

## The Children of Epiphany Celebrate!

Epiphany's active children's programs have always been a highlight of our faith community and the last several weeks are no exception. In May, the children celebrated Mother's Day by singing "God Made This Wonderful World" during as the Offering Hymn. Thank you Sue Racicot for teaching the children the beautiful song.









The church school year came to an end on June 4 and the youngest children took part in the annual tradition of

Fun Dollars! The children earned fun dollars based on the number of classes they attended throughout the school year. *Continued on page 2.* 

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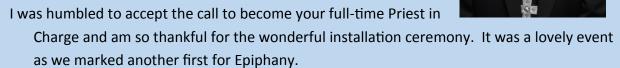




#### **Words from Father Rick**

What an amazing spring we have had at Epiphany! God has continued to richly bless our parish and we have had many things to celebrate.

It was a pleasure and a privilege to host our very first ordination, and an even greater pleasure to welcome Father Nicholas and his family into our community. They are an amazing addition and we are blessed to have them.



We had an amazing journey through Holy Week this year, with the addition of several new services. The Tenebrae was very poignant, and the Great Vigil of Easter provided a perfect transition from Lent into the joy of Easter, complete with a triple baptism.

Our newest outreach ministry, Family Promise, was a terrific success. I am so pleased by the number of folks who stepped up to help those in need; by cooking, donating food, staying over, or simply talking with our guests. We truly showed that we are followers of Jesus' commandment to love one another as He loved us.

I am grateful to all of you for your faithfulness and outpouring of the spirit. Together we can accomplish great things, enliven by the Spirit and nourished by the word!

#### **Family Promise at Epiphany**

From May 14 – May 21, Epiphany proudly hosted four Family Promise families. These families, who are waiting for long-term housing through the Family Promise Bridge program, stayed in our nursery and Sunday School classrooms, made lunches and breakfast from our kitchen, and shared dinner in the Narthex with parishioners. Jim and Judy Koehn, Bill and Kris Kohn, Carol Thoreson, Pat Adams, Heather Bowman, Melissa Farr, Shirley Geraci, Rosalie Marinelli, Gina Kistle, Betty-Jeanne Cousins and Mary Ellen Howey made dinners and Paul Devine, Carol Thoreson, Father Nicholas Neubauer, Beverly Hart, Ginny Guzman-Walsh, Shirley Geraci, Rosalie Marinelli, Gary Koinm, Laura Canon and Michael Amato-Von Hemert spent nights with the families, along with Father Rick O'Brien. In addition, the Epiphany family stepped up very generously with donations for breakfast and lunch items. Carol Shaffer and Laura Canon were the volunteer coordinators for the week, with the help of Father Rick.

For those who were part of the program, the week was one they will never forget. There were challenges and issues...large and small...stereotypes were broken and common beliefs changed...and a new role for Epiphany as a beacon to the community was established.

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### In Loving Memory

Longtime Epiphany parishioner Irv Cousins passed away on June 3. A memorial will be held on August 12 at 10:30 am at Epiphany. Please keep the Cousins family in your thoughts and prayers.



The Good News newsletter is going on hiatus for the summer. Look for our next edition in September!



Thank you for all the hard work that made the Epiphany Church School program a success!

Pat Adams Melissa Farr
Leslie Burton Mary Feyt
Betty-Jeanne Cousins Gina Kistle
Christina Farr Tan Wells





#### **Nevadans for the Common Good**

**Education:** NCG supporting SB178 which would provide \$72 million in additional funds for our most at risk student sin schools across Nevada.

**NCG** along with **Christ Church Episcopal** and **Reformation Lutheran** working together to save their school. Clark County School District is proposing a plan to build a school K-8 Fremont School as well as a Global High School on a nearby property. This is a wonderful compromise showing what can be done with patience and perseverance by everyone.

**Meals on Wheels** – 3.5 M have been set aside for additional funds for Meals on Wheels. Please thank your legislators for their support. We want to make sure this amount stays in the final budget.

As our Diocesan vision states.... Together we can change the world.



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# Welcome to those who recently transferred to Epiphany— We are glad you are here!

Jennifer Holladay Sylvia Lenker

Mark Lenker
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#### **Centering Prayer Group**

A new Centering Prayer group has been formed at Epiphany, meeting at 6:45 pm on Fridays in the Youth Room. Long-time members may remember that the original Centering Prayer group at Epiphany was started by Father Mike Annis and continued by Bob Knox, but eventually disbanded. The new group will be led by Laura Canon, who was part of the original class. Centering Prayer is a method of spiritual growth through quiet listening and contemplation. During the sessions, we will experience Centering Prayer for 20-30 minutes, followed by a short discussion. All are welcome.



