

# CATHEDRAL of the EPIPHANY

1000 Douglas St., Sioux City, IA 51105

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## WE HAVE COME TO ADORE HIM

A couple weeks before Christmas a protestant pastor in Texas got some notoriety due to some tweets in which he tried to justify why his church would not offer services on Christmas Day. Among the six reasons that led him to the decision, he mentioned that, "it guards against the temptation to elevate Sunday gatherings as the most important expression of church," and that "it reminds us that worship and preaching are not ultimate." While I agree that preaching is not ultimate, at least not in the modern sense of just offering a sermon, we should always preach the Good News, especially by our lives. Furthermore, coming to worship is the most important actions for us Christians.

In Matthew we find the story of magi from the East coming to Jerusalem. They visit Herod and ask him where the newborn king is because they have come to do him homage, or worship him. These men saw a promised sign that indicated that this king had been born, and instead of offering sacrifices or worship from their own distant homes, they traveled a long way to come worship in his presence.

Just like the magi did over 2000 years ago, we still go in God's presence to worship him. Yes, God is present everywhere, and our lives should do Him homage everywhere all the time, but because we know Christ is present in the celebration of the Eucharist and later remains in the Tabernacle we go worship him in our churches.



THERE CAME WISE MEN FROM THE EAST TO JERUSALEM

*Very Rev. J. David Esquiliano, JCL, JV*

When we see visual representation of the magi, they are always traveling together, but Scripture does not say they were from the same town or country, just that they were from the East. Considering the different gifts that they brought, it would not be far fetched to assume that they came from different places.

In some way, those of us who call Cathedral our parish can claim a similar history. Some come from the East, some from the South, some from much closer, but we have all come here to adore Him.

A few weeks ago I shared through Lines of Faith that then Bishop DiNardo chose to name Our Lady of Guadalupe as principal patroness of the diocese because he wanted a welcoming face for the recent immigrants from Latin America. It was the same spirit that guided some of the decisions regarding the décor of the Cathedral. On one side we find a triptych painted by the Vietnamese artist Le Hiem Pham, which depicts the crucifixion, as well as the martyrdom of 117 Vietnamese martyrs who died between 1830 and 1833. On the other side of the church we find a triptych of Our Lady of Guadalupe and her apparitions to St. Juan Diego, so loved by Latin Americans. Even the statue of St. Joseph was painted in a darker shade than most European statues, and with features that allude to some of the ethnicities present in our parish.

More recently, people came from the East and West of downtown Sioux City as the parishes of Saint Boniface and Saint Joseph merged with the Cathedral parish. There were some difficult times leading up to, and right after, the merger, but that did not discourage you because you understood that we are still blessed to be able to come worship in the presence of Our Lord.

Our worship is done in different languages, English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Latin, yet we do not see it as a sign of division, but as a sign of unity. It does not matter what language we speak at home, or what language we prefer to worship in, we all come to pay our homage to the same God as members of the same Church.



This window of the Epiphany was commissioned to commemorate the donors who contributed to the restoration project of 1986-87. It is now located in the Epiphany Center.

# THE CATHEDRAL COAT OF ARMS SYMBOLS

Very Rev. Andrew Galles, VF



As we approach the 25th anniversary of the Rededication of the Cathedral church in November 2023, some of the clergy and staff reviewed the Cathedral logo and questioned whether or not it sufficiently represented the identity of the Cathedral of the Epiphany. Recognizing that all dioceses and even some individual cathedrals or churches have their own coat of arms, there was interest in developing one for the

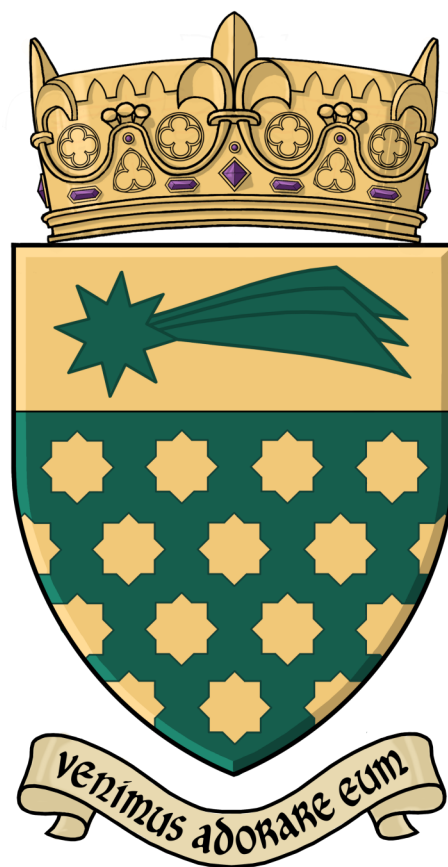
Cathedral Parish. Heraldry, which is the art of designing a coat of arms, has a long history in the Catholic Church. Heraldry is most commonly associated with medieval Europe, though it has been a custom for thousands of years to associate symbols and signs with particular names, families, and groups. Heraldry is a traditional way in which to display the title or patron of an institution. The Diocese of Sioux City has a very recognizable coat of arms, which is often seen in various diocesan publications.

The new Cathedral of the Epiphany coat of arms was developed by a professional heraldist (an expert in heraldry) and the design was donated to the parish. There are many symbols and details in this new coat of arms that are meant to represent the history and namesake of the Cathedral of the Epiphany. Each aspect was developed with considerable attention to detail. The colors, which are green, gold, and purple, are the traditional colors to represent the three magi. Gold symbolizes power, green symbolizes faith, and purple symbolizes justice. The stones in the crown above the shield are colored purple not only because it is one of the colors of the magi, but because the amethyst (purple) stone is commonly used for a bishop's ring. In the Cathedral of the Epiphany, there is a crosier, a ring, a pectoral cross, a chalice, and other historical liturgical items that have amethyst stones. This was also said to be the favorite colored jewel of Bishop Joseph Mueller, the former bishop of Sioux City (1948 - 1971).

The shield itself employs a pattern of eight-pointed gold stars on a green background, a pattern which was derived from the stenciling on the back wall of the sanctuary in the Cathedral church. The eight pointed star also signifies the Bethlehem star that guided the three wisemen to our Lord Jesus Christ in his manger. Additionally, the eight-pointed star has long been a symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Queen of Heaven. The eight-pointed star is a symbol of new life and it is meant to convey that Mary gives us Jesus, who is Emmanuel or "God-with-us." The Cathedral of the Epiphany is a namesake that very much revolves around the mystery of the Incarnation and the beauty of Christmas. The rose windows in each transept of the Cathedral church depict this, with the north window showing the visitation of the magi and the south window showing the birth of Christ. Aside from all this, the eight-pointed stars found in the new coat of arms, along with the three fleur-de-lis in the crown, are representative of the parish's original name, St. Mary, before it was decided that the currently 1904 building should

become the Cathedral church. The eight-pointed comet that sits at the top of the shield symbolizes the trailing Bethlehem star. The three tails of the comet represent the three wisemen following the star from the East, in search of the newborn King. In many ways, this also symbolizes the new community of the Cathedral Parish, contained in three church buildings, all streaming towards Christ the Lord in our prayer and worship.

The crown that sits atop the shield is meant to represent the kingly nature of the three wisemen, and the crown itself is adorned with Gothic elements (such as trefoils, quatrefoils, and pointed arches) that reflect the general architectural style of the Cathedral of the Epiphany. These are also elements that are shared with the coat of arms of the Diocese of Sioux City. Finally, the new coat of arms is finished with a scroll and motto at the bottom, which reads "Venimus adorare eum." This is a direct quote from Matthew 2:2, in which the magi announce to King Herod why they traveled from the East: "We come to worship him." Indeed, in the Cathedral of the Epiphany, we take seriously the fact that the Holy Eucharist is the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Whether in the celebration of the Holy Mass or in our 24 hour adoration chapel, we "come to worship him" in his sacred Body and Blood. That is the goal of the Cathedral of the Epiphany and of every cathedral - to give good example, as the mother church of the diocese, for what it means to come and adore the Lord. Like the three magi, we as a cathedral and parish come before our Lord Jesus Christ with wonder, awe, and reverence at the majesty of God's divine condescension, becoming man - becoming food - for our sake. In praise, thanksgiving, and gratitude, "we come to worship him."



# PARISH UPDATES

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- Building Maintenance Fund, December 31 & January 1.
- Together As One [Spanish Only], January 7-8.
- Carmelite Nuns, January 14-15.
- Briar Cliff University, January 28-29.

## CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE

- Sunday, January 1. No parish breakfast. No Sung Vespers.
- Monday, January 2. No regular Confession or Mass schedule. Mass only at 9 am. Office closed.
- Tuesday, January 10. No confessions nor evening Mass in Spanish.
- Sunday, January 15. No Sung Vespers.
- Monday, January 16. No regular Confession or Mass schedule. Mass only at 9 am. Office closed.
- Tuesday, January 31. No school 9 am Mass.

## FAMILY OF FAITH (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)

- Wednesday, January 4. 6:15 pm at Cathedral - Family Night (parents and students).
- Wednesday, January 11. 6:15 pm - Sacramental Prep Night for 1st Communion and Confirmation students. (students only). Confirmation patron saint name due today.

## BUSY PERSONS LUNCH

Join us for lunch on Wednesday, January 4, after the noon Mass. No cost, just a free-will offering. If you would like to volunteer please contact Julie Krogh in the parish office.

## PARISH BREAKFAST

Our parish breakfast organized by the Knights of Columbus will take place on January 8 at the Cathedral Hall. This will be a festive breakfast to celebrate our patronal feast.

## LADIES LUNCH

Thursday, January 19, at 1pm at Olive Garden.

## CHANGES TO CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Starting January 1, Sunday Confessions at all three churches will begin at 7:45 am instead of 8 am. This will allow us the priests to listen 10 more minutes of confessions at each location, and to have 15 minutes to properly prepare before Mass.

Morning Confessions on Friday will begin at 11:15 am instead of 11:30 am. Likewise, the priest will be able to hear more confessions, and have enough time to prepare for Mass.

## THE FINANCIAL CORNER

INCOME		November
Weekly Offerings	\$	53,246.00
Loose Offerings	\$	18,068.84
Prog. Support	\$	9,583.00
Other income	\$	17,026.42
<b>Total Parish Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>97,924.26</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	34,855.44
Administrative Expenses	\$	5,689.65
Ministry Expenses	\$	6,209.54
Utility Bills & Repairs	\$	20,273.84
Assessments	\$	7,832.00
Other Expenses	\$	2,474.93
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>77,335.40</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,588.86</b>

## KNIGHTS CORNER



We wish you a peaceful, joyous, blessed, and faithful New Year 2023! If any man over 18 years of age is not yet a Knight, let your New Year resolution be to Join us [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus). We are men that put our faith into action. You will not regret this decision.

**DUES REMINDER** – Reminding existing Knights to pay annual dues. Notice sent in mail.

**PARISH BREAKFAST** – Epiphany Breakfast on Jan. 8th, 2023.

**JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Cathedral hall. Rosary at 6:15 pm followed by potluck dinner.

**4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE MEETING** – Thursday Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> in South Sioux City at the KC Hall. Dinner at 6 pm and Meeting at 7 pm.

**REGIONAL MEETING** – All Knights welcome to attend at Mater Dei Immaculate Conception church hall on Sat. Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

**CAN DRIVE** – Contact us for pick-up or drop off of used uncrushed can/bottle donations during Jan. Redemption proceeds go to Camp High Hopes, Food Bank of Siouxland (Soup Kitchen and Mary's Choice).

**STATE KOF C OFFICERS WEEKLY OPEN DESK** – Interact with state officers at the weekly Open desk. Wednesdays at 8 PM in English; Thursdays at 6:57 pm in Spanish. Register for the meeting link <https://www.iowakofc.org/calendar>.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>MON.-SAT.:</b>	12 pm	Cathedral	<i>English</i>
<b>MON.-FRI.:</b>	5:30 pm	Cathedral	<i>Spanish</i>
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	4 pm	St. Boniface	<i>English</i>
	6 pm	Cathedral	<i>Spanish</i>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	8:30 am	Cathedral	<i>Spanish</i>
	8:30 am	St. Joseph	<i>English</i>
	10 am	Cathedral	<i>English</i>
	10:30 am	St. Boniface	<i>Spanish</i>
	12 pm	Cathedral	<i>Spanish</i>
	12:30 pm	St. Joseph	<i>Vietnamese</i>
<b>HOLIDAYS:</b>	9 am	Cathedral	<i>English</i>

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

**VIGIL:**  
5:30 pm Cathedral *Spanish*

### **THE DAY OF THE SOLEMNITY:**

7:30 am St. Joseph *English*  
9 am Cathedral *Spanish (School)*  
11 am St. Joseph *Vietnamese*  
12 pm Cathedral *English*  
5:30 pm Cathedral *Spanish*  
7 pm Cathedral *Spanish*

## SUNG VESPERS

**SUNDAY:** 4:00 pm Cathedral *English*

## CONFESSIONS

**SUNDAY:** 7:45 - 8:15 am Cathedral  
7:45 - 8:15 am St. Joseph  
7:45 - 8:15 am St. Boniface  
**MON.-FRI.:** 4:30 - 5:15 pm Cathedral  
**FRIDAY:** 11:15 - 11:45 am Cathedral  
**SATURDAY:** 3 - 3:45 pm St. Boniface  
5 - 5:45 pm Cathedral

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adoration Chapel - Epiphany Center

## OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY:** 10 am - 1 pm

**TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY:** 10 am - 2 pm