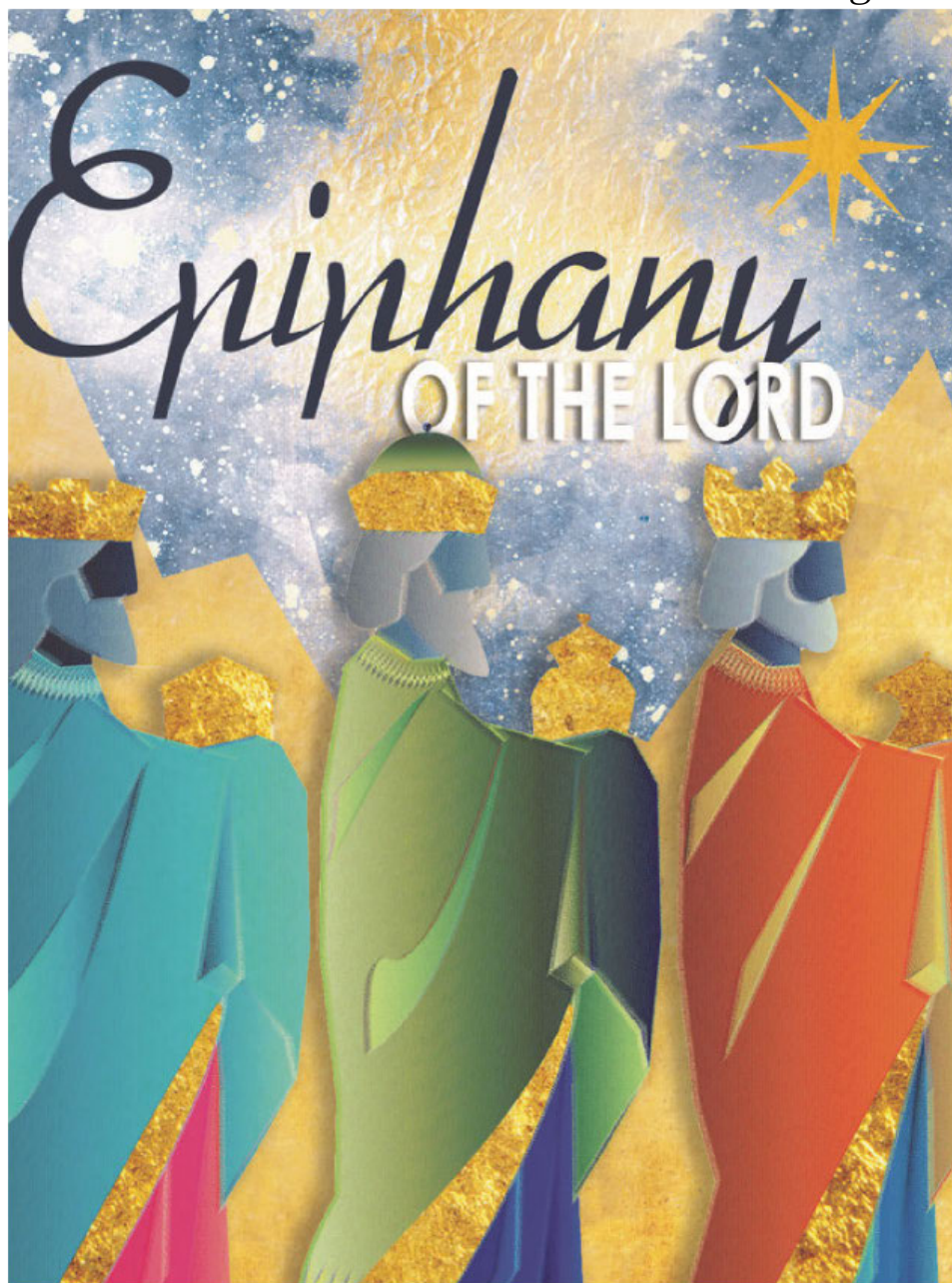


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The Epiphany of the Lord

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ST MARY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 7:00 am
Tuesday 5:30 pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:00 am
Saturday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 6:30 & 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Saturday after Morning Mass
Saturday 3:00 until 3:45 pm

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NATIVITY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday 8:00 am
Friday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:45 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 until 3:45 pm

January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

- January 2 The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday
- January 5 6:30 pm Rosary at Nativity BVM
Wednesday
- January 7 7:30 pm First Friday Holy Hour, NBVM
Friday
- January 8-9 The Baptism of the Lord
Sat./Sun. Food Pantry Weekend, St. Mary

THANK YOU

St. Mary Parish received a thank you from the East Dubuque Lions Club for the tithe gift of \$411.11. The donation will be used in support of the East Dubuque Food Pantry. Given the hard economic times the community is faced with due to the virus, the demand for food assistance has continued to grow. Donations are greatly appreciated.

ST. JOSEPH ADORATION CHAPEL

There are several open adoration hours and your help would be appreciated if you could assist in temporarily filling an hour or permanently filling an hour.

The hours that need to be filled are as follows:

- Midnight Sunday
- 3:00 am Sunday
- 1:00 pm Sunday
- Midnight Tuesday
- 2:00 am Tuesday
- 9:00 pm Tuesday
- 8:00 pm Wednesday (adorer needed through end of year)
- 10:00 pm Wednesday
- 11:00 pm Wednesday
- 1:00 am Thursday
- 8:00 am Thursday
- 3:00 am Friday
- 1:00 pm Saturday
- 10:00 pm Saturday

If you are able to help with any of these, please call Kathy MacFarlane at 563-580-1334.

MASS INTENTIONS - ST. MARY

Monday, January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus
7:00 AM Eileen Dunphy (Carol Dolan)

Tuesday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
5:30 PM Ralph & Tony Bauman (Family)

Wednesday, January 5, St. John Neumann, Bishop
7:00 AM Geri O'Connor (Janet & Dennis Gansemer)

Thursday, January 6, St. Andre Bessette
7:00 AM Ronald R. Kracke (Mary jean & Harold Lange)

Friday, January 7, St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
7:00 AM Bob Powers (Family)

Saturday, January 8
8:00 AM Sharlene & John Runde (Family)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 8
4:00 PM Mary, Tom & Rob Sheehan (Lynn & Michael Noonan)

Sunday, January 9
6:30 AM Janet Schwendinger (Friend)
8:00 AM William Brady (Family)

LITURGICAL & VOTIVE MEMORIALS

The Blessed Mother & St. Joseph Candles are lit this week in memory of †Bob Kramer (Jan Kramer)

The Eucharistic Bread and Wine being used this week is given in memory of †St. Mary Parishioners.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Weekdays, January 3-8
Server, Lector..... Tom Francois, Mary Jo Lange

4PM SATURDAY, January 8
EM/MC..... Deacon Tony
Lector..... Kyle Larson
Servers..... Josh Schlichtman, Wyatt Foley

6:30AM SUNDAY, January 9
EM..... Deacon Jamie
Lector..... Bob Largent
Server..... Tom Francois

8:00 AM SUNDAY, January 9
EM/MC..... Deacon Tony
Lector..... Mary Jo Lange
Servers..... Volunteers

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

For December 18-19 2021

Total Received.....\$3,533.25

Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS - NBVM

Monday, January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus
No Mass

Tuesday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
No Mass

Wednesday, January 5, St. John Neumann, Bishop
8:00 AM Mary & Tom Sheehan, Doris & Jim Loeffelholz)

Thursday, January 6, St. Andre Bessette
No Mass

Friday, January 7, St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
8:00 AM Brett Harrelson (Ellen & John Berning)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 8
4:00 PM Jerry Heitkamp (Family)

Sunday, January 9
9:45 AM Eldon Tranel (Lois & Rich Wubben)

ROSARY WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

We pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 6:30 PM in church, for all who are sick and for any other special intentions that people may have. To everyone, both men and women as well as children, all are welcome to come and join us.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4PM Saturday, January 8
EM..... Jenny McDermott
Lector..... Julie Shade
Servers..... Volunteers
Ushers..... Greg Tranel, Howard Schonhoff

9:45AM Sunday, January 9
EM..... Don Steines
Lector..... Barb Osterholz
Cantor..... Stacy Bowman
Servers..... Volunteers
Ushers..... Shawn McDermott, Jim Vormezeele

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