

# Epiphany of the Lord

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SACRED HEART -LOON LAKE

ST. ANTONINUS-PIERCELAND

ST. BONIFACE -GOODSOIL

	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
			<b>NO MASS SCHEDULED</b>	
<b>Tues. Jan. 9</b>	7:00pm	Pierceland	+Leonard Niedermaier	Tim & Marvel Taphorn
<b>Wed. Jan. 10</b>	7:00pm	Goodsoil	Healing for Theo Himmelsbach	Carol Roth
<b>Thur Jan. 11</b>	9:00am	Goodsoil	+Leonard Niedermaier	Alex Schamber
<b>Fri. Jan. 12</b>	9:00am	Goodsoil	+Ewald Baumgardner	Francis Roth
<b>Sat. Jan. 13</b>	5:00pm	Loon Lake	+Gene & Alva Setrakov	John & Ada Setrakov
<b>Sun Jan. 14</b>	9:00am 11:00am	Goodsoil Pierceland	For All Parishioners +Marilyn Kienzle	Murphy Siblings

St. Boniface	Ministers List January 14	St. Antoninus
<b>Commentator-</b> Youth		<b>Eucharistic Minister-</b> Audery
<b>Readers-</b> Theresa S. Rita S.		<b>Readers -</b> Marla Susan
<b>Greeters -</b> Youth		<b>Music-</b> Angie <b>Mono-</b> Theresia
<b>Gift Bearers -</b> Youth		<b>Gifts -</b> Bud and Sharon
<b>Eucharistic Minister-</b> Barb N.		<b>Servers-</b> Shannon
<b>Servers—</b> Nadyne Henry Dom		<b>Greeters-</b> Marvel <b>Sun. School—</b> Janna
<b>Rosary-</b> Barb N.		<b>Breakfast—</b> Chris Racquel Bev <b>Rosary</b> Barb

## Food for Thought! Diocese of Prince Albert—Heidi Epp, Liturgy Coordinator

If, on a typical Sunday morning, you were asked to turn to the people next to you in the pew and ask them why they came to mass, what response do you think you would receive? Many people would say they have come because coming to church on Sunday means something to them: a sense of belonging, a sense of community, a sense of God's presence. Others might like the music or the homily. Some people will say they have come out of a sense of obligation – because the church says that we have to go to church on Sunday. If you were to talk to some of the younger members of the assembly, they might tell you that they are in church because their parents made them come.

How many would respond that they are present because God has called them to come and celebrate with this community? We respond to God's call with praise and thanksgiving. Our ability to give praise and thanks to God always originates with God. This is echoed in the words of Eucharistic Prayer III: "from age to age you have gathered a people to yourself." It is our saying "yes" to God's call that makes us put the Sunday paper down, turn off the early morning sports, or decide that the lawn can be mowed or the snow shoveled at another time, in order that we may join with our brothers and sisters to offer praise and thanksgiving to the God who has called us. This is why the Second Vatican Council calls the liturgy the "source" and the "summit" of our lives as Christians (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [CSL], 10).

The pattern of God's call and our response, the foundation of how we live out our daily lives as Christians, is most fully expressed when we gather for worship. The assembly that gathers together on Sunday or during the week to celebrate Eucharist, the sacraments, or the prayer of the church becomes a visible sign to the world of God's loving presence, not only in the lives of this community, but for all people. The gathered assembly makes visible the body of Christ, the church.



*\*\*taken from 'Preparing for Liturgy Series: Preparing the Assembly to Celebrate'*

## GOODSOIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**C.W.L. Memberships—Memberships are due \$40** At this time we also ask you to please consider being on the executive if you are nominated. Good things are coming for us in the next two years. In **August 2024** the **CWL National Convention** will be held in Saskatoon. **2026** will be the **70th Anniversary of St. Boniface CWL**. Let's make the best of the years for our Council.



**One Warm Coat Drive**—Clean gently used items . . . Drop off at the church or Larry's Place

**Jan. Cleaners**—Reynold & Joe-ann Bender, Morgan & Laura Kennedy, Carol Roth  
Cleaning duties are posted on the back bulletin board

## PIERCELAND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Parish Council Members** : Myrna Gonie- education, Wes McRae and Bud Rawlake maintenance.

Thank you to outgoing members Brian Farris Sr and Anita Kajner.

**Cleaners for January**—**Susan Logan 780-812-6878** Marcey Rawlake, Marla L'Heureux, Trisha Rawlake-Cattell, Kim McRae, Beverly Rawlake, Amber Rawlake

**Vocation Corner Epiphany** -Even gift bearing kings, accompanied by camels and servants, went to visit Jesus Christ. You, come and follow Him. Then take the Good News back to your people: Jesus is Lord of all.  
**Prayer:** That our young people will learn to open the treasure of their unique vocation through prayer and Adoration of Christ the King, by their faithfulness to His call, we pray to the Lord. **Action:** DID YOU KNOW...  
“Nuns” are women religious who have professed solemn vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and live a life of prayer and penance within cloistered communities? There is a difference between a “nun” and a “sister.”



**Jesus's baptism** underlines the mystery of the Son of God becoming one of us. He showed His solidarity with sinful humanity and gave indication of His role as Savior. This event expresses Christ's anointing as the Messiah and reveals His identity as the Son of God through the voice coming from Heaven. It brings to light the Trinity through the action of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit seen at the baptism. Jesus' baptism prefigures the Sacrament of Baptism that He would institute, in which we receive the Holy Spirit and are adopted as children of God, while also being cleansed of our sins. **And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”**

### **They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Matthew 2:11)**

In your high school English class, you might have learned that an “epiphany” is the moment when a character is struck with a life-changing realization that changes the rest of the story. Every good novel has one. That's one way to think about the feast we're celebrating today. God revealed himself to the Gentiles, and that moment changed everything.

There had been hints of God welcoming the Gentiles throughout the Old Testament. But Matthew's Gospel shows us this pivotal moment: pagan astrologers from the East came to worship Jesus, the newborn king of the Jews (2:11). They are the first of the “nations” whom Isaiah prophesied would walk by the Lord's light (Isaiah 60:3). They are the first of those Paul says will be “coheirs . . . in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (Ephesians 3:6).



Why is this event so important? Because it reveals to us that God's love is far more expansive than anyone had ever thought. We begin to see that in Christ, a loving relationship with God is open to everyone who comes to him, Jew or Gentile.

That includes you! And your annoying cousin. And the notorious criminal on death row. And the atheist on that YouTube channel. The invitation to come to Jesus extends to everyone. Because God's loving desire to draw all people to himself cannot be contained; no one is excluded from it. And that's a life-changing realization!

Today, as you celebrate this great feast, give thanks to God who loves so extravagantly that he opens his arms wide to welcome everyone who believes. Pray, too, that all people will come to the Lord.

**“Lord God, your revelation to the Gentiles has changed the course of history!”**

**Thank you for your love that reaches out to everyone!”**

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