

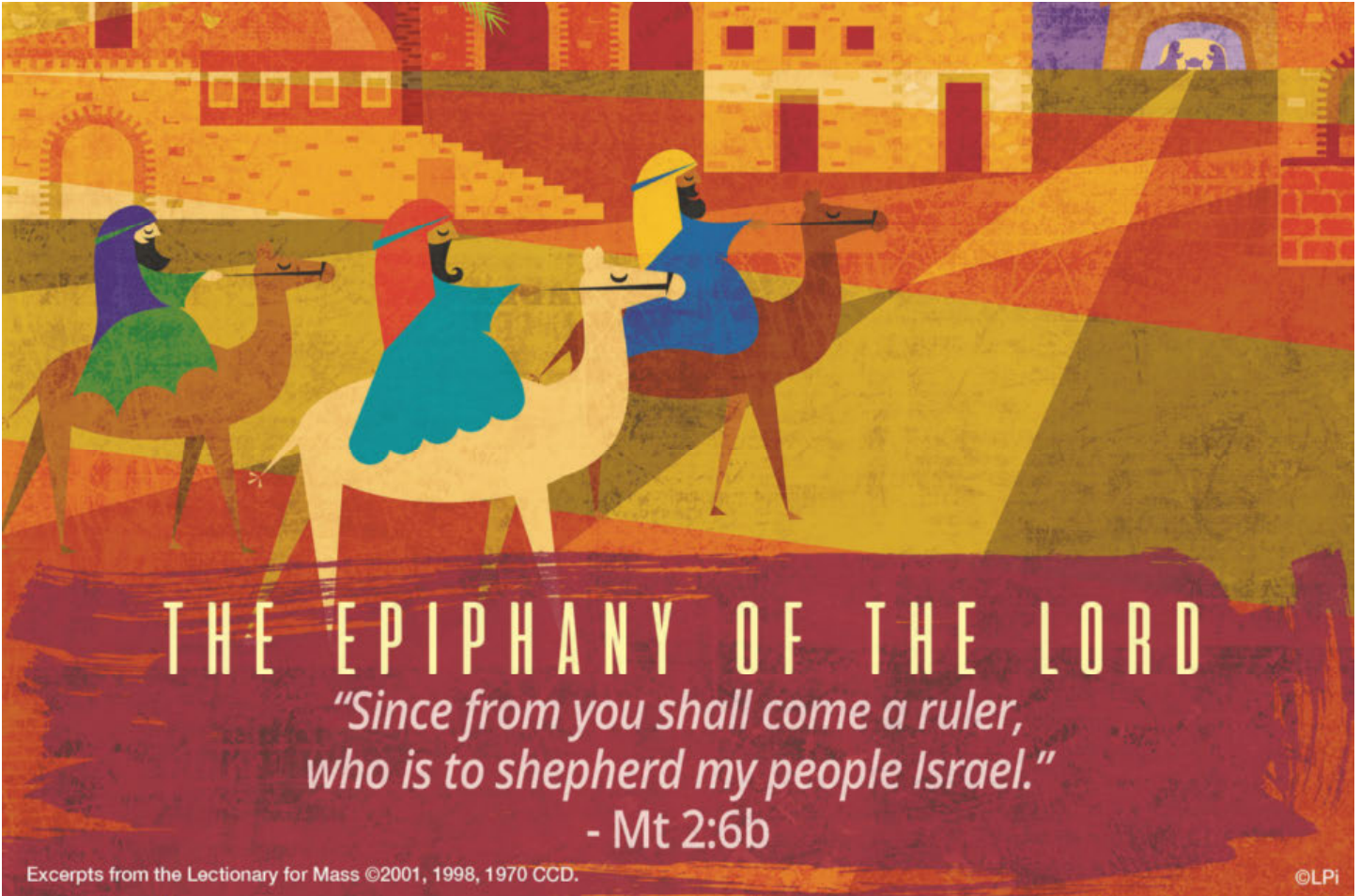


January 2, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord

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## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism. Parents who have never had a child baptized will need to receive preparation for this sacrament.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:30-5:00 pm or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment at least 6 months in advance. No date may be set until after this appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion for the Sick:** Call the Parish Office to arrange.

**Funerals:** Please call the Parish Office prior to finalizing funeral arrangements.

**Weekday Mass Schedule:** Tuesday 6:00 p.m. (Eucharistic Adoration 5:00 p.m.),  
Wednesday 8:15 a.m. (School Mass) & Friday 9:00 a.m.  
(First Friday of the Month Adoration after 9:00 a.m. Mass)

**Weekend Mass Schedule:** Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Parish Office:** 4625 N. Kenwood Ave., (317) 253-1461, Office Hours: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

**School:** 4600 N. Illinois Street, (317) 255-6244

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# Parish News



## Those in Nursing Homes:

Wanda Strange.

## Our Sick:

Michael Barnes	Patricia Long
Vicki Bezy	Mike
Neve Bowden	Malandrakis*
Deb Bowyer	Barb Martell*
Jenny Brown*	Betty Means*
Lucille	Julie Niec
Buckingham*	Hank Niec
Kata Carter	Eileen O'Donnell
Ella Comer	Eddy
Cyndi Corbin*	Varner Perez
Martha Corredor	Marcelino
Alfred Daupert	Quintana*
Cormac Delaney	Alexandra
Maxine Ferguson	Radtke*
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Eron Jackson*	Sharon Sperry
Matt Jennings	Don Stillman*
Amy King	Wanda Strange
Katherine	Glenda Thomas*
Kohlbacher*	Oliver Walsh
Bill Larson	Andy Weidekamp

\*(Family Member of a Parishioner)

*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. - Mt 2:10-11*

## FAITH FORMATION DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK

Parents, while school and religious ed session take a pause, here are some ideas about the Epiphany of the Lord to share with your children.

- The word *epiphany* means to reveal or to be manifest. What have you learned about God from your family? Cut star shapes out of white paper, one for each family member. Have family members write their responses to the question on the paper stars. Older family members can write for younger children. Hang the stars in your home as a reminder of God's presence.
- Help your family experience a true epiphany. Spend time this week looking for God. Go out for a walk, or look for God in your home. See where God leads you.
- Discuss these questions: What stops us from seeing God's presence in our world today? What helps us see God's actions and presence in the world around us? ~ Our Sunday Visitor

Religious Ed sessions will resume **Sunday, Jan. 9.**

## GREEN CORNER

At the turning of the year, we take stock of where we have been and where we want to go. How do our actions impact the world? Choose to live more justly, equitably, and sustainably.

## RACE MATTERS

*Welcome to Race Matters, a weekly recommendation from the Race and Culture Committee meant to inspire us all.*

### **THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE**

Read 10 Ways Well-Meaning White Teachers Bring Racism Into Our Schools, by Jamie Utt.

## BOULEVARD PLACE FOOD PANTRY

This past year of food pantry operation at 42nd and Boulevard was another one for the history books! We completed a long-needed facility makeover and expansion in the midst of a pandemic. Generous donors made all aspects of the remodel a reality, flexible volunteers adjusted as we shifted from curbside service only to a hybrid model of food relief to delivery, and our clients got what they needed most. We head into 2022, our 40th anniversary year, glad to have you building us up.

Please visit our website at [www.staindy.org](http://www.staindy.org), to read the full Boulevard Place Food Pantry Year End Report for 2021.

## 2021 MEDICAL REPORT FROM BELLE-RIVIÈRE

Since January Dr. Trezel Claudy, MD, and Dr. Celidor Luxone, DDS, have seen a total of 1,091 patients during their four-day monthly visits to the clinic in Belle-Rivière. Thanks to your generosity this amounts to \$8.07 per patient. This does not include the hundreds of patients who have received medicines from nurse Fatal through the \$200 monthly donation from STA as well as the medicines sent with the 2021 sea-container shipment last spring. Thank you on behalf of all those who have benefited from your kindness.

# Parish Life & Activities

## TORNADO RELIEF

On Friday, December 11, at least six states - Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi and Tennessee – were hit by tornadoes causing casualties and mass destruction. The Catholic Charities USA Disaster Operations team is on the ground assisting the dioceses and local Catholic Charities agencies as they begin to assess the damage and assist the survivors. At this time, the greatest need is for financial donations which will allow the disaster response teams within each of dioceses to purchase the necessary supplies that are needed immediately.

Financial Donations can be made via Catholic Charities USA.

<https://www.catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c353051>

Please make checks payable to:

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To make a donation to the Diocese of Owensboro, KY, one of the hardest hit regions, visit <https://owensborodiocese.org/give/>

**Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is asking parishes communities to NOT collect material donation at this time.** More information will be provided to our parish and school communities once the impacted dioceses are able to assess the scope of their material needs. The most effective way to assist those impacted by the deadly tornadoes is through prayer and financial donations.

### *Prayer for Disaster Relief (CCUSA)*

*God of hope and mercy, we lift up to you all victims of natural disasters and those responding with assistance and aid. Protect all who are in any form of danger; provide practical help to those in need; strengthen the weary, console the grieving, heal the suffering; and bless those engaged in disaster relief efforts with safety and courage. Help all people of good will respond with compassion and generous hearts. Amen.*

## **PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)**

**Christmas is about a Child...and Children.** Catholic Relief Services has given hope to the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters for more than 75 years, especially children. Christmas is a time we remember that God came to us as a human child to save us and this fallen world. And in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus tells us the importance of children and the necessity of ensuring they can come to Him, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God.” (Mark 10:14, RSVCE) Children need so much. They ask for our time, our attention and our love to grow up happy and healthy. They also require practical things—clean water, food and safety. Last year, CRS helped 55,000 children achieve better nutritional health, and 180,000 children found a safe home after they lost both parents. You can help provide these things to a child today. First, pray for them and their families. Then, as you consider your year-end giving, **visit: [CRS.org/donate](https://CRS.org/donate) or [gifts.crs.org](https://gifts.crs.org).** Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

## TITHES & GIFTS

December 19, 2021

Actual	\$ 356,881
Budget	\$ 380,100
Over/(Short)	\$ (23,219)
Haiti	\$ 34,599
SVdP	\$ 16,575

**Pastor: Fr. Varghese Maliakkal**

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## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Little Amy was looking through the family album and found a picture of a man sitting behind a cow. All that was visible was the man's legs and feet. She took the picture to a photo shop and told the clerk, "This is the only picture of my grandfather that I have. So please remove the cow so I can see what he looked like."

In today's first reading, we are given the portion of the vision of Isaiah which presents the God of Israel as the Light Who removes darkness and clouds from the earth. Matthew, writing to his Jewish-Christian community, describes how the Magi (pagan astrologers), as foretold by the prophet Isaiah, came to Jerusalem with their gifts, following a special star. They wished to pay homage to the newly-born, promised, divine king of Israel.

In some time back the young members of our parish community was asked why they enjoyed reading Harry Potter novels. Most just shrugged, smiled, and (so they wouldn't be called upon), tried to avoid catching my eye. The seventh grader Johnny, however, quietly responded, "Because you never know what's going to happen next."

The same element of suspense marked the journey of the Magi, who never knew what road the Spirit was going to take them down next. Today's readings invite us to have the curiosity of Amy and Johnny, so that we may discover the 'epiphany' of our God in everyone and every event, everywhere.

As our own country becomes more multicultural and multi-religious, the message of today's feast becomes more relevant: Christ came for all people---all men, women, and children, all nationalities, all believers and non-believers. God desires all to live in peace as God's children.

The magi were led to Christ by a star, something that got their attention; this is where God's revelation usually begins. But the star alone was not enough; the wise men needed the wisdom of the scriptures to complete the journey.

The Epiphany invites us to foster a love for both nature and God's word. Together, they will bring us to Christ, the One who has come to fulfill God's plan, drawing us into one family. God does not force us to become a family. But if we are open to the signs God sets out for us, we will find ourselves arriving at a place where we all can live together in peace. We pray today that all the division and hatred that continues to plague our planet will cease. We pray for an increase of wise men and women who will work for this peace. Who or what has led you to Christ over the years?

### Parish Calendar w/ Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 1• New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace**

5:30 pm Mass for † Tom Scanlan

**Sunday, January 2• The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 am Mass for † Kevin McShane

10:30 am Mass for † Stephen Kilpatrick

**Monday, January 3• The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

7:45–8:05 am Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

**Tuesday, January 4•**

7:45-8:05 am Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

5:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Mass for † Special Intentions

**Wednesday, January 5•**

7:45–8:05 am Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

8:15 am School Mass

**Thursday, January 6•**

7:45-8:05 am Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

**Friday, January 7•**

7:45-8:05 am Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

9:00 am Mass for † Tom Scanlan

**Saturday, January 8•**

5:30 pm Mass for † Jean Gibson

**Sunday, January 9• The Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 am Mass for St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:30 am Mass for † Tom Johnston

### Readings for the Week of January 2, 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/Mt  
4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-  
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Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45  
-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,  
17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/  
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and  
9b/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/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-  
25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk  
3:15-16, 21-22

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