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THE
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DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

My husband is a bird watcher by day and a stargazer by night. I confess it drives me a little bonkers on our evening dog walks. I tend to want to keep moving; between him and our dog (who seems to want to sniff every mailbox), it's the pedestrian equivalent of stop-and-go traffic. Hearing about the journey of the Magi, however, reminds me to pause and look, too. Just as they saw the star rising and followed it to Jesus, we, too, can seek God in our surroundings, our relationships, and the beauty of creation - the next step is to follow where God leads us. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, the Magi represent "the journeying of humanity toward Christ." (*Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*) We may falter from the path from time to time, but Isaiah's prophesy reminds us of our destination: "You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Epiphany is early this year, falling right on the heels of New Year's Day. If we haven't made our New Year's resolutions yet, now is a good time to do so. In addition to typical resolutions such as reducing clutter or getting fit, we can set some spiritual goals as well. The definition of epiphany (lower case) is "a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way." As we reflect on today's readings, let us ask the Holy Spirit to provide us an epiphany - into how we can grow closer to Jesus during this year ahead. Just as their encounter with the infant Jesus caused the Magi to be transformed from outsiders to faithful believers, and to take a different route home, our encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist is meant to transform all of us, and set us on a new path to light and life.

RESOLVE New Year's resolutions are great! Why not add a couple of spiritual resolutions to the list - perhaps to pray the rosary more often, spend time in eucharistic adoration, or go on that retreat you have been meaning to attend. Ask the Holy Spirit for inspiration and see where it leads.

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

(CHECK MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPDATES)

Weekend: Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Christ The King
	9:00 a.m.	Holy Spirit
	11:00 a.m.	Christ The King
Weekday: Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Spirit
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Spirit
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Christ The King
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Christ The King

To arrange for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office. Parents who want the sacrament of Baptism for their child should contact the office for information about preparation and to schedule the Baptism. Couples planning to marry should contact the parish at least seven months before their anticipated wedding date.

OFFICE HOURS

Parish Center Office Hours:

CTK Campus 812-476-3061
Mon-Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Holy Spirit Church Office:
812-477-1738

PARISH STAFF 812-476-3061

Pastor: Fr. Benny Chacko
Deacon John McMullen
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Youth Minister: Joe Paul Hayden
Parish Secretary: Diana Braun

ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL AT:

Christ The King-School Office 812-476-1792
CTK Principal: Matthew Moore

Holy Spirit-School Office 812-477-9082
HS Principal: David Memmer



WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Tues. 1/4	HS	8:30 am	Ray & Elizabeth Rush
Wed. 1/5	HS	8:30 am	Larry Rush
Thu. 1/6	CTK	8:30 am	Margaret B. Corcoran
Fri. 1/7	CTK	8:30 am	Frank & Alyce Dixon
Sat. 1/8	HS	4:00 pm	John, Opal & Gary Greenwell
Sun. 1/9	CTK	7:30 am	Conrad & Lula Neumann
	HS	9:00 am	Edward & Mable Ayers
	CTK	11:00 am	The living & deceased members of our Parish

PRAYERS & CONDOLENCES

Annunciation Parish offers prayers and condolences to:
The family of Henry Schapker.
May God grant eternal peace to Henry.

ADORATION ON WEDNESDAY POSTPONED

With Fr. Benny out of the country and Deacon John's pending surgery on his shoulder, we will be postponing adoration until late January.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit Church
Friday at 8:00 a.m. at Christ the King Church
Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church

WHILE FR. BENNY IS IN INDIA

We will be celebrating all of our weekday school Masses and our regular weekend Masses while Fr. Benny is away. We will have retired priests coming for all of the weekend Masses and Fr. Ambrose for the weekday Masses while Fr. Benny is in India visiting his parents and family. He will be returning in late January. Please pray for his safe travels and safe return to us in January.

NEXT SUNDAY IS ST. MEINRAD SUNDAY

January 8 & 9 we will have a monk from St. Meinrad celebrating all of the Masses. He will be here to let us know what is happening at Saint Meinrad. They send a brochure to your home rather than collect in person.

MESSAGE FROM FR. BENNY

My sisters and brothers,

We read in Matthew 2:11: "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Epiphany marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world. After being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, Jesus now is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition sees the Magi as the first fruits of the Gentiles, and thus the feast of Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation.

Jesus loves you,
Fr. Benny



THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you for the beautiful Christmas celebration! It was wonderful to see the Church with so many people celebrating together. Also my thanks for all of the Christmas cards and gifts. You made this Christmas very special for me. Please keep me in your prayers for safe travels. Jesus loves you,
Fr. Benny

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS!

If you are visiting and would like more information about Annunciation Parish, Annunciation Catholic School, or about joining our Parish family, please contact the Parish Office, 812-476-3061 or visit www.AnnunciationEVV.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

A great big Thank You to all of our benefactors. For the month of November we had 53 phone visits, helping 98 people with furniture, rent, utilities, and gave clothing vouchers to 13 people. We also referred several to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. We spent \$5,000 for the month of November. We pray for our benefactors at every meeting. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

POSTPONED COMMUNION AT HOME

Due to Fr. Benny's vacation to India, there will not be Holy Communion to the homebound until he returns. It will resume in late January, so if you would be interested in receiving Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office at 812-476-3061.

DONATIONS FOR TORNADO RELIEF

Catholic Charities USA is currently raising funds to help those Catholic Charities agencies impacted by the tornadoes. Donors may donate online at www.catholiccharities.us/campaign/occusa-disaster-relief/c353051 or by mail to Catholic Charities USA; 2050 Ballenger Ave. Suite 400; Alexandria, VA 22314. Please note Tornado Relief on the memo of the check.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro has also established a tornado relief fund to assist tornado and storm victims in their Diocese. Donors may donate online at owensborodiocese.org/give/ or by mail to Catholic Charities; Diocese of Owensboro; 600 Locust Street; Owensboro, KY 42301. Please note Tornado Relief in the memo line of the check.

You may also donate by putting a check or cash, in a clearly marked envelope for Tornado Relief in the collection basket. Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities.



THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next week we will take up a Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your support provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

2021 CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Here are the names that I missed adding to the handout in last week bulletin for the Christmas Flower Offering.



They are:

James Becker

O.V. & Rosalie Cecil

Vera Edwards

Jon Perkins

Roy and Christine Perkins



CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN

We are very grateful for everyone who contributed to our CPC campaign. We are excited to let you know that we have made our goal!! However we are still working on our shortfall from last year of \$16,000. If you have not turned in your pledge we would appreciate anything you could give. We are thankful for your generosity. Have a wonderful New Year!

VOCATION OFFICE INTERNSHIP

The Coordinator Intern for the Vocations Office is to assist in effectively implementing and maintaining daily functions for the Vocation Director and of the House of Discernment so that the Vocation Director will be able to visit parishes & schools and continue growing the vision for recruiting and accompanying vocations in the Diocese of Evansville. It is part time about 5-15 hours per week. If you would be interested and are a Catholic in good standing please call the Vocations office at 812-424-5536.

GET INVOLVED!

Looking for a new or additional way to be involved in the life of your parish family?

Opportunities include:

Campus Cleanup Volunteers

Call the Parish Center 812-476-3061.



WHY WE BLESS OUR HOMES

“Chalking the door” is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God’s blessing of our lives and home.

Gather all and make the sign of the cross. Mark the lintel of your front door while saying: **The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthazar followed the star of God’s Son who became human over two thousand years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us through out the new year. Amen.** You can pick up blessed chalk in back of Church.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

If you are over 70 ½, consider making charitable donations from your IRA using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You can transfer up to \$100,000 per year to an eligible charity. This would be a great way to grow the parish endowments, help with a special project, or pay your weekly giving in one lump sum. While a QCD does not generate a charitable deduction, you do not have to report the income. This is a great option for people to still get a tax benefit even though they are not able to itemize deductions.

Charitable deduction rules can be very complicated, and you should work with your tax advisor to ensure you are maximizing the tax benefit of any donation.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2022

The March for Life will take place in Washington D.C. on January 20-23, 2022 and Indianapolis, IN on January 24, 2022.

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a healing ministry of the Catholic Church that helps women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion. This pain can often increase during the holidays but you do not have to carry this alone. It is time to heal. The call is confidential 812-483-7812.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of January 2, 2022

Tu-1/4	8:00 am	Confession	HS
Tu-1/4	6:00 pm	Pickleball	CTKS
Fr-1/7	8:00 am	Confession	CTK
Sa-1/8	3:00 pm	Confession	HS

CTK=Christ the King Church; HS=Holy Spirit Church; PC=Parish Center at CTK; GR=Gathering Room at Holy Spirit; MR=Meeting Room at Holy Spirit; CTKS=Christ the King School; HSS=Holy Spirit School; CTKR=Christ the King Rectory; HSO=Holy Spirit Office; HSR=Holy Spirit Rectory; HSG=Holy Spirit Garden; OC=Off Campus; V=Virtual

MAGNIFICAT

We have two Magnificat’s that are available. Please call the Parish Office at 812-476-3061 if you are interested.

WHAT IS A DEACON?

Deacons are Servants of the Word: As a servant to the Word, deacons proclaim the gospel, instruct the faithful, and evangelize by word and deed.

Deacons are Servants of the Sacramental Life of the Church. As a servant of the sacramental life of the church, deacons preside at baptisms, assist at the Eucharist, bring the Eucharist to the sick and suffering, witness marriages, bury the dead, and preside at Benediction.

Deacons are Servants of Charity As a servant of charity, deacons report the needs of the community to the Church and bring its support and assistance to those in need. For example: Feed the hungry, visit the sick, comfort the mourning and care for one another in our brokenness.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

Are You Being Called to the Vocation of the Permanent Diaconate? The Diocese is recruiting a new Permanent Deacon Formation Class. “Deacons are ordained...at the service (*diakonia*) of the people of God in communion with the Bishop and his priests - St. John Paul II.

Deacons are ordained into the Ministry of Service in three areas: 1) Word 2) Sacrament and 3) Charity. Bishop Siegel would like for there to be representation from all around the diocese, especially areas where there is a lack of deacons. Informational Meetings are being scheduled for the discernment period. Saturday January 8th at the Evansville Diocesan Catholic Center, 4200 N. Kentucky Ave, Evansville, IN 47711. Candidates must be at least 35 years old and not be older than 65 years of age at their Ordination in the summer of 2026. - Talk to your Wife - Talk to your Pastor - Contact Deacon John McMullen for more details. jmcmullen@evdio.org or call 812-476-3061.

January 2, 2022

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Week of January 2, 2022

- 1/3 Hudson Belcher,
Sue Harlow, Christopher Peak, Jill Ruder,
Brad Sights
- 1/4 Barbara Eberhard, Tim Nation, Amy Salmon,
Bridget Young
- 1/5 Layla Brown, Colyn Schnell
- 1/6 Elissa Johnson, Melissa Loschen
- 1/7 Chris Miller, David Straeffler
- 1/8 Deborah LaMar, Nichole Miller, Mary Roby,
Scott Stratman, Gregory Thomas
- 1/9 Sevveanna Felker, Laura Hatfield, Samuel Hurlless,
Sarah Irvin



ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERT

Precious Blood Church will host a free concert, open to the public, to dedicate their new organ. Doors open at 4 p.m., concert is from 5 to 6 p.m. on January 2, 2022.



Servers

- HS 4:00 pm Charlotte Freeman, Veronica Freeman
- CTK 7:30 am Abigail Vollmer, Aaron McClure
- HS 9:00 am Josie Thomas, Xavier Field
- CTK 11:00 am Nolan Belcher, Andi Flittner

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- HS 4:00 pm Michelle Sailing
- CTK 7:30 am Linda Becker, Amelia Wawrin
- HS 9:00 am Kevin Sitzman
- CTK 11:00 am Margaret Helms, Michael Adams

Lectors

- HS 4:00 pm Coy Hobson
- CTK 7:30 am Greg Ford
- HS 9:00 am John Earhart
- CTK 11:00 am Chris Belcher

Ushers & Greeters

- HS 4:00 pm Madeline Freeman, Kirk Freeman
- CTK 7:30 am Tom Falkenstein, Ed Pietraniec
- HS 9:00 am Bill Judd, Donna Judd
- CTK 11:00 am Larry Flittner, Mike Carter,
Shawn Gallagher

Anthony R. Klein, DDS

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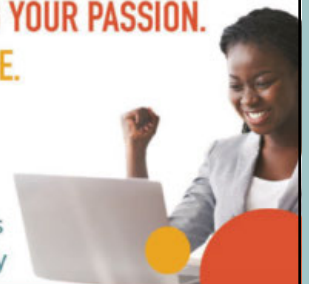
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