THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY JANUARY 2, 2022

STAR

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

MATTHEW 2:10

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From the Deacon's Desk

The days following Christmas are important because they fall within this holy season and immediately adjoin the holy day itself. You would think that any feast assigned to those days might be lost in the luster of Christmas Day. On the other hand, if you think these days would be reserved for some very special feasts then you would be correct. This past week had some particularly important feasts that you may have overlooked.



December 26 was the Feast of St. Stephen. He was in the original group of seven men who became the first Deacons in the Church. This fact alone would be reason enough to honor him. His real glory lies in the fact that he was martyred while proclaiming the Good News. His example of fully embracing the Gospel, even at the cost of his life, provides us with a model of how we should live. We may not be required to give our physical life for our faith but we still suffer those little martyrdoms in a spiritual way with the sacrifices we make each day. This year the feast is omitted because it falls on Sunday. The Feast of the Holy Family takes precedence.

December 27 was the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. The placement of his feast next to Christmas is not an accident. Remember this was the "disciple whom Jesus loved". In artwork, especially paintings of the Last Supper, John is pictured with his head on Jesus' lap or close to Jesus' face. Like Stephen, John also sacrificed for the Gospel. His sacrifice was to live a chaste, virginal life in imitation of Jesus. While the celibate life is a noble calling, not all can or should consider this lifestyle. On the other hand, his feast reminds us that we too should imitate Christ in a general sense.

December 28 was the Feast of the Holy Innocents. These were the male children two years and younger who were killed by Herod in a fit of jealousy. They were truly innocent and, in a sense, gave their lives to protect the life of Jesus. On this feast we hear the story of Joseph fleeing to Egypt to protect his family. The many aspects of this feast would take too long to enumerate here. Consider the example of Joseph's parental care. We see that even a king as powerful as Herod could not outwit God. In recent years we have used this feast to remember parents who have lost children through miscarriage, premature birth and childhood illnesses. This feast is a reminder in the middle of a joyous season for most people that there is also a sadness for the loss of a loved one, particularly a child.

Today's feast, Epiphany, is the revelation of the Christ-child to the whole world. The visit of the Magi symbolizes the whole world being drawn to the Savior of the world. Our Responsorial Psalm today captures this theme very well. "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." *Psalm* 72.

Merry Christmas, Deacon Dave

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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Mass Times & Intentions

Friday, December 31, 2021 St. Sylvester Vigil, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God 5:00 pm Karen Fleming Metzger-StC

Saturday, January 1, 2022 5 pm **Vigil, Epiphany of the Lord**

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving/Poor Souls (StC)

Epiphany Sunday, January 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am Scheessele family (StR)
10:30 am Dec. of William Kruse family;
Maurer & Owen families (StC)

Monday, January 3, 2022

Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 am Communion Service (StC)

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30 pm Betty Becker (StC)

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

St. John Neumann

6:30 pm Bonnie Titzer (StC)

Thursday, January 6, 2022

St. Andre Bessett

8:00 am Lois Meyer;

Wagner Family;

Teresa Buedel (StC)

Friday, January 7, 2022

St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:00 am Frank Shanley (StC)

Saturday, January 8, 2022

Vigil, Baptism of the Lord

5:00 pm Betty Rose Joest (StC)

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

7:30 am Joyce Rexing

10:30 am St. Vincent DePaul Benefactors

Weekly Memorials

Jan 1 Russell Paul Clouse (1991)
Donald Rose (2004)
Etta Heerdink (2005)
Mary Grace Gayhart (2005)
John Aylward (2013)

Jan 2 James Stevens (1956)
Richard Pfister (1973)
Joseph Decker (1983)
Alfred Lindauer (2001)
Marita Brockman (2018)

Jan 3 Anthony Worgler (1934) Jan 4 Seraphina Stevens (1956)

Mary Stronowicz (2014)
Jan 5 James Harned (1997)

Jan 6 Andrew Helmbock (1950)

Jan 7 Charles Schmidt (1981)
Elizabeth Osborne (1990)
Katherine Brown (1995)
Raymond Kaiser (2000)

Jan 8 Fred Stock (1942)
Gilbert Eugene Forler
Robert Polk (1997)

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Is Christ Calling You To Become a Permanent Deacon?

God is calling on each of us to serve one another in charity and love. Some men are receiving a particular invitation from God to serve Christ and His Church in ordained ministry as Permanent Deacons.

Our diocesan permanent deacons have greatly enriched our diocese by offering their lives in service to many of our parishes, and in hospitals, correction facilities, nursing homes and through outreach ministries to the homeless, the poor and hungry, the lonely and through many other ministries of charity.

Our Diocese is seeking candidates now who will begin their academic formation in September 2022. Are you interested in learning more? There is an information meeting at the Catholic Center in Evansville on Saturday, January eighth at 9:00 AM. If you are unable to attend the meeting but you are still interested in becoming a deacon, please contact Deacon Tom Evans by e-mail at tevans@evdio.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 At 7:00 pm in St. Clement Social Hall. All members are encouraged to attend!



Council 10257



Many **Thanks** to the WESK Holiday crew! 65 Patrons participated in the **2021 St. Nicholas Party and Activities.**

St. Nicholas presided over the action which included a chance auction, music, candy canes, and of course a visit by St. Nick. 80 Dinner's featuring Double D's fried Chicken, home made sides of potatoes and green beans topped off with home made "Holiday" cupcakes were distributed to hungry participants. A good time was had and Merry Christmas to All !! Photo provided by Dennis McVey, WESK coordinator

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



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Our Stewardship Account

Collection for December 19, 2022

26th Sunday of the Fisc	al Year
Adult	\$8,347.00
Loose	\$412.00
Total	\$8,759.00
Previous Total	.\$161,254.81
New Total	.\$170,013.81
Mass stipends	\$400.00
Votive Lights	\$110.50
Diocesan History Book	\$20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$2.00

Special Projects

\$545.00
\$300.00
\$124.93

50/50 Club

Bob Libbert \$ 80.00
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MEN'S CLUB MEETING — Moved up to MONDAY, January 10, 2022 7:30 pm

In St. Clement Social Hall

All men of the parish are members and invited to come for a short business meeting & socializing! We will make the final plans about the Dinner & Reverse Draw. President: Dave Lasher

Vice-president: Joe Derr, Jr. Secretary: Bob Pittman Treasurer: Phil Lemond

Ladies Club - 2nd Thursday, JAN 13th 6:00 pm in the St. Clement Social Hall

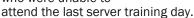
President: Pattie Keys Vice-president: Peggy Buente Secretary: Theresa Pittman Treasurer: Julie Malone

All women of the parish are members and invited to come for a short business

meeting & socializing.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Deacon Tom Lambert has scheduled another training date for those who were unable to



The date is <u>Saturday</u>, <u>January 8</u>. This will begin at 9:00 AM and last approximately two hours. Please meet at St. Clement church. He will also cover training for those who wish to serve at St. Rupert church during this session.

If you could let us know if you plan to attend it will help us have materials prepared for you.

Wisemen

Him....

still seek



Dinner & Reverse Draw

Saturday, January 15, 2022 In St. Clement Social Hall

Tickets are on sale now! \$25 See a Men's Club member.

Doors open at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm
Drawing begins at 8:00 pm
Cash bar. Must be age 21 or over.
Winner responsible for all taxes.

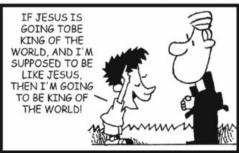
2022 Calendar Raffle Tickets

Turn in your ticket stubs and payment by January 9th! License 002423 Also return any tickets you do not plan to buy/sell so someone else can! \$25 each = 365 chances to win!

AUCTION ITEMS—

At this time we expect to have our Lenten Auctions, so please keep us in mind as you do your after Christmas shopping. Our goal is for \$50 items.

"Dinner for 8" See the insert!





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Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Monday, January 3, 2022

1 John 3:22-4:6

Psalm 2:7-8, 10-12

Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

1 John 4:7-10

Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8

Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

1 John 4:11-18

Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13

Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, January 6, 2022

1 John 4:19-5:4

Psalm 71:1-2, 14-15, 17

Luke 4:14-22

Friday, January 7, 2022

1 John 5:5-13

Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20

Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, January 8, 2022

1 John 5:14-21

Psalm 149:1-6, 9

John 3:22-30



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help make our Christmas & New Year Masses so nice!

LECTORS: 01/02/2022 & 01/09/2022

5:00 vigil Carol Cheshire Jenny Greer
7:30 Tom Beckman Jay Davis
10:30 Barb Forehand Paul Kruse

CANTORS: 01/02/2022 & 01/09/2022

5:00 vigil Dale Downey
7:30 Kristin Maurer Kristin Maurer
10:30 Shirley Byrd Dee Meyer & WB

EXT. MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

5:00 vigil Deb McConnell Bob Lincoln 10:30 Laurie Schnur Peggy Buente

SACRISTAN-STR 01/02/20 & 01/09/22 7:30 am Pat Majors Angie McVey

GIFT BEARERS 01/02/22 & 01/09/22 5:00 vigil G. & C. Oser C. Cheshire & Will

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10:30 D. & L. Schnur J. & B. Fox family **USHERS 01/02/2022 & 01/09/2022**

5:00 vigil P. & J. Malone P. & J. Malone 7:30 Steve Meredith George Gogel 10:30 Harpenau, Lemond, Schnur

COLLECTION 01/03/2022 & 01/10/22

D.Funk, R.Stephens R.Beckman, P.Majors

2 more sets of Gift Bearer and ushers are needed at the 7:30 am Mass. If you would be willing to help, please call the parish office or send an email to bforehand@evdio.org.

We keep in our prayers.....

Home-Bound Parishioners

(Please call Barb at 897-4653 with updates.)
Alan & Pat Bennett, Charlotte Davis, Larry &
Carolyn Elikofer, Charlene Engleman, Bruce
Hargrave, Beverly Henzman, Denice Martin,
Juanita McDaniel, Beverly Nix, Janet Reinhard,
Tena Rudolph, Ed & Ginny Shields. Please pray
for our priests, nuns, seminarians, and all
members of our Parish family in the Military
Service: David Boyer, Ritchie Hagan, Bryan Hay,
Matt Jenkins, Jon Kaczmarski, Paul Linberg, Ben
Luecke, Drew Mayer, Aaron Retter, Nick Retter,
David Shields, Matthew Small, Gordon VanBibber,

Amy (Stephan) Woods. We pray In thanksgiving for those who have come home safely. **Please pray** for all those affected by the COVID pandemic & the recent tornadoes.

Birthdays

Sunday, January 2, 2022

None

Monday, January 3, 2022

Drew Allen Joe Harper Donna Harralson Ethan Titzer Bernie Zielinski

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

None

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

None

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Brooke Dimmett Ron Drone Natalie Hyland Lexi Roberts Carol Wildt

Friday, January 7, 2022

Nate Malone Kristin Maurer Eric Smith

Saturday, January 8, 2022

Patricia Bennett Maggie Uhde Terry Vote

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Drew Lasher Kathy Scherrer

HELP! If you have not seen your birthday or anniversary listed in the bulletin, please call the parish office and leave a message if I am not here. Thanks, Barb

Anniversaries

No anniversaries this week.



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Weekday Prayer Chains: Call Barb

Mass Prayer List: the sheet is on the podium as you enter Church. Please add the name of the person needing our prayers each week as you enter church.

Father Jack will lay the list on the altar and pray for them throughout the Mass.

Calendar for the Week

Epiphany Sunday, January 2, 2022 7:00 am Reconciliation—StR

7:15 am Rosary—StR

7:30 am Mass -StR

10:00 am Reconciliation—StC ~10:10 am Rosary—StC

10:30 am Mass —StC

Monday, January 3, 2022

8:00 am Communion Service

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

6:30 pm Mass—SC

7:00 pm K o C Business mtg.—St

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

6:30 pm Mass-StC

Thursday, January 6, 2022

8:00 am Mass-StC

5:00 pm Soup Kitchen-StC

Friday, January 7, 2022

8:00 am Mass—StC Saturday, January 8, 2022

9:00 am Altar Server Training

4:20 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Vigil Mass-StC Sunday, January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

7:00 am Reconciliation—StR 7:15 am Rosary—StR

7:30 am Mass –StR

9:00 am Religious Education StC 10:00 am Reconciliation—StC

~10:10 am Rosary—StC

10:30 am Mass —StC *If you are missing any of your baking dishes, please

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