



# THE BASILICA of ST. JAMES

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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**The church invites you to make your prayer scriptural.**

A good way to begin would be to use each week's Sunday Psalm  
Response at regular daily intervals.

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Bulletin can be found on Basilica Website: [www.stjamesbasilica.org](http://www.stjamesbasilica.org)

**A ritual for the home on the feast of the Epiphany - this Sunday**

Take a piece of chalk and write

"20 + K + M + B + 09

(the 3 initials of the 3 kings, Kasper, Mechior, Baltazar.)

And pray these words:

"May all who come to our home this year Rejoice to find Christ living among us:  
and may we seek and serve Christ in everyone we meet. Amen."

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast - Sunday, January 11, 2009**

**Knights of Columbus Hall**

**Serving after the 8:30 and 10:30am Eucharists**

**St. John's Academy Grades 1,2, and 3 Recruitment:** We are recruiting more students for these grades. We presently have 2 sessions for each grade. Grades 1 has 16 in Mrs. Braun's room and 14 in Mrs. Fox's room; grades 2 has 14 in Mrs. Fix's room and 13 in Mrs. Gapinski's room; Grade 3 has 14 in Miss Lamp's room and 13 in room of Mrs. Huber and Mrs. Eckroth. If you know anyone that might be interested, please call 252-3397 or email [charles.stastny@sendit.nodak.edu](mailto:charles.stastny@sendit.nodak.edu).

**St. John's Academy Kids' Kingdom Preschool** has openings for MWF AM and PM Sessions. This is for 4 to 5 year old preschoolers who turned 4 by August 31, 2008. Half day sessions run 8:25-11:30am or 12:15-3:10pm. They also have openings for TTH afternoons for those who are 4 or turned 3 by August 31, 2008. It runs 12:15-3:10pm. For more information call school office 252-3397.

**Kindergarten Recruitment for the 2009-2010 school year is underway.** Our Recruitment Committee is in the initial process of gathering a list of prospective kindergartners. If you know of a family who might be interested in receiving information about our school, please let the office know (252-3397) so that we can include them in our mailing.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**We welcome the newly baptized:** Luke Joseph Monson, son of Paul & Janel. Grandparents are Dan & Sandra Rosga, Sandstone, MN and Rod & Barb Monson, Jamestown, ND

**Baptism Preparation and Scheduling:** Please contact Shirley at the Faith Formation Office for times and dates of Preparation Sessions and to schedule a date for an upcoming Baptism.

**(It is best to do this before the baby is born)** Call 252-0478 or e-mail us at: [faithformation@csicable.net](mailto:faithformation@csicable.net)  
**Next session is Monday, January 5, 2008, 7pm, Shirley's Office, Zebedee Center.**

**This Week's Liturgies - January 5-11, 2009**

**MON 12:10pm † Virginia Weckman** by Alice & Richard Wanzek  
**TUE 12:10pm † Living & Deceased Members of Tabernacle**  
**12:30pm Eucharist @ North Dakota State Hospital**  
**(SE Corner of La Haug Building)**  
**WED 10:00am † Gene Preuss** by Aileen Astrup **@ Ave Maria Village**  
**12:10pm † Michael Gallagher** by Family  
**THU 12:10pm † Michael E. Lauber** by William & Dorothy Lauber  
**12:40pm Adoration**  
**5:00pm Benediction**  
**3:30pm † Mary Eva Ripplinger** by Rose Mary Schwan  
**@ Rock of Ages**  
**FRI 10:00am † Stephen Richards** by Kay Richards  
**@ Hi-Acres Manor**  
**12:10pm † Barbara Wright** by Shane Schonenberg & Lorraine Wright  
**SAT 8:00am † Robert Boughton** by Marlys Boughton  
**4:30pm † Ted Prodzinski** by Marcella Baker & Marguerite Cebula  
**SUN 8:30am (L) Al & Edith Kudrna (60th Wedding Anniversary)**  
 by their Family  
**10:30am † Michael Gallagher** by Family  
**6:00pm † Bill Laskowski** by Dina Laskowski  
**Reconciliation ½ hour before daily Eucharists and 3:30pm Saturday.**  
*Scripture Readings:* look on the websites:  
<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab/http://www.lectorprep.org>. (Good for proclaimers' preparation)

This Week's Readings		
Sun	1st	Isaiah 1-6(20ABC)
	2nd	Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
	Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12
Mon	1st	1 John 3:22-4:6
	Gospel	Mt. 4:12-17,23-25
Tue	1st	1 John 4:7-10
	Gospel	Mark 6:34-44
Wed	1st	1 John 4:11-18
	Gospel	Mark 6:45-52
Thu	1st	1 John 4:19-5:4
	Gospel	Luke 4:14-22
Fri	1st	1 John 5:5-13
	Gospel	Luke 5:12-16
Sat	1st	1 John 5:14-21
	Gospel	John 3:22-30
Sun	1st	Isaiah 55:1-11(21B)
	2nd	1 John 5:1-9
	Gospel	Mark 1:7-11

**Liturgies at Outlying Parishes**

**Next Sunday at**

St. Mathias, Windsor  
**8:30am (L) Tom Parsons** by Marilyn Kroff

**Next Sunday at**

St. Michael, Pingree  
**10:30am † Brian Short** by Geary & Linda McCleery

**FACE Fact:** Recent memorials received by the Foundation for Advancement of Christian Education (FACE) include: Dwight Parrish, Ralph Reinsour and Homer Gibson. As St. John Academy's endowment fund, FACE thanks family and friends for their memorials. May God bless these souls.

**Be part of our New church Directory**  
**St. James Basilica, St. Margaret's, St. Mathias, St. Michael's**  
**Photography Dates:**

January 20—23(Tue. –Fri.) from 3:00—9:30pm  
 January 24 (Saturday) from 10:00am—5:00pm  
 January 27—30(Tue. –Fri.) from 3:00—9:30pm  
 January 31 (Saturday) from 10:00am—5:00pm

You can sign up one of three ways:

- On line at: [www.signup.olanmills.com](http://www.signup.olanmills.com)
- At the west Church entrance in January
- Call the Parish Office (252-0119)

**Encourage your fellow parishioners to Sign up.**

We are trying mightily to get every household in our 4 parishes

**Youth celebrating Baptismal Anniversaries this week**

Nicholas Blaskowski  
 Matthew Johnson

Brandon Nordstrom  
 Taylor Orr

Nicholas Blaskowski

**In every loving family, God loves.  
In every suffering family, God suffers.  
In every laughing family, God laughs.  
In every family which seeks,  
God lets himself be discovered.  
Come! We will build  
the Church as a family,  
forming the people of God.**

(from song by Juan Carlos Garrigos Perez for the Vatican –sponsored fifth World Meeting of Families, held in Valencia, Spain, in July 2006)

Pope Paul VI said: “The family, like the Church, ought to be a place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which the Gospel radiates. In a family that is conscious of this mission, all the members evangelize and are evangelized.”

Fr. Al M. Bitz

**Thank you for all your Christmas remembrances, cards, and gifts.**

***Sister Michaeleen***

***Fr. John McGinnis***

***Fr. Joe Barrett***

***Fr. Al Bitz and Staff***

**Drivers are needed for the Meals on Wheels program.** During the weekends in the month of January, the Basilica is in charge of delivering the meals to those who receive them. This is a wonderful family activity and helps our children to see the value of serving others. This activity takes about 30-45 minutes, and the recipients are so appreciative and enjoy the smiles on the faces of our children. Contact Peggy at 252-0478 or [faithformation@csicable.net](mailto:faithformation@csicable.net) if you are able to help in this activity.

**Great News ~ Extension of IRA Charitable Rollover!  
*A great opportunity to take advantage of this renewed giving!***

On October 3, 2008, the **Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008** was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush. The new legislation extends IRA rollover gift provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006. These provisions are applicable to gifts made in 2008 and 2009 retroactive to January 1, 2008.

**What does this mean for you?** The newly extended IRA rollover provisions permit you to use your IRA to accomplish your charitable wishes to St. James Basilica or St. John's Academy with no federal tax impact.

**You may contribute IRA funds this way if:**

- ★ You are 70 ½ or older
- ★ Your IRA gifts up to \$100,000 or less each year 2008 & 2009
- ★ You transfer IRA Funds directly from the IRA to your one or more charities  
(Excluded are gifts made to charitable trusts, donor advised funds and supporting organizations)

*~ The gift generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction.*

**Remember your gift must be a direct transfer from your IRA to St. James Basilica or St. John's Academy.**

***God Bless you in your heartfelt giving!***

**Please feel free to contact Peggy Etzold in Development at 252-2434 or email [development@csicable.net](mailto:development@csicable.net) if you have any questions.**

## Bits of Bitz

The snow and blizzards have brought new insights to many of us. One lady said she had been praying for a blizzard so she could stay home from work and just hang around. After the storms, she said: "I've been souping, sewing and sorting and I loved it!"

For me, I delighted in the bright sun, the glistening and shimmering snow, the snow tunnels fashioned by the hands of the children and having them snuggled there for warmth, the leaping and tumbling and turning and twisting sleds hurl over steep banks. Then the power of the snowmobile took them back up the hill only to follow the snowmobile leap down ahead of their slippery sleds. It was also a thing of beauty to see the snowmobile go up the steep, snow embankment and leap almost straight up hiding in a cloud of powdery snow even as the bright sun tried to outline the shadows of the snowmobile in the misty snow showers. I was down to our family farm. My entire brother's family was there to celebrate their Christmas. It was just beautiful out there with the bright

sun, glistening new snow and big snow banks on the big hill. They had great fun in the cold and snow. It was an enjoyable afternoon. As the sun began to set, I watched for the right moment. I knew that on such a day the sun's rays would create some kind of beauty with the hoar frost on the trees around the farmstead. It finally did. It created a hew of pinkish trees drooping heavy with snow and frost alongside the white, board fence.

Another day brightener was walking into my office with the boards of sun laid down on my floor and chairs and plants. Even the birds want to come into this beautiful setting as I hear quite a few thumps on my big window as they seemingly seek to alight on my plants. Someone said that the forest of plants is about to overtake my office.

It ended with my sister-in-law sending a picture of the soldiers' cemetery south of Mandan. Each of the tombs had a wreath with a big, red bow. On one I was able to read: "Mathias Bitz", my brother. I paused to say a prayer of thanksgiving.

**In your prayers** please remember our friends and relatives who are deployed in Iraq and overseas: (*new names are in parentheses and Italics*)

Jeffery Andersen  
Adrienne Astrup  
Zachary Astrup

Erik Flatt  
Fr. Jack Herron  
Jon Kendrick

Nick Kluck  
Leah Nasset  
*Mark Sad*

**(If you know of new people, please let us know).**

**Remember, Christmas Season does not end until January 11, 2009, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

**Our sympathy and remember in prayer** the families of those who died recently Laverne Cadieux, sister of Jim (Dorothy) Carlascio and aunt of Jackie (Allen) Tews; Elaine Allen, mother of Connie (Oren) Krapp.

**RCIA Inquiry Sessions** - The next session after Christmas is scheduled for January 7. We will begin our study of the Sacraments. For more information please contact Shirley Wallace at 252-0478 or e-mail [faithformation@csicable.net](mailto:faithformation@csicable.net). Even if you are already Catholic, you are invited to come for an update of your faith knowledge.

### This Week Around the Parish

Sun.	Epiphany of the Lord	
Sun.	Potluck following 10:30am Eucharist	Pingree
Mon.	7:00pm Baptism Preparation Session, Shirley's Office	Zebedee Center
Wed.	6:30pm Food & Faith,	Zebedee Center
Wed.	Faith @ Home	
Wed.	6:45pm RCIA Inquiry Sessions, Shirley's Office,	Zebedee Center
Thu.	1:30pm Parish Staff Meeting, Conference Room,	Zebedee Center
Thu.	7:00-8:30pm Youth Choir Rehearsal,	Basilica
Fri.	1st Friday, Homebound visits by Pastoral Staff	

**A Very Special Thank You...**For your donations for flowers and greenery that made our church look so lovely this Christmas season. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**In Memory of:** *Sheryl Balster* by John Balster  
*Ralph Srozinski* by Jeanette Srozinski  
*Ted & Anna Prodzinski* by Family

**This week our expressed thanks are** life, many blessings in our lives, food, clothe, shelter, nice Christmas, safe travel, family, may memories of dad, peace that is found in prayer, my faith, nice Christmas for children.

**Edward Jones Investments**  
**Michael Smyth 252-4269**  
**Kirk Heim 252-1151**

Our business of the week. Please support them and all who advertise in our bulletin.

### Christmas Attendance

The Christmas celebrations were great at our parishes. We thank all the ministers of the various liturgies for their wonderful and necessary contribution.

#### **Basilica**

Christmas Eve <u>2004</u> 4:00pm 550 6:00pm 402 Midnight 365	Christmas Eve <u>2005</u> 4:00pm 662 6:00pm 380 Midnight 390	Christmas Eve <u>2006</u> 4:00pm 636 6:00pm 263 Midnight 262	Christmas Eve <u>2007</u> 4:00pm 654 6:00pm 336 Midnight 250	Christmas Eve <u>2008</u> 4:00pm 502 6:00pm 420 Midnight 189
Christmas Day 9:30am <u>262</u>	Christmas Day 9:30am <u>385</u>	Christmas Day 9:30am <u>285</u>	Christmas Day 9:30am <u>368</u>	Christmas Day 9:30am <u>286</u>
Total: 1579	Total: 1817	Total: 1446	Total: 1608	Total: 1397

St. Mathias, Windsor	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	St. Michaels, Pingree	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Christmas Eve 10:00pm	112	118	98	82	Christmas Day 9:30am	36	56	30	40	48
We praise God for your faith filled response to the celebration of the birth of our Savior.										

#### **Parish Statistical Report - Basilica**

<b>Sacrament</b>	<u>1950's</u>	<u>1960's</u>	<u>1970's</u>	<u>1980's</u>	<u>1990's</u>	<u>2000-Sep, 1, 08</u>
Baptism	1,318	1,227	846	803	532	349
Marriage	298	304	347	331	209	147
Funeral	291	327	317	322	372	200
Confirmation	1,132	1,066	715	481	633	730
First Eucharist	638	918	706	773	665	342

Number registered households: 1,265

Oct. Mass Counts: 2004-1062  
2005-1018 2006-1055 2007-979  
2008-912

Median age of Parishioners: 44 years  
Population of surrounding town/city: 15,527

#### **Parish Statistical Report-St. Margaret, Buchanan and St. Michael, Pingree**

<b>Sacrament</b>	<u>1950's</u>	<u>1960's</u>	<u>1970's</u>	<u>1980's</u>	<u>1990's</u>	<u>2000-Sept. 1, 2008</u>
Baptism	94	69	53	33	15	6
Marriage	12	23	25	6	4	0
Funeral	5	15	16	19	11	1
Confirmation	103	63	68	25	28	8
First Eucharist	89	67	35	34	38	9

Number registered households: 43  
Registered parishioners: 88

October Mass Counts: 2004-35 2005-45 2006-36 2007-41  
2008-38

Median Age of Parishioners: 49 years  
Population of surrounding town/cities: 143

#### **Parish Statistical Report—St. Mathias, Windsor**

<b>Sacrament</b>	<u>1950's</u>	<u>1960's</u>	<u>1970's</u>	<u>1980's</u>	<u>1990's</u>	<u>2000-Sept.1, 2008</u>
Baptism	54	34	17	10	19	11
Marriage	36	35	44	21	14	12
Funeral	14	25	28	18	21	11
Confirmation	113	112	103	41	59	32
First Eucharist	44	74	34	17	18	4

Number registered households: 33  
Registered parishioners: 72

October Mass Counts: 2004-NA  
2005-39 2006-35 2007-33 2008-43

Median Age of Parishioners: 49 years  
Population of surrounding town/city: 10

**In your prayers please remember our sick:** (new names are in parentheses and italics) To make things more personal, we include names for two weeks. Behind each name is the neighborhood or outlying parish with which they are connected. Thus we ask the neighborhood or outlying parish to continue praying for them. If you don't remember your neighborhood you can check the map at the church west entrance.

*Agnes Fredericks (Neighborhood, NW-Loop)*  
*Neighborhood Leader, Pat Nygaard*  
*Herb Fettig (Neighborhood, SW L'Amour)*

Tom Parsons husband of Bette (Griffin) Parsons,  
Seattle, WA  
*Mary Thomas, daughter of Angela Brennan*  
*(Neighborhood, SE-Ypsilanti) Neighborhood Leader,*  
*Tiny Exner*