

Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

# ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the faith family of St. Charles Borromeo Parish is to proclaim the Kingdom of God, to praise the name of Jesus and follow Him by loving God & our neighbor.

## INFORMATION ON SACRAMENTS

**Baptism for infants and Adults:** Contact our Director of Religious Education to schedule a preparation session.

**Confirmation** preparation is part of our Formation process. Contact the parish office for information.

**Holy Eucharist** is celebrated at the following times:  
*Lord's Day:* Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 9:00 a.m.  
*Weekdays & Holydays:* See the weekly Bulletin for times.

**Reconciliation** is available Saturdays 3:45-4:45 pm or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick and Communion to the home-bound** can be arranged by contacting our Parish Office.

**Marriage** ceremonies are scheduled only after the required preparation process has begun. Please contact our priest at least six (6) months prior to your desired wedding date to begin the process.

**Holy Orders and Vocations** to religious life. Interested individuals should contact our priest, or the Assistant Director for Vocations, Father Derek Aaron at 765-477-0070, or fr.daaron@dol-in.org for more information.

Please contact our Parish Office if you or someone you know needs prayers. To schedule parish facilities, please call the Parish Office during normal hours.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to our Parish we welcome you and invite you to register by calling or visiting our Parish Office.



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## BULLETIN DEADLINE

9 a.m. Monday mornings unless otherwise noted.

## Parish Activities This Week

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Our Parish Tithe this week is to St. Vincent de Paul**

**Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Book Club & Discussion group,  
school rm 11

**Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Parish Staff meeting, ASP  
1:00 p.m. Prison Ministry at MCF  
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Music practice, church

**Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 p.m. Quilters/Seamstresses, school rm 8  
6:30 p.m. The King's Men, school rm 11  
7:00 p.m. K of C Officer's meeting, school rm 2  
7:00 p.m. Choir practice, church

**Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, church  
10:00 a.m. Women's Cursillo Grouping, school rm 8  
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, church

**Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Helping Hands  
sponsored by the K of C

**Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Parish Tithe this week is to St. Vincent de Paul**

10:00 a.m. Coffee & donuts, gym  
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Faith Formation, classrooms  
10:30 a.m. Jr. High Youth Ministry, youth room  
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry, youth room

Save the Date: February 26, 2022



Men – you are cordially invited to attend this 7<sup>th</sup> annual E6 Catholic Men's Conference, featuring Matthew Kelly and Gus Lloyd! Please join us on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2022, at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, IN (80 miles southeast of Indianapolis and 35 minutes northwest of Cincinnati). The agenda features inspiring talks, confession (available all day), celebration of the Holy Mass and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. Armor Up and invest in a quality, substance-driven, inspirational & faith-filled event that will change your life and equip you to be the man Christ calls you to be? Watch party registration is also available.

**Do not miss this!** Tickets are on sale now at [www.e6cmc.com](http://www.e6cmc.com).

## Parish Mass Schedule

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;  
Matthew 2:1-12**

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
9:00 a.m. Mass: Our Pastorate

**Monday, January 3, 2022— Holy Name of Jesus**

**Readings: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25**

7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Mass: † Teresita Caguioa (Kay-key-wa)

**Tuesday, January 4, 2022—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**Readings: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44**

5:10 p.m. Evening Mass  
5:30 p.m. Mass: † Bud Day

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022— St. John Neumann**

**Readings: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52**

7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Mass: † Mary Nordenbrock

**Thursday, January 6, 2022—St. Andre Bessette**

**Readings: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22**

5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer  
5:30 p.m. Mass: † Bob Holler

**Friday, January 7, 2022—St. Raymond of Penafort**

**Readings: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16**

7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Mass: † Barbara Hiers

**Saturday, January 8, 2022— Christmas Weekday**

**Readings: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7;  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

5:00 p.m. (Sat. Vigil) Mass: † Martin Daly

**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
9:00 a.m. Mass: Our Pastorate



### Retirement Fund for Religious

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

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## Family Religious Education

### Ascension Presents The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz

For about 20 minutes a day you can cover the entire Bible in a year. Fr. Mike Schmitz will lead the journey for 15 to 20 minutes a day. This wonderful opportunity can be slipped in during your daily commute, while washing the dishes or folding laundry. We will discuss during the week on our Pastorate Bible in a Year Facebook page as well as in-person opportunities during Faith Formation Sunday Mornings. Its never too late to join up! Give me a call or drop by my office if you want to be shown how to access this content.

### NET Retreat

The Sr. High NET Retreat / Lock-In is January 15th and 16th. If you and/or your family would be willing to host missionaries please reach out!

## Indiana March for Life

This coming year we are again observing the solemn anniversary of Roe v. Wade with activities surrounding the 2022 Indiana March for Life on January 23-24. Those activities are as follows:

**Vigil for Life** on Sunday, January 23, 2:00 – 4:00 pm at St. John's, Indianapolis. This event includes Eucharistic adoration, benediction, prolife speaker, confessions, praise and worship music, etc. for the restoration of a Culture of Life.

**Mass for Life** on Monday, January 24, 10:30 am at St. John's, Indianapolis. Mass will be concelebrated by Archbishop Thompson and Bishop Doherty and people from around the state will be in attendance.

**March for Life** on Monday, January 24, beginning after Mass on Georgia St., Indianapolis. The March will travel around the Circle and then head over to the Statehouse.

**Rally at Statehouse** on Monday, January 24, 12:45 pm at Statehouse steps, Indianapolis. The rally will feature the musical talents of the Hussey Bros., as well as prayer and prolife speakers.

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

5:00 p.m. Saturday, January 8, 2022

Reader: Angie Braden

Communion Minister: Elaine Swander

Hospitality: Chuck & Penny Wise, Aaron Siders

Altar Servers: John & Kaylene Kirk, Dave Kirk

Bell Ringer: Nate Hagan

Cantor: Penelope Hagan

Accompanist: Jacob Minns

9:00 a.m. Sunday, January 9, 2022

Reader: Gib Keller

Communion Minister: Angela Radel

Hospitality: Curt & Evie Powell, Steve Hagan

Altar Servers: Madi Nallenweg, Ravi McCain,

Phillip Finnerty

Bell Ringer: Molly Nord

Cantor: Jennifer Nord

Accompanist: Contemporary Group

## Sunday Stewardship Reflection Epiphany of the Lord

As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, has much to teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the magi.

As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God's presence in their lives. "We have seen the star at its rising," they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the "star" of God's presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.

The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God's presence in their lives, "were overjoyed." Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God's presence and gifts to them, simply can't help but be filled with joy. Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give.

Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and "opened their treasures and offered him gifts." This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.

Let us rejoice in God's manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

## Epiphany of the Lord – Blessing of Homes

The Christmas season, and especially today's feast of the Epiphany, is a traditional time when homes may be blessed. And the "Book of Blessings" provides a beautiful prayer that may be recited by a lay minister or the head of each household. Consider reading the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 19, verses 1-9 together with your family, before reciting the following prayer of blessing:

*"Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord."*

And as circumstances suggest, the minister in silence may sprinkle those present and the home with holy water. During the sprinkling the minister may say:

*"Let this water call to mind our baptism in Christ, who by his death and resurrection has redeemed us."*

Finally, while I'm sure many of you are ready to take down the Christmas trees and may have already put away your Christmas ornaments, we still have another week of the Christmas season (until the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 9, 2022)!

I invite you to leave out at least one piece of your nativity scene, even throughout Ordinary Time, as a visible reminder that God is with us (Cf. Matthew 1:23).

Verso l'alto,  
Fr. Adam Mauman

**Liturgical Ministry Schedules** are available in the west vestibule. If you participate in a ministry, please pick up your copy. Thank you.

### THANK YOU

Barb Day would like to thank everyone for the generous donations of food toward the Homebound Christmas baskets, and a special thank you to those who prepared and delivered the baskets. It brightened the day and brought some Christmas cheer to those who received them.



## Ask the Apologist

Dear Apologist, my nephew is saying the story of Jesus' birth must be mythical because the movement of the magi's star is impossible. What can I say?

The commonly received story of the Magi goes like this: "Three wise-men saw a new star rise in the sky and concluded a king had been born. They followed the star to Jerusalem and talked to the Jewish leaders. Then they followed the star again to Bethlehem and found a newborn Jesus in a manger outside an inn." People who are familiar with astronomy often have difficulty with this story because it describes movements which are impossible for a star. All stars (except those at the poles) travel across the sky during the night like the sun does during the day. One could not follow a star hanging stationary in the sky moving westward. This is made even more puzzling if they followed the star again going south.

Fortunately, that commonly received story is not at all accurate to Matthew's nativity account. What the text actually says is an unknown number of Magi saw the star and determined that it represented a new king of the Jews. They travelled to Jerusalem because that's where you'd expect to find a Jewish king. Then the Magi talked to the Jewish elders, who instructed them to go south to Bethlehem. The only time they used the star to navigate was when they were approaching Bethlehem. It says they were overjoyed to see the star hanging over the town as they approached, and it led them to the house of the toddler Jesus. [Matt 2:9-11]

Thus, you can tell your nephew the only thing the New Testament asks you to believe about the star is that some extraordinary celestial body passed over Bethlehem around 1BC.

**Steven O'Keefe (the ACTS Apologist)**  
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## 20+C+M+B+22

Here is another idea of how you can celebrate the Epiphany at home with your families.

First, did you notice the initials above? There is a wonderful custom to inscribe the initials C (Casper), M (Melchior), and B (Balthazar) above your front door, or on the back of the door, with blessed chalk. The initials are enclosed by the year and connected by crosses (e.g., 20+C+M+B+22). In addition to representing the names of the Magi, these letters also represent the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* (Christ bless this house).

The parish office has some blessed chalk, but we can also have one of the priests bless any chalk that you may have at home that you wish to use.



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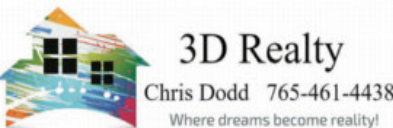


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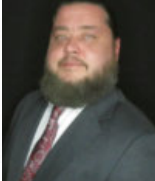
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