



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Epiphany” means manifestation. And the “Epiphany of the Lord” is Jesus’ manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it’s also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

These Magi were “wise men” who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah.

God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the “star” that God is using to call you. It’s closer than you may think.

A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we must do the same. Perhaps you could try literally lying down prostrate in prayer this day, in imitation of the Magi, or at least do so in your heart through prayer. Adore Him with a complete surrender of your life.

Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die. Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honor Him in this threefold way.

Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah. What is God using to call you to Himself? When you discover Him, do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who He is, lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission.



Lord, I love You and adore You. I lay my life before You and surrender all. You are my Divine King and Savior. My life is Yours. (Pray three times and then prostrate yourself before the Lord) Jesus, I trust in You.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am.....Jordan Myers

10:30 am.....Brian & Katie Stover & family

Monday, January 3

12:05 pm.....Mike Geiger

Tuesday, January 4

12:05 pm.....†Bill Schmutzler

Wednesday, January 5

12:05 pm.....Maria Lynch

Thursday, January 6

12:05pm.....Andrew Stover

Friday, January 7

12:05 pm.....Andrew Blakey

Saturday, January 8

9:00 am.....†Sandra "Topaz" Krause

4:30 pm.....Sean Thomas

To keep the prayer list below current, we will be removing names after 6 months. If you would like to continue prayer for the individual that you have added, please email the officemanager@newmanniu.org and the name will be listed again. Thanks for understanding!

Please pray for parishioners, relatives and friends in our community, especially:

Patty Dailey

Kate Davis Anderson

Camila Gabriela Rojo

Edward O'Neill

Martin Zielinski

McFadden Family

Please pray for those who protect and serve us and our country.

To add or delete a name from the prayer list, please call the Newman office at 815-787-7770.

Parish Membership

If you would like to register as a parishioner, have a change of address, email address or telephone number or if you will be leaving the parish, please notify us at 815-787-7770 or officemanager@newmanniu.org .

Thank You!

Pastor's Corner

Weekly Message from Father Manno

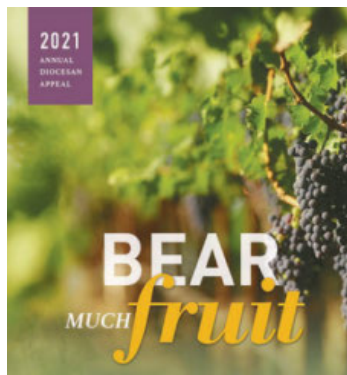


Newman Family,

Happy New Year! To mark the new year, I'm guessing that many of you have made (or are in the process of making) New Year's resolutions. I myself just signed up for a new Planet Fitness membership because, sadly, I have forgotten what a treadmill looks like. Why is it that we

make resolutions to lose twenty pounds, eat healthier, learn to sew, and such? Well, it's because we have a great desire to be the best version of ourselves and many of us, after looking over the past year, have to admit that there are many areas in which we have lacked. And so, upon entering a new year, our commitment to attaining the goals that we have long pursued finds itself reenergized. For Christians, our quest to become the best versions of ourselves has another layer...or perhaps you would say a greater depth of meaning and understanding. We seek not only to improve our autonomous selves but to integrate our lives so perfectly with Christ Himself that it is through His shared life that we become the fully realized and integrated beings He has created is to be. This is the journey that every Christian is called to take! So, how do we do this? Quite simply, we look to the Gospel. If you want to be the best version of yourself this year, endeavor to become more like Christ each day. Invite Him to come and dwell within you so that His divine light can transform you! Ask Him each morning to teach you how to live like him throughout the day and then, before bed, ask yourself if you did indeed live like Him. Meditate on the ways in which you have failed and (without beating yourself up or resorting to self-loathing) resolve to try again the next day. This is the goal for which we should all be striving in 2022! Pray for me and I will be praying for you so that by the time 2023 rolls around, our parish will be more on fire and ready to bring Christ's light into the world than ever!

God bless,
Father Manno



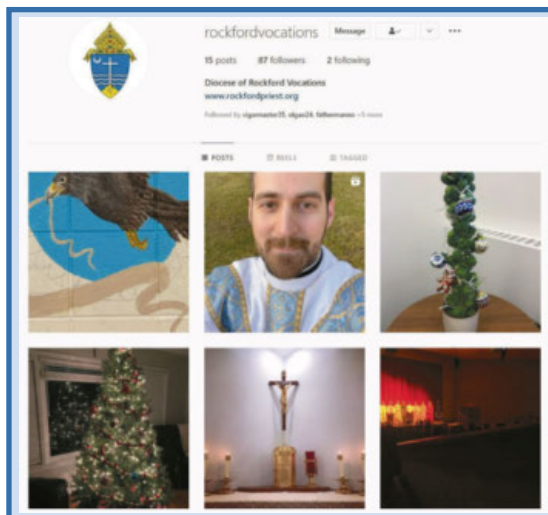
2021 Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

Goal:.....	\$35,647.00
Total Pledged:.....	\$32,970.65
Total Paid:.....	\$28,562.46
Pledge Balance:.....	\$4,318.19
Number of Families Pledged:.....	84

“The Saint Vincent DePaul Supply Closet would like to send a huge thank you to the parishioners at Christ The Teacher Newman Center for your outstanding fundraising you did for us during this Advent season. You gave so many wonderful gifts and your generosity really helped fill our shelves. We were able to serve 32 families!! Thank you so much and Merry Christmas to you and all your families ...

God bless you!!
StVdP Supply Closet

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you



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@rockfordvocations,
the official Instagram of
the Rockford Diocese
Vocations Team!
See posts by Fr Manno,
Fr Gonnella, Fr Warren,
and Fr Blood

Thank you from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul!

St. Vincent de Paul thanks everyone who provided generous monetary donations to allow us to fund another Christmas Basket and St. Nick Program this year!! With the generous donations from the St. Mary DeKalb and Newman-Christ the Teacher Parish, we were able to compile 150 Christmas Gift Card “baskets” to help families pay for a Christmas dinner along with gifts for the children.

Most importantly, we had a great response from volunteers of both parishes who gave their time on Wednesday, 12/15/2021 to make sure families received their Gift Card baskets. Without the help of so many, this program would not have been possible. Thank you for your continued support in “Helping Us Help Others” in the name of Jesus Christ!



Cook for Fr. Manno, Fr. Gonnella, and Connor!

Go to our website and click on the Sign Up Genius icon. Contact the Parish Office at 815-787-7770 if you need assistance. Please bring the meals to the Parish Office before 5 pm. *Thank you!*



PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

**Mass Schedule
Weekend**

Saturday.....4:30 pm
Sunday.....8 am, 10:30 am, 8 pm*
Signing for the deaf: Available by request

Weekday

Monday-Friday.....12:05 pm
Wednesday.....9:00 pm*
Saturday.....9:00 am

Adoration

Monday – 11:00am-12:00pm
Tuesday - 9:00am– 9:00pm*
Wednesday - 8:00pm -9:00pm
Thursday - 11:00am-12:00pm
Friday - 11:00am-12:00pm

Celebration of Sacraments

Baptisms

Please call the Newman Center for more information on baptismal preparation classes. Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month.

Reconciliation

Saturday.....3:30-4:30 pm
Wednesday.....11:00am-12:00 pm
.....8:30pm-9:00 pm*
Sunday.....7:30-8:00 pm*

***when NIU is in session**

Marriage

Please contact Marcia Feltes at least six months in advance of wedding date at officemanager@newmanniu.org.

Inquire about becoming Catholic (RCIA) or Adult Confirmation

Please contact Rachel Johnsen
rcia@newmanniu.org.

**Religious Education
Sacramental Preparation**

Please contact Cheryl Lehman,
Director of Family Faith Formation
faithformation@newmanniu.org

**Anointing of the Sick
and/or Sick Calls**

Please contact the main office if you would like to receive the sacrament of the sick. Also, if you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Newman Office.

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Family Prayer for a New Year

O God our Father, by the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith. May we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son. May we be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



January 2: Epiphany

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

Contact Information—815-200-4730
or the helpline at 815-761-0430
Website: svdpdekab.org



Anointing of the Sick

Father is available for anyone who needs an anointing. Please call the parish office number 815-787-7770.

If the office is closed, you will be connected with the emergency line.



OUR WEEKLY OFFERING 12/26/2021

Collections needed to meet budget.....	\$7,143.00
Actual Collections.....	\$2,512.00
Online giving 12/20 to 12/26.....	\$2,373.50
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Christmas.....	\$5,194.00
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