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## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

From: Fr. Cristian Adike

**THE SECRETS OF THE HOLY FAMILY.** How do we make our families like that of Jesus, Mary and Joseph regardless of our challenges? In other words, what are the secrets of the Holy Family:

### 1. Respect for Parents.

Once children lose respect for their parents and they stop obeying them, those children attract curses unto themselves. "Whoever forsakes his father is like a blasphemer, and whoever angers his mother is cursed by the Lord." (Sirach 3:16. Also, read Proverbs 30:17) Indeed, if we are cursed, our families can never be holy. On the other hand, when we honour (respect and obey) our parents and make them happy, there are several blessings we receive. They are as follows:

a. Forgiveness of Sins: "Whoever honours his father atones for sins." (Sirach 3:3) "For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins, it will be credited to you... as frost in fair weather, your sins will melt away." (Sirach 3:14-15)

b. Riches and Prosperity in Life: "Whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. (Sirach 3:4)

c. Fruit of the Womb: "Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children. (Sirach 3:5)

d. Answers to Prayers: "When he prays he will be heard. (Sirach 3:5)

e. Long Life: "Whoever glorifies his father will have long life." (Sirach 3:6)

It is not good for children to turn against their own parents nor keep malice with them nor talk down on them no matter what they did. Anyone who has disrespected or hurt his or her parents can win them back by asking them for forgiveness.



### 2. Cherish Parents When they are old.

This respect and honour for our parents is even more demanded when they are old. Old age ordinarily is a blessing, we all pray to live old. But how we enjoy old age depends on our children, if they abandon us, old age becomes a burden because at old age, we return to being dependent on others like little babies. Don't grieve your parents when they are old. Forgive whatever wrong they may have done to you in the past. As Sirach says: "O son, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show forbearance; in all your strength do not despise him." (Sirach 3:12-13)

### 3. Fear of God.

Another great point we must keep in mind to make our families holy is the fear of God, that is, reverential fear. "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and Walk in his ways." When you fear God, this is what will happen in your family: "You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table." (Psalm 128:2-3).

### 4. Forgive One Another.

Without forgiveness, there cannot be a holy family. Recall how Jesus stayed behind in the temple at age twelve causing Mary and Joseph so much grief and extra stress in making the two-day journey to search for him? It is true that the Bible says "Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you beat him with a rod, he will not die." (Proverbs 23:13) It is also true that sometimes forgiveness works more magic than the rod. When you apply the rod all the time, the child develops a hardened heart, he thinks you hate him/her and begins to seek love outside the home. You become an enemy. This is the point St. Paul makes when he said: "Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged." (Colossians 3:21). Some children have low self-esteem because of the constant barrage of insults they receive from their parents, they have stopped believing in themselves and they feel they cannot amount to anything good. Some children find it difficult to confide in their parents or tell their sins to their parents only to end up getting advice from the wrong places. Forgiveness also applies to husbands and wives. The love that ignites marital vows is different from the love that sustains marriage. If your love is to last, you must forgive one another repeatedly; seventy-seven times seven times. You must die to the past every minute and continue to trust your partner even if you have no reason to. Let Jesus be your role model of forgiveness as St. Paul says: "Forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you." (Colossians 3:13)

### 5. Prayer and Responsibility.

Between Joseph and Mary, who was the prayer warrior? Let me leave you to debate on that. If you say Mary was the prayer warrior, I wonder why it was to Joseph that the angel appeared to warn him about the child's safety. As a man, you should be the one seeing visions and dreaming big for your family. Every man is the Joseph of the house. Twice Joseph dreamt and received vital instructions. If he wasn't prayerful, he would have failed in his responsibilities. Women should emulate Blessed Virgin Mary in her prayer lifestyle. She was able to accept the will of God because of the relationship she developed with God through prayers. **IN THIS NEW YEAR TRY TO PRAY OFTEN.** Wish you a fruitful reflection on this write-up. Enjoy your weekend. Fr Christian.

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**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY - January 5**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

*Is 60:1-6 (20ABC), Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12*

8 AM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*

*People of our Parishes*

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Sunday School - PRE-K

9:30 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

*d. Richard Irlbeck*

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

*d. Jim Jacoby*

12 noon - KC Free Throw & Special Olympics-RACC

4-5 PM Holy Hour - SC

**MONDAY - January 6**

**St. Andre' Bessette Religious**

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

No Mass

**TUESDAY - January 7**

**St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest**

*1Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44*

5:15 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*

*Darlene Berndt*

6 PM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*

*Poor Souls in Purgatory*

**WEDNESDAY - January 8**

*1Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52*

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

*Goelz family*

8 AM Mass - *Our Lady of Victory - Lucan*

*d. Martha VanLoy*

10 AM Mass - *Heritage - Wabasso*

*d. Marcella & Lawrence Plaetz*

5:30-6:30 PM 1st Recon. Stations-SC

5:30-6:30 PM RE GR 1-6

7-8 PM RE-GR 7-12

7-8 PM Adoration - SC & SA

8-8:45 PM Youth Group-SC & SA

**THURSDAY - January 9**

*1Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a*

8:30 AM Mass - *St. Anne - Wabasso*

*d. Donald Lensing*

9 AM-6 PM Adoration/12 Rosary-SC

10 AM Mass - *Wood Dale*

*d. Dorothy Caven*

7 PM Mass - Choir - SC

**FRIDAY - January 10**

*1Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16*

5:45 AM -7 AM This Man is you - SA

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

*d. Francis Serbus*

8 AM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*

*d. Jim Ellingson*

**SATURDAY - January 11**

*1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30*

8:30-9:30 AM - Adoration-SA

9-10 AM Confessions-SC

4 PM Mass - *Our Lady of Victory - Lucan*

*d. Daniel Ourada, Eddie Knott,*

*Jim & Brian Ourada*

5 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*

*d. George & Yvonne Samyn &*

*Andy Johanneck*

6 PM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*

*d. Robert Taylor*

**SUNDAY - January 12**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

*Is 42:1-4,6-7 (21ABC), ACTS 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17 (21A)*

8 AM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*

*People of our Parishes*

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Sunday School - PRE-K

9:30 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

*d. Gary Bliss*

CCW-homemade rolls/muffins & coffee-CPC

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

*d. Eugene Baune*

11 AM - 2nd GR - 1st Reconciliation - SC

4-5 PM Holy Hour - SC

**MASS SERVERS: JANUARY 11/12, 2020**

**5:00 PM Saturday**

Griffin Evans

John Balko

Brad Balko

**9:30 AM Sunday**

Isaac Louwagie

Ethan Louwagie

Jack Frank

**Our Gifts to God and to His Church**

Adult Contribution	8,732.00	Adult for Week	8,732.00
Students	48.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Loose Plate	1,542.15		
Solemnity of Mary	1,262.55		
Maintenance	30.00		
Christmas	3,080.00	YTD Actual	114,928.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,694.70</b>	YTD Budget	<b>125,008.00</b>

**St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal**

**109 Donated as of December 30**

Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$23,261.63	\$33,530.80	(\$10,269.17)	\$6,005.16

**CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE**

Our sympathy and prayers go to the families and friends of Andy Schiller, husband of Ann. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

**Thank you**

The family of Rosie MacHolda would like to express sincere gratitude to all of her church family for the support and ministry to her and the family during hospice stay and through her funeral. The volunteers who visited her, prayed with and for her, shared the Eucharist with her and all expressions of concern and care. Special thanks to Fr. Tony, Dcn Ryan for the support and guidance for the family & prayers for mom. Thanks to all who helped with her funeral Mass, music, servers, Communion, and CCW ladies for the lunch.

**Thank you**

Thank you to Fr. Christian for the Mass said for me on my 100th birthday and for the beautiful blessing he gave me. Thank you to everyone for the many lovely birthday wishes and cards. You made my birthday very special. God bless you all. ~ Florence Dunlevy

**Christmas Flowers**

In loving memory of our parents, Lynden & Erna Larsen, Victor & Anna Gorres, and our siblings who have gone before us, Virginia, Lynn & Phyllis. ~ Love, Steve & Joyce Gorres

In memory of Cleo Fixsen. ~ Love, your family

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Religious Education Classes January, 2020

Sunday, January 5, 2020

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, January 8

- 5:30-6:30 PM GR 1-6

- 5:30-6:30 PM 1st Reconciliation stations

- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration & youth group

Sunday, January 12

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

- 11 AM - 2nd Grade 1st Reconciliation-SC

Wednesday, January 15

- 5:30-6:30 PM GR 1-6

- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration & youth group

Sunday, January 19

- No Sunday School - MLK

Wednesday, January 22

- 5:30-6:30 PM GR 1-6

- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration & youth group

Sunday, January 26

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, January 29

- 5:30-6:30 PM GR 1-6

- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration & youth group



### St. Mary's School-Bird Island-Winter Raffle

Only 600 tickets will be sold at \$50 each for a chance to win: 2017 Gas Powered EZ-Go Cart, 2020 Ice Castle fish house, \$500 cash, 2-\$250 cash prizes. Drawing will be held on 1/22/2020 at 7 PM at the Island Ballroom in Bird Island. If you would like a ticket please contact Matt Buckley @ 430-2893.

### Cor Jesu

On January 12th at St. Aloysius in Olivia, MN starting at 6:15 PM join us for the sound of Gregorian chant filling the air as incense rises in a candlelit church. Our youth group will be carpooling from St. Anne's & St. Catherine's, contact Katie or David if interested.

### **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest!!**

#### **Special Olympic Free Throw Contest!!**



Boys & Girls ages 9-14 register for the KC Free Throw Contest being held at the Redwood Valley High School Gym on Sunday, January 5th, 2020 with registration at 12:00 noon. There will be a Special Olympics free throw contest immediately after. Registration forms can be picked up at the parish office or school.

### CCW & KC Members

Join us on Tuesday, January 14th at 7 PM for the Annual CCW & KC wine & cheese social. All are welcome to attend. CCW & KC meetings will follow the social.

### CCW Homemade Rolls

Sunday, January 12th CCW will serve homemade rolls and coffee after the 9:30 AM Mass. Proceeds will go to a Pro-Life fund. Ladies please sign up in the Gathering Space to bring your favorite homemade rolls or to work. Pick up a recipe to make these delicious rolls by the sign-up sheets.

### **You are Invited!**

....Pancake Breakfast at Church of the Japanese Martyrs in Leavenworth, MN on Jan. 5th from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM.

....Beef or Turkey Commercial Supper at St. Andrew's in Fairfax, MN on Wednesday, January 15th from 4:30-7 PM.

....Sauerkraut & Dumpling Dinner at St. Raphael School in Springfield, MN on Jan. 19th serving from 10 AM—12:30 PM.

....Youth Group, YOU ARE CALLED VOCATIONS PANEL, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Murdock, MN on Sunday, Jan. 19th with meal at 5:30 PM and panel at 6:30 PM.

### **Flame of Love**

We invite you to join us to pray the **Flame of Love** of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary. Every Monday evening at 6 PM starting on January 6th at St. Catherine's church. It will take about 45 min. to an hour.

The devotion of the **Flame of Love** of the Immaculate Heart of Mary has its origin in the apparitions and revelations made by the Lord Jesus and the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth Kindelmann, a Hungarian mother of six between the years 1961 and 1981.

The **Flame of Love** is a pressing invitation and a gift of an exceptional significance that the Lord Jesus and the Virgin Mary give to our particularly troubled time. *Steve and Connie Plaetz*

### **Save the date: Pro-Life Prayer Service at Capitol**



Plan to attend the MCCL Pro-Life Rally at the Capitol on January 22; the 47th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade which legalized abortion in our country. There will be a bus leaving from Holy Redeemer Church parking lot in Marshall at 6:30am and will stop in Redwood Falls. The bus is sponsored by area KC's & CCW groups. We will attend the Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10:30am and then you can march to the Capitol or ride the bus for the public rally at noon. The bus will return after the rally. For questions or to sign up please call Annette Rohlik at 507-747-2181 or Lori Timmerman at 507-476-0070.

### **Meals on Wheels**

Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to help deliver Meals on Wheels in December. God bless you!

### **Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser—Relay for Life**



Sunday, January 19th, 8:30-11:30 AM at St. Catherine's. Also, buy a pie to share with your family! All are welcome, proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

### **Prayer Service for Life & Healing/Christian Unity**



Sunday, January 19th at 4 PM at Redwood Alliance Church, 231 E. 2nd St. in Redwood Falls. Ecumenical Prayer Service followed by a potluck meal, all are welcome.

Prayer Service for Christian Unity on Sunday, January 19th at 7 PM at St. Anne's in Wabasso.

### **Raffle Tickets for 2020**

Raffle tickets can be purchased until Feb. 13, 2020. If you need more tickets stop in the parish office for them.





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Jeremiah 29:11

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