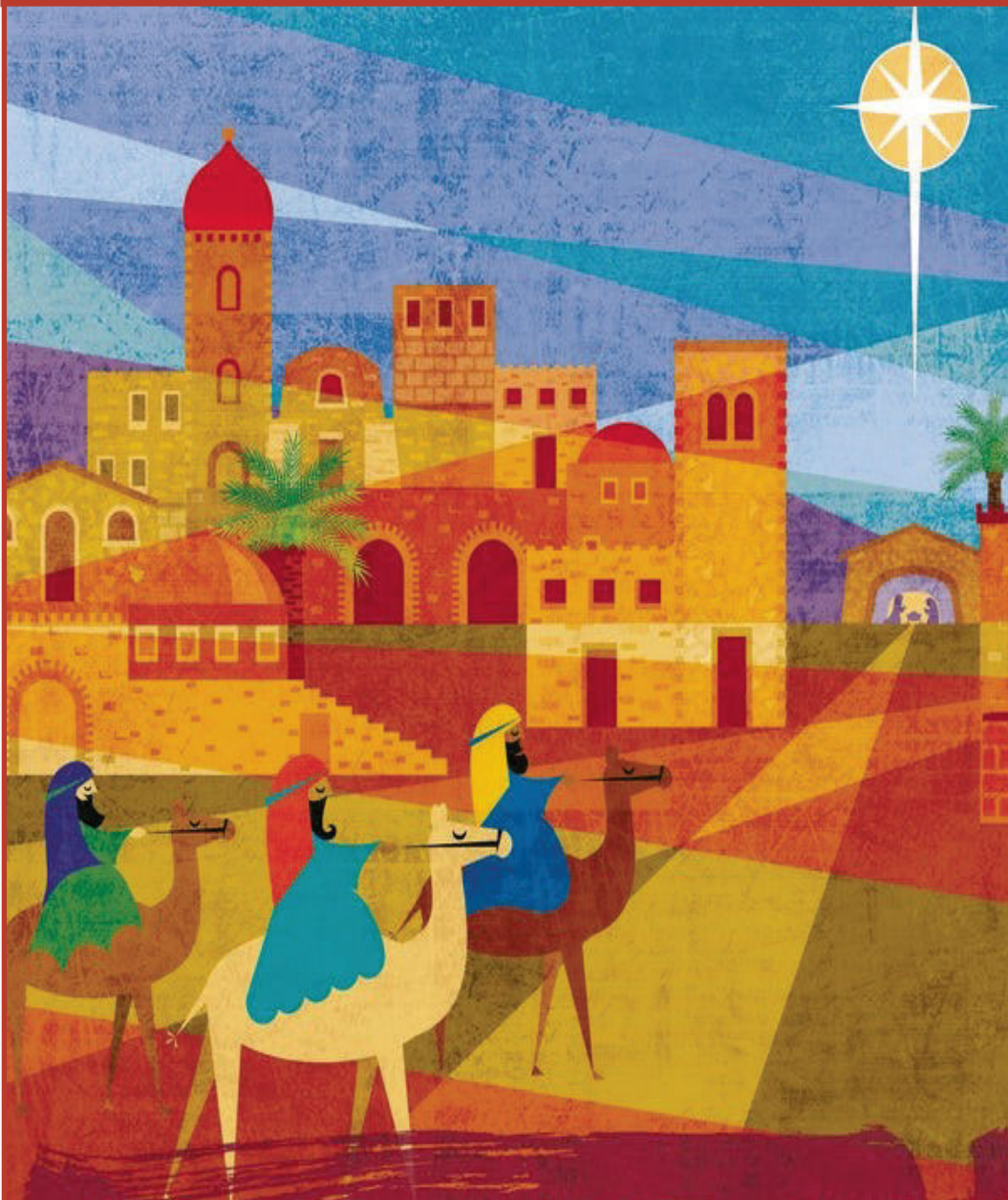


saint Joseph church  
January 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

- Mt 2:6b

Mission Statement

St. Joseph Catholic Church strives to be a living, growing community of prayer, support and service formed by the Gospel. We try to live out these Gospel values in our Catholic heritage and pass them onto the upcoming generations. In the spirit of Jesus we try to reach out to those among us who are in need of our support and care within our parish and beyond.

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## Mass Intentions

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| January 2  | Vincent Hogg & Family<br>Blessing & Good Health             |
| January 9  | Lowell & Pat Burger<br>For the Parish Partnership           |
| January 16 | Deceased Members of Berkemann<br>Family<br>Gertrude Mueller |

### Tithe & Offering

December 19 Attendance 76

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Weekly Envelopes      | \$ 3,100.00        |
| Loose Cash            | \$ 21.00           |
| Immaculate Conception | \$ 15.00           |
| Christmas Offering    | \$ 100.00          |
| Retired Religious     | \$ 170.00          |
| Collection for Needy  | \$ 150.00          |
| Tornado Victims       | \$ 141.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>\$ 3,697.00</b> |

This bulletin was submitted for print on Thursday  
December 23—All Tithe & Attendance will be updated  
in the next bulletin.  
Thank you for your Patronage!

### Heavenly Father we pray for. . .

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Theresa Keepper | Father Jim Margason |
| Jerry Ohanian   | Diane Sonneman      |

We also pray for their loved ones and caregivers.  
May they never lose sight of the love of God.

For those serving in the Military -  
May God protect those who protect us!

### Weekly Readings Week of January 2, 2022

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Sunday:    | Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13<br>[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<br>4:12-17, 23-25                       |
| Tuesday:   | 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-<br>44                              |
| Wednesday: | 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk<br>6:45-52                             |
| Thursday:  | 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,<br>17/Lk 4:14-22a                     |
| Friday:    | 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/<br>Lk 5:12-16                       |
| Saturday:  | 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a<br>and 9b/Jn 3:22-30                 |



Tornado Victims ~ Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky

The Diocese of Belleville is reaching out to all Parishes asking for donations following the devastation from recent storm.

A Second Collection will be collected today to assist those who lost everything in the wake of the tornadoes.

Every little bit helps. Thank you for your donations.

January 2, 2022



What a wonderful Gospel account of the Magi traveling to meet the Lord. They followed the star—their “call”—to come and offer their gifts to the Lord. But the question arises as to how the Magi noticed a star at night and no one else really did.

Perhaps we need to embrace the “night”, the stillness, to “see and hear” our call. How are we doing in discerning our call to Holiness—in living our vocation as man, woman or child; married or single; priesthood or religious—of being called to something beyond ourselves?



Sing. . . Sing a Song  
McKendree University  
MLK Day Worship Service

McKendree University is seeking members from local congregations to be part of a Community Choir for MLK Day Observance at the University. The song selection would be music that inspired Rev. Dr. Martin L King, Jr. Please contact the office if you are interested in participating in this Local Event.

**PSR RESUMES SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH!**



**KC SCHOLARSHIPS:**

The Knights of Columbus Council 4239 has four (4) \$500 scholarships to award in 2022 for graduating high school seniors. Eligibility requirements (Graduating senior, daughter/granddaughter, or son/grandson of KC member in good standing or deceased member, complete application)

Obtain application forms from OTHS or by e-mail to [kthouvenot@att.net](mailto:kthouvenot@att.net). Contact Ken Thouvenot at [kthouvenot@att.net](mailto:kthouvenot@att.net) with any questions. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 7:00 p.m., April 1, 2022, for consideration.



**A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land**

Co-Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville and The Messenger  
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 Feb. 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.

**The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

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

The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming New Year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity,

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To assist you with your 2021 tax deductions, all contributions must be dated no later than December 31 and received in the Parish Office no later than January 15, 2022.

Thank you for your Patronage!



|           |               |
|-----------|---------------|
| January 3 | Wendy Wilhelm |
| January 5 | Marilyn Trame |
| January 6 | Laura Fohne   |
| January 7 | Terri Christ  |

**Christmas Flowers**



*In memory of Walter & Marie Hohrein  
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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**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 ©LPi

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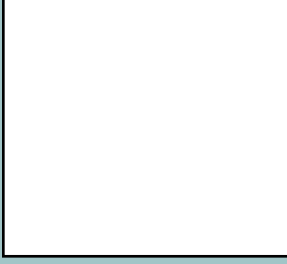
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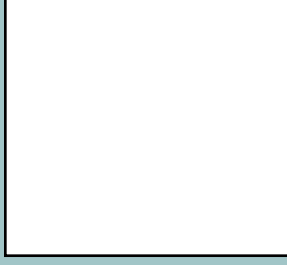
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