# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC

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# SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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

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### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022 9:00 AM George Metz

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022** 9:00 AM Claudette Leszczynski

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022 9:00 AM Mike & Marion Maier

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022** 9:00 AM Alfredo Alban

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022** 9:00 AM All souls remembrances

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022 5:00 PM Carol Duszynski

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022 10:00 AM Tom Squier 1:00 PM For Our Parish Family

## WEEKLY PRAYER

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022**

Sunday:	ls 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 6:34-44
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

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022**

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregor Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	
Monday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	
Wednesday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop	
Thursday:	St. André Bessette, Religious	
Friday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest	
Next Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord	
Wednesday: Thursday: Friday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop St. André Bessette, Religious St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest	

#### 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.

### This Week in our Parishes

Monday, January 3, 2022 9:30 am Legion of Mary—St. John

6:30 pm R.C.I.A. Classes at Holy Family

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

After MassDivine Mercy/Bible Study-St. John6:30 pmBible Study-Holy Family Msgr. Galic Rm7:00 pmChoir Practice

Thursday, January 6, 2022 8:30 am Bible Study-H.F. Msgr. Galic Rm

Friday, January 7, 2022

12:30 pm	Retirees meet at 12:30 pm
12:30 pm	<b>Exposition of the Most Blessed</b>
-	Sacrament and Adoration until
	5:30pm at Holy Family

Saturday, January 8, 2022 4:00-4:45pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, January 9, 2022 1:00 pm La Misa en Española

#### MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION NOW

**OPEN** The Diocesan March for Life pilgrimage for students grades 9-12 is January 20-23, 2022. Tentative schedule includes the National March for Life on Friday, Jan. 21, and a Diocesan Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Saturday, Jan. 22. Join hundreds of students and adult leaders from our diocese as we pray and march for the protection of human life! Learn more and register at **diocesefwsb.org/march-for-life.** 



## Parish News

**Prayer Chain: Do you need prayers?** Call the St. John's Prayer Chain and within hours these intentions will be in the prayers of every member of the prayer chain. To start the prayer chain, call Sylvia Ryan at 574-233-2869.

**Hospital & Home Communion Calls:** If you are in the hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or a visit from Fr. Glenn or Fr Sunday, please call the Rectory at 574-233-5414 or Holy Family at 574-282-2317. Also if you know of any parishioner that is in a nursing home or assisted living, please let us know so we can visit them. Thank you

**Retirees** will meet on Friday, January 7, 2022 with a Mass at 12:30 pm and a luncheon to follow. All are welcome!

**The 2022 Mass Intention book** is open and ready for your intentions. We have several spots open throughout the year. Please call the office at 574-233-5414 or 574-282-2317 to schedule your intentions.

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT** of naming St. Johns Parish as a beneficiary in your estate planning? It is very easy to do. What a wonderful legacy to leave to those who will come after you!



# Fr. Glenn's Pen

Today we celebrate the Epiphany. Literally the word "epiphany" means "the manifestation". The prophetic voice of Isaiah seems to clearly allude to the event expressed by the visitation of the kings in the New Testament account. An amazing thing about these kings is that they were not reported to be Jewish. They were insightful enough and open enough to recognize the signs of the times. They were drawn to the true light of the world. This light is God Himself as manifest in a small human child, Jesus, the Word become Flesh!

Some private Catholic revelations seem to point to a great event that will serve to warn and hopefully awaken humanity to the truth. By some accounts it will be an enlightenment of the individual's conscience. People will become aware of their lack of response to God's grace. Many who have no awareness in God's true nature will be in terror. It will be a personal "manifestation" and is hoped to have a transforming effect to our world. We must all be prepared to know our faith and be willing to explain it. We must be ready to call on the Holy Spirit for the words we need to say!

It seems to me that there is the opposite of any manifestation in our day to day world. In fact there actually seems to be a darkening of the intellect of many. Things that seem obvious are even questioned. There seems to be more open hostility towards others and a lack of real charity. Let us pray for insight and to look as intently as the kings did at the signs of the times. This is so that we too can be guided by the light of the world!

There is a custom to bless homes on the Feast of the Epiphany. We have blessed chalk and some copies of the blessing available. Also you can go to our App and Website for the prayers as well. Take the time to bless your home and over the entrance put the year and initials as such: 20+C+M+B+22 which can be taken as the current year and the initials of the Kings, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar or the Latin phrase that means "Christ, this Home, He blesses!".

The Body of Christ has real power in our world. We need to be more intentional in calling upon the Spirit to bless us and to use us to share the good news. This year you will be hearing a lot more about how we as a parish are trying to be more intentional disciples to share the Good News of Christ. An encounter with truth for all those willing to embrace it will lead to unfathomable joy!

