

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

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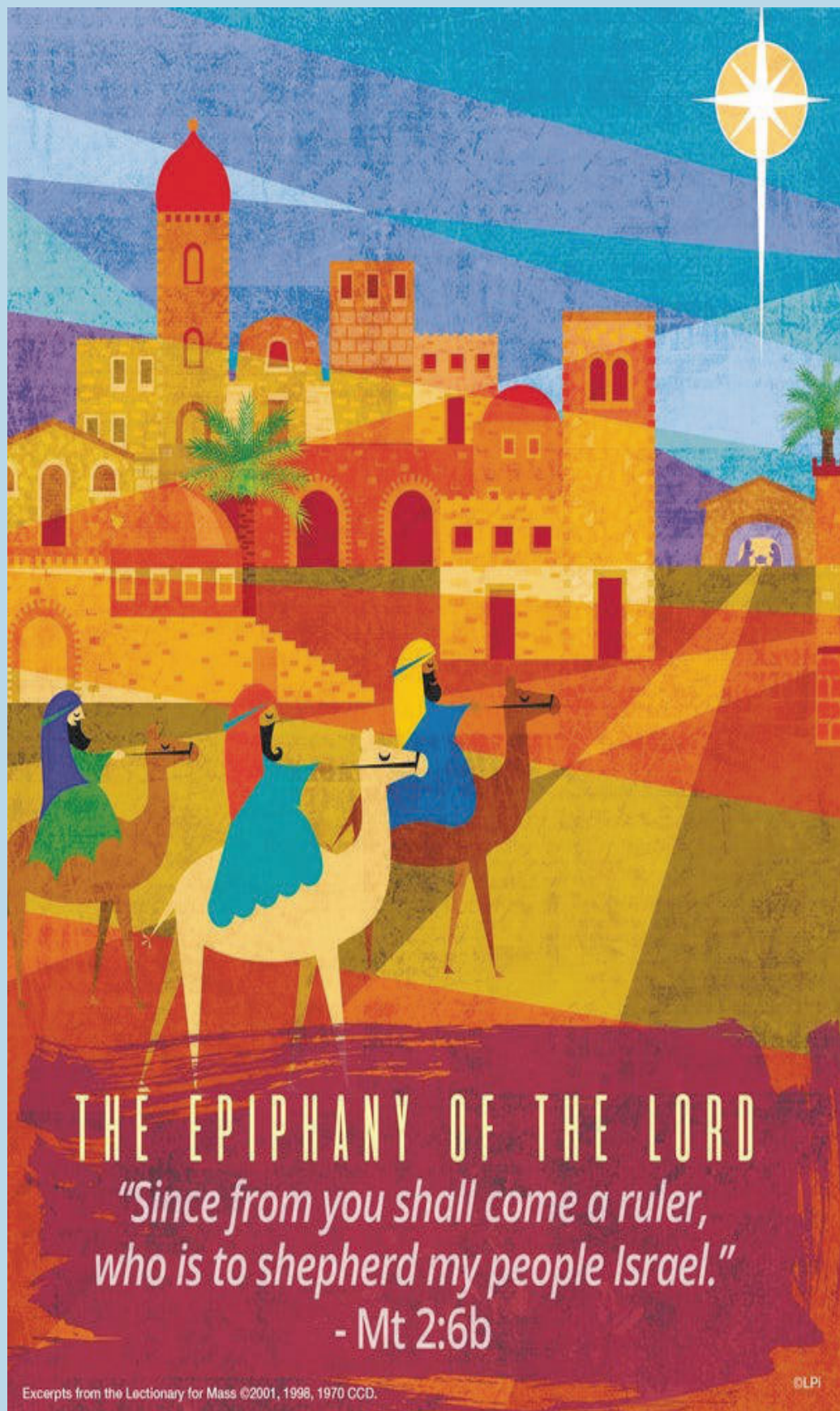
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## Masses

Saturday ~ 4:30PM  
Sunday ~ 8AM and 10:30AM  
Mon., Tues., Thur. and Fri. ~ 8:30AM

## Confessions

Saturday 3:15—4:00PM



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b

# PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker:

Can you believe we begin a New Year this weekend? Time sure has a way of flying by, almost so quickly that it is easy to miss the beauty of each day given to us.

I pray that 2022 will be a better year for all of us. May the COVID pandemic be lessened in our area, country, and world; may the hatred, crime, evil, dissension, division, racism, intolerance and all the other things that plague our society be dealt with individually and collectively; may the hope of the Christmas event fill our hearts and souls so much that we share that hope and love with all we meet.

This weekend is the Feast of the Epiphany. This is when the Magi came to our Savior and offered gifts. They were foreigners. They were not Jewish. They were considered outsiders by the Jews. Their recognition of Jesus as the true Savior of the world should call us to several things.

One, how do we treat others who are considered “outsiders?” Do we try to include them in our neighborhoods, classrooms, parish? Do we judge others and put them in a box and never let them change in our eyes?

Two, do we have the same insight as to the Savior born at Bethlehem as did the Magi? Do we see Jesus as our Lord and Savior? Do we come to adore Him each weekend at Mass? Do we gift others with Jesus through our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure?

Epiphany. A feast of adoration. A feast of gifting. A feast of recognizing Jesus as who He truly is – PRIEST, PROPHET and KING!

Your Pastor,  
Father Joe

PS

**THANK YOU** for all the remembrances at Christmas—cards, prayers, goodies, gifts and notes. I sure do appreciate your generosity and kindness. You helped to make the season bright for me! And I am grateful to all at SJW for all you have done to make my first six months so enjoyable. Your support and outreach have touched my heart. How fortunate I am to be graced by the Lord to be your pastor. My prayers for each of you continue. Happy 2022!

## First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration is available after Daily Mass on January 7 starting at 9:15AM and ending with Benediction at 11:30AM. All are welcome.



For the month of January—

**Ball-Chatham Food Pantry** will be the recipient. They are in need of canned vegetables and canned fruit, chili, sugar, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, oil and soup (they do not need tomato or chicken noodle). Collection boxes are at the south entrance of the church outside the Franzen Day Chapel. *Thank you for your support.*



## Our Gift to God

**Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life**

Collection total for the week of 12/19/2021 \$22,182.56  
Collection total for the week of 12/26/2021 \$ 9,724.00



## Looking Ahead

### January

- 1 Happy New Year
- 3 Office Closed
- 4 Men's Bible Study, 6:30am—RR  
(contact Joe Malek at 515-450-1010 for information)
- 4 Titus Women's Group via Zoom

OH: O'Hara Hall ~ KH: Kollross Hall ~ RR: Resource Room ~  
K: Kitchen

## In Deepest Sympathy

Our parish extends sympathy and prayers to Gene Pritchett and Sara Vanhala on the death of their wife and mother **Marcia Pritchett.**



May our gracious Lord grant **Marcia** eternal rest, and may He bless her family with the hope and consolation that only the Lord can bring.

# VIBRANT AND ACTIVE DISCIPLES

## Angel Tree Thank You 2021

Another extraordinary Angel Tree project came to a close bringing happiness, surprise, and excitement for 17 M.E.R.C.Y. families in the Springfield area.

St. Joseph the Worker parishioners donated presents to 17 moms and 35 children that included toys, clothing, household items, and much more, all purchased with a lot of love. Over \$2600 in gift cards were generously donated to provide food for Christmas dinner, as well as, to provide a little extra grocery money for these families during this difficult time.

A very special thank you to Annette VanderMolen, Nancy Spencer, Shelley Ebener, Trish Jackson and Deb Fiedler for sorting and packing the enormous number of items that filled an entire van! A special thank you to Sister Judy, Adam, and Sue for their assistance during the entire event. The 2021 project was so successful because of these individuals and our entire parish. St. Joseph the Worker's community spirit of giving to those less fortunate rang especially true this year. God Bless you, and prayers for each and every one of you for your kindness, compassion, and generosity! A blessed New Year!



*The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?*

## Reflective Quote

"If you do nothing else today, smile at someone who needs to see you smile."

*Matthew Kelly  
A Call to Joy*

## Baptism Preparation Classes

Parents who would like to have their child baptized at St. Joseph the Worker are required to attend a preparation class. The next classes will be:

**January 13, 2022**

**March 3, 2022**

**May 12, 2022**

**July 14, 2022**

**September 8, 2022**

**November 10, 2022**

To sign up for a class, or to make alternate arrangements, call the church office at 217-483-3772. Thanks to Cindy Essex for helping our new parents prepare to raise the next generation of the faithful.



## Pancake Breakfast Canceled

With rising Covid-19 cases, TEAM has decided to cancel its pancake breakfast scheduled for January 2022. TEAM had already canceled the 2021 annual breakfast, with hopes to hold it in 2022. It is hard to socially distance inside for both preparing the breakfast and dining. The numbers were declining when TEAM was contemplating having it in 2022, but with the increase, TEAM decided it's in the best interest of our parish members and the community to wait another year. TEAM thanks everyone for their support, and we hope to see you next year!



## Bulletin Prayer Line

As this new year begins, the need for prayers are many and will continue in our prayers, but the bulletin prayer line listing does need to be revised. If there are previous requests that remain on the bulletin prayer line that can be removed, please contact Sr. Judy at [jpfile@comcast.net](mailto:jpfile@comcast.net). Your help is appreciated.

## Prayer Line

Sam Beck  
Michele Becker  
Bill Bellot  
Judy Blakley  
James Burshears  
Bernard Clancy  
Kalli Creviston  
Kathleen DeAngelo  
Diane Dill  
Pat Felber  
Marilyn Franic  
Paula Gibson  
Christina Hand  
Colleen Hoerchler  
Michael Hoerchler  
Tim Hoerchler  
Daphne Hogan  
Jim Hogge  
Joyce Kazmierski  
Mary Alice Keith  
Matt Kern  
Mary Ellen Kingery  
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Carol Olejniczak  
Jo Powers  
Malena Orbegoso  
Marcia Pritchett  
Donald Shay  
Nicholas Shay  
George Simmons  
Harold Smith  
Mark Thomas  
Jane Vetter  
Cindy Wheeler  
Thomas A. Woytych

Call St. Joseph's Prayer Line with prayer requests.  
**8:30AM - 4:30PM:**  
Sr. Judith Pfile, O.P.  
217-483-3772

**5:00PM - 9:00PM:**  
Anita Bedell  
217-483-4566

Irene Burnet  
217-816-3962

Mary Lewis  
217-483-3166

# FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH

## Daily Readings

### Important Dates

- Faith Formation classes will resume on Sunday, January 9th at 9:15am (Session I) and Wednesday, January 19th at 6:30pm (Session II.)

### VBS Co-Directors Needed

If you are up for a challenge that reaps an abundance of fulfillment at watching youth of all ages grow in God's love, are dependable, organized, team oriented and have a passion for our faith and passing it along to our young church, then do we have the perfect opportunity for you! We are searching for 1-2 motivated individuals to work along-side the Faith Formation Coordinator in planning, promoting and overseeing our annual Vacation Bible School program. We are hoping for this to begin in January of 2022. with a shadowing experience under our current Co-Directors, and the intention of taking over full reigns in January of 2023. If interested, please reach out to Janice Anderson in the church office for further information, explanation, details and questions. A very heart-felt thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of this meaningful and important ministry to our parish.



### A Very Merry Christmas Thank You!

We would like to thank all of our youth who joined us on December 18th for a fantastic celebration, preparing for the birth of Jesus. An **EXTRA** special thank you goes out to **Annie McDermott, Dawn and Joe Roesch, Lisa Duffield, and Brian, Michelle & Grace Stenke for the wonderful help, fellowship and clean up through the night!**



- MON – JAN 3**  
1 Jn 3:22—4:6  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- TUE – JAN 4**  
1 Jn 4:7-10  
Mk 6:34-44
- WED – JAN 5**  
**NO MASS**  
1 Jn 4:11-18  
Mk 6:45-52
- THU – JAN 6**  
1 Jn 4:19—5:4  
Lk 4:14-22a
- FRI – JAN 7**  
1 Jn 5:5-13  
Lk 5:12-16
- SAT – JAN 8**  
1 Jn 5:14-21  
Jn 3:22-30
- SUN – JAN 9**  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
Ti 2:11-14: 3:4-7  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Mass Intentions

- MON – JAN 3**  
8:30AM  
+Bernard, Marjori & Rodney Solberg
- TUE – JAN 4**  
8:30AM  
+Matt Williams
- WED – JAN 5**  
No Mass
- THU – JAN 6**  
8:30AM  
+All Souls
- FRI – JAN 7**  
8:30AM  
+Al Greco
- SAT – JAN 8**  
4:30PM  
All Parishioners
- SUN – JAN 9**  
8:00 AM  
+Ben Bedell
- 10:30AM  
+Tom Quevillon

### Adopt a Restored Order Candidate Friendly Reminder

If you adopted a Restored Order Candidate by taking a card the weekend of November 13th, please continue to pray for them as they approach their special day on Tuesday, January 11th at the Cathedral in Springfield. Thank you!

### Sew `n Sews

St. Joe's sewing group usually meets every Tuesday afternoon. They will not be meeting again until after the New Year, January 4. If you haven't been a part of the group, think about getting involved in 2022.



### PUZZLE

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise-men  
child  
born

king  
star  
worship

Mary  
gifts  
dream

wsie mne    **w i s e m e n**

brno    \_ \_ \_ \_

knig    \_ \_ \_ \_

derma    \_ \_ \_ \_

cildh    \_ \_ \_ \_

wrsohpi    \_ \_ \_ \_

Mrya    \_ \_ \_ \_

gfsti    \_ \_ \_ \_

srtc    \_ \_ \_ \_



### MISSION

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.

## A Blessing for You

May the God of Stillness be with you  
 calming your heart when it is agitated,  
 inviting you to meet God  
 in the stillness of your being.  
 May God often break through  
 into the activity of your day  
 and call you to stand still  
 and notice God's activity in your life.  
 May your own inner stillness  
 draw others to the God of peace.  
 May the blessing of Stillness  
 be with you.

*Maxine Shonk, OP  
 Dominican Sisters  
 Grand Rapids, Michigan*

*Blessings*

## To Your Health

As you are making your resolutions for 2022,  
 be sure to plan and schedule your age-appropriate health  
 screenings.



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