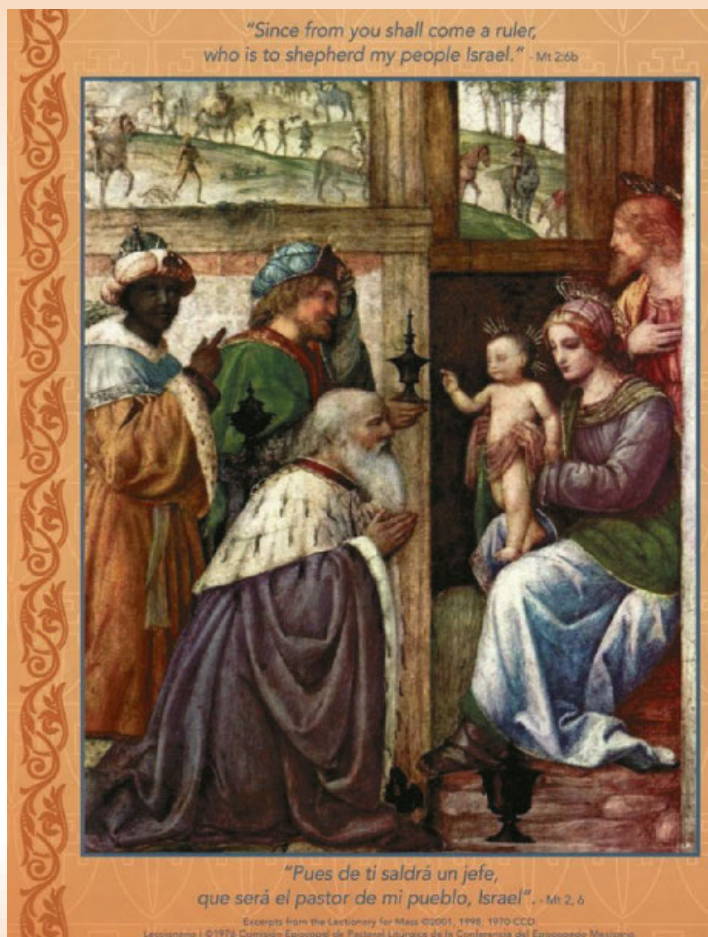


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**Blood pressures
next weekend, January 8th & 9th!**

**Office Closed Thursday, January 6th
For Staff Retreat.**

Mass

Thursday, 8:00 AM
Enter at canopy, door 3.

Saturday, 4:30 PM
Sundays, 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Sundays, 1:00 PM—Spanish

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:15 PM- 4:00 PM

Please visit

the St. Thomas Website at
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or

Facebook at

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&
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Mission Statement

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community exists to be a vibrant faith-filled community, proclaiming with our lives that God is deeply in love with us. Through open hearts, meaningful worship and compassionate service, we model the Spirit of Christ in the world today.

January 2nd & 9th, 2022/2 y 9 de Enero de 2022

Dear Folks,

Let us rejoice with the Gallina Family from our local Church, who in December celebrated 30 years of business as Luigi's Italian Restaurant. Many of our young people got their "start" working at Luigi's as well as participating in many fundraisers held at the restaurant. They also generously support our Scrip program. We congratulate them and hold them in prayer, wishing them every good health and success in the future!

If you are celebrating a milestone in business, please let us know, so we can rejoice and celebrate with you, part of our parish life and story!



Godspeed,
Fr. Dave

We remember in our prayers Thomas Brunner who recently went home to our loving Father. We pray for him and his family, and especially his daughter Michele who faithfully accompanies the choir each week. May you find comfort in knowing that your father is home.



PLAN AHEAD FOR CONFIRMATION!

On **January 15th** at the 4:30 p.m. Mass, we will be celebrating the sacrament of confirmation with **49 confirmands!** Each of those confirmands has a sponsor and a family, so we are expecting an *extremely full church* that evening. While we would be thrilled to have everyone join us that evening, we recommend that if you are not serving in a ministry for Mass to please try to attend one of the other regular weekend Masses to allow for room for all of the families. We apologize for any inconvenience but appreciate your understanding.

Calling Church?

Please note that if calling between 11 and 1 the second Wednesday of the month, you may get voice mail. The staff has a monthly staff meeting during that time.

Drop in to the Franciscan Music Center Friday, January 14th, 6-7:30 PM for our first 'Fireside Friday' event of the year! This family-friendly event is going to be held the second Friday of each month in the beautiful Arien's Atrium. There will be live music in a relaxed atmosphere. A donation box will be at the door to cover the costs of live performers. Donation tickets can also be purchased online at FCMEP.org/events.



God bless you to everyone who donated and bought bakery at our Holiday Cookie Sale. With the profit of \$1,650 and a match of \$350 from Catholic Financial, the Boys & Girls Club and Big Brothers/Big Sisters will each receive \$1,000. Thank you.

St. Thomas Christian Women

Epiphany

Question: Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer: Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

CALENDAR EVENTS

JANUARY

3rd-Cleaning Day

4th-7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

5th-9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Gathering
6:15 PM Catechist In-Service

6th-8:00 AM Mass
Office Closed for Staff Retreat

9th-9:00 AM Religious Ed Gr. 10 & 11

10th-Cleaning Day

12th- 6:15 PM Religious Ed Grades 1-5
6:30 PM Confirmation Rehearsal

13th-8:00 AM Mass
2:00 PM Worship Committee
6:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

14th-1:00 PM Wedding

15th-4:30 PM Confirmation Mass

16th-9:00 AM Religious Ed Gr. 10 & 11

18th-Cleaning Day
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

19th-9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Gathering
6:15 PM Religious Ed Grades 6-9

20th-8:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Finance Council

23rd-9:00 AM Religious Ed Gr. 10 & 11

24th-Cleaning Day

26th- 6:15 PM Religious Ed Grades 1-5

27th-8:00 AM Mass

31st-Cleaning Day

Mass Intentions

Thursday, January 6th

8:00 a.m. Floyd Shimek

Saturday, January 8th

4:30 p.m. Bruce Jonasen

Sunday, January 9th

8:00 a.m. Larry Schneider

10:00 a.m. Joe Moore

Thursday, January 13th

8:00 a.m. Kenny Waack

Saturday, January 15th

4:30 p.m. For the
St. Thomas the
Apostle Confirmands

Sunday, January 16th

8:00 a.m. Still Available

10:00 a.m. Delores Schmatz

Homebound, Sick, or Elderly...

For a minister of care to bring Eucharist to your home, please call the parish office (726-4228) or refer to the information below. Sunday Communion Minister for the homebound for the week of:

- January 9th is Merrily Zimmer at 920-901-5031.
- January 16th is AnnMarie Ahola-Sohlden at 920-901-5796.
- January 23rd is Deacon Steve Zimmer at 920-889-3257.

Ministers, don't forget to check in before the Mass you attend to receive a blessing before leaving to minister to others.

Funds received the week of December 19th..

Weekly Budget/Tithe	\$7,800
Tithing/Sacrificial Giving	\$11,529
ACH Tithe—12/15/21	\$6,073
Difference Between Budgeted & Actual	\$9,802
Offertory	\$820.25
Unrestricted/Own Needs	\$445
Unrestricted Donations	\$1,375
Total	\$20,242.25

Capital Improvement	\$245
Stole Fee	\$70
Christmas Offering	\$175
Flower Donation	\$30
Rosary Donations	\$20
Annual Cemetery Collection	\$30
Retirement Collection	\$145

Scrip Profit...for the week ending 12/19/2021 was \$958.64.

Holy Family is temporarily not accepting gift cards for bill payment. They will hopefully accept gift cards following installation of their new computer system.

Starting January 1st, we will keep track of percentages of Scrip to be applied to your tuition in the Roncalli School System. Be sure to return the family contracts which were mailed. Call Marge if you have any questions.

Thank you for continuing to support our generous vendors and your parish family!

Winter Weather Advisory & Wondering if Mass, Class, or Other Events are Cancelled?

During the Week: Whenever the Valders and/or Manitowoc school districts are cancelled, the weekday Mass or Holy Day Masses will be cancelled at St. Thomas that morning, as well as any evening religious education opportunities or other functions. Check out cancellations at the St. Thomas the Apostle website at stthomasnewton.org or Facebook at **St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community**.

On Weekends: Check the website and/or Facebook as noted above or watch...WBAY-TV 2 & WFRV-TV 5.
Or listen to radio, Lake 98.1 FM/Seehafer Broadcasting Stations & WCUB.

WOMEN CELEBRATE 20th ANNUAL RETREAT WEEKEND

February 4th-February 6th

At the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake

\$225 -\$285 per person based on number of occupants in a room

A Catholic-based weekend women's retreat, yet embraces Christ and His people from all Christian walks of life. Women 18 years and older of all denominations are welcome. Celebrate your relationship with God, encourage and support one another as women, and experience teachings and fun in your Christian life. We want to continue the work of Jesus Christ by bringing His love into the world!

The weekend includes inspirational speakers, worship, music, skits, plenty of food and plenty of fun!

The organizers are excited to welcome Nicole Phillips, Julianne Stanz, Jan Struck, and Fr. Kevin Schneider among others to share God's spirit and love with participants.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule January 8th & 9th

	4:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Server(s)	Laurie Jonasen Hannah Dvorak	Jensen Haala Mason Schaefer	Brady Hanson Vic Frauenfeld
Hospitality	Kathy Kaminski Bette Bahnaman Lee Dvorak Wendy Dvorak	Lee Holschabach Diane Lesperance Ron Boldt Trudy Boldt	Pamela Erickson Michael Teshima Renee Bruckschen Michael Bruckschen
Cross Bearer	Jeff Morgan	Anne Neeb	AJ Jaeger
Proclaimers	Nathan Hartman Jason Hartman	Anne Neeb Dick Backus	Mary Ann Teshima Patrick Carey
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Rich	Deacon Steve	Deacon Steve
Sacristan	Kris Shoop	Joann Otte	Rosie Gottsacker

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ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Roncalli Middle School Preview Night,
Thursday, January 6 @ 5:45 PM.
2109 Marshall Street, Manitowoc

Roncalli Elementary School Preview Morning,
Saturday, January 8 @ 9:00 AM.
1408 Waldo Boulevard, Manitowoc

For more event details, www.facebook.com/roncallielementaryandmiddleschool.

Enrollment opens February. Admissions-related inquiries, tours and shadow opportunities may be directed to Shannon Pritzl at shannon.pritzl@roncallcatholicchools.org.

Mark Your Calendars!

Adult Theology Series

Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm

Jan. 18-Feb. 22, 2022

Roncalli High School Atrium &
Classrooms

All are welcome to attend this 6-week series designed to share interesting topics of faith for our parents and adult community members. Arrive a few minutes early to hear a run down of the four speakers and talks offered each night. Free childcare and children's activities provided in the Home Ec. room down the hall. Stay afterwards for a light social or head down to the gym and catch the varsity game! Coordinated by Roncalli High School Theology Department, Staff and Campus Ministry. Registration is appreciated but not required for the talks and for the child care.

How about winter crafting?

Our St. Thomas supply of baptism blankets is shrinking. If you are in the crafting mood to sew or tie blankets, we'd gladly accept them and would greatly appreciate your donations. Baptism blankets may be dropped off at the office during office hours or with Father before or after Mass. We thank you for sharing!

Dear Sisters and Friends,

My mailbox and email box tells me that Christmas was close. Special thanks to each of you have sent Christmas greeting cards and other treats, or have written letters esp. over the past few weeks. They are enjoyed and reread. I trust you will understand that I will not be responding personally to each one, but please know that I do enjoy hearing from you. After all, we have shared a good number of Christmas celebrations together. I will miss the crowds this year. I do want to simply say GRACIAS to each of you. Please know that you will be remembered in special prayer over the Christmas.

I plan to take a few days off after Christmas and visit our Sisters in Tucson between Christmas and New Year's. They only are 45 minutes away, so just a ride straight north on HWY 19. Will look forward to that, and I know the English and Spanish students will also appreciate a break from the regular schedule. I don't give much homework, but not having class will be nice for them during the holiday season, too. Rather than asking them to do homework, I drill a lot in class and encourage them to talk with English speaking persons, or listen to movies, or radio in English if they are able. I want them to know more than my Midwest accent.

We staff and volunteers made sweet treats a week ago one afternoon. They are Bunuelos, like a fritter, since deep fried in hot oil and then rolled in sugar / cinnamon mix. We did make about 1,300! We (6 sisters) have been wrapping 8-10 up in cellophane paper and decorating with ribbon to give to the many benefactors of Kino. So after our evening meal, our van takes off and delivers another set of them with a bottle of the punch we also made and bottled. Makes for a very nice holiday gift. There are many folks here in Nogales who are regular contributors to the center, sometimes with food, or drink, sometimes with clothes, and sometimes with money donations. All is appreciated, and used or shared with the needy.

This week we volunteers were feted by the staff with a very nice meal as we celebrated Posadas, the Latin custom of people dressing up like the Holy Family and Shepherds to knock and ask lodging for Mary to deliver her baby. There are special prayers and songs sung as a part of the ceremony, and then after some refusals, when they are allowed finally to enter, the meal is served to honor the Baby Jesus. That was Wednesday. We gathered in a meeting room behind the city cathedral here in Nogales. Kino was too small. It was a very nice event.

Sister Marlita

Seeking Host Families

The American Duty organization seeks potential host families for Afghan refugees (families and/or singles) currently residing on military bases. Helping these refugees reach independence as soon as possible is the goal, while understanding this is a major adjustment for them. Interested potential hosts should contact Lindsay Betz at Lindsay@americanduty.org.

Seeds of Life Documentary Screening

Backstage at the Meyer, Green Bay

Thursday, January 13th @ 7:00pm

Come see this feature length film shot on location in Haiti/Dominican Republic in February of 2020, exploring the incredible work that Sister Maria is doing for the people in the area. Through agriculture, education, and the fundamental necessity of water, she has made generational impacts in her 25 years there. Q & A with filmmaker to follow. Tickets \$15 (\$16.74 w/service fee)

ALL proceeds from ticket sales go DIRECTLY to Maria to use in continuing development and to benefit those you see on screen. The link to purchase tickets is at: <https://m.bpt.me/event/5307502> Contact Jim Fitzgerald at 920-374-0764 if you'd like to arrange a carpool.

Ministry Openings

Hospitality ministers for 4:30 Mass as well as **10:00 altar servers** are needed. If you are willing to serve once a month in either of these ministries, please contact Vickie. Training will be provided. vickfrau@gmail.com. Please let Vickie know by mid February as the next schedule will be released early March.



Liturgical Ministry Schedule

January 15th & 16th

	4:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Server(s)	Isabella Jacky Ken Jacky Mason Schaefer Kameron Schaefer	Haleigh Wallander Joseph Otte	Ariannah Neuser Genevieve Samz
Hospitality	Bonnie Jacky Charles Geiser Judy Geiser Pete Pokorski	Tony Binversie Wayne Wallander Brandy Wallander Bob Wallander	Jeff Brost Rita Muench Jeanne Koch Karl Koch
Cross Bearer	Server	Greta Schaeuble	Bernard Holschbach
Proclaimers	Pam Fischer Barb Graf	Anne Neeb Pat Mayer	Dale Birenbaum Clevin Hady
Eucharistic Minister	Deacons Steve & Rich	Deacon Steve	Deacon Steve
Sacristan	Diane Hartman	Barb Backhaus	Merrily Zimmer

Lost & Found

The lost and found bin in the coat room has been filling up. If you've misplaced items, please check the bin or the table near the coatroom. Numerous hats, mittens, and other items await. Unclaimed items will be **donated after January 16th**.

Father David Beaudry, Pastor
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Vickie Frauenfeld, Administrative & Liturgical Coordinator
Bulletins, Building Needs, Ministry & Liturgy
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Epiphany of the Lord

Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6
Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Aun en estos tiempos, la humanidad continúa buscando la estrella, esa estrella que muchas veces se pierde entre la injusticia, el odio y la discriminación. Sin embargo, hay que seguir el camino y alzar los ojos al cielo para encontrar el centro de su luz. *“Levántate y brilla, que ha llegado tu luz y la Gloria de Yavé amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60,1)*. La Gloria de la Manifestación de Jesús en su Evangelio y en la Eucaristía se hace presente entre nosotros en la Liturgia de hoy. El Papa Francisco nos explica acerca de la belleza de esta celebración. *“La manifestación de Jesús, simbolizada por la luz: Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque llega tu luz; la Gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti”*. Él nos exhorta al movimiento, a no quedarnos ahí fijos como estatuas sin hacer nada.

También, nos explica sobre la participación de los magos del Oriente y lo que ellos representan. *“Los Magos, venidos de Oriente, representan a todos los pueblos lejanos de la fe judía tradicional: se dejan guiar por la estrella y se enfrentan a un largo y arriesgado viaje; se postran ante Jesús y le ofrecen regalos simbólicos: oro, incienso y mirra; la búsqueda del Señor implica también la generosidad del corazón” (1/6/2019)*. ¿Qué le estoy ofreciendo a Jesús en esta etapa de mi vida? ¿Qué tipo de manifestaciones he tenido de Dios a lo largo de mi vida? Pidamos, en esta Eucaristía, que la luz de Cristo se manifieste en estos tiempos turbulentos y oscuros que experimentamos en el mundo entero. Sigamos vigilantes, caminemos por sendas nuevas, sigamos el ejemplo de los Magos. Ellos, regresaron a su país por otro camino. ©LPi

Pregunta: Además de los Reyes Magos, ¿qué tiene de significativo la Epifanía?

Respuesta: Epifanía significa "manifestación" o exhibición pública. La fiesta generalmente se celebra el 6 de enero. En los Estados Unidos, se celebra el domingo más cercano al 6 de enero. Se origina a partir de una historia exclusiva de Mateo (2: 1-12). Magos de Oriente vienen a rendir homenaje al Rey recién nacido y le obsequian oro, incienso y mirra.

Esta parte de la narración de la infancia de Mateo difiere del relato de Lucas sobre el nacimiento de Jesús. En Lucas no hay magos, estrellas ni regalos. Lucas dice que Jesús nació en un establo después del largo viaje de María y José de Nazaret a Belén. Matthew parece tener a la familia viviendo en una casa en Belén, donde los magos los encuentran.

¿Por qué estas diferencias? Surgen de las necesidades e inquietudes de la audiencia a la que se dirigían los autores, así como de la postura teológica de cada autor. Conocer la intención original ayuda a obtener la interpretación correcta del texto.

Dado que Mateo escribía principalmente a una comunidad judía, su preocupación por él era mostrar que Jesús no vino solo por los judíos, sino también por los gentiles. Desde su nacimiento, Jesús no solo se manifiesta a los judíos, sino también a los gentiles, que están incluidos de manera prominente en la manifestación, simbolizada por los magos y su viaje por él. Este es el aspecto más significativo de la fiesta de la Epifanía. ¿Cómo manifiestas a Jesús a todos los que entras en contacto? ©LPi