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THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b

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JANUARY 2, 2022 • EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St. Mary Church — 303 West Monroe Street, Tomah

Saturday.....4:00pm

Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am

St. Andrew Church — 203 May Street, Warrens

Saturday.....6:00pm

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St. Mary, Tomah

Tuesday.....5:30pm

Wednesday-Friday.....8:00am

Liberty Village Assisted Living, Tomah

First and Third Wednesdays.....10:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday.....4:30pm-5:15pm

Thursday.....5:00pm-6:00pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday.....4:00pm-5:15pm

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Are you a new or expectant parent? Baptism is the sacrament of initiation that welcomes your child into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Parents must complete baptismal preparation prior to their child's reception of the sacrament. Please contact Jon Burbach to schedule a class at 372-4516 x3.

MARRIAGE

At the time of engagement, but not less than six months prior to the wedding, please call the parish office to arrange for marriage preparation and to schedule your specific wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/HOME VISIT

Please contact the parish office for any sacramental ministry (anointing before a planned surgery, severe illness, etc.) or visitation to the sick or homebound.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of December 19-20

Estimated Weekly Need.....\$13,840.00

Envelopes/Plate.....\$14,128.33

Online Giving/ACH.....\$2,116.00

Weekly Total.....\$16,244.33

Gospel Reflection

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 self-agenda 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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As of December 27, 2021

186 families have pledged \$88,273

It is with everyone's help we will achieve our parish's goal of \$90,690 and a 50% participation rate!



Phil Schreiner — December 19

Robert Betthausen — December 22

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.

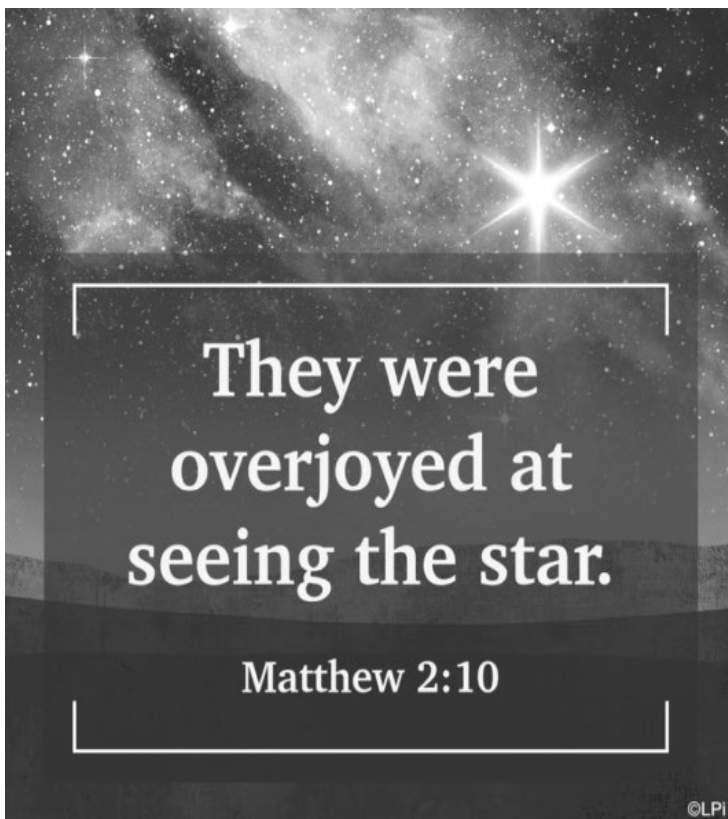
One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

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



Intentions for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday, January 1 **Mary, Mother of God**

9:00 AM Pat Precour

Vigil Mass

4:00 PM *Pro populo* of Queen of the Apostles Parish

St. Andrew — Warrens

6:00 PM Rhonda Zingler

Sunday, January 2 **Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 AM Marie Wacker

9:00 AM Ralph Vitous

10:30 AM Dave Vandervort

Tuesday, January 4 **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

9:30 AM *School:* Mary Ragen

Adoration — 4:00pm-5:15pm

Confession — 4:30pm-5:15pm (DK)

5:30 PM Those with Cancer

Wednesday, January 5 **St. John Neumann**

8:00 AM Jack Baumgarten

Oris Hall

10:00 AM *Liberty Village:* Virginia Murray

Thursday, January 6

8:00 AM St. Joan's Guild Members

9:30 AM *School:* Reiney Popp

Confession — 5:00pm-6:00pm (SM)

Friday, January 7

8:00 AM Bev Drew

Saturday, January 8 **Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM Kenny Christensen

St. Andrew — Warrens

6:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Warren Family

Sunday, January 9 **Baptism of the Lord**

7:30 AM Ernest Schreier

9:00 AM *Pro populo* of Queen of the Apostles Parish

10:30 AM Norman and Roseann Kinnett



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

9 Simple Spiritual Resolutions for the New Year

By Fr. Edward Looney

Losing weight, eating healthier, exercising more regularly, getting more sleep, or quitting a bad habit probably top your New Year's resolution list for 2022. Have you thought about making a spiritual resolution for 2022? It's great to focus on physical health, but what about your spiritual health? What might a spiritual resolution look like? Allow me to share a few examples:

1. Begin your day with the Morning Offering

St. Josemaría Escrivá wrote about the heroic minute, meaning that once the alarm rings, get up, and say a prayer. There is a traditional prayer you could learn called the Morning Offering. It's a beautiful prayer which helps us give to God everything we will do during the day.

2. Daily or weekly rosary

The rosary is a great way for us to reflect on the life of Jesus and Mary, and to pray with the scriptures. If you are a new to the rosary, begin with a decade each day, and move your way up. Pray it once a week. Or strive to pray it daily.

3. Meatless Fridays

Canon law 1250 says: "The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent." We typically think meatless Fridays pertains only to Lent, but it is encouraged year-round. Consider being a bit more conscious about your Friday meals, and perhaps plan to abstain from meat.

4. Weekly Stations

Not able to abstain from meat on Fridays? Canon law also suggests some other suitable form of penance in place of abstinence. For me, if I don't do meatless Fridays, I choose to pray the Stations of the Cross as my "suitable form of penance." The Stations aren't just meant for Lent, you can pray them anytime of the year.

5. Pray through a devotional or read a spiritual book.

There are many devotional books, filled with meditations that will help us deepen our relationship with God. Check out the catalogues for the prominent Catholic publishers and decide to read one book that will benefit your spiritual life.

6. Read or pray with the Bible

There are different apps and books that could help you read the entire Bible, or the popular podcast "Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz". Or maybe choose to read a certain section of the Bible and expand your selection once you completed your goal. Come to a greater knowledge of the word of God.

7. Go on a pilgrimage

We are all on a pilgrimage in this life as we journey toward the kingdom of heaven. For Christians throughout time, one of the most coveted places was the Holy Land. But there has always been a custom to make pilgrimages to shrines of the Blessed Mother, or the saints.

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School News

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School Office: (608) 372-5765

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Mass Schedule

Grades 4K-2: Tuesday, January 4 at 9:30am

Grades 3-5: Thursday, January 6 at 9:30am

January 3: School Resumes

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Level 9: No Class

Wednesday, January 5

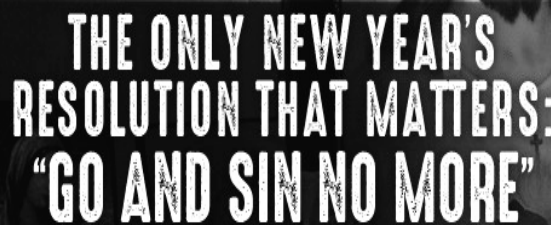
Levels K-5: Class — 6:00pm-7:00pm
Levels 6-8, 10: Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm

Sunday, January 9

Level 9: No Class

Wednesday, January 12

Levels K-5: Class — 6:00pm-7:00pm
*First Reconciliation — 2nd Grade
Levels 6-8, 10: Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm



THE ONLY NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTION THAT MATTERS:
"GO AND SIN NO MORE"

8. Choose a saintly intercessor

Choose a saint, whose intercession you wish to implore throughout the year. Maybe even read a book about them. If you need help choosing one, let the saint generator help you: SaintsNameGenerator.com.

9. End you day with an Examen

We often do an examination of conscience before we celebrate the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. But what if every day you did an Examen? It's not just identifying our faults, but also calling to mind how God was with you throughout the day, where you received his grace, and how you could respond to grace better tomorrow. Just as we begin our day offering it to God, it's just as good to end our day asking, "How did I live for God today?"

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Remember us, O God;
from age to age
be our comforter.
You have given us
the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights,
seasons and years.
Bless your children
at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead
with the bright hope
that is ours
in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and
reigning, forever and ever.
Amen.



HAPPY
New Year

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



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Feast Day — January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."



Did you know that each month has a traditional Catholic devotion? Make yourself notes, write it on your calendar, and pray a specific prayer each day of the month to remember. You could use a prayer already associated with the devotion or pray a personal one.

This month is January, which is dedicated to His Holy Name and His Holy Childhood. Liturgically, this makes sense because we just celebrated Jesus' birth and continue to celebrate the season of Christmas!

His Holy Name should *not* be taken in vain. That's even a commandment: You will not take the Lord's Name in vain! Check out a Litany of His Holy Name, find or create your own prayer, or simply say His Name lovingly throughout your day.

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