

JANUARY 5, 2025



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4 ~ Vigil/Epiphany of the Lord
5:30 PM
Sunday, January 5 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord
9:30 AM Melanie Chevalier
Monday, January 6
9:00 AM
Wednesday, January 8
9:00 AM The People of the Parish
Saturday, January 11 ~ Vigil/Baptism of the Lord
5:30 PM Frank Schmaus
Sunday, January 12 ~ Baptism of the Lord
9:30 AM Wayne Ward

Ministers of the Word

Saturday, January 11 ~ Vigil/Baptism of the Lord
5:30 PM Ted Wall
Sunday, January 12 ~ Baptism of the Lord
9:30 AM Eric Halahan

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, January 11 ~ Vigil/Baptism of the Lord
5:30 PM Kathy Fayol (a), Barb Cinque (c)
Sunday, January 12 ~ Baptism of the Lord
9:30 AM Lisa Dyer (a), Denise Turner (c)

Pray For Those Who Serve

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (Navy) Dylan Bonitz (Navy)
Juan Gonzales (Navy)
Kaila McGowan (Marines) Joseph Ruize (Navy)
Robert Pape-Laucella (Marines)
Pasko Shkreli (Army) Carissa Tironi (Army)
Nicholas Turner (Army) Elliott Weidel (Marines)

Pray For the Infirm

Marion Andersen, Bridget Auer, Joanna Bach,
Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, S.C., Brian Cross,
Nicole Dawson, John & Lorraine DiCicco, Walter Earl,
Anna Gallo, Rocco Gallo, Margaret Hale,
Nicole Langer, Fr. Joe Komonchak, Marianna Oparski,
Carol Orlando, Frank Orlando, Sal Rappo, Helen Ryan,
Fran Salewski, Arthur Seaman, Deacon & Fran Trapani,
Kevin Uffelman, Terry Waterson

Pray For Facility Residents

Barbara Ceriale, Brad Ceriale, Gina Lempka, Rosemary Osborn, Regina Parthesius, Sue Schmaus, Elissa Zahn

Looking Ahead

A.A. Meetings
Thursdays 6:30 PM / Sundays 3:30 PM

Tuesday, January 7
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Monday, January 13
Parish Council Meeting ~ 7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 14
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 15
Ladies Guild Meeting ~ 1:00-3:00 PM
All women are invited to attend!

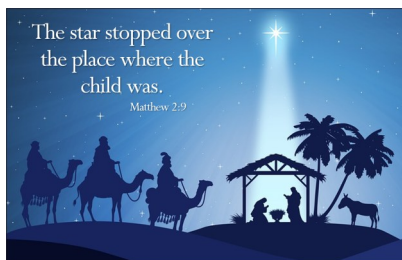
Monday, March 20 ~ Martin Luther King Birthday
NO 9 AM Mass ~ Office Closed

Tuesday, January 21
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22
Fundraising Committee Meeting ~ 7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 28
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

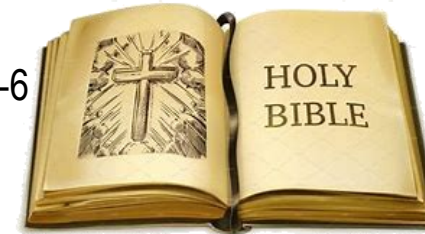
After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When



they saw the star, they were overjoyed.¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:9-11

Today's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



LIVING THE LITURGY: The Epiphany of the Lord



This strange work, "Epiphany," comes from a Greek word meaning, "Manifest." In this case, the birth of Our Savior was manifested first to the shepherds of Bethlehem by the angels. Today, however, he is manifested to all the peoples of the world, represented by these Magi, who came seeking him, and even to Herod, who wanted to do away with him.

The Magi found Christ because they were looking for him, seeking him. Last Sunday, we also heard the Gospel Reading when Mary and Joseph were seeking and eventually finding him in the Temple. In another Gospel passage Jesus says, *Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you* (Mt 7:7). We are invited to seek what is good with all our heart and strength, knowing that we will these things in Jesus Christ, manifested as a child at Christmas and as the sacrificial Lamb at Easter.

As disciples, we manifest the present of Jesus Christ to all who are seeking him. The kindness of our hearts and the love that we bestow on others may be the only Gospel that these people may know. The witness of our lives founding on Christ will be the sign of hope and strength that other people will need in order to see that God, though Jesus, is clearly manifested in the world today.

How does the Gospel influence my daily activities and works?

In this new year, what new practices is God inviting me to take up?

Religious Education

Classes for all Religious Education levels will resume this Tuesday, January 7, from 6:30-7:30 PM

Parish Council

Parish Council meets NEXT Monday, January 13 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center Library.

As We Begin a New Year . . .

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7



Gracious Lord, as we step into this new year, we seek Your divine guidance in every aspect of our lives. Lead us on the path of righteousness, and let Your wisdom illuminate our decisions. May we be receptive to Your voice, discerning Your will in the choices we make. Bless us with clarity, courage, and a deep sense of purpose. We entrust this year to Your hands, knowing that Your plans for us are filled with hope and prosperity. For all that you are and that you give to us, we, your children, say "thank you". Amen.



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Balance: \$1,301

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