

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church  
Solemnity – Humble Shepherds**

**Sunday, December 26, 2010  
11:00 am**

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Lois Bogacki Bill Moran  
Father John Fetcho Jean Horan  
Erika Zalewski Mike Corn  
Rosemarie Piazza Jon Hall

and all those in need of healing in our parish community

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Reading I**

Isaiah 62: 11-12

**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

Your savior is born.

See, the Lord proclaims to the ends of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, your savior comes! Here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. They shall be called the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord, and you shall be called "Frequented," a city that is not forsaken.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 97: 1, 6, 11-12

R: A light will shine on this day: the Lord is born to us.

**The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many isles be glad. The heavens proclaim his justice, and all peoples see his glory.**

R: A light will shine on this day: the Lord is born to us.

**Light dawns for the just: and gladness, for the upright of heart. Be glad in the Lord, you just, and give thanks to his holy name.**

R: A light will shine on this day: the Lord is born to us.

**Reading II**

Titus 3: 4-7

**A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus**

His own compassion saved us.

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any righteous deeds we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the baptism of

new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he lavished on us through Jesus Christ our Savior, that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs, in hope, of eternal life.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Alleluia      Glory to God in heaven,  
peace and grace to his people on earth.**

**Gospel**

Luke 2: 15-20

**A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke**

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, lying in the manger.

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another: "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has made known to us." They went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger; once they saw, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. All who heard of it were astonished at the report given them by the shepherds.

Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, in accord with what had been told them.

**This is the gospel of the Lord.**

### **Thoughts from the Pulpit**

On the Sunday following Christmas, our Church celebrates the Solemnity of Humble Shepherds. The Church invites us to join in with the humble Shepherds and once again embrace the mystery of Christmas, meditate, glorify, and praise God along with them.

"Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them." God wanted the whole world to know that His Son, the Savior Jesus Christ is with us in the flesh, so the world would recognize Him, follow Him, and thus be saved. Therefore God chose the poor humble shepherds to be the first witnesses and heralds of this Mystery for this world.

It was a very strange way of advertising to the world the most wonderful miracle of Christmas! – through the humble shepherds! The Epiphany of the Lord, that is, the revealing process of God's salvation through our Savior Jesus Christ, goes on for more than two thousand years by witnessing and heralding the miracle of Christmas through the life of humble and simple Christians.

God still does miracles in this "sophisticated" world by choosing humble people to be witnesses and heralds of His power. Great things of God's measure happen only in a humble way and through humble people. They are the channels of God's glorious power and love! Amen!

Fr. Sr. Walter

Announcements for December 26, 2010

Financial Corner

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
December 5	\$403	\$642	-\$239
December 12	\$757	\$642	\$115
December 19	\$781	\$642	\$139
December 24	\$673	-	\$673
December 25	\$245	-	\$245
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2859</b>	<b>\$1926</b>	<b>\$933</b>

Envelopes for 2011 are available on the tables in the foyer. If you do not find envelopes in your name and would like them issued to you, please see Pat. Beginning next Sunday, please use envelopes **for 2011 ONLY!** Envelope numbers change from year to year and do not carry over to the next calendar year. Thank you!

Stewardship obligations for 2010 will be accepted **until this Friday, December 31.** Please remember that basic stewardship is \$275 per individual adult and \$50 per individual adult for cemetery improvement. Please contact Pat after Holy Mass today if you have questions about your personal stewardship for 2010.

On **Saturday, January 8,** the monthly community breakfast will be held from 8:30 – noon. Scrambled eggs are on the menu. Please mark your calendars!

On **Sunday, January 9,** our annual Oplatek dinner will be held following Holy Mass. Please invite your family and friends to join us for this annual celebration of the Christmas season.

On **Saturday, January 15,** a spaghetti dinner will be held from 4:00 – 6:00 at *Our Lady of Peace RCC*, 206 Halcomb Street, Lakeland.

**Weekly Calendar**

Monday, December 27 **FEAST ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

Wednesday, December 29 4:00 pm Choir practice  
5:00 pm Polish language class

Saturday, January 1 **SOLEMNITY – CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD**

Sunday, January 2 **SOLEMNITY – HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

Intention: +Deborah Mertens Requested by Carol Rightnour

10:30 Bible Study for Children  
11:00 Holy Mass  
12:15 YMS of R Breakfast