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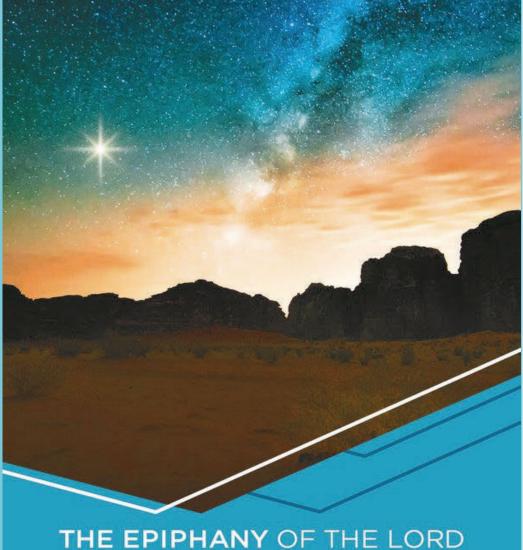
January 1/2, 2021 www.stcatofsiena.org

PRAYER HOT LINE - If you are in need of prayer or would like to pray for others, please call/email Laura Kasuboski 748-5913 ilkasuboski@charter.net, or Carol Kimball 748-3933 or the parish office.

**BAPTISM CLASSES -**Parish membership and a preparation class is required for all baptisms. Please contact the parish office to register

#### **MARRIAGE**

Parish membership is a requirement for Marriage at St. Catherine of Siena. Archdiocesan Policy requires contact with the parish office at least six months prior to your marriage and before a date can be finalized. The pastor will work with you to complete the necessary requirements and preparation in order to enter into the sacrament of marriage in the Catholic Church.



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,

#### **Parish Staff:**

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Fr Davies Edassery, SAC Administrator

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Parish Organists: Sandy Polcyn, Music Coordinator; Ann Somers; Erin Mueller; St Patrick Cemetery Fred & Sally Kasuboski 748-2002

#### Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 2

**9 am** + Living and Deceased Parishioners

Monday, January 3

No Mass

Tuesday, January 4

4:30 pm + Annabelle Dorsch by Jim and Debbie Rverson

Wednesday, January 5

8 am + Rita Heil by Bernie Weiske

Thursday, January 6

8 am + Ralph Polasky by Family and Friends

Friday, January 7

8 am + Bunnie Endeward by Fred and Sally Kasuboski

Saturday, January 8

3 pm Confessions

4 pm + John and Sean Wyer by Michele Benson

Sunday, January 9

9 am + Special Intention by Audrey Speier and Diane Nowinski

## Liturgical Ministries Weekend of January 8 & 9

#### 4 pm Mass

Organist: E Mueller Cantor: J Mueller

Lectors: A Busha, L Kasuboski Servers: T Polcyn/D Brusky, K King

Eucharistic Ministers: Bread: L Kasuboski

Ushers: E Royce, P Adamski, J Murphy,

J&L Kasuboski Scrip: No Scrip Sales

#### 9 am Mass

Organist: S Polcyn Cantor: volunteer

Lectors: C Sheskey, A Brumley Servers: G Lauzon, K Baierl

Eucharistic Ministers: Bread: J Amend

Ushers: L&J Kamphius, B Tessaro, L Workowski, D Keenlance

Scrip: No Scrip Sales

#### Counters January 4, Tuesday 8 am

P Baranowski, F Kasuboski, B Smith

#### Reminder

St Catherine of Siena (us) are live streaming each weekend. The Mass can be found at www.https://www.stcatofsiena.org/ and click on the Facebook link at the top of the page.

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 02, 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

### Liturgical Dedications



**Bread and Wine** 

Sanctuary Candle Ralph Quinney by Lois Quinney



Please contact the office to schedule your dedications of Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Candles. These dedications can be for a special occasion or in memory of someone.

Cost: Bread & Wine \$20, Sanctuary Candle \$10



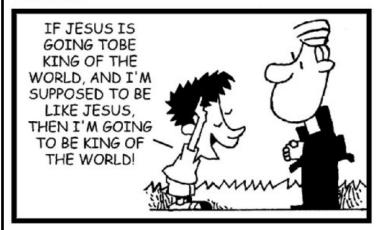
To St. Catherine

**Britney Charles and her daughter Ryalie** 

## Parish Calendar January

- 4 Human Concerns Mtg at Noon Classroom 8
- 5 Grades 1-5 3:30 pm-4:45 pm Grades 6-11 7 pm—8:30 pm
- 8 1st Reconciliation Meeting Student and parent 9 am Classroom 8
- 9 Confirmation Sponsor Meeting following the 9 am Mass in Classroom 8. Confirmand and Sponsor (or Parent need to attend)
- 11 Prayer and Worship Committee @ 5:15
- 12 Grades 1-5 3:30 pm-4:45 pm Grades 6-11 7 pm—8:30 pm
- 13 Mass at Prairie Place at 2 pm
- 18 Finance council at 5:15
- 19 Grades 1-5 3:30 pm-4:45 pm Grades 6-11 7 pm—8:30 pm
- 20 Mass at Maplecrest at 2 pm
- 25 Pastoral Council at 5:15 pm
- 26 Grades 1-5 3:30 pm-4:45 pm Grades 6-11 7 pm—8:30 pm
- 30 Class Mass Grades 6 8 9 am

**EPIPHANY** 





#### Advent Project 2021 Let's Keep it Local

#### St. Vincent de Paul / St. Katherine Drexel Shelter

#### **Community Services**

St Vincent de Paul offers understanding, hope, and immediate relief to those in need without regard to race, religion, or nationality. St. Vincent de Paul provides essential aid with: Housing, Employment, Energy Assistance, Abuse Services, counseling and parenting, Health resources, Transportation, Rent, Utilities, and food.

#### St. Katherine Drexel Shelter

They are currently building a 20,000 sq. ft. year-round shelter at 330 N Peters Avenue in Fond du Lac. This shelter will house families, children, and single adults with room for 15 families, 12 women, and 24 men in a warm, safe place. This is a growing need in <u>Fond du Lac County</u>. Our donations will help provide a safe living environment for families and singles experiencing homelessness in our community.

Monies received will be divided by the Human Concerns Committee. All money must be received by **January 4th, 2022.** Donations may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the office.

Donation envelopes can be found in the church entrance on the small table by the doors. All donations should be to the parish office by January 4, 2022 so we can forward the funds.

The Human Concerns Committee Thanks you for your generosity.

#### **SUNDAY READING MEDITATION**

January 2, 2022 — The Epiphany of the Lord

IS 60: 1-6; PS 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13; EPH 3: 2-3A, 5-6; MT 2: 1-12

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to all humankind. Epiphany is traditionally and actually on January 6, but a number of years ago the Bishops in the United States moved it to the Sunday that falls between January 2 and 8.

Of course, our readings on this solemnity all refer to the Epiphany as we know it — the time that the divinity of Jesus was revealed, made manifest, to the entire world, not just Israel and the Jewish people. The world is represented by the three magi — the wise men as most of us know them. They came from the east and were, like most of us, Gentiles.

In the First Reading from Isaiah the prophet speaks of what will happen centuries later after the birth of Christ. There are two strong references to the story of the Magi with which we are so familiar. Isaiah declares, "Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." We often speak of the Light of Christ, and often He is portrayed in art sort of glowing or with a light on His face. In addition, we have the light of the star which led the Magi to Him so they could worship Him. The images we have of them are influenced by Isaiah, when he says, "Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord."

Therefore, today we celebrate receiving God's light. But there is more to it than that. The First Reading opens with "Rise up in splendor...Your light has come." We are to do more than just receive the light. We are to share it and reflect it. In our terms it is as if the Lord said, "Rise and shine; your light has come." That is what we mean when we say we are called. We are called to be disciples and to be the Light of Christ for those around us.

In his letter to the Ephesians, our Second Reading, St. Paul speaks of the revelations which this day represents. Paul points out that it had been revealed to us; a revelation is an epiphany. What is revealed? Exactly what Isaiah speaks of in the fact that Christ and His Divinity are revealed to the

whole world. And what is the key to this revelation? The fact that "the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

Paul also says in relation to the divinity of the Lord, "the mystery was made known to me by revelation." We need to appreciate that what we translate as "mystery" is from the Greek word, *mysterion*, used by Paul. For us a mystery may represent something dark or obscure or incomprehensible. However, that is not the meaning of *mysterion*. It is more accurately translated as a now-open secret, something originally hidden, but now revealed by God.

There are certain passages in Holy Scripture almost universally known, and certainly well known to even a lukewarm Christian. The story of the Magi, the wise men or the three kings, falls into that category. As Matthew shares it in today's Gospel, they were "magi from the east." At no time does Matthew tell us there were three of them nor does he indicate that they are kings. Most likely, according to scholars, they were astronomers or astrologers, thus their knowledge of and fascination with the star which led them. Who they were and how many of them there were is not important. What is important is that they represent all of us, and their actions suggest to us how we need to respond to Jesus Christ and what He is and represents.

Holy Scripture is filled with subtleties we sometimes miss. Matthew tells us that "on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother." Joseph is evidently not present, and there is a reason for that. He was not, as we know, the true father to Jesus. They presented gifts to Jesus, not to His mother or His parents. When we give to Jesus today, we do not do it directly, but to the Lord's people through the parish and other charities.

Finally, these visitors worshiped the Lord ("They prostrated themselves and did him homage"). We, too, need to worship the Lord; we, too, need to acknowledge His holiness and His kingship. Worshiping is more important than the gifts, but we are reminded in this Gospel that both are significant. Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

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#### From the Administrative Services Director and DRE

#### Parish Christmas Party Thank You!

Thank You to everyone who had a part in the Free Parish Christmas Party. Thank You to Lori, Cait and Al Ehster for coordinating the Bell Choir for our entertainment. It was nice to see some parents and adults participate in ringing the bells at the party. Thank You to Barb and Elmer Smith, Jim and Laura Kasuboski, Esther Royce, Lee Miller and Fred Kasuboski in the kitchen preparing the food. It was a fun and enjoyable evening giving everyone a little Christmas with our parish family.

#### Mass Book

The Mass Book is open for 2022 to schedule Masses, Candles and Bread and Wine dedications.

#### January 1/2, 2022 bulletin

Next weekend the bulletin will be handed out at the Christmas Masses with extra available at the weekend Masses. So if you go to the Christmas Masses you won't need to take a bulletin on Sunday.

#### **Christmas Gifts**

Additional copies of the book from Chris Stefanick "Living Joy" are available at the door until gone. The book is a gift from Father Davies and the Leadership of the parish,

#### **Parish Calendars**

The 2022 Parish Calendars are in the back of the church for you to take home.

#### **Advent Project**

If you missed the flyer additional copies are on the table in the back of church. This years advent project is for the benefit of St. Vincent de Paul, both locally and the St Katherine Drexel Center in Fond du Lac.. Donations should be in the office by **January 4, 2022** 

#### **Pastoral Care**

If you wish Fr. Davies to come and visit you to talk, bring communion or anoint you, please call him directly at **414-255-4060** or call me in the Parish Office at 920-748-2325 or my cell phone 920-896-1155, and we can arrange a safe visit.

#### Texts/Emails from Fr. Davies

Fr. Davies will never text/or email you asking for a favor. If you reply to either "he" will request you purchase some gift cards like \$500 worth for someone who is in need. This is not Fr. Davies. DO NOT REPLY OR ENGAGE THESE PEOPLE. IT IS A SCAM

I would like to Thank everyone for their help and volunteering this past year for the many things we have asked for help for. Trying to get back to normal has been a challenge but it has been worth the extra work. Know that when you volunteer it helps me greatly!

Thanks again. Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Blessed New Year!

Diane

#### **Our Sympathy**

To Ranee Henderson and family on the death of her aunt, Rose Endeward.

To Barbara Nowinski and family on the death of her mother, Marion.

To Diane Nowinski on the death of her aunt.

May they rest in peace.

# Catholic Stewardship Appeal

#### 2021 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE

I want to thank all who have recently contributed to the

2021 Stewardship Appeal. Our parish has contributed \$34,410.00 so far to this year's annual appeal which is 80% of our goal. We are \$1,950.00 short of meeting our goal of \$36,360.00 for this year. These donations have come from 164 households out of our 580 parish households. Many important ministries of the Archdiocese depend on our generosity to meet their needs and provide vital programs. Thank you for your continued generosity to the worthy cause which benefits our parish and so many people in our Archdiocese.

Bill Kartheiser, Parish chairperson



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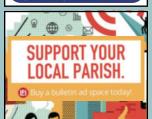
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