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MATTHEW 2:2

Following Jesus Without a Star to Guide Us

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

“We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage” (Matthew 2:2) describes the spark that sent the Magi on their journey. Something unusual in the sky, interpreted as a sign of something wonderful—in response, they changed direction in their lives and devoted themselves to a completely different path. As wonderful as it might well be, a special star in the heavens is not the ordinary experience of how we learn to follow the Lord or discern his will. If only there could be a sign in God’s universe for each of us, beckoning us forward, clarifying what we need to do, setting down the path that needs to be followed. Perhaps life would be much simpler. Or perhaps not?

Would it truly be less complicated if everything were made clear and certain? Is the manifestation of God’s grace and blessings confined to the straight and narrow, or can we also experience God in the chaos—“in the weeds,” so to speak. Human experience seems to suggest that life is more “gray” than “black and white.” There is real grace in the journey, in making mistakes, even in choosing something that is incomplete. Thankfully, God’s grace does not need perfection to be powerful. We can know and follow God’s will for us in the ordinary moments of day-to-day living. We do not need the extraordinary or the dramatic. ●



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Reflect

How can I resolve to look for God in the unplanned, the unexpected, the interruptions?

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Epiphany of the Lord – January 4, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	Christmas Weekday	Knights of Columbus
Wednesday	8:00 am	Christmas Weekday	Sam Mages
Thursday	8:00 am	Christmas Weekday	Amelia Pinkerton Family
Friday	9:00 am	Christmas Weekday (at Fort Dodge)	Berna Mae Stegman
Saturday	8:00 am	Christmas Weekday	Joan Mages
Sunday	9:00 am	Baptism of the Lord	Saint Andrew Parishioners

Confessions: Sunday 8:00 – 8:45 am or by appointment any time

Ministers for Next Sunday, January 11, 2026

Greeters: Jon & Glynnis Ewy

Collection: Matt Durler & Nick King

Cantor: Choir

Servers: Maggie Cornitius & Jonathan Lemus

Lectors: John Askew & Jean Downey

E.M.C.'s: Jim Burke, Diane Lix, Sara Smith

Gifts: Reegan Kliesen

Rosary: Robert Askew

Giving Report: 12-28-25

Envelopes: \$1,545.00

Loose: \$910.00

Electronic: \$473.49

Alms for Renovation Project: \$63,818.69



Parish School of Religion is this Wednesday. 6:30 pm meal, classes begin at 7:00 pm. The meal this week is provided by Liturgy Commission.

Vocations Commission is hosting another Feast of the Holy Spouses dinner on Saturday January 24, 2026 at 5:30 pm. Couples that are interested can sign-up on the sheet in the back of Church or you can contact Briana Stephenson at 620-440-2544.

Digital Discipleship: Bringing the Gospel to Social Media

January 21 • 12:10 PM • Zoom

Presenter: Sonya Cooksey

Sign up at: dcdiocese.org/stewardship

Learn simple, practical ways to share the Gospel on social media using the tools you already have. In this 45-minute Lunch & Learn, discover easy approaches to creating faith-filled posts, reaching more people, and turning everyday parish life into digital evangelization. All parish leaders are welcome!

Knights and their Ladies from Wright Council 1862 & Spearville Council 1539 are invited to attend a Membership Stag/Stagette at St. John the Baptist Parish Center Saturday, January 10. Doors and bar open at 5:30 with a meal provided by Council 1539 at 7:30. Come pay your 2026 dues and enjoy a fun evening. Stick around for card games and a good time.

The Dodge Knights of Columbus Council is hosting a Breakfast ~~this morning~~ ^{January 11} at the Holy Family Gathering Space at the Cathedral. The proceeds from the breakfast will go to help their Boy Scout troop.

There will be a Knights of Columbus Exemplification at the Cathedral next Sunday, the 11th at 10:30. It will be held in the St. Anne's room. Any men interested in joining the Knights of Columbus are invited to attend. Families are invited to be there also. For more information, contact Greg Lix @ 620-408-8221.

SENIOR CITIZENS COVERED DISH SUPPER

Covered dish supper Thursday, January 8 at 6 pm, Wright Senior Center, 10891 Main Street, Wright. Please bring a meat, salad, vegetable or dessert. Invite a friend to enjoy the evening.

The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2026.

Save the Date

To mark the anniversary, a diocesan celebration will be held on Saturday, September 12th, 2026, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The day will have talks, Mass, Eucharistic procession, confessions, a meal, and a historical display. September 12th was chosen because it commemorates the installation of the first bishop of the diocese (September 12, 1951). Additionally, Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared our patroness on the same date ten years later (September 12, 1961).

Please mark **Saturday, September 12th, 2026**, on your calendar and plan to attend! All are invited! More details will come soon.

**Hospitable Community + Prayerful Worship +
Generous in Service + Formed by the Word**

Dear Padre,

I recently lost my husband of sixty years. I prayed for him through his four-year illness. Since he has died, I cannot pray. Any advice for me?

My heartfelt condolences on your profound loss. When someone we love dies, a part of us dies too. Sometimes, the trauma is so severe that it can even affect our relationship with God.

Psychiatrist Elisabeth Kübler-Ross identified five stages of grief. In the denial stage, some people can't accept the reality of the death. It becomes too much to handle. In the anger stage, some may question their belief in God—especially if their prayer requests (such as, "Please God, if you heal my loved one, I will...") weren't successful in the bargaining stage. People in the depression stage feel overwhelmed by the reality of the loss and may not always feel like connecting with others—even with God in prayer. However, in the acceptance stage, emotions stabilize, and a person comes to terms with their new reality. Nothing makes up for the absence of a loved one, but people manage to cope and live on.

It's because you loved so deeply that the loss feels so deep. God accepts you completely; God understands how you feel. He wants you to be at peace and live life fully. Our compassionate God yearns to help console you and offer assistance in your healing process until you can embrace him again in prayer. ●

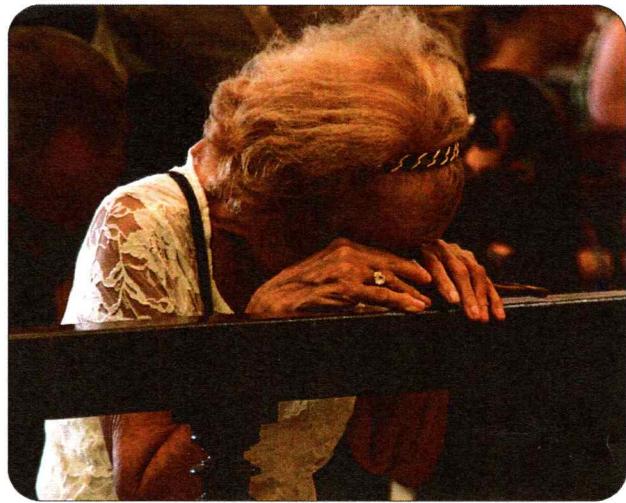
Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Let us resolve to bring [God's] love everywhere, never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling place of God and that his presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering, who ask us to be thoughtful and compassionate Christians.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 25, 2025

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

January 5
St. John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:22–4:6
Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

January 6
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:7–10
Mk 6:34–44

Friday

Wednesday

January 7
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:11–18
Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

January 8
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19–5:4
Lk 4:14–22a

Saturday

January 10
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5–13
Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

January 10
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14–21
Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

January 11
The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1–4, 6–7
Acts 10:34–38
Mt 3:13–17