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Mass Times

Weekend: Saturday 5PM
Sunday 8:00AM & 10:45AM
Weekday Mass
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday: 7:30AM
Holy Day See Bulletin



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fridays 8-8:30am
Saturday 3:30-4:30pm



Fridays 8-9am



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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. - Mt 2:10-11

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Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm (closed 12-1) lunch Fri 8-12pm

ST Vincent de Paul - Helpline
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Tuesday 1/4 7:30am

Robert Farlik † Bratta Family

Wednesday 1/5 7:30am

Edward Linkenheld † Fr Rich

Thursday 1/6 7:30am

Eleanor Kane † Family

Friday 1/7 7:30am

Edward Munson † Family

Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 1/8 5pm

Barb Zimmerman † Hanley Family

Sunday 1/9

8am Bill Hogan † SVDP

10:45am Patrick White †
Yockey Family

But we will give ourselves continually to
Prayer
and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

Please Pray for those who need our Prayers

*All those on our Prayer List
All those who have asked for Prayers*

For those who have died

*Rebecca Donovan
Ralph Larson*

For all teachers, aids, and support staff

** For all those who are homebound, and
In a nursing home, and unable to attend Mass*

**For all those who are having surgery*

**Please pray for our First
Responders; Police, Fire and*

Paramedics and all our Civil Servants.

*All those serving to Protect us Doctors &
Nurses all those on our prayer list and all
those*

*serving in the Military and
their families*

our priest, and all priests.

Please Pray For Vocations



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary under her title Mother of God and the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord as we continue to rejoice in the season of Christmas. The word "epiphany" refers to the manifestation or revealing of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi. They saw nature herald a great birth seen in the star and followed its

brightness to discover where it would lead. It led them to find Jesus, son of Mary and the Son of God. We also can see the light of Christ shining all around us and are invited to follow it to see what we can discover. Like Mary and the Magi, we may not know where it will lead but we trust we will discover God.

The prophet Isaiah reminds us "you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow". Where do you see the light of Christ shining around you? It could be a kind word spoken to thank you or encourage you. It could be a small gesture of kindness by holding a door for you or giving you preference in traffic. It could be seen in your children doing their chores without you having to remind them. God can show Himself in small, simple ways or in explosions of nature like the birth of a new star. The appearance can vary but it is up to us to look with the eyes of faith and to see God. It is then that the work begins! Once we recognize God revealing God's self in our lives what will we do with it? Will we allow it to touch and transform us or will we see it and simply move along? Sadly, some may not see it at all!

The Christ Child said nothing, did nothing and yet He changed the lives of the shepherds and the Magi who returned from where they came from glorifying God. When you see the light of Christ shine in your life; what will you do? Let us pray that like Mary, the shepherds and the Magi we will be transformed and always give glory to God by the living of our lives.

Peace always,
Fr. Rich



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.

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anytime.

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Youth Group (AKA St. Mary Teen Group) News:

Thanks to all from St. Mary's for donating to our 2 recent projects.

Firstly, thank you for your donations to our Baby Shower. All items were taken to The Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford; they GREATLY appreciated the items as well. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for partnering with us and delivering all the items.

Secondly, thank you to all who supported the raffle drawings. We were able to raise \$600 to put towards a future Catholic Youth Conference, God willing. Registration begins January 26 – students (and parents too) please email me if you are even mildly interested.

We would like to invite all of you to join us for the second annual Rockford Walk for Life! Saturday, January 15th, 2022 11AM - 1PM Rockford Federal Courthouse: 327 S. Church Street, Rockford, 61101 . We will begin with a rally and then walk several blocks past the State of Illinois building, and back to the Federal Courthouse to conclude in prayer. The event will end at 1PM. Since January 1973, over 62 million unborn babies have been killed through legal abortion.

Lastly, if you are in 8th – Senior in High School you are invited to join us! Practices will begin soon for Living Stations and we need more people! The Church needs you...our youth group needs you. St. John Paul II said, "You are unique and unrepeatable." You offer something that no one else offers. You are the only you! Never underestimate the power of your example.

Sincerely and thankfully in Christ,

Becca Ketter

Youth Group Volunteer



We meet from 6 – 8pm on the following dates:

Sunday January 9

Sunday January 23

Sunday January 30

NO MEETING Sunday February 6

Sunday February 13

Sunday February 27

Sunday March 6

Sunday March 13

Sunday March 20

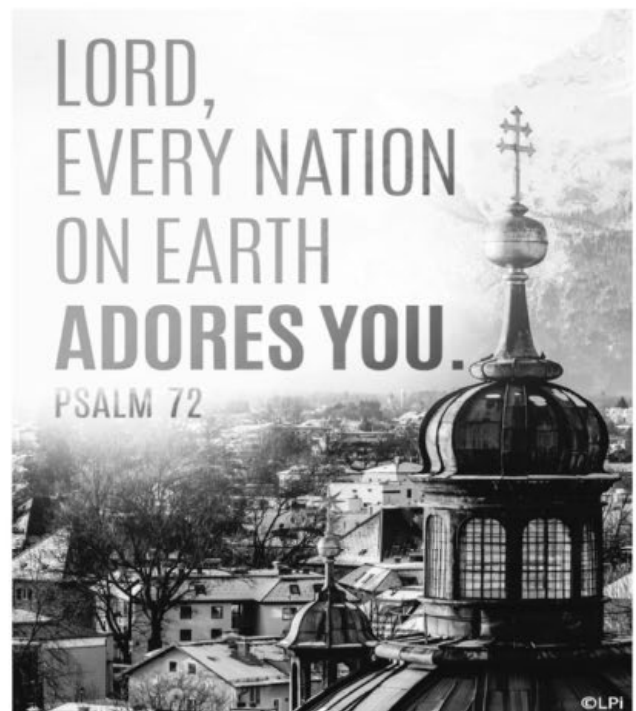
Sunday April 10

Sunday April 24

WHAT HAPPENS TO A CONSECRATED HOST IF IT ACCIDENTALLY FALLS TO THE GROUND?

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.).



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The Epiphany of the Lord

“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” (MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Stephanie Schermerhorn CRE
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January 9
 9:15-10:30am



You are invited to
 come to Youth Group
 on Sunday

January 9, 6-8pm

Outdoor Games, Snacks, Fun

We will meet each week that there is RE
 Share with friends

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MORE INFORMATION ON PRIOR PAGE



Adult Choir– TBA

Knights of Columbus Tuesday 1/4/22, 7:30pm

SVdP Society 1/6/22 8:30am

Prayer Shawl Ministry Tues 1/18/22 8:00am

Adoration– Fridays 8-9am

Youth Group Sunday 1/9/22 6-pm

Office Closed Dec 23-27 Jan 3

Christmas Open House at the rectory- Dec 19 3-6pm
 3954 E Mockingbird Ln ~ Byron IL 61010

We will welcome Fr James
 Linkenheld to celebrate Mass the
 first week in January. Please keep
 him in your prayers for a safe
 flight home to Rome.

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GRIEF SHARE



Begin the new year with a clean slate so you can fully embrace the blessings to come.

1. Isaiah 43:18-19 " Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19 See, I am doing a new thing!

Make 2022
YOUR YEAR!

Dear Friend,

Christmas is a special time of year. And, as we celebrate the "greatest unplanned pregnancy ever told", we also celebrate the countless special mothers who have chosen life for their babies. We're so blessed to be part of this joyous, yet difficult journey and we're grateful that you partner with us through your gifts and prayers. On behalf of the center, we wish you and yours a Merry Christmas!

This year we have so much to rejoice about, including the purchase of our new ultrasound machines that are daily giving glimpses of life to our clients. Thank you for making this feat possible! During this season of peace, joy, and love, we greatly appreciate your support of our life-saving mission. May God bless you abundantly!

Loving Life,

Tracy Breit

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