

*The Epiphany of the Lord
January 2nd, 2022*

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Our Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish, strengthened by Word and Sacrament, strive to live out Jesus Christ's call to discipleship by worshipping faithfully, serving willingly, and growing spiritually.



*The
Christmas
Story
2021*



Kelley's Korner

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. What is that? Traditionally the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th- which is the 12th day of Christmas. In the United States it is celebrated the first Sunday after January 1st. The Epiphany is when we mark the arrival of the three magi, bringing their gifts to Jesus and the Holy Family.

One of the traditions associated with Epiphany is to bless the door of the family home. This is done by marking the door with chalk. The markings change each year. This year it will look like "20 + C + M + B 22". The "C+M+B" can stand for "Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar" - the names that tradition has given the Three Magi. It can also stand for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," which is Latin for "May Christ Bless this House."



If you are interested in learning more about how to do a home blessing at your home, scan the QR code below to find an article from Catholic-Link that details how to bless your home this year.

Upcoming Dates to note on your parish calendar:

Sundays at 8 am Mass - CLOW for children ages 3-7
December 30, 2021 @ 3pm RCIA (English)

January 5, 2022 - deadline for letting me know if you want to attend any of the in-person or online workshops the Diocese is offering about Faith Formation in a Post-Pandemic World

January 9, 2022 @ 9:15 am-10:45 am - Family Formation Gathering

January 9, 2022 @4pm RCIA (bilingual)

January 12, 2022 @ 7-8:30pm- Youth Ministry & Confirmation resumes regular Wednesday gatherings

January 13 @3pm RCIA (English) resumes meeting every Thursday

January 20, 2022, 9:30am-3pm- workshop: Foundations for Faith Formation in a Post-Pandemic World

January 23 @ 4pm RCIA (bilingual) resumes meeting every Sunday

March 12-13 High School Retreat

March 27 Confirmation

April 3 ICYC "Rooted" Middle School event (grds 6-8)

April 24 First Communion



January 02 Darlene Smith	January 15 John Roederer
January 02 Richard Walljasper	January 16 Nolan Frueh
January 03 Peyton Duplessis	January 16 Liam Gerleman
January 03 Todd Gerleman	January 16 Steve Mallams
January 03 Russell Hill	January 16 Colin McCormick
January 03 Michael Jennings	January 17 Cadin Beavers
January 03 Diane Kline	January 17 Sadie Carrasco
January 04 Isabella Dodds	January 17 Liza Enke
January 04 Craig Dodson	January 17 Larry Maher
January 04 Alexis Scott	January 19 Gerri Barton
January 04 Chase Williamson	January 19 Vincent Hurd
January 05 Carrie Hester	January 19 Halle Shelman
January 05 Marvin Krogmeier	January 20 Craig Hoyer
January 06 Greg Peck	January 20 Joann Mallams
January 07 Kathleen Fry	January 21 Debra Kempker
January 07 Bernard Pollmeier	January 21 Sonia Osorio
January 07 Tucker Syfert	January 22 Judi Kephart
January 08 Saul Figueroa	January 22 Zander Shelledy
January 08 Roger Freeman	January 22 Daniel Wright
January 08 Emmett Gratz	January 23 Ruth Sutherland
January 08 Adam Sturm	January 24 Wilfred Puumala
January 09 Melvin Krogmeier	January 26 Jon Rubey
January 09 Tess Sommer	January 27 Ashley Myers
January 10 Paul Lampe	January 27 Richard Trueblood
January 10 Clare Schnicker	January 28 Karen Stevens
January 11 Jim Carlson	January 29 Pam Halbach
January 11 Steve Feehan	January 29 Brad Holtkamp
January 12 Ken Tyrrell	January 29 Sally Kipp
January 12 Jean Walker	January 30 Cherie Brown
January 13 Mersihda Dyer	January 30 Seann Burgmeier
January 13 Tony Fedler	January 30 Cherie Nichting
January 14 Sue Rapheld	January 30 Jaden Streeter
January 15 Brianne Clark	January 31 Daxtyn Parker
	January 31 Sherrie Pfeiffer





WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

Question: *What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?*

Answer: This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: *How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled?* If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.). ©LPi

Autumn Festival News

This year we had a very successful Autumn Festival Auction. We were able to give to four charities this year, each one receiving \$1,000.00.

- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation*
- Henry County Habitat for Humanity*
- Help to Others (H2O)*
- Growing Hope Globally*

The Social Action Committee for "Respect of Life Month" in January will have a special collection on the weekends of January 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th.

Please look for the special basket in the Gathering Space. The money collected will be given to the Cradle of Hope in Mt. Pleasant to be used for any special needs they may have. Cradle of Hope is a Pro-Life organization whose goal is to save lives.

They do provide counseling after abortion and parenting classes for mothers and fathers. The parents earn "Mommy Money" by taking these classes which they can use to purchase baby items. Please pray and donate whatever you can. If you are unable to attend mass please consider mailing or dropping off your donation at the church anytime in January. Please make out checks to St. Alphonsus and in the memo please note for Cradle of Hope.

Thank you for your support!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS ~ The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life." If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life. One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it. The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others. Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

Offertory for December 19 thru December 26

December 19

Envelopes.....\$2,698.00
 Offertory.....\$275.85
 Poinsettias.....\$165.00
 Retired Religious..\$860.00
 Christmas Offering..\$250.00
 Fuel Offering.....\$10.00
Direct Deposit...\$3,912.00
 Total.....\$8,170.85

Christmas

Christmas Offering.....\$8,470.00
 Offertory.....\$757.00
 Flowers.....\$50.00
 Retired Religious.....\$20.00
 Fuel.....\$95.00
 Votive Candles.....\$28.00
St. Vincent DePaul.....\$100.00
 Total.....\$9,520.00

December 26

Envelopes.....\$3,275.00
 Offertory.....\$420.00
 Christmas Offering.....\$540.00
 Camp. For Human Dev.....\$25.00
 First Offering.....\$15.00
 Flowers.....\$25.00
 Fuel.....\$105.00
 IOWAWINS.....\$50.00
 Votive Candles.....\$86.00
Retired Religious.....\$25.00
 Total.....\$4,566.00



Total: \$22,256.85

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January
2nd

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
6:45-52

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, 21-22or, 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



For the week of
January 2nd

1/3	No Mass	~
1/4	No Mass	~
1/5	Noon	Buena Messer †
1/6	Noon	Dave Stevens †
1/7	Noon	Pat McCormick †
1/8	5:30	Ken Reschly †
1/9	8:00	Betty Lowder †
	11:00	For the People
	2:00	Fr. Brian Shepley †

Church Office hours:

8:00 - 4:00 Monday - Friday ~ Closed 11:00 - Noon

YouTube Masses - St. Al's MP Livestream

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Friday, December 31 - Office Closed

5:30 pm Mass

Saturday, January 1

9:00 am Mass

NO 5:30 PM MASS

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, January 3 - Office Closed

No Mass

Tuesday, January 4

6:30 am Early Morning Women's Scripture

9:30 am Mid Morning Women's Scripture

No NOON Mass

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, January 5

Noon Mass

Thursday, January 6

Noon Mass

Friday, January 7

10:00 am Mass at Addington Place

Noon Mass

12:30-1:00 Adoration

Saturday, January 8

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 9

8:00 am Mass and CLOW

9:15 am Family Formation in Manning Hall

11:00 am Mass

4:00 pm RCIA in Library

Monday, January 10

No Mass

Tuesday, January 11

6:30 am Early Morning Women's Scripture

9:30 am Mid Morning Women's Scripture

No Mass

Wednesday, January 12

No Mass

7:00-8:30pm Youth Ministry 7thru12 every week

Thursday, January 13

No Mass

3:00 pm RCIA in Library

Friday, January 14

10:00 am Mass at Silver Palms

Noon Mass

12:30-1:00 Adoration

Saturday, January 15

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 16

8:00 am Mass and CLOW

9:00 am KC Breakfast

11:00 am Mass

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