

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD-JANUARY 2, 2022

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am

Weekday: Monday, Wed.- Friday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Sat. @ 5:30pm & Sun. @ 8:30 Masses are live-streamed

Holy Days of Obligation

7:30 pm (vigil), 6:00 am , 8:00 am & 5:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday following Mass 8:00 am

Adoration

Every Tuesday beginning at 7:00 am.

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays at 6:45 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm

First Saturday Devotions

Rosary 7:45 am • Mass 8:00 am

Confession

Sat. 4:30-5:15pm, Sunday 6:15-6:45am & 9:50-10:15am

7:00-7:30am Monday thru Thursday, Tuesday 6-6:30pm

or by appointment.

Baptisms

Parishioners are asked to please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriages

Parishioners are asked to make arrangements with the pastor at least six months in advance.

Bulletin Deadline

Please contact the Pastor or Sara Maune, Parish Secretary, at 636-583-2488 or email stjohnsgild@yhti.net by Noon on Wednesday.

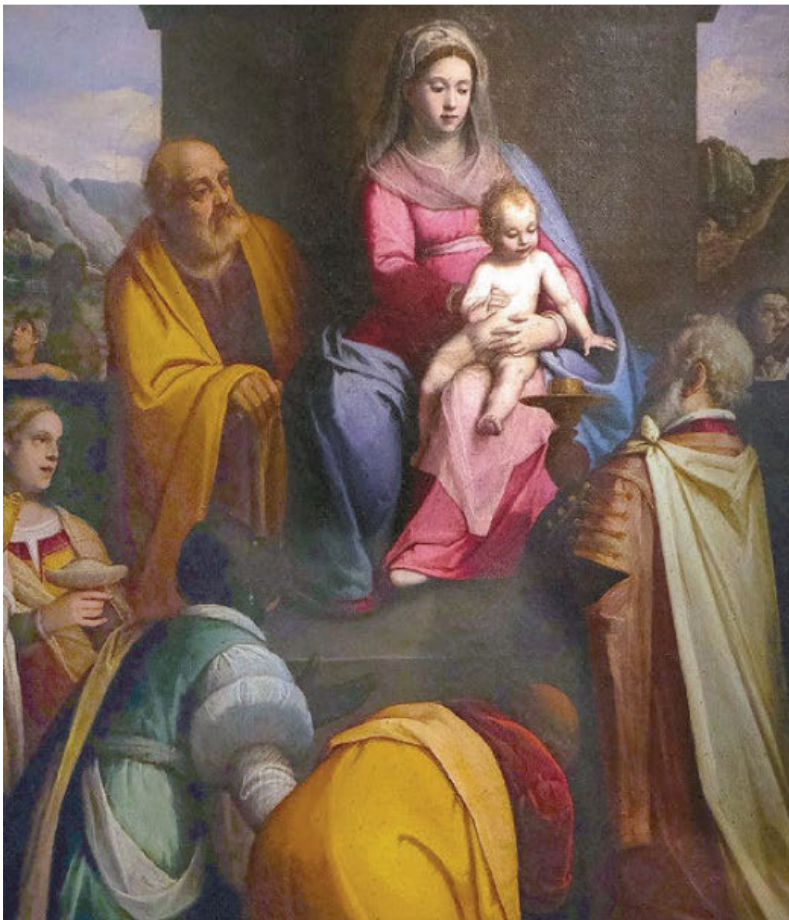


St. Raymond of Penafort

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St. Raymond of Penafort

Jan. 7



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

Parish Meetings

MON: 1/3 Knights of Columbus, 7pm, Music Rm

TUES: Quilting all day by the ladies of the parish. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend and enjoy the day with them.

WED: PSR 6:30-7:45

WED: Bible Study 6:30-7:30, Music Rm.

Mass Time Change

Due to the voting that took place a few weeks back, the Saturday evening Mass will be begin at **5:30p.m.** starting on Saturday, January 1, 2022. It will go back to the 6pm time on March 19 to follow Daylight Savings time.

St. Johns is looking for someone to clean our church on a weekly basis. Duties would include but not limited to dusting, vacuuming, as well as mopping the floors. Please talk to Fr. Foy or call the rectory 636-583-2488.



Donations are being accepted to cover the cost of the beautiful new Christmas decorations that were purchased and set up this year. These replaced very old dilapidated decorations that have been around many years. Drop donations in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Christmas decoration donation". Thank you!



SAINT JOHN'S REGISTRATION FORM

If you have not registered, please join our parish by filling out this registration form and dropping it off in either the collection basket or the parish office. If you have any questions about how you can participate in the spiritual or sacramental life of our Church, please call Father Foy or the Parish office 636-583-2488

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Address _____

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Phone _____ Email _____

These organizations/ministries are available, if interested:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Linen | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Sodality | <input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musician & Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Youth Aide | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Religious Ed. (PSR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping Hands Outreach to the Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA Team or Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legion of Mary | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher |

Upcoming Parish Event

Jan. 8 Polar Plunge, Union MO 10am

Jan. 8-9 Christmas 40-Hour Adoration

Jan. 9 Poland Pilgrimage Info Mtg, 12:00pm, Music Rm.

Jan. 29 Ribbon-Cutting Mass with Archbishop at 5:30pm



Liturgical Ministers January 8-9, 2022

Lectors:

Sat. 5:30 p.m. K of C Mass

Sun. 7:00 a.m. Mike Genovese

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Rebecca Guzy

Sun. 10:30a.m. Vernon Schierhoff

Eucharistic Ministers: Only One MAY be needed

Sat. 5:30 p.m. K of C Mass

Sun. 7:00 a.m. Mary Patke

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Randy Maune, Bob & Cindy Hayden

Choir- Joette Schwoeppe

Sun 10:30a.m. Gail Schierhoff, Frank Marrocco

Ushers:

Sat. 5:30 p.m. K of C Mass

Sun. 7:00 a.m. Mike Hawkinson, Wayne Sahn

Sun. 8:30 a.m. John Busch, Terry Busch

Sun. 10:30a.m. Tom Pfohl, Vernon Brinker

Servers:

Sat. 5:30 p.m. K of C Mass

Sun. 7:00 a.m. Don Wildt, Dave Voss, Joe Tobben

Sun. 8:30 a.m. TJ & Sam Busch

Sun. 10:30a.m. Liam & Roan Callahan

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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



Jan. 3-9, 2021

Mon. 8:00 a.m. Stanley & Marie Andrews (Rectory)
Tue. 7:00 p.m. Rudy, Rosemary, Paul, Neil Straatmann (Rectory)
Wed. 8:00 a.m. Fred Mantels (Church)
Thur. 8:00 a.m. Otto Spaunhorst (Church)
Fri. 8:00 a.m. Glen Obermark (Rectory)
Sat. 8:00 a.m. Arnold Hellmann (Rectory)
5:30 p.m. For the People (Church)
Sun. 7:00 a.m. Ervin Schmolli
8:30 a.m. Mike Ley
10:30 a.m. Mary Ann Frick



Christmas Card Recycle

Anyone that would like to recycle their Christmas cards please set them in the back of church, box provided. These cards are used the following year for new tags on the Jesse tree. Thank you!!

Pilgrimage to Poland Informational meeting, Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 12:00 (shortly after 10:30am Mass) in the Music Rm. This pilgrimage will be led by Fr. Foy in August 1-15, 2022.



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They were
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Matthew 2:10

Polar Plunge

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022, 10:30AM-11:00AM

AGES 10 AND UP!

LOCATION: VETERAN'S MEMORIAL LAKE, UNION, MO

Come out to celebrate the Feast of Jesus' Baptism and
Chill out!

\$10 registration fee benefits St. John's Helping Hands

Pre-register at www.christplunge.com or register that day. Registration begins at 10:00am and is \$10 per person, T-shirts are \$20 each, plunging or not, which can be paid by logging in to your OSV account or via "Quick Give" or by check or cash. All proceeds benefit the St. Johns Helping Hands Community Outreach.

THERE'S A REASON FOR THE FREEZIN'!!



REMEMBER
in your prayers

SICK IN THE PARISH: Willie Kessler, Vernon Brinker, Debbie O'Malley, Bob Hayden Sr., Allen Gephardt, Rich Skiljan. We ask the Lord to bless all those who are sick or injured in our community, those who are in a nursing home, and those homebound.

HOMEBOUND/SHUT-IN: Please keep in mind if you or someone you know is convalescing or returning from the hospital and would like Communion at home, please call the rectory.

PRAYER CHAIN: Don't forget to get help from our Prayer Chain. It's been around for a while now, so it's easy to take it for granted and overlook the POWER of united prayer. When you have a pressing need, please don't forget to make use of this resource of people who care and want to be there in prayer with you. Call Laverne Schwoeppe at 636-742-5754 or 636-288-6382. She will get the Prayer Chain members to pray with you. You do not have to be a member of this Prayer Chain to make a prayer request.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Merry Christmas! Christmas is the Gift that keeps giving, for Jesus is the Giver and He gives the gift of Himself. However, it isn't completely a one-way street. Today we remember in the readings the gifts that are first brought to Christ – the gold, frankincense and myrrh. The magi or kings bring gold, because He is a king. They bring frankincense because He is God, and incense is burned as an offering to God. Finally, they bring myrrh because He is a man, and myrrh is used especially at burials...and Christ has come to share in our death. The word for this feast is Epiphany. This word means manifestation. Christ is the manifestation of the mystery of God... that means He makes visible the mystery of God. He is the lens by which we see everything and understand God in His fullness. The visit by the magi is the beginning of this Epiphany which really continues through His whole earthly life. Because magi are from out of town, so to speak, they represent the how from the first few days of Christ's earthly life He is the Good News for all of the nations. Happy Epiphany!

Coming up quickly on the heels of the Epiphany and closing out the season of Christmas we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is a monumental occasion for our parish, because Christ is baptized by St. John, His cousin (and our namesake). Christ doesn't need to be baptized for Himself. He is here to actually to give us grace. One way to consider the episode is that while we get baptized to get grace, He gets baptized to give it. While we are sanctified by the pouring of water (and the Trinitarian formula), Christ getting baptized makes water capable of being made holy in the first place. Another part to the mystery involves all the people that John was baptizing beforehand. John wasn't able to take away sin, but he got people to declare their sinfulness and their need for a savior. Before Christ made the water holy, these sinners going into the water made it spiritually dirty. Just as uncleanness could spread in the Old Testament, so a sinful quality was transferred to the Jordan River while the sinners still continued in their need....all awaiting Christ and His salvation. So, when He goes into the water, He takes all of this sin (representing all of the sin of all time) on His back. He is like both goats from the Day of atonement. One goat was slaughtered in sacrifice and the other had hands laid upon it by the priest as he confessed all of the sins of Israel...and then it would be released and driven into the wilderness to confront the devil. Christ will eventually take all of these sins to the cross as the innocent victim that will finally destroy the power of sin. However, in the immediate follow-up He goes into the wilderness and after fasting for forty days and nights He confronts the devil. This feast is simply loaded with significance.

To honor Christ's baptism and St. John's role in the event we will have two big events. One is all about prayer...we will host a 40 hours devotion in our Church from 12 pm on Friday, January 7th until 7 am on Sunday, January 9th. There is so much to pray for and the church is going to be so peaceful...just think of praying to our glorious Savior amid all of the Christmas trappings that decorate our sanctuary! Please sign up in the vestibule or call the office 636-583-2488.

The second event is the second annual Polar Plunge on Saturday, January 8th. You'll be freezin' for a reason, because your \$10 donation will go to the Helping Hands Outreach program. Come out to Union's Veterans Memorial Park for the 10:30 am start time....more info at Christplunge.com!

Last but not least, I am inviting you on a very unique pilgrimage to Poland from Aug. 1-15, 2022! We will retrace many of the steps of Pope St. John Paul II and see the Wawel Castle and Cathedral, the Divine Mercy Shrine, St. Faustina's Convent, the Wieliczka Salt mine, and the heart of the trip is a walking pilgrimage from Krakow to the Black Madonna Shrine of Czestochowa (Note: our tour bus will accompany the pilgrims to provide a break if needed). There will be an information meeting here at St. John's in the music room on January 9th at 12 pm.

May God bless you and be your Strength!

Father Foy

BIBLE PLAN

Jan. 2 Psalms 149-150, [Acts 22:1-16](#)

Jan. 6 Proverbs 4, [Acts 24](#)

Jan. 3 Proverbs 1, [Acts 22:17-30](#)

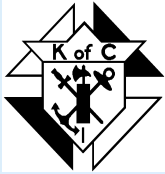
Jan. 7 Proverbs 5, [Acts 25](#)

Jan. 4 Proverbs 2, [Acts 23:1-11](#)

Jan. 8 Proverbs 6, [Acts 26](#)

Jan. 5 Proverbs 3, [Acts 23:12-35](#)

Jan. 9 Proverbs 7, [Acts 27](#)



Monday, January 3, K of C meeting 7pm, Music Rm. Refreshments to follow

KC Mass, Sat. January 8 @ 5:30pm

For all **First Degree members**, it's now easier than ever to get your Second and Third degree and can be done from the comfort of your own home. For the time being, this is being held online at select times and takes approximately 45 minutes.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Jon Derner at 314-808-2400.

St. John's School Lunch Menu

Jan. 3-7, 2022

Monday: School closed

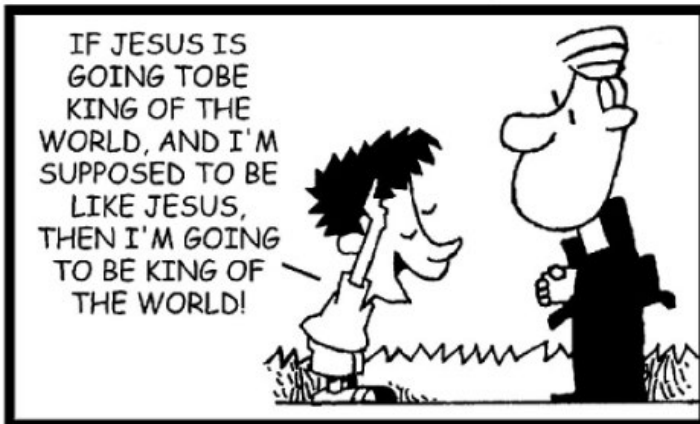
Tuesday: Popcorn Chicken, potato smiles, green beans, pears, milk

Wednesday: Pork Sausage, French toast, corn, applesauce, milk

Thursday: Hamburger, baked beans, broccoli & cauliflower, mixed fruit, milk

Friday: Chicken Nuggets, mac & Cheese, peas, peaches, milk

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Important: If your address or phone number (s) have recently changed please let us know at the rectory 636-583-2488 so we can update your information. I have many old land lines on record that people no longer use.

****Also, if you would like to join our parish we would love to have you!** Just give us a call, 636-583-2488, Or, register on line at www.sjg-parish.org. Thank you!



Wyatt Morgan, son of Rod & Christina Morgan, is needing to raise money to complete his Eagle Scout Project. He is planning to build 4 cabinets in the school workroom which will allow for additional storage for the teachers. If you are interested in donating to Wyatt's Eagle Scout Project please contact Christina 314-603-9002 or drop donation in collection basket marked "Wyatt's Eagle Scout Project".



Adult Bible Study

Bible study returns on Jan. 5

Where: Music room **Time:** 6:30-7:30pm

When: Wednesday evenings

Come join the Deacons for an open forum discussing the Bible plan laid out by Fr. Foy in his weekly bulletin article. *If you have any questions, contact the rectory at 636-583-2488.*



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