

# SS. PETER & PAUL

Catholic Church, Waterloo, IL



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Waterloo, Illinois 62298**  
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#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Friday:  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 - 4:00 pm

#### **Masses**

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday:** 8:00 am and 10:00 am

**Holy Days:** To be announced

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday:** 4:00 - 4:45 pm

#### **Sister Parish**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Delores, Guatemala

#### **Ss. Peter and Paul School**

Early Learning Ctr. through Grade 8

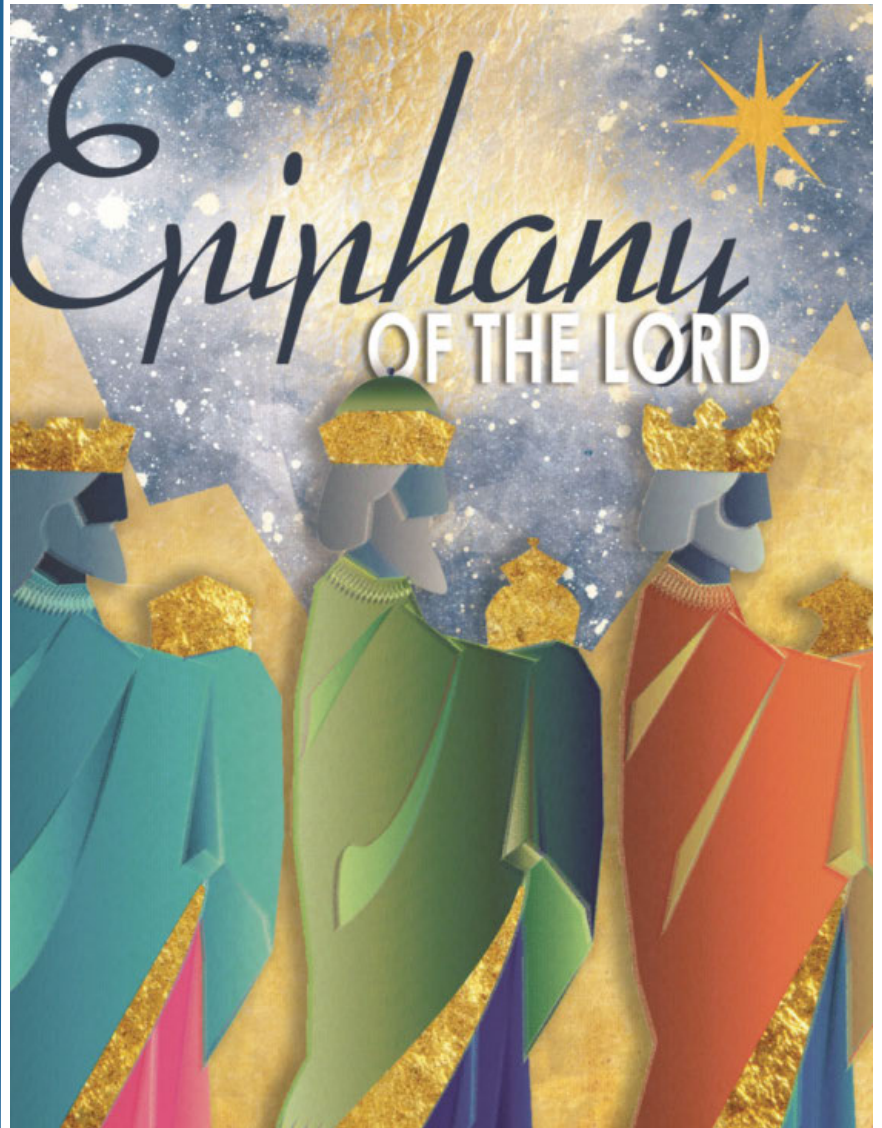
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**If you are new to the parish, have a change of address or phone number, please call the Parish Office.**



## Intro to the Liturgy of the Day

Aware of the significance of the blessed star and drawn by its distinctive light, the magi traveled from distant lands to reach Bethlehem. They are the first people outside the immediate area to come and greet the newborn king. Today we gather thousands of miles from Bethlehem, not to mention over two thousand years from the holy event. Yet we too are drawn by our faith to this holy place to seek out the Son of God and do him homage. Let us in turn make Christ manifest to others wherever we go.

January 2, 2022

# Directory and Ministries and Opportunities

## Sacrament of Baptism

Parents seeking baptism for their child at Ss. Peter and Paul Church should be registered members of the parish. The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is normally offered on the last Sunday of the month (except during Lent) after 10:00 am Mass. To schedule a baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays, 4:00 – 4:45 pm or by appointment.

## Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples wishing to be married at Ss. Peter and Paul Church should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the wedding date.

## Anointing of the Sick

Anyone who is seriously ill and wishes to be anointed, please contact the Parish Office during business hours.

## Communion for the Homebound

Anyone who is homebound and would like to weekly receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

## Hospital Visits

Due to the medical confidentiality laws and hospital policies, the names of individual patients are not available upon request. If anyone wants a hospital visit from the pastor, please call the Parish Office.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is normally held on the first Monday of each month from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

## Becoming a Catholic

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith is invited to participate in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). For more information, please call Joyce Springer at the Parish Office.

## Prayer Chain

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish is a community of faith and prayer. Anyone with a prayer request (illness, special intention, etc.) is asked to call Michelle Miskell at 618-407-2415 to have the prayer request included in the parish prayer chain.

## Parish Registration

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish wants to serve the Catholics of the community. It is essential that all Catholics be registered with the parish. All adults (including high school graduates) and those new to the community are requested to contact the Parish Office to register.

## Pastoral Staff and Support Staff . . . . 939-6426 / Ext.

Pastor	Father Linus Umoren, C.M. - 17
Associate Pastor	Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M. - 12
Vincentian Canonical House	Father Anthony Nyong, C.M. - 18
Deacon	Tom Helfrich - 26
Pastoral Associate for Adults	Joyce Springer - 22
Pastoral Associate for Youth	Catherine Burkart - 15
PSR Coordinator	Catherine Burkart - 15
Business Manager	Emily Kimutis - 20
Administrative Assistant	Amanda Stapf - 11
Maintenance	Gregg Woods - 23
Wedding Coordinator	Judi Horrell - 30
Sacristan and House Manager	Christine Petruso

## Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic School . . . . . 939-7217

Principal	Lori Matzenbacher
Bookkeeper	Jane Briesacher
Secretary	Julie Doerr

## Parish Leadership

Trustee	Suzan Knese
Trustee	David Kennedy
Pastoral Council	Karl Krebel
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Board of Education	Brandi Friedrich
PSR Board	Catherine Burkart
Investment Committee	Andrew Briesacher
Holy Name Society	Andrew Riebeling
Mary and Martha Society	Pat Fieser
SPPCS PTO	Sarah Birkner

## Pastoral Council Committees

Worship/Liturgy	Deacon Tom Helfrich
Building and Grounds	Chris Toenjes
Cemetery	Steve Goessling
Service	John Mannix
Communication/Technology	Karl Krebel

## Parish Ministries

Welcome Committee	Sarah Krebel
Pro-Life Ministry	Beverly Krebel and Barb Reinholz
Grief Support Group	Pat Dunn, Karen Waterman
Prayer Chain	Michelle Miskell
FOCUS (Bible Study)	Dorothy Kohler
Funeral Luncheons	Mary Bradley
Homebound Ministry	June Valentine
Eucharistic Adoration	Chris Purcell
Nursing Home Ministry	Kathy Rippelmeyer
Heavenly Dusters (Church Cleaners)	Judy Mueth

## Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality	Jeff Kraus / 939-5133
Adult and Youth Servers	John Williams / 618-977-9966
Extraordinary Ministers	June Valentine / 618-939-8882
Scheduling	Darlene Niebruegge / 939-6656
Lectors	Donna Lance / 939-8408
Sacristans	
Church Decorators	Carol Postlewait / 939-8930
Choir/Cantors/Musicians	Amanda Stapf / 939-6426

## Auxiliary Ministries

Marriage Encounter	Tony and Sue Morris / 618-593-5668
Knights of Columbus	Ross Monterusso / 618-719-7193
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul	Help line 618-792-4059

*A Message  
from our Pastor*

*Father Linus Umoren, C.M.*

## Reflection for the Feast of Epiphany

*A husband read an article to his wife about how women use 30,000 words a day to a man's 15,000. The wife replied, "That's because we have to repeat everything to men." The husband turned to his wife and said, "What?"*

This weekend we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. Perhaps that is why Saint John Paul categorized most of these manifestations as a luminous mystery.

We can compare Epiphany to such expressions as eureka or aha. In other words, that which was hidden or not well known is now revealed. In the epiphany story, the Magi occupies a significant place. The Magi are presented to us as the people through whom the mission of Christ is revealed.

We know little about the personalities of the Magi. Nevertheless, what we know about them is enough to indicate who Jesus is. The Magi came from the East to Bethlehem. They followed the guidance of the star. Therefore, they were likely astrologers who understood the movement of the stars. The Gospel does not say precisely how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. Instead, we assume them to be three based upon naming their three gifts: Myrrh, Frankincense, and Gold. Gold symbolized the kingship of Christ, Frankincense represented the divinity and the eternal priesthood of Christ, and Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, symbolized the saving death of Jesus Christ. These gifts revealed the true mission of Christ as a Priest, Prophet and King.

It is noteworthy that the Magi were willing to follow the star to an unknown territory. The journey took them outside their country and their comfort zone. Additionally, they risked the consequences of disobeying Herod, who had told them to come by his place after they found the king. They were truly wise because they knew and interpreted divine signs and understood the dubious intention of Herod. To where does our star lead us? How do we interpret our daily experiences?



## Time - Talent - Treasure

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY – JANUARY 8/9

*Saturday, January 8*

**5:00 pm - Extraordinary Ministers: \*4 total**

Angela Crowe, Dan Mitchell, Jane Yates

**Servers:** Cole Schaltenbrand, Anna Willson

**Hospitality Ministers:**

Tony and Sue Morris

**Lector:** John Caupert

**Gift Bearers:** Steve and Lauren Poettker

*Sunday, January 9*

**8:00 am - Extraordinary Ministers: \*4 total**

Mary Bubash, Ray Fausz, Ruth Wessel

**Servers:** Adeline and Charlotte Riebeling

**Hospitality Ministers:**

Rodney Linker, Dale Mueth, Judy and Mark Paisley

**Lector:** Dan Kennedy

**Gift Bearers:** George and Nancy Schmidt

**10:00 am - Extraordinary Ministers: \*4 total**

Amy Koeninger, Patti and Dave Stirnaman

**Servers:** Joel and Noah Koeninger

**Hospitality Ministers:**

Mark Knese, Craig Koeninger, Brad Krueger, Mark Melchler

**Lector:** Suzan Knese

**Gift Bearers:** Schott and Katie Schewe



### *Musicians & Cantors Needed*

Do you enjoy music or have musical talents of singing or playing an instruments? We would love to have those talents to help enrich our Liturgies. You may have noticed the past several months at some weekend Masses we have been without a cantor, without a musician, or without both. We are in pretty desperate need of more cantors and musicians and choir members for our weekend Masses. If you are interested in participating in this important ministry at our weekend Masses, or if you would be interested in participating in a question and answer session with some of our musicians and cantors to decide if this ministry might be for you, please contact Deacon Tom at 618.939.6426 ext. 26 or [thelfrich@ssppcc.org](mailto:thelfrich@ssppcc.org). Our talented cantors and musicians would also be glad to work with you until you are comfortable cantoring or playing music on your own.



# Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

## Youth Ministry News



### PSR Blessing Bags

I want to extend a special thank you to everyone who helped with the Blessing Bags Project. We were able to assemble over 175 bags. Watching the excitement and anticipation of students as materials were collected and bags assembled was a gift. As a PSR family we were able to share the joy of Christmas. Thank you especially to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class who helped assemble the bags and to Courtney Harper for her help organizing this special project.



### Las Posadas

On December 18, we celebrated the Hispanic custom of Las Posadas. Parishioners participated in the journey of Mary and Joseph to the Manger. Parishioners filled roles as the innkeepers who turn the Holy Family away and a procession that accompanies the couple. At the conclusion of the procession we paused to reflect on this special moment of salvation.



### Blessing of Homes:

Chalk is available at the exits of Church to bless homes for the year.



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The monthly all-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Monday, January 10**, from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm. This is a wonderful time for reflection and prayer.

## SPPCS News



### Part Time Custodian Needed

Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic School is seeking a part time custodian, Monday-Friday for 15hrs/week after school. Candidates should be reliable and trustworthy. The primary responsibilities would include sweeping and mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms, sanitizing and other duties as assigned. If interested, please submit a resume to Lori Matzenbacher at [lmatzenbacher@sppswaterloo.com](mailto:lmatzenbacher@sppswaterloo.com).

## Gibault News



### VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Take a look at the redesigned [gibalthawks.com](http://gibalthawks.com)! We hope you enjoy this virtual window into our school!

### ENROLLMENT NEWS

Bring the entire family for a Private Tour or spend a day as a Shadow Visitor. Schedule your tour or shadow visit at <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>

It's time for our Class of 2026 to begin the application process! The application can be found at <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>.

### RAFFLE-MANIA!

Help Gibault and possibly win some money for yourself! Talk about a win-win!

With a purchase of a \$25 ticket, you are entered for:

- \$100 Early Bird Christmas Drawing (ticket must be purchased by December 15 to qualify)
- \$30 Daily Drawings on Monday-Friday from January 1 - May 31
- \$100 Bonus Winner the last day of each month (January - April)
- GRAND PRIZES in May for \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, and \$250!

If your ticket is pulled for a prize, it goes right back in, so you have the chance to win again!

Tickets can be purchased online at: [www.bidpal.net/rafflemania](http://www.bidpal.net/rafflemania), by contacting any Gibault student, or by calling the school office at 939-3883.

**Thank you for your support of Gibault Catholic High School throughout the past year. All of us at Gibault Catholic High School wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2022!**

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 am † Patricia Floerke  
5:00 pm † Jean Ahne, Susan Lynn Isbell

## Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am † Millie Curran, Vernon DeBourge  
10:00 am † Maury Koesterer, Cletus and Mary Eschmann

## Monday, January 3 - Christmas Weekday

8:00 am † Cletus and Miriam Jung

## Tuesday, January 4 - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 am † George and Billie Gregson

## Wednesday, January 5 - Saint John Neumann

8:00 am † Hermes Family  
† Wilbur and Irma Brinkmann

## Thursday, January 6 - Christmas Weekday

8:00 am † Alvin and Evelyn Range

## Friday, January 7 - Christmas Weekday

8:00 am No mass—Communion service available

## Saturday, January 8 - Vigil

† 5:00 pm Jean Ahne, Susan Lynn Isbell

## Sunday, January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am † Carl Rippelmeyer, Pauline Durham  
10:00 am † Geraldine Schilling

## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

### Saturday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Anointing of the Sick (All Masses)

4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Sunday, January 2 — Epiphany of the Lord

### Monday, January 3— Parish Office Closed

10:00 am Grief Support Group Meeting  
7:00 pm School Board Meeting

### Tuesday, January 4— Heavenly Dusters—Team 1

8:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion  
7:00 pm Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting

### Wednesday, January 5

6:30 pm PSR Classes Grades 1-8 at school  
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

### Thursday, January 6

7:00 pm Building and Grounds Meeting

### Friday, January 7—

### Saturday, January 8—

7:30 am Just Men  
4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Sunday, January 9 — Baptism of the Lord

11:00 am Baptism  
6:30 pm High School Youth Event



# Prayer List



## Those Who Are Asking For Our Prayers:

Ron Goodnick, Rick Michaels, Debbie Hency, Chris Morris, Zachary Wheat, Brian Kreher, Diane Corzine, Nina Dietrich, Michelle Kniefelkamp, Roger Knobloch family, Joe Dreps, Liz Brinkmann, Gary Elliott, Kathy Raitt, Kevin Kessler, Rosemary Remiger, Eleanor Krebel, Marcella Boehne, Larry Doiron, Dylane Doerr, Dorothy Fennewald, Donna Timpe, John Descher, James Kassing, Brian Fennewald, Sr. Jeannette Fennewald, Margie Beelman, Brenda Schmitz, Ellen Dietz, Betty Wightman, Stacy Banker, Ed Easley, Sr. Janice Fennewald, Norma Butler, Sue Schultheis, Kevin Volner, Haleigh Hahs, Gary Brinkmann, Lois Papenberg, Jean Frame, Ray Frame, Jessica Lutker, Steve Coleman, Dennis Hitzemann, Bill Brucker, Edward Horn, Jan Thompson, Bob Springer, Madalyn Kilebew, Brody Cobb, Mike Kirsky, Mathew Notter, Jess Giesler, Jim Wills, Gary Krause, Ron Laub, Dan Krebel, Patti Rottler, Barbara Clifton, Abby Schrage, Robert Klube, Ann Kingery, Jeanette Scheibe, Sarah Rekosh, Rachel Warden, Chuck Green, Karen Altes, Tim Branson, Cathy Hodge, Steven Wagner, Betty Friedrich, Lydia Boyer, Michelle Bixler, Karla Halloran, Pat Stamm, Dolores Fernandez, John Jungers, Barbara Michels, Amanda Ebeler, Kelly Hoeft, Donald Marion, Wyatt Dugan, Peter Schrader, Fr. Juan Garca, Andrew Brandt, Dennis Asselmeier, Shirley Gregoire, Norman Knight, Angela Wellen, Kacey McFarland, Rhonda Whelan, Dennis Kuper, Kathy Karius, Laura Bisile, Marisue Kueper, Brittany Wolfangel, Justin Juelfs, Mary Lorraine Steinmann, Jackie Luchtefeld, Susan Halt, Rayni Lashley, Bryan West, Buddy Allscheid, Julie Blackelk, Michael Hergenroeder, Laura Juelfs, Rick Diemert, TJ West, Jerry AuBuschon, Sue Davis, Grant Hastings, Eileen Weile

## Military Personnel:

**Air Force** - Bob Manning, Steven Poettker, Lance Guyton, Randy Ivall, Christopher Mueller, Dan Kreher, Samuel Rick  
**Army** - Dillon Scheibe, Alex Naumann, Jodie Steibel, Austin Scheibe, Adam Carrico, Corey Sanders, John Dell, Matt Pruitt, Phillip Kirk, Matthew Greb, Charles Lombardo, Paul J. Doty

**Coast Guard** - Justin S. Bushong, Erich F. Klein

**Marines** - Brandon Foerg, Blake Pete, Tom Aucutt, Gregory Connoyer, Julie Vogt, Ryan A. Kohrig, Rob Pfeil, Erik Bartelt, Edward Dugan

**Navy** - Jack Range, Haley Lewis, Matt Kopp, Michelle M. DeBourge, Aaron A. Zimmer

**PLEASE HELP US KEEP THIS LIST UP TO DATE!**

## Readings of the Week

January 2, 2022

**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, 21-22

or, 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

# Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

## Quilt Raffle

St. Michael's Paderborn, is sponsoring a Quilt of the Month Raffle. Beginning January 2022 through December 2022, a beautiful hand-made quilt will be given away each month.

Tickets are \$20 each and gives you 12 chances to win. Please pickup a ticket at the back of the church and mail back in the addressed envelope provided with your ticket.

If you have any questions, please call Sue Walsh at 618-473-2798.

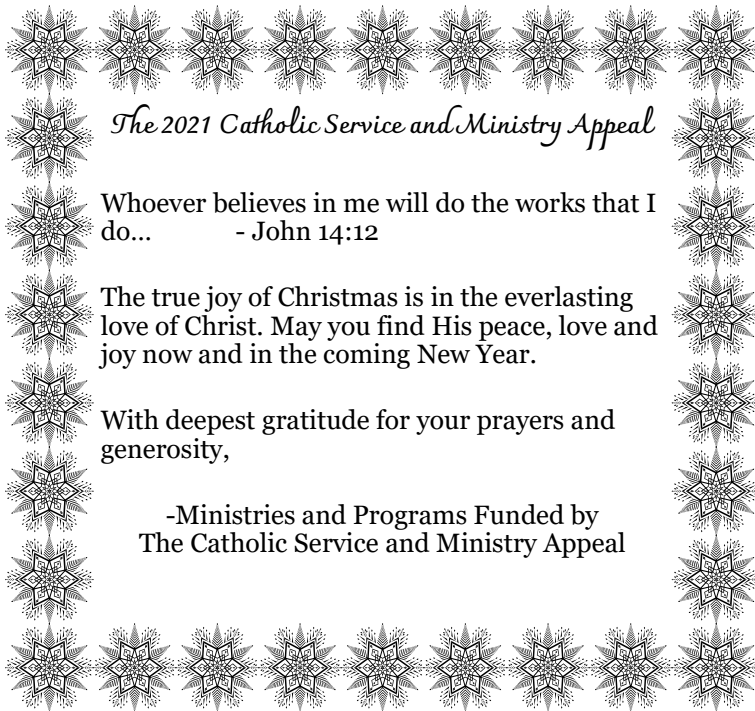
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SAVE THE DATE!

FEBRUARY 13, 2022 AT 2:30 PM!

JOIN ARCHBISHOP MITCHELL ROZANSKI AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. LOUIS, MO TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY ON WORLD MARRIAGE DAY!



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Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do...  
- John 14:12

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With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity,

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### Cemetery Restoration Project

The cemetery committee is taking on a project of restoring some very old tombstones in our old cemetery. Some have fallen over and others are leaning.

Not only is it a hazard for the mowers but we feel obligated to keep our cemetery looking nice in memory of those who have passed before us.

We will be contacting family members to help with the expense. If you would like to help, use the quarterly cemetery envelopes to contribute to this project.

Thank you for your support.

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### A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land

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**November 28 to December 9, 2022**  
**Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Steve Beatty**

This pilgrimage will include important sites in Jesus' life as well as visits to places in the Holy Land where CRS is carrying on the work of Jesus today. Pricing, complete itinerary, and registration will be available after February 28, 2022. To be placed on the priority mailing list to receive a full itinerary and registration information, contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Animator for the Diocese of Belleville at [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com) or 618-624-2838.

# 2022 Epiphany Blessing of the Home



Epiphany means *manifestation*, or the appearance of Jesus. Besides the manifestation of Jesus to the magi, there are two other epiphanies: the Baptism of the Lord in the River Jordan and Jesus' appearance at the Wedding Feast of Cana. The significance of this day is not just the arrival of the magi but also the coming of Gentiles to adore the newborn King of the Jews. The event recognizes Jesus' lordship over the entire world.

Many traditions have evolved about the magi. They are called kings, astrologers, and wise men. The Bible says there were three gifts, but never says how many magi brought them or what their gender was. Nonetheless, European tradition claims there were three and even ascribed them the names of Melchior, Balthasar and Caspar. In iconography, one is often depicted with dark skin. Their remains are said to rest in an elaborate reliquary in Cologne.

One fitting tradition associated with this feast is the Epiphany Blessing of Homes. A piece of chalk is used to mark **20 + C + M + B + 22** over the doorways of the home. The numerals consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the magi, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, and also represent the Latin motto: *Christus mansionem benedicat* ("May Christ bless the house"). Throughout the year those who come and go through that door will enjoy the blessing of Christ.

## Blessing

Leader:

Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who dwell in it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The leader then writes with chalk atop the door or doorframe the inscription: **20 + C + M + B + 22**

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