

Announcements
For the week of January 8, 2016

Congratulations to Dwaine Augustine! Hamshire-Fannett Independent School district promotes Dwaine Augustine to Superintendent.

Eucharistic Ministers are having a Chicken and Biscuit Fundraiser on January 22nd after all Masses. Tickets are \$5.00. Sweets also will be sold

All Sodality members are asked to turn-out the second Saturday of the month, January 14, 2017.

Living the Eucharist, Join us in exploring the Baptismal Liturgy. On January 14th the Prayer Campaign will begin. Each family is asked to take part in the Prayer Campaign by reciting it together every day.

Knights of Columbus 3rd annual First Responders Appreciation Gumbo, January 15, 2017 from 10:00am until 2:00pm at Knights of Columbus Hall.

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Lowell Case. Deadline for all announcements is 2:00pm on Monday. No impromptu announcements.

Please pray for all our Military, all the Sick and Shut-In and their families. Take home a copy of this week's bulletin for other announcements.

JANUARY 8, 2017

**GOOD EVENING/MORNING PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VISITORS!
(PAUSE)**

**WELCOME TO OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE ARE IN
THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.**

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD. KINDLY TURN TO
YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME. (PAUSE 20 SEC-
ONDS).**

**BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S
COLLECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR REDUCING PARISH DEBT.
TODAY'S THEME:**

**This year our Christmas season ends early, with the Baptism of the
Lord being celebrated tomorrow. That makes today the last Sunday
of this year's Christmas season. As we gather to hear once again the
story of the magi, let us reflect on its significance in our own lives and
pray for the grace to recognize where God is being revealed to us
today.**

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name)

4:30 P.M.–

7:00 A.M.-

9:00 A.M.-

11:30 A.M.

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:

**The refrain for our responsorial psalm sets the tone for today's read-
ings: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Saint Paul takes
up the message: the Gentiles are co-heirs and copartners in the
promise. Isaiah proclaims that "nation shall walk by your light." Did
the magi come all that way just to see a little baby? No, they came to
see the salvation of the whole world. Let us allow these readings to-
day to broaden our horizons so that we see God everywhere, and learn to
show God to everyone in our lives.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Priest: Guided by a star, the magi found the Savior of the nations. Guided by God's great love, let us pray for the needs of the whole world

Response: *Glory to God in the highest!*

- ◆ For the Church in every corner of the world, for safety and freedom from persecution, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ That every nation on earth might live in peace, acknowledging the Prince of peace in our midst, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For refugees, migrants, the dispossessed, and all who search for a place to call home: May they find welcome and opportunity wherever they arrive, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For our homes as we bless them today: may they be signs of God's abundant love to all who enter, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For our community of faith: May we be open to the message that God has for us and respond with faithful hearts to the mission that God sets before us, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken... *[pause for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...]*, we pray to the Lord...

Priest: O Lord of light, today the entire world has seen your glory. Hear these our prayers and grant them in the name of your son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

January 8, 2017

PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN'S
BULLETINS TO THE LITTLE ONES!**

Make sure that you sign the sheet in the book.

Remember to use the white bags for the collections.
Please try and refrain anyone from walking during the
1st reading, 2nd Reading, the Gospel and the Homily.

**Remember to take the count of those present at each Mass and
turn the count sheet in after the 11:30AM Mass**

This is very important. Secure collection after Mass

**Second Collection
Reducing Parish Debt**