kemper Hall RM 203
Companions on Journey-9:00am-Kemper Hall RM 204
Women of Notre Dame-12:00pm-Fireplace Room
Good Shepherd-5:00pm-Kemper Hall RMS 203-206
Children's Faith Formation-5:15pm-Social Center
Pastoral Hispano-5:15pm-Family Life Center
ACTS Core-5:30pm-School Library
High School Bible Study-6:00pm-Rectory
Confirmation Class-6:00pm-Fireplace Room

Thursday, January 10, 2008

Funeral Planning-10:30am-Fireplace Room
Adult Fellowship-10:30am-Kemper Hall RM 206
Brownies-3:30pm- Kemper Hall RM 204
Baptism Class(Eng.)-6:00pm-Kemper Hall RM 204
Baptism Class(Span.)-6:00pm-Kemper Hall Rm 205
XLT(Exalt)-6:00pm- Church
Bible Study(Msgr. Mike)- 7:00pm-Fireplace RM

Friday, January 11, 2008

Saturday, January 12, 2008

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament- 11:30 am

Sunday, January 13, 2008

Good Shepherd-8:00am-Kemper Hall RM 203-206
Jr. High Faith Formation-9:00am-Kemper Hall RM 204
HOPE-2:00pm- School Library
LifeTeen-5:00pm-Kemper Hall RM 205



*The Sanctuary Lamp will
burn this week in memory of
Tanh "Paul" Pham*

*By
T. J. Farley*

Second Collection

The second collection on

January 12 & 13, 2008

will be for

Church In Latin America

Please be generous!

**Altar Servers****Lectors****Extraordinary Mins.****Greeters****Bread Bakers**

Saturday, Jan. 12	MC-Angie Garza	Dianne Albrecht	C	N/A	Mary Hauser
5:00 p.m.	C-Danielle Snow	Don Baker			
	CB-Jennifer Gutierrez				
	CB-Jessica Gutierrez				
Sunday, Jan. 13	MC-Schylar Vece	Lois Pritchard	B	N/A	Mary Muehlstein
8:00 a.m.	C-David Schroeder	Rose Petmecky			
	CB-Bryce Real				
	CB-Marcus Real				
Sunday, Jan. 13	MC-Ben Ledesma	Jose Sanchez	C	N/A	Lisa Jones
9:30 a.m.	C-Mary Keith Jaimes	Angelita Rendon			
	CB-Jonathon Martinez				
	CB-Jeremy Martinez				
Sunday, Jan. 13	MC-Harrison Holley	Susie Dietzel	B	N/A	Rachel Garza
11:00 am	C-Hunter Holley	Kay Graham-Gilbert			
	CB-David Tilley				
	CB-Hayden Keller				
Sunday, Jan. 13	MC-Halie Domingue	Ali Mosser	B	B	N/A
5:00 p.m.	C-Nic Mosser	John Domingue			
	CB-Kaitlin Sutherlin				
	CB-Candice Bayliss				



Mary Jane Viebag, Harry Winslow, Jim Wren, Grace Kieberger, Benita Garcia, Irene Peters, Desmond Jones, Gregoria Jureczki, Maria Murphy, Maria Nowak, Mary Anne Collins, Terry Trauth, Lupe Gonzales, San Juanita San Miguel, Mary Tinch, Irene Trevino, Erasto Ayala, John Aleman, Donnie Couch, Jeanette Bell, Veronica

Jansen, Irwin Schilhab, Guadalupe Pena, Lillian Dworaczyk, Robert L. Brantley, Catalina Piedra, Michael Popeck, Dorothy Lehane, Elizabeth Stoudt, Joyce Knapik, Rita Jackson, Bernadine Decaluwe, Patricia Boyett, Rebecca Cuellar, Edward Guzman, Robert Charnichart, Edna Noah, Selma Maurer, Guadalupe Gonzales, Mercedes Ramos, Crystal Garcia, Senon Rodriguez, June Lowrance, Walter Morrison, Francisca Vega, Yvonne Guidry, Jeanie Tompkins, Lillie Adamek, Mary Ellsbury, John Murphy, Loretta Harris, Robert Magana, Nicole Haberer, Cathy Scozzari, Jo & Pat Keller, Simona Garza, Bobby Waddell, Peggy Hood, Geraldine Rice, Carolyn Huerta, Juan Jimenez, Faye Ortiz, Suzie Knoblich, Erma Carter, Mary Janson, Reid Welles, Kathy Flournoy, John McGougan, Marne Bass, Maria Hurtado, Damien Flores, Wanda Juenke, Irene Vera, Greg Mowry, Emile Haddad, Manuel Bermudez, Kathryn Franco, John Kennedy, William Murray, Lorene Guidry, Ann Sullivan, Donna Stewart, Alice Ferguson, Helen Guthrie, Ruth Lott, Pedro Vargas, Walter Mazurek, Idalis Olveda, Joe Lara, James & Harriett Coopersmith, Charles Flood, Jean Michel Duval, Dorothy Baldwin, Richard Ball, Rosemary Moreno, Louisa Ybarra, Thomas Cassidy, Gwenita Brantley, Mary Pruneda, Hutch White, Kit Carson, Frances Ingle, Bill DeGarmo, Msgr. Vincent Patrizi, Tonia Willmann, Eduardo Ayala, Crystal Rosales, Elias Moreno and all members of the parish, family and friends.

**December 29 & 30, 2007**

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$16,224.00
Loose Cash	<u>6,687.67</u>
Total	\$22,911.67
Average this month	\$19,997.67
Avg. Needed Each Week	\$18,400.00
Notre Dame School	\$1,156.00
Imm.Con./Sol of Mary	\$165.00
Earthquake Relief Peru	\$1,463.61
Notre Dame Debt Reduct.	\$56.00
(not included in averages)	
Note balance as of	
November 30, 2007	\$318,180.20

CATOLIC CAFÉ

Catholic Adult Faith Enrichment



**Sunday
Jan. 6**

**9:30 - 10:45 am
School Library Kemper Hall**

Ecumenism

How about ecumenism as a way to peace on earth, good will toward men? Should we reach out to other denominations and religions? Jesus' prayer, John 17:20-23 asks that we be "one" 3 times in as many verses.

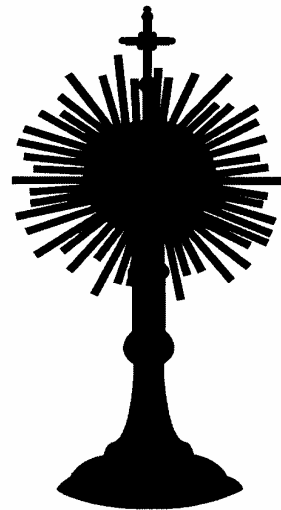
The outline for the discussion on Ecumenism is available in the Narthex and on the church web site: ndparishkerrville.org

For more information call Carol Aceti at 257-1432

A REASON TO SPEND ONE HOUR

WITH JESUS

IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ...



Jesus wants you to do more than to go to Mass on Sunday.

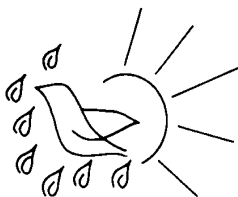
"Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete."

(Pope John Paul II, Redeemer of Man)

Call Barbara Heinemann at 866-3782

www.medjugorje.org/adore.htm

FUNERAL PLANNING SESSION



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You may want to consider attending our next funeral planning session to be held in the **Fireplace Room on Thursday, January 10th at 10:30 a.m.** During this session, we will cover scripture readings and music for the Vigil service and Mass of the Resurrection, as well as questions about family involvement in the services, cremation, and your personal bio. Please call Dorothy at the Pastoral Center (257-5961, x. 235) so that we can prepare enough

packets. Because these packets contain so much information that needs to be covered in-depth and not just sheets to be filled out, they will be available **ONLY** to those attending the session.

The Church is not trying to impose Catholic doctrine on the world, but we are trying to invite our people to take seriously their obligation to vote in a way that respects the moral law, the natural law, and takes into account the common good, care for the poor, and particularly the Gospel of Life, which is always at the center of Catholic social teaching.

- Cardinal Sean O'Malley, commenting on "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," Nov. 15, 2007

Adult Formation

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NOTRE DAME ADULT FELLOWSHIP

This fellowship is for adult men and women, married and single. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

Please join us **January 10, 2008, at 11:00 A.M.**
(Doors open at 10:30 A.M.)

in **Kemper Hall, Room 206** (Look for our direction signs on the Main Street side of the Church property), for fellowship and a short business meeting, followed by a covered dish dinner, and Bingo.

For further information, call Betty Martz at (830) 792-5665.



WOMEN OF NOTRE DAME

A new year 2008...come and join the Women of Notre Dame at their **January 9, 2008, Wednesday meeting in the Fireplace Room** after the noon Mass. A full lunch will be provided.

All are welcome...

PRAYER FOR RAIN

O Supreme Lord of Creation, maker of heaven and earth, of nature and seasons and all weather, we acknowledge today our powerlessness in the face of the drought upon our land, and we beg Your mercy upon us as we ask You to send forth beneficial rain from heaven to quench the parched ground and renew the fields and grasses, the trees and flowers, and all the damaged crops. We implore your forgiveness for our many sins against your creation and our daily failures to be good stewards of the earth. We promise to be more caring toward the resources of water, air, and soil that You have given to sustain us, and which we have fouled by our own negligent and destructive power. Lord, look upon us with mercy and send us rain. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer Line

Anyone desiring prayers through the prayer line, please call Mary Hauser at 792-4371, or Lula Santa Maria at 257-4323

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY (Bereavement Support)

"Everything that seems empty is full of the angels of God". This saying is ascribed to Saint Hilary who lived in the fourth century and reflects our effort to bring comfort and meaning to anyone who has experienced loss or who is dealing with prolonged grief. Our peer-group is offering six (6) week sessions that will start again on **January 17th at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireplace Room in the Social Center.**

For more information, do not hesitate to call Camille Sarna at (830) 367-3426.

Other resources include 'Grief/Share' at First United Methodist Church on Thompson Drive on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. The number there is 257-0800 for more information and the start-up date.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study



There will be Bible Study with Monsignor Boulette in the Fireplace Room on **Thursday, January 10, 2008, beginning at 7:00 PM.**

All are Welcome!

RETRouvaille A lifeline for marriages

Retrouvaille-Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other, have you just stopped talking, does talking only make it worse? For information about or to register for the **February 22-25, 2008 program, call (210) 403-3633 or visit the website at : www.retrouvaille.org.**

RETRouvaille A lifeline for marriages

Married Singles Lifestyle-The married singles lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **February 22-24, 2008, call (210)403-3633 or email: rkazala@satx.rr.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com**

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK 2008
FROM MANY, ONE FAMILY OF GOD
January 6-12, 2008

National Migration Week observance: This year's theme, From Many, One Family of God, reminds us that though we come from many cultures and places, we are all part of one human family and members of the one Body of Christ.

When we set aside our concerns and share our resources, God's blessings extend to all of us. United as one family of God, let us commit ourselves during this year's observance of National Migration Week to work together to create a truly welcoming community for migrants and strive to achieve justice for them at all levels of our American society. Then they can take their proper place alongside us at the Lord's banquet that He has prepared for all of His family.

If we fail to minister to the needs of these newcomers, we fail our Lord himself for as he taught us in the Gospel: 'Lord, when did we see you a stranger...and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, '**Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.**' (Mt. 25: 44-45).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

"...the gift of being able to help create another person, ...involves profound relationships." (Married love and the gift of Life) It affects our relationship with God, spouses acceptance of each other totally, and children as a gift from God and fruit of love. Come to the next Natural Family Planning Class to learn how NFP can help strengthen these relationships in your life. Call (210)734-1650.

THANK YOU!

A sincere thank you to all parishioners who sent us Christmas gifts and offered their prayers for us. We pray that all of you have a Blessed and Happy New Year!

***Yours In Christ,
 Father Mike Peinemann and
 Msgr. Mike Boulette***



Palm Branches...because Lent comes so early this year, we are asking you to begin to bring in your used palms now so that we can burn them for use on Ash Wednesday. You may either drop them by the Pastoral Center or put them in the box in the Narthex labeled "Palms."



Masses and The Sanctuary Lamp are available for your 2008 intentions.

Please come by the **Pastoral Center** from **8:00am to 12:00N and 1:00pm to 5:00pm, Monday thru Friday** to make a request.



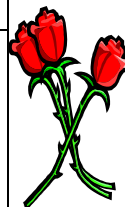
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Exercise Daily
Walk with the Lord!

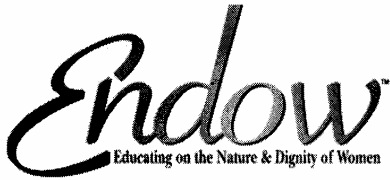
Are You Preparing Your Will?

Please remember Notre Dame School Endowment Fund or Notre Dame Church as part of your Last Will and Testament.

Future generations of Notre Dame scholars will benefit.

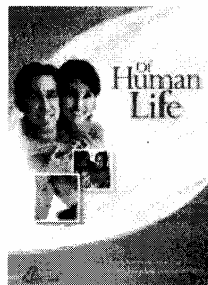
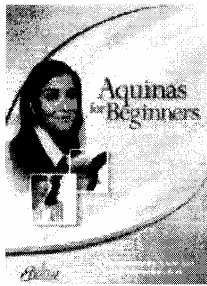
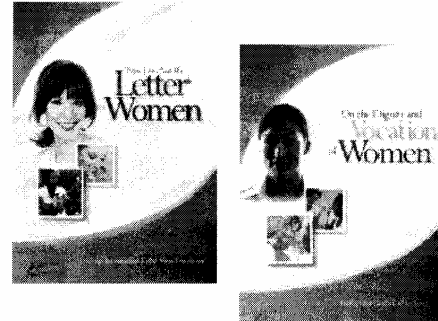


Please pray for those who have died, and have gone to their eternal rest with the Lord, especially ***Domingo Reyes, Gene Wise and Monica Chacon.*** Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women (ENDOW)

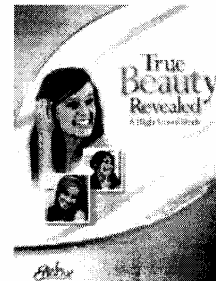
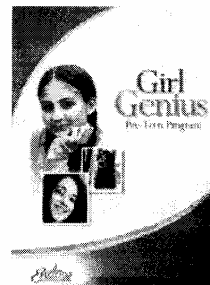
ENDOW is a Catholic organization that helps women discover their God-given dignity through the richness and authenticity of Catholic teaching. ENDOW's mission is to educate women toward a deeper, more profound understanding of their God-given dignity and vocation as women.



ENDOW is an educational organization that provides women with a forum through which to explore and understand what it means to be a feminine person created in God's image. As a basis for discovery, ENDOW promotes the New Feminism, which is defined by Pope John Paul II. The New Feminism recognizes and affirms the "true genius of women" and responds to our culture's desperate need for an authentic feminine presence in every aspect in life and society. Each woman brings her own unique life experiences to the group and together they embark on a journey to discover the truth about authentic feminism.

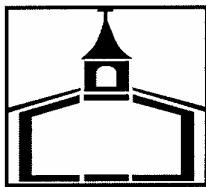
ENDOW educates women about their authentic femininity using a small-group setting and well-developed study curriculum. The series of curricula is based on Pope John Paul II's writings, sacred scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and other Catholic thinkers, philosophers and saints. Within this intimate group setting, women share in fellowship, strengthen their faith, and are properly catechized; some for the very first time.

The ever-growing ENDOW curricula currently includes studies such as *Letter to Women*, *Muleris Dignitatem, Humanae Vitae*, *Aquinas For Beginners, Part 1*, *Redemptoris Mater*, *Discovering Your Dignity: A Woman's Journey Through Life*, *Girl Genius* (a middle school study), and *True Beauty Revealed* (a high school study).



ENDOW will be coming to Notre Dame Parish in January. If you are interested, please call Marie Murnane at 896-5185.

YFM NEWS



All Religious Education
Classes Resume this
week!

Notice: Baptism Requirement Changes

All Baptism Preparation Sessions will
be held on the 2nd Thursday of every
month in Kemper Hall.

Starting in April Baptism Preparation
will require attendance of 2 sessions
held the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of
every month.

Registration is necessary to attend
Baptism preparation sessions please
call Carmen at 896-4233 x246 for
further information.

Bilingual
Mass

Wed. Jan. 9th

5:30

Confessions
after mass

until 7:00

p.m.

XLT

Jan.10

7:00 in the

Church

All teens

invited