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SAINT JEROME

And

SAINT JAMES



JANUARY 2, 2022 • 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

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Readings for the Week of January 2, 2022

Mon: 1 Jn 3: 22 -- 4: 6/ Ps 2: 7bc-8. 10-12a/ Mt 4: 12-17. 23-25

Tues: 1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/ Mk 6: 34-44

Weds: 1 Jn 4: 11-18/ Ps 72: 1-2. 10. 12-13/ Mk 6: 45-52

Thurs: 1 Jn 4: 19 -- 5: 4/ Ps 72: 1-2. 14 and 15bc. 17/
Lk 4: 14-22

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

Sat: 1 Jn 5: 14-21/ Ps 149: 1-2. 3-4. 5 and 6a and 9b/
Jn 3: 22-30

Next Sunday: 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

Prayer for the New Year Epiphany of the Lord

Merciful and loving God, you have seen us through the past year in which we encountered darkness, suffering, division, and discord, but also great moments of grace and hope which you have given to us in the gift of Jesus, our Savior.

Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us: in the Light of your eternal Love, continue to lead us out of the darkness. Help us to seek and find you where you may be found: in the ordinariness of our lives; in the things and persons we would otherwise overlook or take for granted. May we look and listen for you in the sharing of laughter and tears, joys and sorrows; may we find you in gentleness and compassion, in serenity of spirit, and in patient endurance. May we see and know you in our dreams, in beauty, and in joy and wonderment as we look to a starry night sky filled with the light of distant ages. And may your Spirit's fire, warmth, and energy fill us and urge us onward to share your grace and love with all who are in need of your mercy and grace.

Gentle Savior, sought by shepherds and by magi from distant lands, and found as a baby laid in a manger: Feed and nourish us with your very self, given for us to be the Bread of Life, the Wine of Peace and Joy. Guide us in wisdom to know the Father's will in all things, and lead us in your Way. Give us faith and confidence that you are the true desire of our souls, the healing and peace we long for, the fulfillment of our dreams.

As boldly and unreservedly as you love us, may we love you, our King, Shepherd, and Brother. Praise and thanks to you: the revelation and manifestation — Epiphany — of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.



The following are the scheduled Mass intentions:

2021 Jan 4 Tue: Elizabeth Ann Seton, r M

8:00 a.m. † All Souls (St. James)

2021 Jan 5 Wed: John Neumann, bp M

8:00 a.m. † Alan Lammi (St. Jerome)

2021 Jan 6 Thurs: Christmas Weekday/ Andre Bessette, r

8:00 a.m. † Sanctity of Human Life (St. James)

2021 Jan 7 Fri: Christmas Weekday/ Raymond of Penyafort, p

8:00 a.m. † Robert 'Bob' Cook (St. Jerome)

2021 Jan 8 Sat: Christmas Weekday

4:00 p.m. † Dick Mitchell (St. Jerome)

5:30 p.m. For the parishioners of St. Jerome and St. James (St. James)

2021 Jan 9 SUN: BAPTISM OF THE LORD F

8:30 a.m. † Art Gremaud (St. Jerome)

10:30 a.m. † Edmund & Emma Petry (St. Jerome)

Calendar of Events

2021 Jan 1 Sat:

10:30 a.m.: Mass at St. Jerome

1:00-2:00 pm: Confessions at St. James

2:30-3:30 pm: Confessions at St. Jerome

4:00 pm: Mass at St. Jerome

5:30 pm: Mass at St. James

2021 Jan 2 SUN:

8:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome

9:40 am-10:20 am: NO PFF

10:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome

8:00-9:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration at St. Jerome

2021 Jan 8 Sat:

1:00-2:00 pm: Confessions at St. James

2:30-3:30 pm: Confessions at St. Jerome

4:00 pm: Mass at St. Jerome

5:30 pm: Mass at St. James

2021 Jan 9 SUN:

8:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome

9:40 am-10:20 am: PFF

10:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome

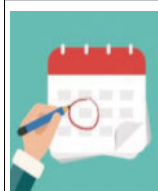
8:00-9:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration at St. Jerome

Thank you!

I THANK all parishioners who sent Christmas good wishes and gifts. As believers, we keep developing our awareness of life as

gift, and the loving efforts of our lives as passing on the gift. Let's keep encouraging one another to keep sharing the goodness with which God has gifted us.

-- Fr. Kevin



Bulletin articles are due by
NOON Jan 7th for the
Jan 16th bulletin
Please send to Jodi at
stjerome@stjeromeparish.org



Thank you everyone for your generous donations to the Giving Tree. The families we helped from our parish, Ministries Unlimited and Equipping the Called have been blessed with your kindness.

Parish Giving

Stewardship of Treasure: Dec 11/12

St. James:

Retired Religious: \$15
Immaculate Conception: \$20
Sister Parish: \$8
Building fund: \$50
Weekly Collection: \$369
Total tithable income: \$3,299
November tithe to the Diocese of Springfield: \$330

St. Jerome:

Immaculate Conception: \$795
Sister Parish: \$230
Christmas flowers: \$389
Outreach: \$20
Christmas: \$273
Retired Diocesan Priests: \$45
CRS: \$50
World Mission Sunday: \$50
Catholic Charities: \$50
Retired Religious: \$746
Catholic Children's Home: \$110
Latin America: \$50
Building fund: \$363
Weekly collection: \$13,589.50
Total Tithable income: \$49,328
November tithe to the Diocese of Springfield: \$4,933

Thank you for your continued support!

Please Pray For All The Sick, Especially:



Mary Aleman, Mary Ann Friet, Ross Bushur, Michael Daugherty, Joseph Mueller, Hunter Mersinger, Gary Walmsley, Tina Bruner, Charlee-Kate Grapperhaus, Mary Wilson, Ava C., Pat Aleman, John & Sharon Aleman, Mary Ann Becherer, Judy Touchette, Don Siegel, Kay Grotefendt, Bula Jones, Gerald Loyet, Mike Luczak, Katie Fuller, Otto Baumgartner, Helene Kilpatrick, Barbara Klostermann, Millie Loyett, Nancy Varda Smith, Jessica C., JoAnn (Vesci) Graeff, Colleen Campe, Dennis Jablonski, Teresa Dickman, Austin Acree

To request a name to be put on the prayer list, contact Jodi at the office (667-6571 ext. 10 or stjerome@stjeromeparish.org)

Our faith, and the concerns of this world

Entering a new civil year, we may find ourselves confused after nearly two years spent trying to understand a pandemic and our response to it. We know we must move out of confusion and get ourselves oriented toward facing the pandemic and a number of other issues.

It is my intention to devote many of my bulletin columns this year to the topic of Catholic social teaching. I wish to clarify that our Catholic Christian faith necessarily orients us toward seeking a more just and peaceful world.

Some may hear this intention and think: "The pastor is getting political." It is interesting how the word "political" gets cordoned off these days as a word which necessarily has sinister intent behind it. It is especially interesting these days, when people of our nation and world increasingly polarize each other by holding to certain opinions and failing to listen to others. The implication seems to be: I am correct; you are political.

Pope Francis, some years ago, remarked: "A good Catholic meddles in politics." This was, according to *Commonweal*, the pope's "cheeky" way of affirming "the Catholic obligation to participate in the civic arena." It is obvious that our faith in Jesus Christ leads us to seek to uphold human dignity here and now.

Again, as we look at the pandemic, we hear a variety of justifications for individuals' responses to a global health crisis. I think we all can hold a common view that it is immoral to ignore the crisis. I remember, over a year ago, reading of a pastor who decided to go about his business, stating, fatalistically, "If I get Covid, I get Covid." The issue, however, has *never* been about a particular person's being infected. It has *always* been about safeguarding others so as to prevent the spread of the virus.

The common good is always at the center of Catholic Christian social concerns. Concern for the common good necessarily leads us to favor choices in our civic life which may be derided as "political." So be it.

In spite of the pandemic, numerous individuals and organizations have pressed on with their common-good concerns about climate change. Pope Francis himself gave us his encyclical letter *Laudato si'* in 2015. I will be mentioning the pope's concerns over (at least) the next year, as our parishes begin a process of studying how we can respond to the urgent need to keep our home planet safe and flourishing. If you have not yet read this encyclical letter, you can find it on vatican.va by asking for "English" in the search box and then searching for "Laudato si'."

Fr. Kevin



Nurturing Our Faith
Sr. Linda Mary, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

From **"The Gospel for All Ages"**, Pflaum.com
Epiphany Matthew 2:1-12

This Sunday's readings picture people from all nations seeking out Jesus and show us that God sends Jesus for all people.

In the First Reading, people from countries to the south, such as Midian and Sheba, travel to the Temple in Jerusalem to worship God. In the Responsorial Psalm, people come from the south and west to Jerusalem. In the Gospel, the Magi come from the east to seek Jesus in Bethlehem.



Today, we celebrate how people came from all over the world, from every direction to believe in Jesus and walk in his light.

Like the Magi, we are all searchers and explorers. Like the Magi, we are searching for God in our lives. The Magi used their knowledge of the Prophets and of astronomy. What power the Holy Spirit must have come down upon them to journey out and travel long distances in hopes of finding what led them to Bethlehem.

Explore ways we search for God in our lives and the signs that may guide us along the way. How much do you value learning? What sources do you draw from? Has learning ever involved risks for you? How often do you entertain the danger of a new idea?

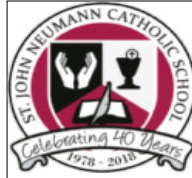
Questions of the Week

What do you think motivates the Magi to follow the star?

What is the longest journey you have made? What was good about it?

Lord, help us to seek and see you as we continue to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas. Amen.

Pax,
Sr. Linda Mary



ST. JOHN NEUMANN NEWS...

Open House!

We will be hosting our Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 30th. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only new families interested in enrolling/touring SJN will be allowed to enter the building. Masks are required for all visitors. New families enrolling at the Open House will receive one month free tuition, up to \$500





- ◆ **January 2, 2022**
Youth Group Christmas Party 11:30-1:30
Bring a \$10 gift/gift card wrapped for
"Rob Your Neighbor Game"
Lunch will be provided!
- ◆ **Luke 18 will be held on February 19-20**
This retreat is for all 7th & 8th graders.
Registrations are available on the parish
website. Any questions contact Brenda
Neumann 618-975-5907



Mark your calendars
and join us for our
**Annual Family
Trivia Night**

Sunday, January 16, 2022

**** Lots of Fun**** 50/50 Raffle
****Prizes, and basket raffle**

up to 10 players per table, any ages,
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Doors open at 4:30,
Questions begin at 5:00.
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Brenda Neumann 619-975-5907



LAUDATO SI'
Action Platform

The Laudato Si' Action Platform is the global Catholic Church's response to the climate crisis. Pope Francis has authorized the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development to coordinate this seven year worldwide platform

Under the leadership of Sister Linda Mary, St. Jerome Parish is registered to participate in this process over the next seven years. Please contact Sr. Linda Mary if you are interested in delving into this critical issue.

The St. Jerome website has a Laudato Si' button that holds several documents

Check out these broader links to give an insight into this platform:

- ◆ The Catholic Church website:
<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>
- ◆ Pope Francis speaking of Laudato Si': https://youtu.be/_aWppq44r-c

Any family may register separately.

The Catholic church will work toward all seven areas of concern as outlined in the Pope's encyclical Laudato Si':

- (1) responding to the cry of the Earth,
- (2) responding to the cry of the poor,
- (3) ecological economics,
- (4) adoption of sustainable lifestyles,
- (5) ecological education,
- (6) ecological spirituality, and
- (7) community action.

Join us as we take part in this ground-up approach, empowering all people to take "decisive action, here and now" as we journey towards a better future together. (LS 161)

Dates Available for Baptisms

January 21/ 22/23
February 25/26/27




Options exist for baptism celebrations either during mass or outside of Mass.

Fridays are at 5:30 PM or Saturday mornings at 10:00 AM.

To schedule a date:
Please contact the Parish Office:
667- 6571 or
stjerome@stjeromeparish.org




WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

is excited to announce that an **IN-PERSON** Experience will be held locally in Springfield, IL at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Center the weekend of March 18-20, 2022! Early registration is suggested due to limited space. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

SAVE THE DATE!
FEBRUARY 13, 2022 AT 2:30 PM!
JOIN ARCHBISHOP MITCHELL ROZANSKI AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. LOUIS, MO TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY ON WORLD MARRIAGE DAY!

AA MEETINGS, MONDAYS AT 7 P.M. in the Basement of the Wayland Avenue Office (*the brick building by the corner of St. Jerome parking lot*). For more information call Central Service Office at 618-251-4000 or at www.aa.org.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN TRAINING: New trainings are continually being added. Please visit www.dio.org to view the full schedule.



As the liturgical year ends and a new one begins, tune in to Covenant Network for the best in Catholic radio programming to help you prepare your heart to receive the Christ Child this Christmas season. Tune in to WRYT 1080 AM or 92.7 FM on the radio or listen live on our free Covenant Network App or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

Ministry of Praise packets for Jan -Mar can be picked up Tuesday - Friday on the front porch of the main office during office hours (8am to 2pm). The packets will also be available in the narthex on weekends. Please call Jodi in the office if other arrangements need to be made.

Thank You!

This spring, expand your knowledge in Catholic studies with Cougar Catholic. Partnering with University of Dayton and the Diocese of Springfield, SIUE Cougar Catholic is offering 2 courses in a Catholic Studies Certificate program. The courses will be taught by Robin Black-Rubenstein or Sean Barth, both Aquinas Institute of Theology graduates approved by the University of Dayton and the Diocese of Springfield to offer these courses. Each course can be attended face-to-face or online, will meet 1 hour per week at St. Mary's Church in Edwardsville, and will cost \$40.

1. Christology - January 17 - February 9
2. Survey of Catholic Social Doctrine - March 7 - April 9

For more information, or to register for one of these courses, email Robin Black-Rubenstein roblack@siue.edu.

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome! You may register in person or by calling the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms ~ Please contact the Parish Office for registration information. Prior to baptism, parents are required to attend a baptism -preparation session. Parents may attend this before their child is born.

Penance ~ Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. at St. James and 2:30 p.m. at St. Jerome or by appointment. Communal services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Marriage ~ If you are considering marriage, a minimum of six months is required for preparation. A wedding date cannot be set until after the first meeting with the pastor. At that time, the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

Anointing of the Sick ~ Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill, or having surgery, should contact the pastor for the celebration of the sacrament.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults ~ The R.C.I.A. is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. Call the Parish Office for additional information.

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