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Parish Office Hours

STJ — Monday 8 am—2 pm
MOD — Tues, Wed & Thurs 8 am—4 pm

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Mother of Dolors
Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8:00 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am

St. Joseph
Sunday: 8:00 am
Tuesday: 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Mother of Dolors
Saturday: 3-3:45 pm
(or by appointment)

St. Joseph
Sunday: 7-7:45 am
(or by appointment)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the parish office if seriously
ill or awaiting surgery.

BAPTISM

Preparations by appointment.
Celebrations during Mass or after
Mass upon request

MARRIAGE

Contact the office at least 6 months
prior to wedding date.

DIOCESAN CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

AND INVESTIGATION
Phone # 217-321-1155

Bulletin Deadline: Email or call MOD office by noon on Tuesday

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Cheryl Bowen, Amber DeClerck, Tracy Fifer, Greg Philpot, Betty Mars, Joann & Herb Tessman, Lela Themig, Keith Hobler, Diane Straub, Fred Keck, Buddy Carroll, Hannah & Janet Shroyer, Marc Sasse, Ohren Simburger, Barb Mitchell, Luralene Tarter, Jennie Grimsley, Tom Bohle, Mike Mars, Gabe McGee, Anthony Otto, Joe Meyer, Vicky Graeser, RS, Sister Mary Lou Durbin, Erin Prather, Makenzie Elzer, Denice Prather, Gladys Maher, Everett Hoehn, Paul Moore, Megan Clark, Nancy Chatam, Annie Logsdon, Jed Crow, Debbie D, Marsha Grove, Linda Beck, Jeff Menken, Sara Smith, Janice Kirk, Fred Bauerle, Larry Pruitt, CMA

*****Please help keep this list current*****

The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity – Sunday, January 2nd

Isaiah 60:1-6 * Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 * Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 * Matthew 2:1-12

Gifts. The Magi, these foreign interpreters of dreams, do the following: follow a star, travel a great distance, trust the words of others, bring and give gifts. In some countries, Epiphany and not Christmas is gift-giving day. This twelfth-day (when on the traditional 6th of January) brings to completion the manifestation of Christ – first to the Jews and today to everyone. No one is foreign to God’s good grace.

- How will I search diligently for Jesus?
- Because God is merciful to me, what mercy work can I do for another?
- What gifts will I give to others in need?

Dear Friends,

The birth of Jesus involved many extraordinary events: nearly two thousand years of preparatory Revelation, the Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary, Caesar calling a census, no room for the Holy Family in Bethlehem, a virgin birth, and angels announcing the birth of God to shepherds, the working poor of their day.

But one of the most unexpected twists to the story is the visit of the Magi, which we celebrate today as the Epiphany.

Who were these Magi?

No one knows for certain, and neither are we sure where they came from. But Matthew, the only Evangelist to mention them, surprisingly discloses that they are not Jews. They are the only non-Jews to discover the Christ Child and visit him.

They are astrologers from the East and something of the scientists of the ancient world, tracking the movements of the heavenly bodies and discerning what they might mean. We commonly refer to them as “Wise Men” and most probably they were the learned sages of their day.

And that’s Matthew’s point: the natural world, even the movement of the stars, will direct those who study them, those who investigate nature carefully, toward Christ.

Our God is the creator of all truth—revealed and natural—and both, if we are honest, will lead us right back to Him.

May God Bless You in this New Year of Grace.

With joy and gratitude for the days ahead!

Fr. Seth

Reasons to Love Mary

5 reasons to love Mary, but know that there are countless others.

1. She is the refuge and hope of sinners – The saints constantly tell us that no one, no matter how great a sinner, will be condemned if they are truly devoted to Mary.
2. She helps us be pure –The more we love Mary, the more she will help us be pure in an evil world.
3. Mary is the ultimate comforter, and she helps us carry our crosses as we follow Jesus.
4. She crushes demons – Demons are real, and the want to make sure you never make it to heaven. They will send temptation after temptation your way to ensure you fall into sin
5. Jesus loved her – As Catholic men, our mission to imitate Jesus Christ in every respect. And what did Jesus do? He gave himself totally to Mary.

Sam Guzman, *The Other Woman in My Life*, 03-21-2014

Ministry Schedule

Mother of Dolors

Saturday, Jan 8 — 4 :00 PM

Lector: Kim Taylor Servers: Mike & Caroline
Ushers: Pat Jackson

Sunday, Jan 9 — 10:00 AM

Lector: Dave Lidy Servers: McKinley & Ivy
Ushers: Dan Stock & Buddy Carroll

Saturday, Jan 15— 4 :00 PM

Lector: Janice Edwards Servers: Mike & Max
Ushers: Pat Jackson

Sunday, Jan 16 — 8 AM

Lector: Lisa Murfee Servers: Ivan & Ike
Ushers: Dan Stock & Buddy Carroll

St. Joseph's

Sunday, Jan 9— 8 AM

Lector: Becky Eddy Ushers: Dennis & Mike
Servers: Lillie & Ben Gifts: Pruitt's

Sunday, Jan 16 — 10 AM

Lector: Mike Reiss Ushers: Larry P & Adam
Servers: Charlie & Kelsey Gifts: Huber's

The Liturgical schedules are in the back of church and in Google Calendar.



PSR Parents meeting

The next meeting will be Saturday, Jan 8th at 5:30 PM.

MOD CCW

The Council of Catholic Women is an organization that directly supports our parish. All women of the parish are automatically a part of CCW! Your financial help provides for altar breads and wine for mass, altar linens, vestments, candles and many other items. You can help by contributing \$10 for our annual dues. Please use the parish envelopes or place in an envelope labeled CCW. Your contribution helps our parish celebrate mass with beauty and dignity.

Grow your marriage!

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is coming to Springfield March 18-20 at the Villa Maria Conference Center. For more information or to apply by Jan. 17 go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

† Mass Intentions

Mon., Jan 3	Christmas Weekday No Mass
Tues., Jan 4 8 am STJ	Christmas Weekday +Alice Milligan
Wed., Jan 5 8 am MOD 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Christmas Weekday +Frank Murphy (J. Helm) Adoration in Mary's Chapel
Thurs., Jan 6 8 am MOD	Christmas Weekday Marlys Hayner (CCW)
Fri., Jan 7 8:00 am MOD 8:30 am MOD	Christmas Weekday +Fr. Bob Porter (CCW) Scripture Reflection
Sat., Jan 8 8:00 am MOD 8:30 am - 2:45 pm 3—4:00 pm MOD 4:00 pm MOD	Christmas Weekday +Richard Like (Stock) Eucharistic Adoration MOD Reconciliation +Larry Gale (Edwards family)
Sun., Jan 9 7 - 7:45 am STJ 8:00 am STJ 10:00 am MOD	Baptism of the Lord Reconciliation +Harold & Margaret Bergin +Frank Murphy (KofC)

Tithes *and* offerings

Giving Back to God

Mother of Dolors 12-26

Regular	3,423.00
Christmas	3,294.00
Children's Home	1,143.00
Retired Religious	20.00
World Mission Sunday	10.00
Catholic Times	15.00
Building fund	30.00
Latin America	20.00

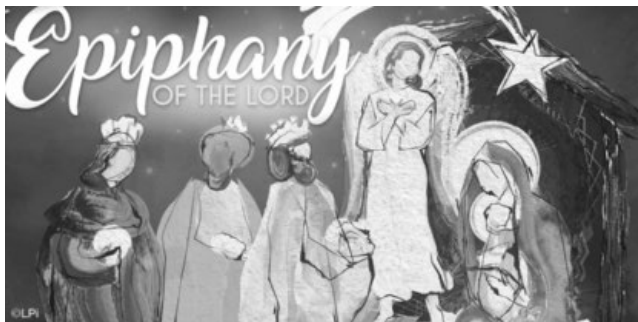
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Regular	579.00
Christmas	868.00
Children's Home	270.00



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And all military

Sanctuary Lamp-MOD
Holy Souls in Purgatory



This week's events

Knight of Columbus meeting	Mon. Jan 3	7 PM
CDA meeting	Tues. Jan 4	7 PM
MOD PSR	Wed. Jan 5	6:30 PM
RCIA	Thurs. Jan 6	6:30 PM
PSR Parents meeting	Sat. Jan 8	5:30 PM

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