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January 1 & 2, 2022

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Mass Schedule

St. John's Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am
Thursday: 5:30 pm
St. Aloysius Sunday 8:00 am
Wednesday 5:30 pm

Weddings

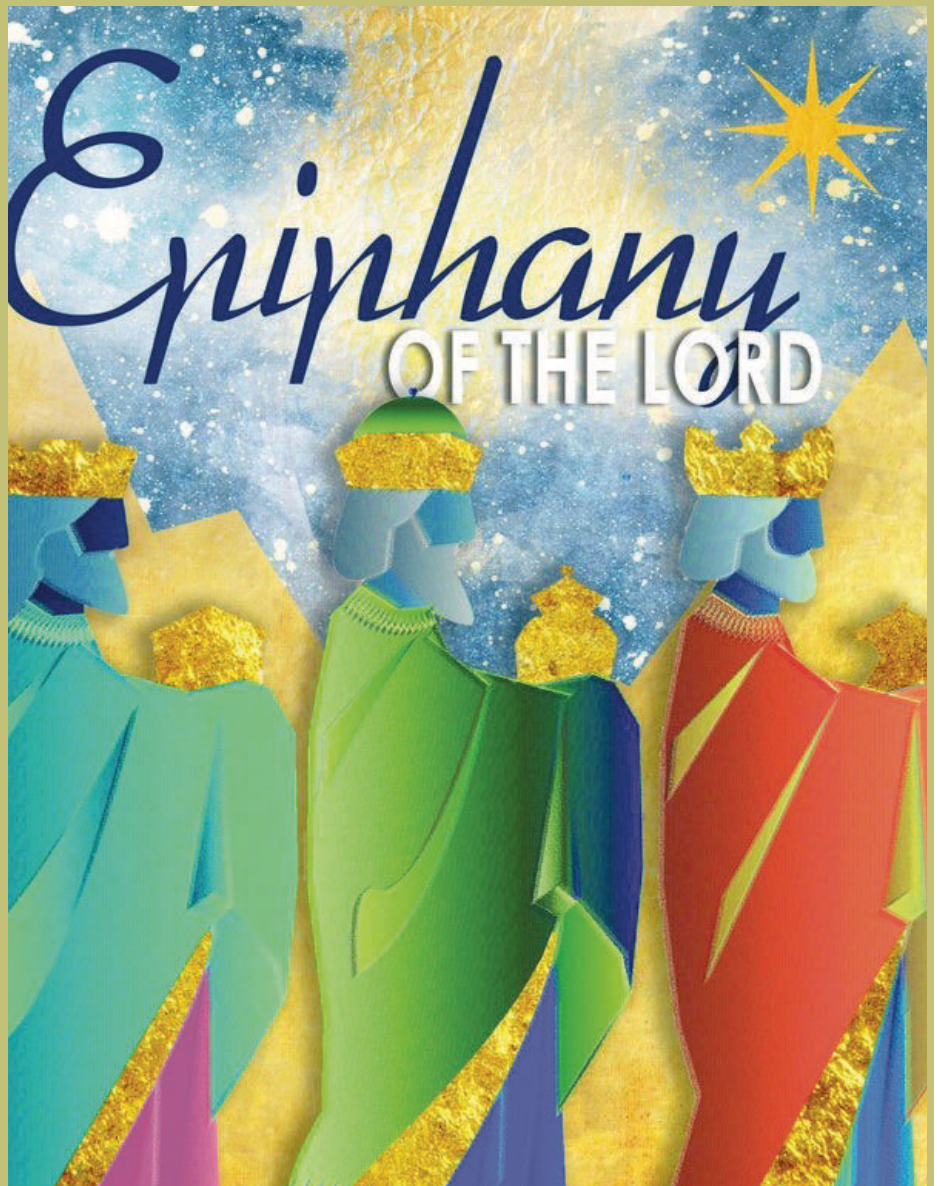
Please make arrangements with
the pastor eight months in advance.

Baptisms

Please make arrangements by contacting
the office at 937-2017.

Funerals

Please make arrangements with the pas-
tor or with the funeral director.



MASS Intentions

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Saturday, January 1, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M. at St John the Baptist Catholic Church
The Epiphany of the Lord: Vigil

In memory of: *James Brown by Jacqueline Brown **Lector:** George Hopkins
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Jim Wangler **Giftbearer:** Volunteer
Celebrant: Fr. Joel Seipp

Sunday, January 2, 2022 @ 8:00 A.M. at St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Church
The Epiphany of the Lord

In Memory of: * James Leposky by Kevin & Maria Nix **Lector:** Chris Labuwi
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Mike Jones
Celebrant: Fr. Joel Seipp

Sunday, January 2, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
The Epiphany of the Lord

In memory of: *Deane Christian **Lector:** Janice Warren
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Kay Levanti **Giftbearer:** Mary Snider and Emerson
Celebrant: Fr. Joel Seipp

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart 5:30 P.M.
NO MASS

Thursday, January 6, 2022 @ 5:30 P.M. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
NO MASS

Friday, January 7, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
NO MASS

Saturday, January 8, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M. at St. John the Baptist Church
Baptism of the Lord

In Memory of: * Tom McKie by Mary Ann **Lector:** Michael Scales
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Janie Wangler **Server:** Will Scales
Celebrant: Fr. Jason Schumer

Sunday, January 9, 2022 @ 8:00 A.M. St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Church
Baptism of the Lord

In memory of: *Carl & Josephine Conaughty **Lector:** Joe Blazine
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Sally Cesar
Celebrant: Fr. Jason Schumer

Sunday, January 9, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
The Baptism of the Lord

In memory of: *Jim Renik by Jacqueline Brown **Lector:** Leonard Hopkins
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Julie Davis **Giftbearer:** Theresa Renik
Celebrant: Fr. Jason Schumer



Our Gifts to God

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church December 18 & 19, 2021

Envelopes.....	\$2,810.00
Loose.....	\$193.00
School	\$3,925.00
Special Collections/Other.....	\$260.00
<u>Total.....</u>	<u>\$7,188.00</u>

St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Catholic Church December 19, 2021

Envelopes.....	\$856.00
Loose.....	\$0.00
Special Collections/Other.....	\$100.00
<u>Total.....</u>	<u>\$956.00</u>

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church December 24, 25, 26

Envelopes.....	\$4,933.00
Loose.....	\$218.00
School.....	\$3,065.00
Special Collections/Other.....	\$637.00
<u>Total.....</u>	<u>\$8,853.00</u>

St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Catholic Church December 24, 26

Envelopes.....	\$1,872.00
Loose.....	\$50.00
Special Collections/Other.....	\$198.00
<u>Total.....</u>	<u>\$2,120.00</u>

School & Church Upcoming Events

- Saturday, January 1, 2022 Vigil Mass of Epiphany of the Lord at 5:00 St. John the Baptist
Celebrant: **Fr. Joel Seipp**
- Sunday, January 2, 2022 Mass Epiphany of the Lord 8:00 at St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Church
Celebrant: **Fr. Joel Seipp**
- Sunday, January 2, 2022 Mass Epiphany of the Lord 10:00 at St. John the Baptist
Celebrant: **Fr. Joel Seipp**
- Monday, January 3, 2022: Teachers Workshop
- Tuesday, January 4, 2022: School Resumes!
:PSR class 5:15-6:15
- Wednesday, January 5: No Weekday mass at St. Aloysius
: PSR class: 4:30-5:30
- Thursday, January 6: 7:00: Parents Association Zoom Meeting
- Friday, January 7: School: NO SCHOOL MASS
End of 2nd Quarter. Early dismissal 1:30 P.M.
- Saturday, January 8, 2022: 5:00 Mass: Baptism of the Lord: Vigil @ St. John the Baptist Church
Celebrant: **Fr. Jason Schumer**
- Sunday, January 9, 2022: 8:00 A.M. Mass: Baptism of the Lord @ St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Church
Celebrant: **Fr. Jason Schumer**
- Sunday, January 9, 2022 : 10:00 A.M. Mass: Baptism of the Lord @ St. John the Baptist Church
Celebrant: **Fr. Jason Schumer**
- Monday, January 10: PSR Confirmation Class
- Tuesday, January 11: PSR 3rd Grade and Kindergarten Class
- Wednesday, January 12: PSR 1st Communion Class
- Friday, January 14, 2022: No 8:30 School Mass
- Saturday, January 15, 2022: **3:00 Mass, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time at St. John the Baptist. Celebrant: Fr. Mark Reyling**
- Sunday, January 16, 2022: 8:00 Mass: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time at St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart
Celebrant: **Fr. Eusebius or Service by Kevin Nix**
- Sunday, January 16, 2022 : 10:00 Mass" 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time at St. John the Baptist
Celebrant: **Fr. Eusebius or Service by Sr. Laura Reynolds**

Please pray for our sick:

- Virginia Calonne
- David Dobill
- Carolyn Freeman
- June Glenski
- Billy Glodich
- Mark Glodich
- Delores Grosco
- Karen Jamrozek
- Jonny King
- Dale Krepel
- Jeanie Kretz
- Dr. Art Lenzini
- Dick McPhail
- Fr. Urban Osuji. C.M.



Bernard Mbidoaka
 Peter Popit
 Alben Rice
 Jim Wangler
 Eric Westray

January 4, 2022
 Topic: "Baptism"
 Presented by Eric & Chrissy Dirnbeck

RCIA Rite of Christian
 Initiation for Adults



Our Sanctuary Candle for the month of January is in memory of:

All faithful departed parishioners of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 Feast day: January 4th**

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 - January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint." ©LPi

**Notice of Mass Time on
 January 15th at**

St. John the Baptist Church

Our Vigil mass on January 15th

will begin at 3:00 P.M. at

St. John the Baptist.

**Fr. Mark Reyling will Celebrate
 the Mass.**

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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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Readings for the week of Jan 26, 2022

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 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-5

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 Jan. 2, 2022

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory 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

Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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