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MASS SCHEDULE

St. John Vianney

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm

Wednesday: 5:00-5:30pm
or by appointment

Holy Family

Sunday: 11:00am

Tuesday: 6:30pm

Reconciliation

Tuesday: 6:00-6:20pm
or by appointment

Holyday Masses As Announced

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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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HOLY FAMILY
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Together with all the members of the Holy Family and St. John Vianney Parishes, once again, I wish you Merry Christmas and a grace filled New Year 2021.

Christmas Season is a time of blessings. These blessings can come from the gifts we exchange, the family and friends we spend time with, and the good food and sweets. Blessings are also experienced during our different celebrations, like the feast of the Holy Family, which is the patron of our Holy Family Parish, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God on January 1st, and the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord which we are celebrating on the 3rd of January 2021.

My gratitude to all of you for everything that you did for our parishes to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters during this Pandemic. That is the noblest Christmas gift that you can offer to Christ Jesus. I pray for all the members our parishes who are afflicted by this illness. I pray for all those who died due to Coavid-19, and for our parishioners that passed last year. May they all enjoy eternal peace in the presence of God.

Our families today can learn from the Holy Family. If God can work through such people like Abram and Sarai, Simon and Anna, God can surely work through you as easily as well. So let us trust in ourselves and

our families who really work hard to keep our parishes strong and faith filled.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, the day that the three kings brought Jesus very costly and symbolic gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense in a most special way. The term Epiphany is of Greek origin, epiphanein, which means “to reveal,” or “to manifest.”

The wise men gifts were a revelation of the identity of Jesus as KING, PRIEST, AND SAVIOR of the world. Jesus had not even started to talk or walk when this happened, yet it is clear to the whole world that He is God in human flesh. He rules as King with gold, He sanctifies as a Priest with incense (which we still use today at mass) and as Savior of mankind, Jesus’ body would be preserved with myrrh when he offers his life for our salvation.

The wise men gave gifts to Jesus because they recognized His Divinity, His Kingship and His Sacrificial role for mankind. The question is: “what kind of gifts do I render to Jesus? And what do my gifts say about Jesus?” Indeed, the best gift we can offer to Jesus today is the gift of a righteous life, a pure heart and hands willing to do God’s commands. Make your life an epiphany to the world.

Lord Jesus, fill me with light, deepen my love for you and use me to bring the world out of darkness to worship you as my light.

Fr. George Nellikunnel

After considering the current COVID-19 situation in our area, **Masks are now required at ALL times while inside the church, except at the moment of receiving the Body of Christ. There will also be NO congregational singing.** This applies to all weekend and weekday Masses at both St. John Vianney & Holy Family Parishes.



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?



HOLY FAMILY

Bible Study



Tentative Starting Date:
Wednesday, January 6, 2021
7:00 pm

Matthew, The King and His Kingdom
Session 1-Video
Introduction to Matthew's Gospel

All are welcome, please come and join us!



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

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Message from First Step Women's Center

Your Donations Matter! As we enter into the Christmas season, I am once again amazed at the incredible importance of the birth of one baby that came from heaven to earth to save us! What a powerful and beautiful gift that shows God's love for us by sending his Son. No matter our circumstances, this baby offers hope to all!

We recently had a grandmother come into our center with a bag full of treats, praising the nurses and volunteers. She said she now has a 5 month old granddaughter and can't imagine life without her. Her daughter had considered abortion when she found out she was pregnant and made an appointment with First Step.

After hearing the baby's heartbeat, she decided abortion was off the table. "My granddaughter is here today because of the compassionate and competent care of First Step Women's Center and I am incredibly grateful," she told us with excitement. She has experienced the incredible joy of becoming a grandmother because of donors like you!

Together we are reaching the ladies of our community that are facing unplanned pregnancies and we're making a difference. These mothers come to us with no hope, thinking that abortion is the only option. In 2020, at First Step Women's Center, 77% of those at risk chose life!

While 2020 did not go as anyone had planned, there is still so much to be thankful for. This year, we moved into our NEW building! It's beautiful and has enough room to have 3 appointments at one time. First Step also never shut down because of covid, during a time when online searches for abortion has skyrocketed.

You can give online at www.cultureoflifesspringfield.org or you can also mail your donation to our NEW address:

First Step Women's Center
215 South Grand Avenue W Suite A
Springfield, IL 62704

Thank you for your support!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Reflect on Scripture

**January 1st - Mary, Mother of God
Being Amazed.**



All those who heard the shepherds (among the riffraff of ancient society) were amazed at what was said about angels on high ... about glory to God ... about the resting favor of God.

- ◆ How will I glorify and praise God this day?

**January 3rd - The Epiphany of the Lord
Copartners in the Promise.**

The readings and this solemnity are filled with competing images and persons. Darkness and light. Christians of Jewish heritage and Gentiles. Chosen people and coheirs, copartners. Herod and the Magi. Epiphany teaches us this: all are members of the same body, all are coheirs of God's goodness, all are copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus.

- ◆ Like the Magi, how will I give homage to Christ today?
- ◆ Whom do I look down upon that I must see as a copartner with me?
- ◆ What treasure will I give away, will I offer to another?

MASS INTENTIONS

(† indicates deceased)

Monday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00am— All Souls †

Tuesday, January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:00am— Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Guymon & Family

HF 6:30pm— Lillian Ajster †

Wednesday, January 6

Christmas Weekday

6:00pm— Anna Eleyidath †

Thursday, January 7

Christmas Weekday

8:00am— Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. John Aurit & Family

Friday, January 8

Christmas Weekday

8:00am— Val Contri †

Saturday, January 9

Vigil Mass

5:00pm— Marilyn Butchek †

Sunday, January 10

Baptism of the Lord

9:00am— Vincent Hoefler †

HF 11:00am— For the People (Pro Populo)

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 9 — 5:00pm (St. John Vianney)

Lector: Dennis Johnson

Sacristan: Cliff Shehorn

Sunday, January 10 — 9:00am (St. John Vianney)

Lector: Carol Shehorn

Sacristan: Gina Rusciollelli

Sunday, January 10 — 11:00am (Holy Family)

Lectors: Sam Haycraft (L) Lambert Fleck IV (P)

SUNDAY'S READINGS EXCERPTS

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 2:5-6)

Gospel:

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. (Mt 2:10-11) ©LPi



Sunday, January 3

St. John Vianney: 4:00pm Jr Hi School Youth Group

Tuesday, January 5

Holy Family: 2:00-6:30pm Adoration

6:00pm Rosary

7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

7:30pm Steward/Discipleship Comm Mtg

Wednesday, January 6

St. John Vianney: 7:00am - 6:00pm Adoration

5:30pm Rosary

Sunday, January 10

St. John Vianney: 7:30am Parish Council Meeting

St. John Vianney WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING December 19 & 20, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,840.00
WeShare Donations	\$695.00
Loose Collections	\$297.00
Total	\$2,832.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,788.46
Weekly Surplus / Shortfall	(\$1,956.46)
Capital Improvements	\$25.00
Building & Maintenance	\$20.00
Christmas Offering	\$70.00
Catholic Children's Home	\$225.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$65.00
Immaculate Conception	\$35.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$30.00
Catholic Times	\$30.00

Holy Family WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING December 20, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$965.00
WeShare Donations	\$5.00
Loose Donations	\$137.47
Total	\$1,107.47
Weekly Budget	\$1,377.69
Weekly Surplus / Shortfall	(\$270.00)
Building Fund	\$70.00
Religious Retirement	\$40.00
Catholic Children's Home	\$20.00
Christmas Offering	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$85.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00

Baptism



We welcome into our
faith community
Sloane Rae Felix

Daughter of
Aaron & Mary Felix

Baptized at St. John Vianney
Thursday, December 17th
by Fr. George Nellikunnel

May God richly bless her in her Catholic Faith!



Please **RENEW** your
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to the **Catholic Times**

Bishop Paprocki asks that every parish household receive the paper either in print or electronically. The subscription is \$15.

You can use the special yellow envelope in your collection envelopes. SJV and HF, respectively, must pay for all unpaid subscriptions from the parish operating funds.

If you are not receiving the Catholic Times, please contact the parish office.

SAVE THE DATE for
St. John Vianney's 2021 Parish Mission
led by the
Most Reverend Bishop Carl Kemme.

March 16-18, 2021,
with the Bishop saying mass on
Saturday (March 20th at 5pm at SJV)
and Sunday (March 21st at 9am at SJV).

Watch for more details to come.



SJV WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING

There will not be a Women's Society Meeting on 1/5/2021, but we want to thank all who donated to the bakeless cookie walk fundraiser. These contributions will help us continue assisting Food Pantry, Helping Hands, Salvation Army, bibles for Confirmation, etc. Thanks to all!

GOSPEL Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

WISE-MEN	MESSIAH	GIFTS
STAR	WORSHIP	WARNED
HEROD	EXCITED	DREAM

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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group Calendar



January

3rd: Junior High YG Meeting 4:00-5:30pm in the AC
17th: Senior High Youth Group 4:00-5:30pm in the AC

Contact Molly Ishmael with any questions at
217.416.1246 or mnh82@hotmail.com.

Items for Pick Up in the SJV Activity Center Lobby:

2021 Missals - Breaking Bread Books - This is yours to keep. Plan to bring it back and forth to Mass if attending in person or use as a worship aid if attending Mass online.

Letter to a Suffering Church Books - by Bishop Robert Barron

The Biggest Lie in the History - by Matthew Kelly
Holy Family parishioners are welcome to pick up this book from the SJV AC Lobby.

Do Something Beautiful for God - The essential teachings of Mother Teresa. Christmas Gift from the parish to each family.

2021 Spiritual Life Calendar - Gift from the Pallottine Fathers and Brother, Mother of God Province, Milwaukee.

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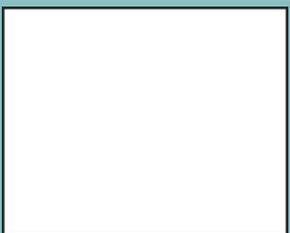
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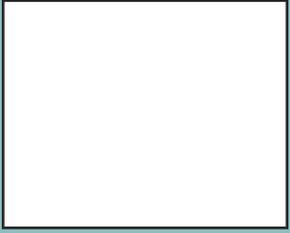
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