

Holy Trinity

The Catholic Community in Fairview Heights

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"Forming Faith through Communal Worship, Offering Service through Ministries, and Growing through Stewardship."

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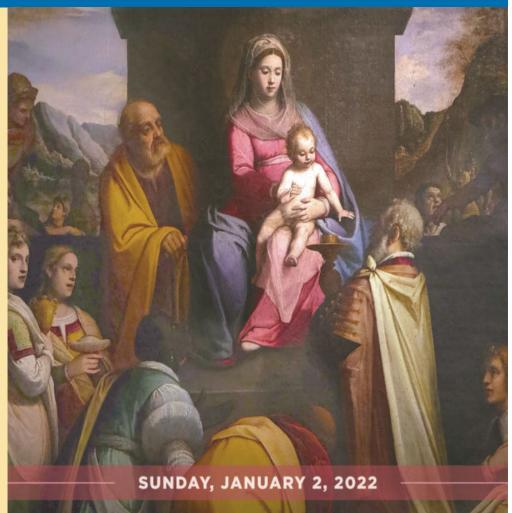
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MASS SCHEDULES

Holy Trinity Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday Evenings: 4:00pm Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am Wednesday & Friday 8:10am Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30pm

St. Stephen 901 S. Main, Caseyville, IL <u>Regular</u> Mass Schedule Sunday 9am English 12:00pm Spanish Mon -Tue-Thu 8:00am Wednesdays 6:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Sundays 8-8:30am



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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Parish news & notes



OFFERTORY	12/19/21
Our Weekly Needs	\$14,462
Total Contributions	\$14,308
WE NEED your support	\$ 154

Additional Ministries

School Support	\$ 26
School Annual Fund	\$ 25
Sister Parish	\$ 5
St. Vincent dePaul	\$ 1192
Retired priests	\$ 152
Diocesan Needy	\$ 155
Christmas Flowers	\$6
Christmas	\$ 400
Immaculate Conception	\$ 80
Total Additional Ministries	\$ 2016

Parish Construction Loan

Our weekly needs	\$11,888
Your contributions	\$ 1,125
WE NEED your support	\$ 10,763

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY

we're glad you're here

New to our parish? We pray that you may find warmth, encouragement and spiritual growth in our parish and look forward to getting to know you in the weeks and months ahead. May God bless you and your family! You can register on-line through our website at www.holytrinityil.org anytime



Saturday, January 1st 4pm Mass

Sunday, January 2nd

Feast of the Epiphany 7:30am Mass 10:30am Mass 12 –4:30 Adoration

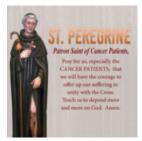
Monday, January 3rd Parish office closed

Wednesday, January 5th Wednesday Breakfast Club (following 8:10 Mass) 9am Quilting

Thursday, January 6th 8:15 St. Peregrine Mass (@Queen of Peace) 6:15pm Yoga

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!





St. Peregrine Mass Thursday, January 6th 8:15am Queen of Peace parish If you have an intention that you would like us to pray for at the Peregrine Mass, please email

joannnadler1@yahoo.com or call 618-977-9218

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Monday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. God took flesh and was born of Mary in the person of Jesus. God became "incarnate" not for a select group of people, but for all of humanity. The Magi are representative of all the nations. Fr. Mark Link, SJ, writes a reflection for Epiphany and relates a story that appeared in a newspaper about a light bulb that had been burning day and night for thirtyfive years. His reflection recalls another light that has been burning day and night for 2,000 years-the light of the star of Bethlehem. That light directed the Magi to Jesus as the Light of the World. He ends his reflection with the question, "Is the light from the star of Bethlehem burning brightly in my heart today?" That is a good question for us to ponder as we begin a new year. In what way will we show that light from the star of Bethlehem in 2022?

Peace, Fr. Jim

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.

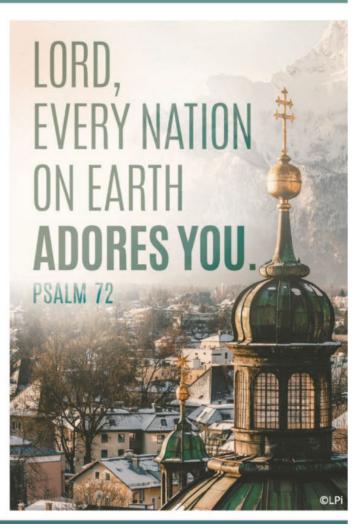
Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT HAPPENS TO A CONSECRATED HOST IF IT ACCIDENTALLY FALLS TO THE GROUND?

This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the minsters respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).



Víbrant and Actíve Díscíples

Mass Intentions

SAT 1/01

4am Laura Bigham James Klauck Edward Dofflow

SUN 1/02

7:30am Deceased members of St. Ann's Wilfred & Tony Schuetzenhofer

10:30amLaura Bigham Margaret & Tony Schmitt David Abell

WED 1/05 8:10am For our parish

FRI 1/07 5pm For our parish

Sat 1/08 4pm Maxine & Raymond Zielinski Betty McClanahan

Sun 1/09 7:30am Miloshewski/Waligorski Families David Abell Lena & Frank Soltys

10:30am Laura Bigham

Remember your loved ones or a special intention by offering a Mass. Masses are a \$10 donation each and available in the church office



May you and your families be blessed this Christmas season and all year long! Fr. Jim & the Parish Staff



Thursdays at 6:15pm in the parish center \$5ea

Heavenly Father, we pray for . . .

Tom Elfrink Norma Rensing Margaret Hampton Chrissie Cissell Linda Anderson Maria & Hubert Link Fern Clementi Erin Ruiz Dan Noel Bill Trent Paul Anderson Sue Schey Jean Ann Brophy Patrick Guest Sharon Davidson Ben Waymeier Beth Rehg Virginia Clementi

We also pray for their loved ones and caregivers. May they never lose sight of the love of God. Call the parish office to submit a name for the list

Winter Adult Bible Study Begins Sunday, January 13th

8 week session meets from 9 -10:15am.

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this

study will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.





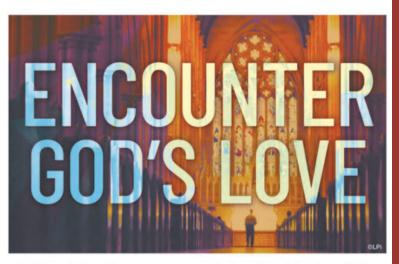


Matthew 2:10

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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."

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 selfagenda 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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School news









Santa visited us on our last day before break! He led our parade along with our Grand Marshals Fr. Jim and Ms. Mel! Even the Grinch had fun!







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