



EPIPHANY

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MISSION STATEMENT

Proclaim Christ and grow believers through the sacramental life of the church in an inclusive and responsive Catholic community.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi. The Magi represent the people from the East and nations other than the Jewish people. The Jewish people were not the only ones who looked forward to the birth of the great king who would bring peace to Earth.

Today's second reading, from St. Paul to the Ephesians, echoes the words of the Gospel that Jesus came for all nations: "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 co-heirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." Eph.3:5-6.

Epiphanies are all around us if we are alert to them. He reveals himself to us in various ways and invites us to respond to his love like the wise men. These personal epiphanies convince us there is a God in our midst in all situations and circumstances. But too many people do not move any further in their knowledge and experience of God. I remember when I went for mission trips with teenagers. Before we wrapped the day, we could go round sharing our God moments and our lows of the day. Many of the teenagers shared their God moments in the least expected situations. They thought they were only helping the people whose homes we were rebuilding or repairing but in the process of helping the teenagers learned a lot. Those epiphany moments help us to grow spiritually and as human beings and they uplift us when we are down.

I'm sure that everybody is tired of hearing about the experiences of last year, but it helps us to reflect on those epiphany moments we had in the past and lift our spirits. As married couples, recall how joyous your wedding day was. As parents, recall the first time holding that child in your arms. Or recall when you got your first job, the list is endless. We don't need to travel far like the Magi seeking to see Jesus. He is God with us, "Emmanuel." He lives in each one of us and also in nature.

Five elements that we can see in today's Gospel are also part of our own spiritual journey, our Christian life journey:

- a) The Inner Thirst: "Some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east."
- b) The Pointer: "And there in front of them was a star..."
- c) The Search: "Where is the infant king of the Jews?"
- d) The Encounter: "And they did him homage"
- e) Effect of the Encounter: "They opened their treasures to him...; and returned to their country by a different way."

Fr. Peter Patrick



THE EPIPHANY of the Lord

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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JANUARY 2, 2022 • THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

LITURGICAL PRAYER

Monday, January 3/The Monday after the Epiphany

8:30 AM 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25/ Mass

Tuesday, January 4/Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:30 AM 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Mk 6:34-44/ Mass @ St. Catherine

Wednesday, January 5/Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:20 AM 1 Jn 4:11-18/ Mk 6:45-52/ A/S Mass

Thursday, January 6/The Thursday after the Epiphany

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/ Lk 4:14-22

Friday, January 7/The Friday after the Epiphany

8:30 AM 1 Jn 5:5-13/ Lk 5:12-16/ Mass @ St. Catherine

Saturday, January 8/The Saturday after the Epiphany

1 Jn 5:14-21/ Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 9/The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/ Acts 10:34-38/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

8:00 AM Fr. Joe Jagodensky
For Ruth Kane † by Steve & Cheryl Dahle

9:00 AM Fr. Peter Patrick @ St. Catherine

10:30 AM Fr. Peter Patrick

6:00 PM Fr. Larry

FAITH JOURNEYS

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

Thomas Louis O'Halloran

BAPTISMS

Henry Robert McAsey

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions can be requested in memory of a deceased friend or loved one, in honor of a special occasion, or for a special prayer request. An offering of \$10 per Mass is requested. If you'd like to schedule one or more intentions, please call the parish office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST. ANNE'S

St. Anne's Salvatorian Campus, a nursing home and assisted living facility, located at 3800 N. 92nd St., needs assistance with pastoral care. They are looking for volunteers to make visits, assist as Eucharistic ministers, and lector at Mass. If interested, please contact Richard Mason, SDS, Pastoral Care, at (262) 910 1293.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Did you know there is a community bulletin board at the 54th Street entrance to the Gathering Space? This is where you can post apartments for rent, rides needed, garage sales, etc. Flyers need to be approved by parish staff, so deliver them to the parish office and we will post your flyer.



THIS WEEK

C=Church CH=Church Hall PH=Parish House S=School
TL=Teacher's Lounge G=Gym MP=Multi-Purpose Room
AF=Adult Formation Room St.C=St. Catherine MGC=Mother of
Good Counsel

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

9:30-11:00 AM Rosary Prayer Group (C)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

9:30-11:00 AM Rosary Prayer Group (C)

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Join us Tuesday, January 4, for the organizational meeting of the Craft Group. All of the projects for this year will be decided. The meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at 7 PM. Please bring your ideas.

Questions may be directed to Stephanie Netzel at (414) 778 1678 or snetzel2@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Sebastian JOY Auction 2022

February 26, 2022, 7 to 11 PM

St. Sebastian School Gymnasium/Cafeteria (with Virtual option) With JOY in our hearts and minds this Christmas season, St. Sebastian officially invites all to an evening filled with fun, merriment and companionship. So EVERYONE is comfortable participating, this year the auction will be both in-person and virtual. Please go to the website for more information and to purchase tickets at bit.ly/sebs-auction22. Let's embrace our JOY together as a Faith community.

SPONSORSHIP AND UNDERWRITING FOR THE ST. SEBASTIAN JOY AUCTION!

Are you interested in Sponsorship or Underwriting opportunities for the Auction? Sponsors and Underwriters are critical to our fundraising efforts. With your generosity, we can cover costs related to the auction so that every dollar raised goes directly to the parish and school. Every donation is appreciated! Please consider a donation as a business or individual. Please contact Maria Watson at mwatson@saintsebs.org or (414) 453 1061 x. 127 for more information on promotional benefits for you or your business.

DO YOU SHOP AT MENARDS?

Do you often get one of those 11% rebates on your receipt but never redeem it because, well, it's a hassle? Turn those receipts into the collection basket and we will send them in to the company in bulk and use the rebates to buy items for the parish. Maybe you got one for \$0.20 and thought, "why would I spend \$0.55 cents on a stamp to redeem it?" But if several people turn it in, it will add up and help the parish.

SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER

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GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GIFTS

The Milwaukee Chapter of the Christ Child Society thanks the many local parishes who contribute gifts of clothes for children and babies, financial support for our programs to help single moms, and prayers for our success in the past year. We look forward with joy to 2022! Questions? Visit www.ChristChildMilwaukee.org or call (414) 540 0489.

FACING RACISM

As part of our parish's effort to identify and confront racism in our midst, we offer this reflection.

"The fragile state of human rights and democracy has also been exacerbated by this pandemic and the abdication of U.S. leadership in protecting and upholding human rights."

—Rev. Adam Russell

SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

Different cities handle Christmas tree waste differently. In Wauwatosa for the month of January (January 4 through 29), Christmas trees put at the curb, but not in alleys, will be collected and mulched. In Milwaukee, Christmas trees left at the curb or with garbage cans will be landfilled, but trees taken to the city's self-help yards will be composted/mulched. Or you can bring them to Mulchfest, 9 to 11:45 AM at Enderis Park and 1 to 4 PM at Washington Park next Saturday, January 8. You can also repurpose your Christmas tree, visit <https://tinyurl.com/sebs-tree> for ideas.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Regular Contributions Last Week, 12-19-21.....\$ 25,767
 Fiscal Year to Date, Week 25 of 52.....\$ 317,477
 Compared to Same Period Last Year.....\$ 315,419
 Surplus (Deficit).....\$ 2,058

Building Improvement Fund Collected Since July 1.....\$ 25,167
 Your gifts are at work during this time of uncertainty. You allow our parish to carry out our mission and emerge solidly from this crisis.

Thank you!

ONLINE DONATIONS:

- Parish Tithing – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayParish>
- Parish Building Improvement Fund – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayBuild>
- School Foundation – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayFound>



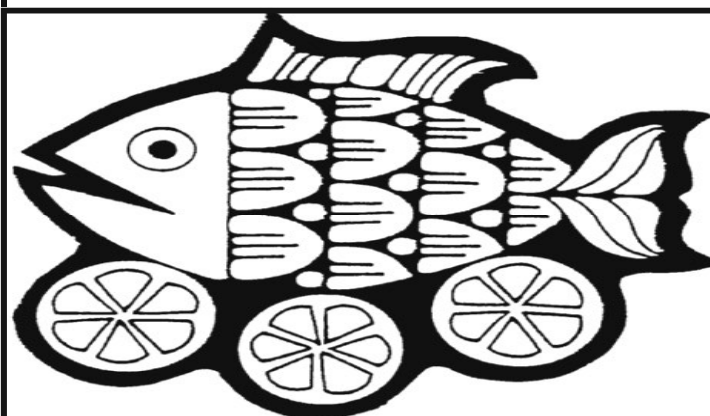
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CHRISTMAS TAKE DOWN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is time to take down all the Christmas decorations in the Church and we need your help on Wednesday, January 12, at 6 pm. We hope to have 6 volunteers to assist Teri Marsicek and her team. This will take roughly 1 1/2 hours. Any amount of time you can offer will be appreciated. Activities include removing fabrics from the altars, and taking items (artificial trees, wreaths, fabrics, and manger figurines) to the Church environment room for storage. Please contact Julia Galligan at (414) 453 1061, ext. 117 if you would like to volunteer. Mask wearing is mandatory for all persons not fully vaccinated. Mask-wearing for all others is optional (but recommended).



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FISH FRY

Carry-Out Only

JANUARY 7, 2022

4:30 PM –7:30 PM



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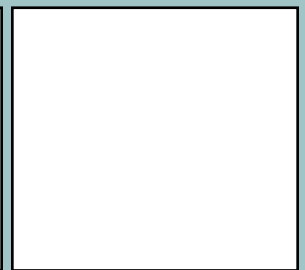


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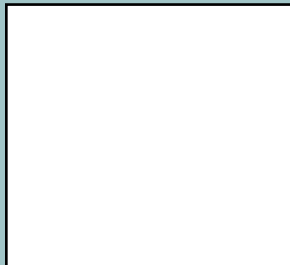
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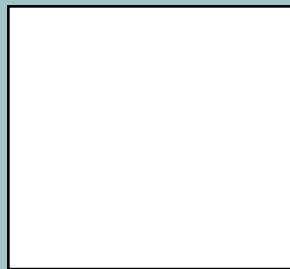
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