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OFFICE HOURS

Monday Office Closed

Tuesday 8:30am-1:30pm

Wednesday 8:30am-1:30pm

Thursday 8:30am-1:30pm

Friday Office closed

Please conduct all business during office hours: i.e., Mass scheduling, Baptism and Marriage preparation, requests, appointments, etc. The parish staff appreciates your cooperation.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Live by Faith – Love like Christ!



January 3, 2021



The Epiphany OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem. - Mt 2:1

LITURGY REFLECTION:

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

Every Epiphany we hear the endless extent of God's goodness. Isaiah tells of the light shining forth from Jerusalem attracting people from near and far, from land and sea. The psalmist sings of external justice and peace leading all nations to adore the Lord. Paul teaches the Ephesians that they, and all Gentiles, are members of the same body of Christ. Matthew writes of the magi from afar being drawn to the newborn king by the light from above. Let us look for that revelatory light that draws us more fully to the Lord.

Vocation Corner:

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?

“ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”

Dear St. George Family,

Our prayer in this New Year is that all our families may be Holy. May 2021 be a better year for all of us as we continue to pray for an end of this terrible Corona virus and here's hoping the vaccine comes to us soon. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fr. Dale Maxfield, Pastor



MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, January 5th

8:00 AM Mass @ St. George
Ted Vosholler

Friday, January 8th

8:30 AM Mass @ St. George
Kimberly Koontz

Saturday, January 9th

Confessions 3:15-3:45 pm
4:00 PM Mass @ St. George
George & Magdalene Wilken

Sunday, January 10th

8:30 AM Mass @ St. George
Rita Horstmann

Mass Intentions:

If you have a Mass that needs to be rescheduled, please call the parish office at 588-4323.

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Thank you.

Respect Life Corner-“Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow.” Today we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, In the first reading from Isaiah, the glory of God calls all people from all places to Jerusalem to seek the Christ Child. The Magi, or Kings, were Gentiles from the East in search of the Good News. They found it in the humble manger and carried the special message of love and salvation back to their homelands, careful not to see Herod. Their light of love burned brightly and their message of hope was shared and shared again. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-**It's a New Year and a new you! It's time for all of us to separate ourselves from selfish, sinful or prideful attitudes that keep us from becoming the light Christ wants each one of us to be. We must love each other and serve each other to serve Christ. Let's join the Magi today and bow before Christ our savior in prayer. Let's pray for unity in an understanding of what the church teaches on life issues: a respect for life in all its stages is what we are called to live by. We must seek paths that lead us far from abortion, racism, euthanasia, as well as anything that undermines the dignity of life in every situation. We must choose unity and care for those who are vulnerable. Communication and sharing ideas of help and hope show love and respect. By standing with each other, our light can shine brightly for those to see and hence, be a path for others to follow in Christ.

Contributions are not able to be tallied due to early submission of bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support & generosity during these trying times! Please continue to mail in your contributions, fill out an ACH form (found on the parish website <https://www.stgeorgefamily.org/> under home), drop your donations in the lock box (located near the handicap ramp/parking spaces along the driveway), or if you bank online, have a check sent to the parish. ***Thank you and God bless! Please stay safe and healthy!!***

MEETINGS/HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, January 3rd

Mass 8:30 am @ St. George Church

Rosary For Peace

6:30 pm @ St. George Church

Tuesday, January 5th

Mass 8:00 am @ St. George Church

Quilting 6:00-9:00 pm @ CLC Room #1

Friday, January 8th

Mass 8:30am @ St. George Church

Saturday, January 9th

Mass 4:00 pm @ St. George Church

Sunday, January 10th

Mass 8:30 am @ St. George Church

Rosary For Peace

6:30 pm @ St. George Church

The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity – 03 January 2021

Isaiah 60:1-6. Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6. Matthew 2:1-12.

Copartners in the Promise. The readings and this solemnity are filled with competing images and persons. Darkness and light. Christians of Jewish heritage and Gentiles. Chosen people and coheirs, copartners. Herod and the Magi. Epiphany teaches us this: all are members of the same body, all are coheirs of God's goodness, all are copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus.

Like the Magi, how will I give homage to Christ today?

Whom do I look down upon that I must see as a copartner with me?

What treasure will I give away, will I offer to another?

Thank you to all those who donated to the Zion UCC Giving Tree Christmas Tree giveaway. We were able to help 74 children from 29 different families this year. Donations were received from; Zion United Church of Christ, St. George Catholic Church, The American Legion Post 321, New Baden Jaycees, St. Joseph Hospital in Breese, The Lions Club and many others made all of this possible. Thank you for your generosity.

Grounds Keeper / Handyman Needed

We are looking for a **part-time grounds keeper / handyman** 5-10 hours weekly. We want to keep our grounds/cemeteries nicely maintained. Please email your resume to saintgcatholicchurch@gmail.com, or mail your resume to St. George Church 200 N 3rd St, New Baden IL 62265 or contact the parish office (588-4323) with your interest or for a list of duties.

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

The Food Pantry will remain open Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 9:00 am through 3:00 pm. If any resident of New Baden or New Memphis is in need of food, please feel free to come in on those dates. You'll need to bring your photo ID & proof of residency. The **only** forms of proof of residency we accept are one of the following: Electric bill, water bill, or a lease agreement. Only one form is required to bring, but it must be one of these items. We do not make exceptions on this.

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