

Matthew 2:10-11

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

January 2, 2022

Prayer is the best form of armor we have. It is the key which opens the heart to God.

Padre Pio



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Parish Mission: The Church of St. Mary, followers of Christ, are inspired by our Catholic faith to build on our traditions through the Eucharist, prayer and education. As the family of God, and with one another, we desire to live our faith in the world.

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Parish Mission: The mission of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is to provide a place of Catholic worship, sacraments, spiritual guidance, education, love and support of all ages throughout our parish and community.



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IMPORTANT DATES — Family Faith Formation

January 8—Youth Group attends March for Life in Chicago

January 9—**VIRTUAL** Family Faith Formation. (Packets will be sent via email)



January 8—**March for Life in Chicago for the Youth Group!**

<https://marchforlifechicago.org>

The tentative schedule is to be picked up @ 8:15, pick up in Freeport @ 9:30. Snacks & box lunches on the bus with a noon arrival @ Daley Plaza. The March for Life starts @ 1:00pm—1 mile down Michigan Avenue. Convention activities will be going on with Mass at 4:00 pm at the Hilton. We'll depart the Hilton about 5:00 and then have dinner on the way home!

-Cost is about \$50/person and St. Mary's will have a fund raiser toward the cost. Several options are being explored!

Our intent is to have at least one chaperone for every 5-6 students! Please let me know if you have any interest in chaperoning!

If you have any questions, comments or thoughts don't hesitate to be in touch!

We are BLESSED! We are LED!

Epiphany

We all enjoy a good dose of escapism. We like and tell our children fairy tales. We may lose ourselves in reading trivial novels, watching soap operas, playing mindless games on our computers. Mostly it is harmless.

The Epiphany story may seem like a fairy tale. Mysterious Men from the East, star traveling across the sky, wicked King Herod, and, of course, the gifts of gold for the Child, gold, frankincense, and Myrrh. Although it may seem like a fairy tale, Matthew's story is firmly rooted. The Wise Men were very probably astrologers, who saw a new star in the sky and following the accepted wisdom of the time, they assumed that a great ruler had been born. But they had no certainty. So, acting on their belief, they left home and country. The star did not guide magically, they had to ask directions, they had to consult others as to where this king might be born.

And King Herod is not a fairy tale ogre. He was real enough: an evil and ruthless tyrant—he had one of wives and two sons put to death. And the King, the Magi sought, was not in any royal palace but in a stable located in a little, non-significant village. Even their gifts were not all good news: the myrrh and frankincense point to the Child's death and burial. The shadow of the Cross always hangs there, even over the wonder of the birth of the Son of God.

If the story were a mere piece of fairy tale literature, it would end with the adoration of the Magi. But no, we are told that they returned home, to their everyday lives. And so, must we. What do we return with? We are invited to read the signs of the time, to be alert to God speaking in our lives. We are called to act on our faith, to continue the journey of discovering God afresh every day. We are challenged to see God in the circumstances of our lives. The Magi saw beyond the Baby in a manger and recognized the presence of God they adored. We too are called to recognize God in this Child of Christmas and to praise and give thanks. Not just in the church and not just on Christmas day, but in our daily work and our daily routine. And most of all, the challenge is for all Christians to recognize the Face of God in our sisters and brothers.

Happy Epiphany!

Fr. Jochim

St. John the Evangelist

St John Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, Jan.8, 2022

Announcements/Lector:

Ken Mulholland

Sacristan: Maria Kmiec

Usher: Joe Kmiec

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Announcements/Lector

Matt Wild

Sacristan: Nellie Bainbridge

Usher: Mike Kuzniar



December 19, 2021

Collections for operating expenses

Envelopes:\$430

Offertory:\$5.00

Votive: \$71.50

Immaculate Conception:\$25.00

Christmas:\$145

Reports for Christmas, Sunday Dec 26, and January 1-2 will be forthcoming.

St. John the Evangelist St. Anne Society

St. Anne Society meets quarterly in the hall of St. John the Evangelist

Knights of Columbus meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at St. Mary's church hall.

All men are welcome to attend.



St. John and St. Mary Prayer Requests



Marge Misek

Jennifer Sullivan

Casey Sullivan

Ray Kumor

Maggie Richmond

Bob Gable

Pat Brown

Louise McCormick

Josephine Bell

Bill Wiley

Loretta Morrissy

Mary Wild

Mrs. Koveleski

Clark Gerleman

Celia Priegal

If anyone has a prayer request please call the office at St. Mary 815-858-3422 or contact Fr. Joachim



If anyone has St. John or community information for the bulletin please let the office know. Thank You

Volunteers needed for

St. John: Lectors, Ushers, Sacristans

St. Mary: Lectors (especially Saturday night)



Church of St. Mary



December 19, 2021

Collection for operating expenses: \$1652

Holy Day: \$15.00

Votive Lights: \$21.30

Donation: \$200

St. Mary Ministry Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022

Announcements/Lectors : Announcements & 1st reading/psalm/2nd reading and intentions:
Norma/Frank

Sunday, Jan 9, 2022

Announcements/Lector: Announcements & 1st reading/psalm: Karla
2nd reading/intentions: Roseann



Annual
Giving
Statements

Statements of Contributions for both St. John and St. Mary will be available by January 8 and 9th.

St. John will have the same procedure as in the past where you call the office at 815-858-3422 if you would like a copy and one will be mailed to you.

St. Mary all contribution sheets will be mailed.

Sacramental Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation

SJ: Thursday or by appointment

SM: Wednesday & Friday: 8: a.m.

Wednesday from 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday : 8:00 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

SM: Wednesday ...5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Please join us in prayer

SJ: First Thursday of the month following mass

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the Parish Office at 1-815-858-3422

Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office 6 months prior to your wedding date.

Sacrament of Anointing: During Mass on the First Friday of September and November . For anointing of the home-bound or in the hospital please call the Parish office at 1-815-858-3422.. In emergency call the Parish number any time-day or night .



Merry Christmas

Flight 2022 Instructions

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022.

We are prepared to take off into the New Year.

Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness, pride, and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away.

Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith.

There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight.

God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off.

Destination – GREATNESS!

Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS!

Stay Blessed!

And welcome in 2022.

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022



Sunday, Jan.2, 2022: Mt 2:1-12

Monday, Jan., Jan 3, 2022, 2022: Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022: Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, Jan 5, 2022. Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, Jan.6. 2022: Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, Jan.7 2022: Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, Jan. 8,2022: Jn 3:22-30

Sunday Jan. 9, 2022 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Jan 1, 2022 Vigil of the Epiphany

4 p.m. S.J. † Joe McCormick by Marianne Murphy

6:00 p.m. S.M. For the People of St. Mary

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:30 a.m. S.M. † Vickie James by John and Barb Scott

10:15 a.m. S.J. † Lois Petesch by Wally and Leah Duzansky

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

8:30 a.m. S.J. † Susan Sullivan Gable by Bob Gable

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

8:30 S.M. † SM Purgatorial Society of 2022 by Joan Pedersen(i.e. Lars Pedersen, Richard Pedersen, Solanski family, Edna Mrkota, Bladzick family, Virginia and Edward Solinski, Ben Truschkowski, Fr. Ron Conroe, Fr. Dore, NRM, Souls in Purgatory)

5:00-5:45 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and

Reconciliation

6:00 p.m. † All Souls by Doris Trader

Thursday, January 6, 2022

8:30 a.m. S.J.† St. John Purgatorial Society 2022

Friday January 7, 2022

6:00 p.m. S.M.† Pat Uhl by the family

Saturday, January 8, 2022

4:00 p.m. SJ For the people of St. John

6:00 p.m. SM † SM Purgatorial Society of 2021 by Nancy and Jim Leahy(Claudia, Daniel, Jane. Donald Gaynor)

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:30 a.m. SM † SM Purgatorial Society 2022 by Ed and Rita Ersfeldt

10:15 a.m. SJ † Joe McCormick by Karen Murphy

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