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Mass Schedule (See page 2 for details)

Mon-Fri: See Schedule on 2nd page
Sat: 4:30 pm - St. Francis of Assisi
Sun: 7:30 am - Our Lady of the Lake
8:45 am - St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am - St. Francis of Assisi
(Extraordinary Form)
12:30 pm - St. Francis of Assisi
(Polish Mass)

Confessions (St. Francis)

Sat: 3:00 to 4:15 pm
Daily Confession 30 Minutes before
each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

All days: 6 am to 8 pm

Holy Rosary

Every Mass: One half hour early

Readings for the week of January 2

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

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THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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Our Lady of the Lake

Mass Intentions

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 2

7:30 am For parishioners of St. Francis & Our Lady of the Lake

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 9

7:30 am For parishioners of St. Francis & Our Lady of the Lake

Ministry Schedule (January 9)

Lector - Wendy Bruce

EMHC* - Bud Kass

*Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Please remember

the following

members of our parish in prayer:

The Sick: Leroy Zulawski, Bill Pecoraro,

Jackie Hamm, Tom Brantmeyer

Recently Deceased: Karen Caple,

Dorothy Zilinski, Delores Zulawski,

Alicia Maurer, Mary Bittner

Military Personnel: Major Jared

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Countering the Lies of Gender Ideology

Helpful Resources for Parents, Catholic School Teachers and Catechists Gender ideology is rapidly reshaping the culture, and causing confusion and serious harm. Gender ideology is a false system of beliefs about the person that claims human identity is fluid (can change according to feelings) and that human identity is self-defined. Fr. Paul Check presents understandable and foundational information in a session entitled "Pastoral Care and amid Confusion about Sexual Identity. Visit: diolc.org/catechesis/recordings-for-your-ministry Another excellent, user-friendly tool is the Person and Identity Project. This site presents sound information, which helps to illuminate the truth about who we are, but also to counter the lies of gender ideology. This website provides tools for parents, schools and parish programs to see the depth of the gender theory's influence and the seriousness of what is at stake. Visit: personandidentity.com

Volunteer Needed - We are looking for a volunteer that would be willing to pick up a parishioner and bring him to the 4:30 pm Saturday Vigil mass. This man lives on HWY 58 5.5 miles south of the church. Anyone interested in this act of charity, please leave a message at the parish office so I can discuss details. Thank you. Paul Arbanas

Church is Fully Open

Below are a list of public Masses at St. Francis of Assisi and Our Lady of the Lake:

Saturday -	4:30 pm	SF
Sunday -	7:30 am	OLL
	8:45 am	SF
	11:00 am (Latin)	SF
	12:30 pm (Polish)	SF

Daily Confessions - 6:30 am to 7:00 am
Saturday: 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open all days from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

March for Life - The dates for the March for Life 2022 in Washington D.C. are Wed. Jan 19, through Sunday, Jan. 23. We will have approximately 25-30 seats at a cost of \$350 each. Anyone wishing to go must contact Ginny Hodal 608-565-2919. I am in need of chaperones too!

PCCW Meeting - The first meeting in 2022 of the PCCW is scheduled for Monday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. in Corr Hall. We invite all the ladies of the parish to start your New Year with us!

Retrouvaille Weekend - Announcing a Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages! This is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of "post sessions" provide ongoing healing and support. Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. www.HelpOurMarriage.org or 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential. The next program begins on February 18-20, 2022. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!

Prayer for Vocations - Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate, and the Consecrated Life.

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St. Francis of Assisi

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 3

7:00 am † Dorothy Wojciek

Tuesday, January 4

7:00 am For Susan Teumer

Wednesday, January 5

7:00 am † Jim McKee

Thursday, January 6

7:00 am For Fr. Dan Zaleski

Friday, January 7

7:00 am † Rosemary Kubicek

Saturday, January 8

7:00 am Priest's intention

Sunday Masses for January 8 - 9

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 8

4:30 pm † Yvonne Westhoff

Sunday, January 9

8:45 am † Jim McKee

11:00 am (Latin) Priest's intention

The Holy Family

12:30 pm (Polish) Priest's intention

Server Schedule

Saturday, January 8

4:30 pm B. Texley & C. Parker

Sunday, January 9

8:45 am E. Horak & E. Horak

11:00 am Volunteer

Please remember

the following

members of our parish in prayer:

The Sick: Stacey Mia, Patricia Mayer, Sue Kaminski, Christine Van Hoof, Leo LaVoy, Roy Borden, Dominic Teumer, Frank Joseph Bryja, Deb Rubel, Eileen O'Loughlin, Francis King, Patricia Jahnke, Benjamin Van Hoof, Betty Glavin, Linda Steiner Pipgrass, Wally Schumer, Marion Merkel, Bob Norton, Fr. Dan Zaleski, Pat Moore, Robert Durec, Jeffrey Moss, Johnathan Thill

Recently Deceased: Christine Kaminski, Richard Van Hoof, Gilbert Saylor, Jason Blohm, Donald Siegler, Fr. James Lesczynski, Marcella Hirt, Margery Hirt, Louise May, Dorothy Wojciek, Peggy Kolk, Jean Hatch, Jim McKee, Roman Pikul, Richard Schultz, Isabell Rubel, Richard Lee Housworth Jr., Norman Kinnett, Rose Ann Kinnett, Mary Lechleiter, Mary Murphy

Military Personnel: Eric Ryan, Joshua Arbanas, Isaiah Dutschek, Lauren Hodal, Leo Arbanas, Raymond Van Hoof, Anthony Ledvina, Lawrence Ledvina, Augie Pintarro

Please remember St. Francis of Assisi Parish in your will or trust. Thank you!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
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."

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany means "manifestation." The first Epiphany was the visit of the Magi to adore the Christ Child. The Magi, who were actually scholars and scientists, came to be associated with kings. Their gifts reveal this holy Child's identity; gold for Christ's Kingship, incense for His divinity, and myrrh for His sacrifice on the Cross.

The Feast of Epiphany is traditionally celebrated as the twelfth night of Christmas, on January 6th. In the United States, this feast has been moved to the Sunday, January 3, 2021. In many families, the king figurines are moved a bit closer to the nativity scene every day from Christmas Day until Epiphany. Moreover, it is traditional for parish priests to bless water, chalk, and incense on the eve of Epiphany, and use them for the blessing of homes the next day.

The blessing of homes (schools, places of employment, etc.) on Epiphany revives the beautiful custom of making our homes sacramentals. Sacramentals make us more mindful, receptive and cooperative with God's grace. This blessing also reminds us that Christ is the One Who enlightens our hearts and homes with His love. He is the source of our hope, our comfort and our joy.

Marking doorways with blessed chalk is also a witness of faith. Use the chalk to mark above the main door and, if possible, over all exterior doors in the following fashion:

- Numerals to consecrate the New Year.
- Initials to remind us of the legendary names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar—and also to represent the Latin motto: *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ bless this house)
- Four crosses to represent the four seasons.
- Example for the year 2021: 20 + C + M + B + 21

If a priest is present, he leads; otherwise, the head of the

family is the leader. 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.

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All present go from room to room, blessing each room with holy water and praying the following prayer:

Blessed be all the rooms of this home. May each of them be holy and filled with the spirit of happiness and peace, love and affection. May the spirit of pardon and affection reside with us and be always ready to heal our divisions. May the spirits of joy and laughter, hope and faith, playfulness and prayer, compassion and love be perpetual guests in our home. May God's holy blessing rest upon us all, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

As the leader inscribes the initials of the three Magi above the exterior doorways using the blessed chalk, the following prayer is prayed:

Inscription for the year 2021: 20 + C + M + B + 21

Blessed be this doorway. May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us as we welcome them with respect and kindness. May all our comings and goings be under the seal of God's loving care. May we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, Jesus, Who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing of Epiphany Chalk by a priest
***V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord
R. Who made Heaven and earth.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.***

Bless, + O Lord God, this creature chalk to render it helpful to men. Grant that they who use it in faith and with it inscribe upon the entrance of

their homes the names of the saints, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

Chalk is sprinkled with holy water.

(Rev. Philip T. Weller, *Roman Ritual: The Blessings*, Milwaukee: Bruce Publishing Co., 1946, p. 39).



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