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January 3, 2021 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

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Within St. Rita Parish, 2318 South 61 Street, West Allis, WI 53219
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RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIC-Rite of Christian Initiation of Children
Contact the DRE - Director of Religious Education,
Barbara Krieger..... 541-7515, ext. 16

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Parish registration and parental instruction required.
Please contact the parish office.

Marriage

Please arrange for a date and instructions at least six months in advance at the parish office.
Parish registration is required.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact Fr. Elijah at the Parish Office if you are interested in a private Anointing at this time.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Each family or single adult 18 years old or older living at home or alone is invited and expected to be registered in our parish family at the parish office.
Please call the parish office to register.

"Please Remember St. Florian Parish in your Will."

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday (*Anticipated*) 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES (in the Main Church at this time)

Monday - Friday 5:00 p.m.
followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
until 6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Day (*Anticipated*)
..... 7:00 p.m.
(No 5:00 p.m. Daily Mass on Anticipated Holy Days)
Holy Day 8:00 a.m.
(No 5:00 p.m. Daily Mass on Holy Days)
(Daily Masses or Holy Day Masses subject to change.)

CONFESSIONS

Please contact Fr. Elijah at the Parish Office if you are interested in a private Confession at this time.

HELPING HANDS

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ~ Matthew 2:10-11



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

**January 2, 2021
through
January 10, 2021**

Sat., January 2 - *Anticipated The Epiphany of the Lord*
4:00 p.m. † Justin & † Alice Cesar

Sun., January 3 - *The Epiphany of the Lord*
8:00 a.m. The Parishioners of St. Florian Parish

Mon., January 4 - *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*
5:00 p.m. Trayvon Richardson

Tues., January 5 - *St. John Neumann, Bishop*
5:00 p.m. † Michael Mikolajczak

Wed., January 6 - *St. André Bessette, Religious*
5:00 p.m. Mary Longrie & Callista Toman

Thurs., January 7 - *St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest*
5:00 p.m. † George Duncan

Fri., January 8 - *Christmas Weekday*
5:00 p.m. Carmelite Perpetual Mass Union

Sat., January 9 - *Anticipated Baptism of the Lord*
4:00 p.m. The Parishioners of St. Florian Parish

Sun., January 10 - *Baptism of the Lord*
8:00 a.m. † Josephine & † Joseph Fuys

ETERNAL FLAME



January 2 - January 8, 2021

In loving memory of:

† **Stephen Pedersen**

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GOSPEL MEDITATION — ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see?

It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason

for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sun: 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
Mon: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Mk 6:45-52
Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/
Lk 4:14-22a
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/
Lk 5:12-16
Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
Jn 3:22-30
Next Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

CATHOLIC QUOTE



Mark Your
CALENDAR



**In January,
Please Pray For . . .**

Saturday, January 2 - Anticipated Epiphany of the Lord

3:00 pm Celebration Choir in Fellowship Room
4:00 pm Mass with Birthday Blessings

Sunday, January 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Mass with Birthday Blessings

Monday, January 4

5:00 pm Mass
5:30-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Tuesday, January 5

5:00 pm Mass
5:30-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, January 6

5:00 pm Mass
5:30-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Thursday, January 7

10am-12pm Visitation & Funeral for Mary Ann Kania
5:00 pm Mass
5:30-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Friday, January 8

5:00 pm Mass
5:30-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

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8:00 am Mass

Catherine Becker	Helen Guskowski	Mary Priewe
Elaine Croft	Joyce Johnson	Elizabeth Reineck
Marlene Daniels	Ruth Kressl	Lynn Sheng
David Demos	Helen Markowski	Mary Smith
Gregg & Susan	Betty Michalowski	Cindy Terrien
Dufek	Candy Netterfield	Edie Wurcer
Fr. Larry	Katherine Papa	Gloria Zelazek
Frankovich, OFM	Fr. Jeff Prasser	Bernie Zimney

**LIVE THE LITURGY —
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Coming or Going?

On the way home from the Ash Wednesday service, a young boy asked his mother, "Is it true that we are made of dust?"

"Yes, darling."

"And do we go back to dust again when we die?"

"Yes, dear."

"Wow!" said the boy. "When I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I found someone who is either coming or going!"

**The Archdiocese is currently
in Phase 2 of
The Catholic Comeback.
Please see updates below.**



Returning to Sunday Mass

Phase 2 of the
[Catholic Comeback Matrix](#).

A dispensation to attend Sunday Mass remains for grave reasons, such as illness (*CCC #2181*).

[Learn more here.](#)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP — RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things — If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration. ~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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