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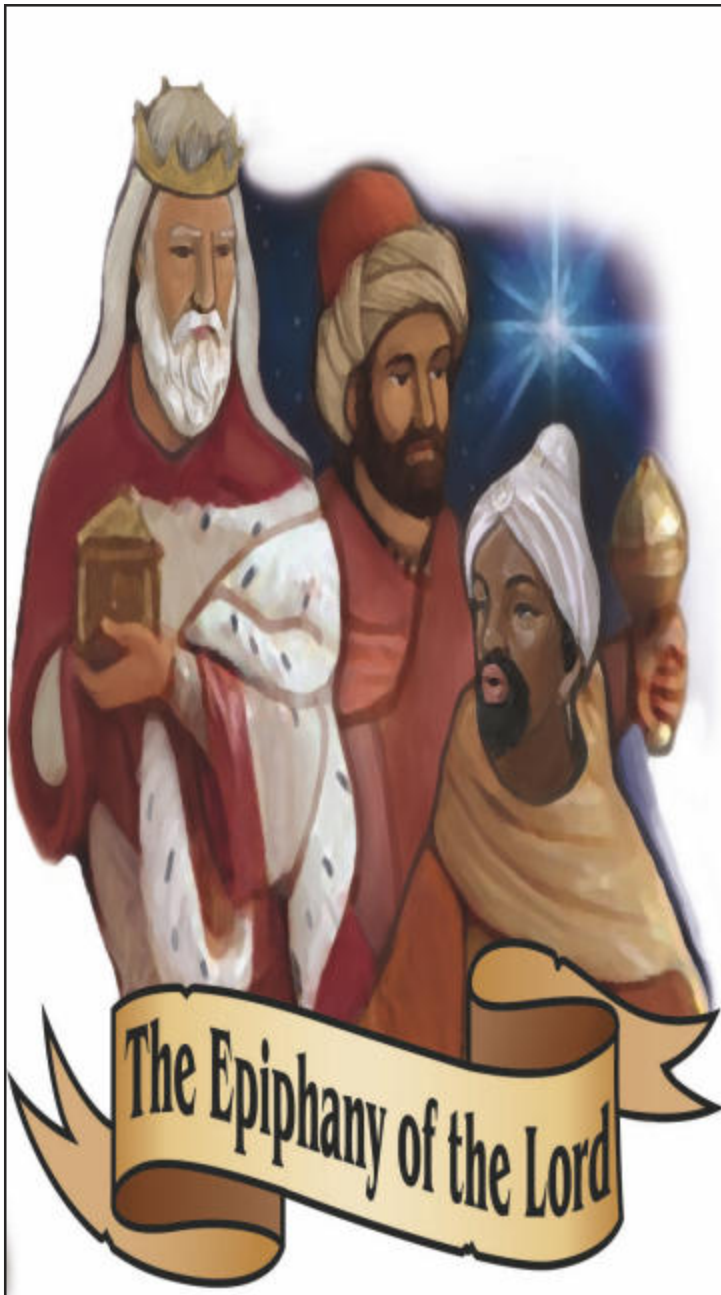
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 pm
Sunday.....7:30 & 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation—OLQH

Saturday.....9:00 am & 3:00 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 AM—3:30 PM MON—THURS
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SCHOOL SECRETARY: JENNY ZACHER PHONE: 715-422-0980

New Parishioners...All new families are most welcome to the Parish and are kindly asked to register at the Parish Office as soon as possible. Please inform the office of any address or phone number changes.

Baptisms...Parents should be registered in the parish. Practice of the faith by parents is expected. A preparation class is required. **The next class is Tuesday, January 12th at 5:30 pm.** The class fee is \$20. Please call the parish office at 715-423-1251 if you have any questions.

Wedding Preparation...Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding. Anyone wishing to marry at Our Lady Queen of Heaven must be active participating members.

Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/
Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,
17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/
Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and
9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
[11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is
55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/
1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL Prayer petitions may be written in our Book of Petitions which is located in the gathering area by the offices. The petition book is carried to the altar and the petitions are offered at each Sunday Mass.
PRAYER CHAIN Please call **Mary Kobza** at 715-421-0447 with your intentions.

All emergency calls for Sunday, January 3, 2021 may be directed to Fr. Schaller at 715-423-1351.

Sacrificial Giving December 13, 2020

General	\$10,050.31
Plate	\$479.00
Building Maintenance	\$240.00
Immaculate Conception	\$637.20
Direct Donation 12-10-20	\$8,294.00
Total	\$19,700.51



Sacrificial Giving December 20, 2020

General	\$17,070.00
Plate	\$735.00
Building Maintenance	\$310.00
Total	\$18,115.00

Parish Office Hours (open over noon hour)
Mon-Thurs. 8:00 am to 3:30
Fridays 8:00 am to Noon.
Scrip is available during office hours

Mass on Public Access Channel—Time & date have changed. It will now be on Wed. morning at 9:00 am and Sunday evenings at 9:00 pm.



Please remember in your prayers

Dolores Fluno
Jesse Plante

May God grant them eternal rest.

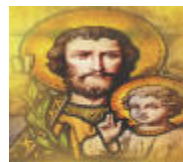
Communion at the drive up doors

Since the obligation to attend Mass has not been reimposed, we will continue to have Communion after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen

Sister Parish Collection...We will not be taking up the collection in December as usual. The collection will be the weekend of January 16/17. Thank you for your support.



St. Joseph
Pray For Us

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PRAY FOR THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Religious Education Grades 1-9

***January 13** – Grade 1-9 (6:00-7:15)

***January 20** – Grades 1-9 (6:00-7:15)

Confirmation:

***January 13** – RE only (7:20-8:30)

***January 20** – RE only (7:20-8:30)

We have **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during the 10:00 am Sunday Mass. Children age preschool through 3rd grade can take part. Children are called forth for a blessing and then sent on their way to hear the Gospel message, discuss it, recite the creed and share prayer intentions. The next dates are January 3rd & 17th.

Adventures in 1 Corinthians by Dr. Timothy Gray, is our next bible study that we will **apply to our daily lives**. Paul is a hero as he moves from persecutor, to one who calls people to follow Christ. In the midst of the same things that we have going on today in our culture as in Paul's day, scandals, debates and controversies, issues of rich vs. poor, people who are puffed up with their own self-importance and pride in their knowledge and power and people who are marginalized, we look to Paul as a leader in helping people live charity with their brothers and sisters. When it seems easier to turn away from the world around us and live for ourselves because it looks like things are out of control, Paul answers the questions "What is the authentic way to live out the life of Christ in the midst of the world, without being worldly?" and "How much am I willing to lay down my life out of charity for others?" Please join us as we begin on Thursday, January 7 at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm. The study will run for 10 weeks on Thursdays. The dates for January are the 14th, 21st and 28th.

Save the Date! January 30 – Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection: "Walking with Mom's in Need" Some people accuse pro-lifers of caring only about the child in the womb and not women in need. Not true at all, as you will see from this virtual afternoon of reflection on January 30, 2021, with keynote speaker Bob Perron, Executive Director of JMJ Pregnancy Center in Orlando, FL. You will also hear about the fourteen Pregnancy Care Centers in the Diocese of La Crosse and what you can do to help one near you. This afternoon of reflection will have broad appeal for families, adults and teens. More details coming soon!

Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious! "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." We are still receiving donations and a total will be put in an upcoming bulletin.

START A FAMILY TRADITION



A Family Doorway Blessing for Epiphany

Chose a door that all of the family goes in and out of. Turn off the television, and gather the family around the door. Each family member can take a part of the door blessing.

(Child): Today we remember the Magi who, guided by the star shining in the heavens, came to the house where Jesus rested in the arms of Mary his mother. They were blessed as they brought their gifts to that holy place. Today we ask Christ our Lord to bless our home.

(Parent): O God, by Your heavenly star, You guided those who were wise to find Your beloved son, Jesus Christ. May Your blessing come to rest on our home and all of us. Make our lives wise with Your wisdom, true to Your teaching, and enlivened by Your love. May Your Word made flesh make His home among us. Amen.

(Parent): Blessed are You, O Lord our God, for You guide our footsteps. You bless our coming in and going out, from birth to death, You hold us in your care. Bless this door, O Lord, which we consecrate to this time of preparation for your second coming. Each time that we pass through this door, draw us more deeply into your presence and the wonders of your love for us. You are the door to the Kingdom of God. Loose our sins and open for us the door of salvation. Lead us home through You. Amen.



Using chalk, have a child write on the top of a door frame (lintel) exactly as shown: (Chalk will be available in back of church)

20+ C + B + M +21

(Child) These letters and numbers are the initials of the names of the three kings who came to the manger on this feast of the Epiphany ... Casper, Balthasar and Melchior, as well as the New Year of 2021 Every time we see them let us be reminded of Jesus.

(Parent): Let us pray the Our Father together.





**Restoring St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral,
the Mother Church of our Diocese**

*As Christ is the cornerstone of our faith, our Cathedral
is the cornerstone of our Diocese.*

We are excited to continue the launch of our Christ Our Cornerstone campaign to restore the steeple and facilitate other restorations to our beloved St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. The impact of the Cathedral is diocesan wide and beyond and stands as the iconic cornerstone of our faith which radiates as a place of prayer and worship to all our people. This structure, our faith in stone, was gifted to us by the hard work and sacrifices of generations past. It is now our time, our turn to honor our faithful patron St. Joseph the Workman and preserve this historic and magnificent Cathedral. In an unprecedented act of generosity, St. Ambrose Financial Services has offered to match \$2 for every \$1 generously pledged to this initiative up to \$3 million. That doesn't just double your gift to the Cathedral, it triples it! Now is the time to act! All families within our Diocese are invited to participate. Please know that while one-time gifts are appreciated, we are encouraging everyone to consider making a pledge. There are several pledge plans available in the brochures available at the church or by visiting cathedralsjworkman.org/cornerstone. Pledges can be made online or by using the pledge cards found within the brochures provided at Mass today. We thank you for your kind assistance in this historic endeavor. It is only together as one that we can truly do great things!

Speaker Series – January 7th Dr. Petroc Willey will be speaking on the six ways that Christ is to be the center of all teaching, which is called Christocentricity. Petroc does this by way of Sacred Art. I heard the presentation that he gave to the Archdiocese of Minneapolis/St. Paul and it is both beautiful and extremely helpful for teaching. Dr. Willey is a gifted speaker, who makes everything understandable. He is a Director of the Catechetical Institute and a Professor of Catechetics. Further, he is a consultant for the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization. This presentation will be well worth your time, and will give you a spiritual lift in the Christmas Season. There is no cost for the ZOOM presentation on Thursday, January 7th, 2-3 p.m., but registration is necessary. Send an email to Paula at pboyle@diolc.org All are welcome. Extend the invitation to catechists and Catholic School teachers.

On Line Giving...With churches being closed, here is a link that you can use to make donations to the parish. This is a link for Our Lady Queen of Heaven. It's very easy to use. You can make a one time donation or make recurring donations.

<https://diolc.org/our-lady-queen-of-heaven-wi-rapids/>

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021 ST JOHN NEUMANN

9:00 am Children's Mass †Robert, Marie, Joan & Bill Arnold
by: The Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021 ST ANDRE BESSETTE

8:00 am Mass † Deceased Members of the
Bill & Doris Arnold Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021 ST RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT

9:00 am & 5:30 pm Bible Study
5:00 pm Mass † Eric Gerard by: Mom

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021

8:00 am Mass † Alex & Margaret Lobner by: Patsy Kell

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021 Vigil Mass

8:00 am Mass † Eileen & W.L. O'Connor by: Pat O'Connor
9:00 am Confessions
3:00 pm Confessions
3:30 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Mass † Henry & MaryAnne Ehlers
by: Chris & Joe Ehlers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord

7:30 am Mass † Jack Gardner by: Kathy & Chris Strope
10:00 am Mass † Patricia Simkowski by: Bob & Vi Dionne

Lectors

Saturday—January 9
4:00 pm Therese Miller
Sunday—January 10
7:30 am Mary Benbow
10:00 am Angela Peters

Greeters

Saturday—January 9
4:00 pm Wayne & Paula Tracy
Sunday—January 10
7:30 am Fran, Shirley, Deb Eron
10:00 am Jim & Mary Krause, Marge Gee

Greetings from the Social Justice Committee:

Thank you for your generous donations to help the people in Zambia. This shipping container is full and is on its way. Thank you to all who brought donations of medication bottles, hand tools, water buckets, glasses and balls. You were very generous.

Wisconsin Rapids Area Epiphany Food Drive

S.W.E.P.S.

Collection Location:

St. John's Episcopal Church Parking Lot
(Across from the Post Office)
January 6, 2021 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Sponsor the Sanctuary Candles...in memoriam, for a birthday, anniversary, for a special prayer intention or as a special gift. Five Sanctuary Candles will burn for six days and the 2 altar candles will burn at all Masses during that week. They are \$25 for the week.





SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of January 2—January 8

In Memory of

John

By: Karen & Mike Abbott

School News

You are very welcome to join our school family at any time. If you would like to visit our schools and see what a day in the life of a Catholic school student entails. Please call the ACS Enrollment office at 715/422-0900 to make a reservation.

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 31 to February 5. Please join us in our excitement and spread the word about what a great school we have here. Invite another family to experience what goes on in our schools.

A New Year's Prayer for Our Family

GOD, THANK YOU FOR A NEW YEAR. MAY EVERYONE IN OUR FAMILY BE WILLING TO BEGIN ANEW WITH A CLEAN SLATE. WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS READY TO FORGIVE US. HELP US TO BE WILLING TO FORGIVE OURSELVES AND TO FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER.

AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR, REMIND US OF OUR TRUEST VALUES AND OUR DEEPEST DESIRES. HELP US TO LIVE IN THE GOODNESS THAT COMES FROM DOING WHAT YOU WANT US TO DO. HELP US TO PUT ASIDE ANXIETY ABOUT THE FUTURE AND THE PAST, SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE IN PEACE WITH YOU NOW, ONE DAY AT A TIME.

AMEN



A note from SWEPS

Thank you for the volunteers from your church that helped at SWEPS during the week of 12/7 to 12/11. During those 5 days 118 households were served for a total of 345 individuals including 12 new clients in South Wood County. We are so thankful for those who care about the well-being of your neighbors in this area.

Our needs are ongoing, so food and monetary donations are continuously and graciously appreciated. WE also appreciate receiving paper and plastic bags. Thanks again, for your help at SWEPS and supporting those in need in our area.

A Pro-Life Rosary will be said on Monday, January 11th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at 3:45.

Epiphany

Manifesting Jesus to Others



A rabbi put the following question to his disciples, "How can we determine the hour of dawn, when the night ends and the day begins?" One student replied, "When from a distance you can distinguish between a sheep and a dog." "No," said the rabbi. Another student quickly offered, "When you can tell a fig tree from a grapevine." "No," repeated the rabbi. "Then tell us, please," asked the students. Replied the rabbi, "Darkness ends and day begins when you can look into the faces of all other human beings and you have enough light in you to recognize them as your brothers and sisters."

Today we celebrate the manifestation of the Lord to all the people of the world without any discrimination of race, culture and language. The word Epiphany, which means appearance or manifestation or showing forth, marks Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles. Epiphany is an older celebration than the feast of Christmas, having originated in the East in the late second century. In Italy and Spain, the gifts traditionally associated with the Christmas season are exchanged today, on the feast of the Epiphany. In the Eastern Church it is also the commemoration of the baptism of Christ. The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealed him to the Magi, who had already received hints of Him from Jewish scriptures. Later, God the Father revealed Jesus' identity at His baptism in the Jordan. In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

On this first Sunday of the year, as we celebrate the Epiphany, we recall that the wise men honored the Christ child by bringing him valuable gifts of gold, incense and myrrh. The generous gifts bestowed upon Jesus by the three kings would prefigure the supremely generous gift that the Lord would give to us, the gift of new life, paid for with His very blood upon the cross.

In this New Year, as we celebrate the Lord's generosity to us may we be inspired to imitate Him and become more generous stewards within our family, within our parish and in taking care of the needs of the poor and less fortunate. Let us manifest Jesus to others by our way of life.



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