

FROM THE PASTOR'S PRINTER

EPIPHANY GREETINGS - May this day and the year ahead be filled with epiphanies of grace and goodness to all. This doesn't mean that you will have three kings on your doorstep. An epiphany is a revelation, a bringing to light of a reality. Today's feast, a continuation of the Christmas story, enlightens us with the reality that God's love is not limited to a chosen people, but to all of humanity, even our enemies. Unless we are of Jewish ancestry, this is especially good news to us. Like the Jews, we are God's Chosen People, not because God loves us more, but because He calls us to reveal the truth of His love to the world around us. He loves us differently because of our calling, not to a greater degree. Remember the words from Paul to the Romans, "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." (5:8) As we are still in the start of 2018, may we remember what we have become in Christ, and what we are to do in Him for the love of God to spread to every heart.

TIME WARP! - I am writing this column on December 19th because with the holidays, the bulletins have to be to the printer early. As I do so, I am taken back by the Ghost of Writer's Past, to my high school years when at the last minute, I am writing my term paper for Mr. Hussong's English class, as I vow to God that, if I got a decent grade on this paper, I would NEVER procrastinate again. (Thank God that my fidelity to my priestly promises have been much more successful!) Anyway, I hope that the days between my writing and your reading have been blessed with the graces of this world and the next because of the kindness and mercy of God, who has come to us so that we can come to Him.

OUR CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

On December 18th, I was present to see the completion of the foundation for the new church. I'm amazed at how all this work comes together, and am grateful to all who make it happen. Weather permitting, we should soon see the structure rising from the ground.



**The final pour of concrete for the foundation by the choir area.
May God continue to bless the good work that has been done.**