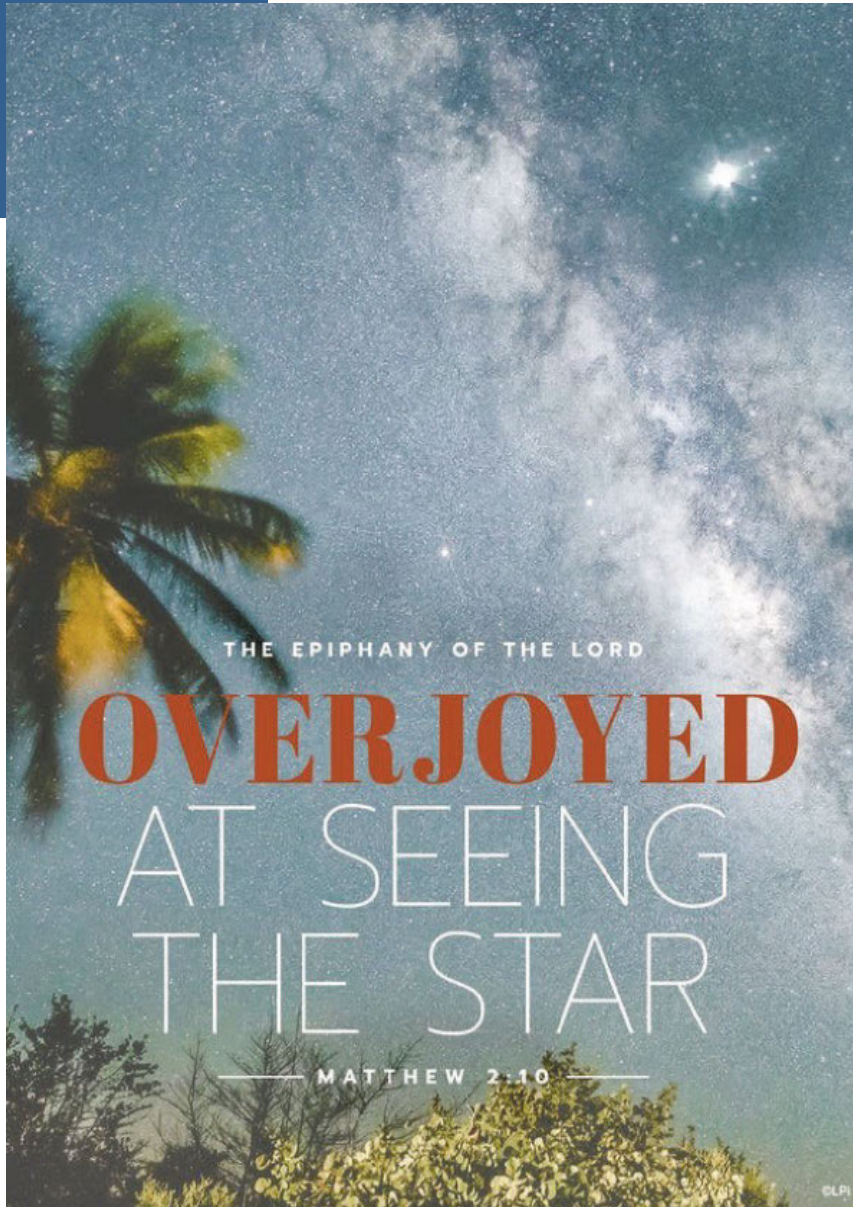


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Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 9:00 and 10:45am

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Saturday | 3:15pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday | 8:00 am - Noon

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Pastoral Scene

As I approach my one-year anniversary at St Monica, it is with humility that I thank God for all who have shared their time, treasure, and talents through all our ministries and the Beacon of Hope initiative. May God Bless your families in this New Year, as we come before the Eucharist, seeking His Light and Peace.

The climax of the story of the Magi; they prostrate themselves to Jesus and offer their gifts to him- it is a beautiful icon of the right relationship of science to religion- it not saying that science surrenders to religion, but rather that science offers the very best it has to the author of all things.

One fact overlooked in this science religion debate is that modern physical sciences developed out of a Christian thought world.

No science would ever get off the ground unless science thought the world was intelligible- knowable - marked with form and fundamental structure.

Einstein discerned on how mathematical complexities can be found in all dimensions of the world- the microscopic, macrocosmic-

The ground for this conviction is the DOCTRINE OF CREATION

The world has been brought into being by God.

Another element overlooked in the debate is that many of the founders of modern science were deeply religious- Paschal, Descartes, Newton

Not superficially - they wrote a lot about religion and its relationship to science. The founder of modern genetics, Mendel, was a priest,

As well as the formulator of the big bang theory in 20th century- Belgian priest- Georges Lemaître, a Belgian priest-astronomer and known as "the father of modern cosmology".

The Catholic Church does not have a section in the Catechism that dictates what methods science should use. What we do, however, as a Church, is acknowledge that the treasure of the sciences – all these findings in physics, medicine, chemistry, astronomy, etc., should be brought to God- who is the source of Truth and Order and the Universe.

This is the right relationship we see in the visit of the Magi as they lay their treasures at the feet of the child Jesus. The Catholic Church has always maintained at its best that *WISE MEN OF EVERY AGE ARE DRAWN TO CHRIST*

The star that the Magi followed reveal to us that science is revered by religion, and religion is the proper source and goal of all the sciences.

The Cathedral in Cologne, Germany claims to be the final resting place for the Wisemen– the Shrine of the Three Kings. It is not important whether science can prove this or not.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 7

Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am George Kacmarek

10:45am Frank & Jennie & Venus Leone

Monday, January 8

Baptism of the Lord

8:00am James Horrigan

8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, January 9

Weekday

8:00am Joan Billings, MD

Wednesday, January 10

Weekday

8:00am All Souls

Thursday, January 11

Weekday

8:00am Mulrooney Family

Friday, January 12

Weekday

8:00am Diane Fargo

Saturday, Saturday 13

Weekday

4:00pm Alphonse & Alice

Prusinski

Sunday, January 14

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Marie & Joseph Ungarsky & Francis & Paul Svoboda

10:45am Living & deceased of

Andy Fargo Family

In Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of all who have recently died.

May they and all of the dearly departed, rest in peace.

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week:

Monday: Miguel Estrada

Tuesday: Dan Jordan

Wed: Nathan Menkhaus

Thursday: Zachary Smith

Friday: Steven Vasko

Sat: Matthew Wasinski

Sunday: *Pray for Bishop Malesic*



There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday January 14th at

2:30 PM in St. Monica Church

with Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction.

Pray for All Parents

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Sally Weiskopf, Jerry Perchinske, Madeleine Iglodi, Marie Yakich, Dolores Kocik, Joan Fischer, Wally Voyten, Maryann DiEgidio, Gaylene Bielawski, Lisa Bielawski, Ron Smith Jr., Nikki Avalon, Annie Runyeon, Anthony Lupica, Tommie Ferrante, Joanne Reddinger, Katie Medvetz

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to this list.

If you have a special intention you would like remembered in prayer, please call Lillian Naptune (216)662-5464

THIS WEEK

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, January 8

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

4:00pm Walking Class (J)

6:30pm Holy Name Meeting (c)

Tuesday, January 9

2:00pm Senior Meeting (J)

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

6:30pm Baptism Class (F)

Wednesday, January 10

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

6:30pm G.A. Meeting (+)

Thursday, January 11

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

4:00pm Walking Class (J)

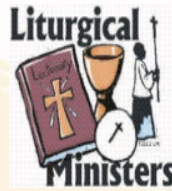
Friday, January 12

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

Sunday, January 14

7:30pm A.A. Meeting (c)

Liturgical Ministers Schedule



The deadline for any special requests for the *February/March/April* schedule needs to be turned into the Parish Office no later than **Tuesday, January 9.**

Please remember that this will include Lent, Holy Week and Easter so please make note of what you would like to serve for. We appreciate your help with this request. Thank you.

Senior Meeting

Our next meeting will be held this Tuesday, January 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the



St. Joseph room of the parish office.

Come and Enjoy,

Coffee, Donuts, Bingo and Fellowship

New Members

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\$1,000 Holy Name Monthly Raffle Winners for December

Will be published in next week's bulletin

Pastoral Scene continued

Please reflect on this excerpt from St John Paul II that he shared with teachers and university students in Cologne Cathedral, Saturday, November 15, 1980.

Science and faith in the search for truth

In this cathedral there have been kept and venerated for centuries the bones of the Wise Men, who at the beginning of the new age which dawned with the Incarnation of God, set out to pay homage to the true Lord of the world. These men, in whom the knowledge of their time was summed up, become therefore the model of every man in search of truth. The knowledge which reason attains finds its completion in the adoration of divine truth. The man who sets out towards this truth does not suffer any loss of his freedom: on the contrary, in trusting dedication to the Spirit whom we have been promised through Jesus Christ's redeeming work, he is led to complete freedom and to the fullness of a truly human existence

Our Lady of Perpetual Help- Pray for Us!

Father John

Entrance Chant 329 We Three Kings

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his glory.
Nations shall walk by your light,
and kings by your shining radiance.

Raise your eyes and look about;
they all gather and come to you:
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.

Caravans of camels shall fill you,
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
all from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.



READINGS & SONGS

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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Communion Chant 330 What Child Is This

The Concluding Rites 313 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



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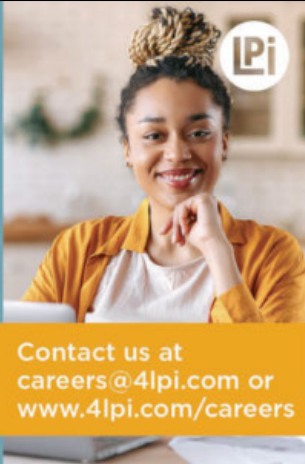
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