

**JANUARY 6, 2019**

# **Saint John *the* Baptist** **CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Parish Office Hours**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Outreach Ministry Hours**

Monday and Wednesday  
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

**Confessions**

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

Monday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 8:00 am  
Third Friday of the Month 10:00 am  
(At Liberty Village Nursing Home)



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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

**- Mt 2:6b**

# Schedule



**Monday, January 7th**

**8:00 am**      **The People of St. John the Baptist  
and Sacred Heart Parishes**

*Tuesday, January 8th*

*10:30 am*      *Mass at Sacred Heart FC*

**Wednesday, January 9th**

**8:00 am** + **Lois Cray**

*Thursday, January 10th*

*8:30 am*      *Mass at Sacred Heart FC*

**Saturday, January 12th, *The Baptism of the Lord***

**4:00 pm** + **Bill Stephenson**

**Sunday, January 13th, *The Baptism of the Lord***

**8:30 am** + **Tony & Karen Hable**

*10:30 am*      *Mass at Sacred Heart FC*



Prayer Requests

### Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes

Gloria Case, Millie Frese, Don Jackson,  
Dorothy Kuntz, Marie Riegel, Mary Ann Ryan.

### Prayers for the Sick

Nancy Askins, Kay Bailey, Connie Brown,  
Phyllis Fehr, Rick Hardesty, Roy Harrold, Bev  
Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Kathy Lockwood, Tina Mannix, Joni  
Mollet, Sally Waite, Angie Walden, Rita Williams, Brett Wil-  
lits, Guy Wisegarver.

Collection Counters this week are  
**Nancy Stokowski and Troy Vanover.**  
Thank you for serving in this way.

### Lost and Found

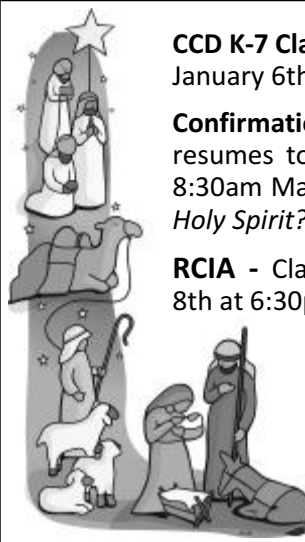
Please check the table in back of church. We have several items that were lost and then found. Some of the items include: a small purse, gloves, sunglasses, baby bottle nipple in case. Please take a look and retrieve your lost items.



**Saturday, December 29th 4:00pm  
and  
Sunday, December 30th 8:30am**

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$1,969.00
Loose.....	\$180.00
<b>Total Collection.....</b>	<b>\$2,149.00</b>

December 22nd & 23rd Coll	\$2,398.00
Christmas Collection	\$2,136.00
New Year's Collection	\$829.00



**CCD K-7 Classes** - Classes resume today, January 6th following the 8:30am Mass.

**Confirmation Class** - Confirmation Class resumes today, January 6th following the 8:30am Mass. Today's topic is "Who is the Holy Spirit?"

**RCIA** - Class resumes this Tuesday, January 8th at 6:30pm in the Library.

**Choir Practice** - Weekly Choir practice resumes this Thursday, January 10th at 6:30pm in the Church.

Many thanks to our visiting presider, Fr. Paul Schneider, OFM, Conv., for being with us at St. John's and Sacred Heart during this past week. Thank you for helping Father Jim to take a much needed rest!

### Thank You!

Many thanks to the GREAT crew that volunteered their time and talent to decorate our church for the Christmas season!!! Anyone can see that our church is well loved and cared for by its congregation, especially during the holidays. A big thank you also to the CMG and Mary Kay Wolfe for the donations of fresh greenery that added that extra special touch. Thanks to all of you, our families, friends and visitors could enjoy the beauty of the season here at St. John's Clinton!

### Christmas Flower Remembrances

The following people were remembered with a donation for Christmas flowers to decorate our church:



Carl Angerman, Dorothy Angerman, Herb & Barbara Bank, Ken & Hazel Barnett, Bob & Ruth Barnett, Dorita Braden, Minnie Branch, Robert Branch, Sonny Buraglio, Steve Buraglio, Mary Burns, Dennis Burns, Dolores Burns, Lester & Thelma Burton, John & Helen Corrigan Family, James & Catherine Corrigan Family, Al Frese, Charlie Gebben, Richard Green, Paul & Carmella Gullone, Tony & Karen Hable, Kathryn Haas, Duane Haas, Bill E. Hight, Mr. & Mrs. Henry E. Hight, Mary Jackson, Alta Johnston, Martin & Sara Kerrins Family, Joseph LaTrecchia, Geno LoPresto, Nancy LoPresto, Sy & Lauretta Madix, Ed Madix, Jim & Margaret Madix, Ed & Clara McGreal, Margy Mercker Family, Bob Murphy, Raymond Pacetti, Nannie Pearl, Herbert Rakers, Norma Rakers, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth P. Redington, Kenneth C. Redington, Rick F. Reddington, Manuel & Pilar Regueira, Bill Schlotter, Duane Schmid, Joe & Janice Schmid, Kay Schmid, John Schutte, Leo Schutte, Mrs. Joann Schwandt, Louise Shumaker, John & Matilda Slowey, Francis Stokowski, Tudy Stokowski, Dick Wolfe.



## The 12 Days of Christmas - 2019 version

*(With apologies to the English composer Frederic Austin)*

- On the First Day of Christmas my **Parish** gave to me..  
Vacation time with little brother Tim
- On the Second Day of Christmas my **Parish** gave to me..  
Two preaching Deacons and Vacation time with little brother Tim
- On the Third Day of Christmas my **Parish** gave to me..  
Three secretaries, two preaching Deacons and Vacation time with little brother Tim
- On the Fourth Day of Christmas my **Parish** gave to me..  
Four Gospel stories...
- On the Fifth Day of Christmas my **Parish** gave to me..  
**Five DVDs**  
Four Gospel stories...  
Three secretaries...  
Two preaching deacons and ..
- On the Sixth Day of Christmas my **Parish** gave to me..  
Six choir members....
- On the Seventh Day of Christmas my **Parish** gave to me..  
Seven voice mail messages...
- On the Eighth Day of Christmas my **Parish** gave to me..  
Eight dinner guests...
- On the Ninth Day of Christmas my **Parish** gave to me..  
Nine Greeters greeting...
- On the Tenth Day of Christmas my **Parish** gave to me..  
Ten collection baskets.....
- On the Eleventh Day of Christmas my **Parish** gave to me..  
Eleven servers serving...
- On the Twelfth Day of Christmas my **Parish** gave to me..  
Twelve Council Members...



The eight friends who gathered at Cracker Barrel for Dinner because of Fr. Paul Schneider's generous offer to minister at our Parishes for 9 days. Thank You, Fr. Paul.

## Can Christmas Be Saved?

Ever since November 1st, Christmas songs have been playing on radio stations non-stop. What appears even worse, stores of all sizes have been reminding us to do our Christmas shopping since September! All these messages to get us out shopping at the Malls or to do our online Christmas Shopping; because if you do, you might get free shipping! If that is not a strong enough endorsement, there were extra incentives of large discounts. All if you start spending money as early as possible.



Sadly our culture and society say, Christmas ends on December 26. Take those Christmas trees down, take the outdoor lights off the bushes and store everything away for next year. Remember Christmas will be coming even before our students have returned from Summer Vacation. In spite of all this, we in the Church fight the battle of teaching that the Christmas Season doesn't really begin until Christmas Day.

Today, as we celebrate the Liturgical Feast of Epiphany, we need to remember that of all days today is the day to give gifts. Here are how other countries celebrate the arrival of the Three Kings acknowledging the Christ Child:

- In Portugal, people take part in Epiphany carol singing
- In France you might eat a 'Galette des Rois', a type of flat almond cake.
- In Mexico where Epiphany is known as 'El Dia de los Reyes' (the day of The Three Kings). It's traditional to eat a special cake called 'Rosca de Reyes' (Three Kings Cake). A figure of Baby Jesus is hidden inside the cake. Whoever has the baby Jesus in their piece of cake is the 'Godparent' of Jesus for that year.
- In Italy, some children also get their presents on Epiphany.
- In Austria, at Epiphany, some people write a special sign in chalk over their front door. It's a reminder of the Wise Men that visited the baby Jesus.
- In Belgium, children dress up as the three wise men and go from door to door to sing songs.
- In Ireland, Epiphany is also sometimes called 'Nollaig Nam Bean' or Women's Christmas. Traditionally the women get the day off and men do the housework and cooking!



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