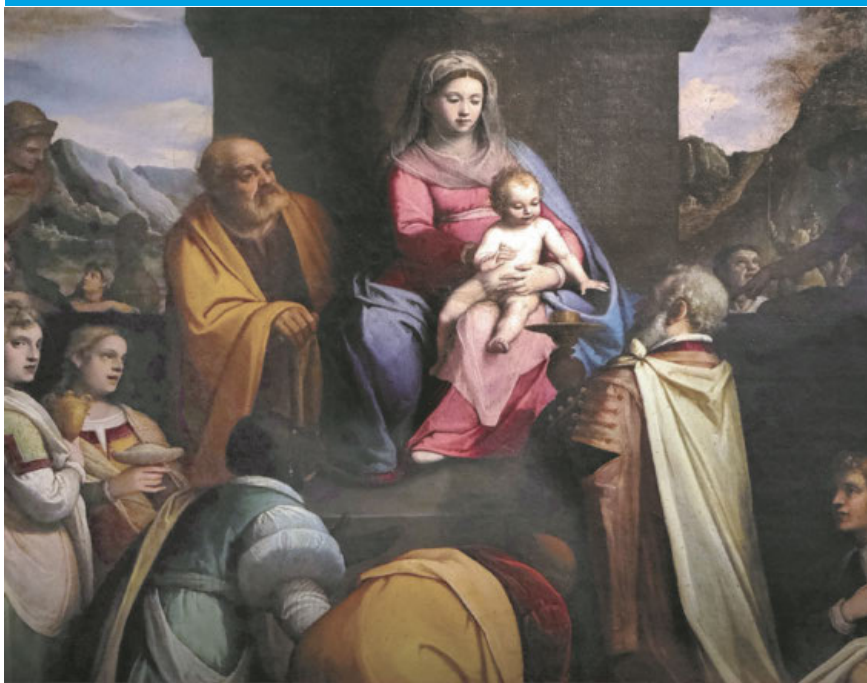


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JANUARY 2, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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



HAVE YOU BEEN NAUGHTY OR NICE?

EPIPHANY



THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

1/1 Sat	People of the Parish	4:00 p.m.
1/2 Sun	Special Intention	8:00 a.m.
1/2 Sun	Francis & Elma Costello	10:30 a.m.
1/4 Tue	Members of the Guild	8:30a.m.
1/5 Wed	Vernon & Donna Langtimm	8:30 a.m.
1/6 Thur	Lynn Ann Witter	8:30 a.m.
1/7 Fri	David Kakert	8:30 a.m.
1/8 Sat	Linda Kraciun	4:00 p.m.
1/9 Sun	Charles & Betty Loussaert	8:00 a.m.
1/9 Sun	People of the Parish	10:30 a.m.

Please contact the office if you are interested in requesting a Mass be said for a friend or loved one. Mass offering is \$5.00.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

Fiscal year is

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

ENVELOPES/AUTOMATED GIVING:

December 18-19 not available

Thank you for your contributions to St. Ann during the 2021 year!

For July 1, 2021 –June 30, 2022 Fiscal Year

DEBT RETIREMENT:

As of December 1, 2021

Total for November \$ 15,747.00

Monthly payments YTD: \$ 68,750.00

Collected YTD: \$ 60,752.00

UNDER Goal: \$ -7,998.00

ROOF REPLACEMENT:

As of December 1, 2021: \$79,949.00

On-line giving is available as are stock donations. Contact the office for more information.

ST. ANN BULLETIN DEADLINES:

ALL INFORMATION DUE BY 9:00 a.m. on the date listed!

January 9 bulletin– was due
December 29

January 16 bulletin—due January 6

Please send all bulletin information to secretary@stannslonggrove.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
COOPERATION!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF:

January 1-2: The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Matthew 2:1-12

Monday: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8; Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4:19-5:4; Psalm 72:1-2, 14-15c, 17; Luke 4:14-22

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-6a, 9b; John 3:22-30

Next week: January 9: The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

UP-COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS:

January 4— Guild mtg. 9:15 a.m.

January 11—Buildings and Grounds mtg. 6:00 p.m.
- Parish Council mtg. 7:00 p.m.

January 16— KC Breakfast in the Great Hall
8:00 a.m.—Noon

January 20—Liturgy Committee mtg—4:00 p.m.

January 22—KC 4th Degree Mass & Dinner
- 4:00 p.m. in Great Hall

January 23— 3rd graders leading Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Lector & Eucharistic Minister Schedule

This Week—January 1

4:00 p.m.: Kelly Greenleaf, Mary Gross, Lora & Pat Dierickx,
Karen Wyatt, Inez Tobin

January 2

8:00 a.m.: Jayne Dierickx, Marc Carlson, Kathy Clasen,
Joe Loussaert, Rita Pacha, Dan Ferry

10:30 a.m.: Maddie & Meara, & Thade Gottschalk,
Abby Costello, Kyrnan Liske-Rochholz,
Karen VanDeCastele

Next Week—January 8

4:00 p.m.: Betty Zimmer, Jane Bergendahl, Lynn Kilburg,
Dave Zimmer, Ken Willis, Nancy Shannon

January 9

8:00 a.m.: Glenn Leach, Joyce Kloft, Sara Mills-Ryan,
Denise & Jim Zimmer, Dan Ferry

10:30 a.m.: John & Cindy Hanenburg, Rachel Costello,
Karen VanDeCastele, Thade Gottschalk,
Brenda Kroeger

PARISH HAPPENINGS



THANK YOU to the family of Roger Kirby, who donated the lighted stained glass of Mary to St. Ann. Please look at it the next time you are at Mass!

STEWARDSHIP QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Faith Formation would like to wish you and your family a very **Happy and Blessed New Year!** We will resume classes on **Sunday January 9, 2022.**

The third graders will lead us at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, **January 23.**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God.

Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

January 2, 2022

GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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