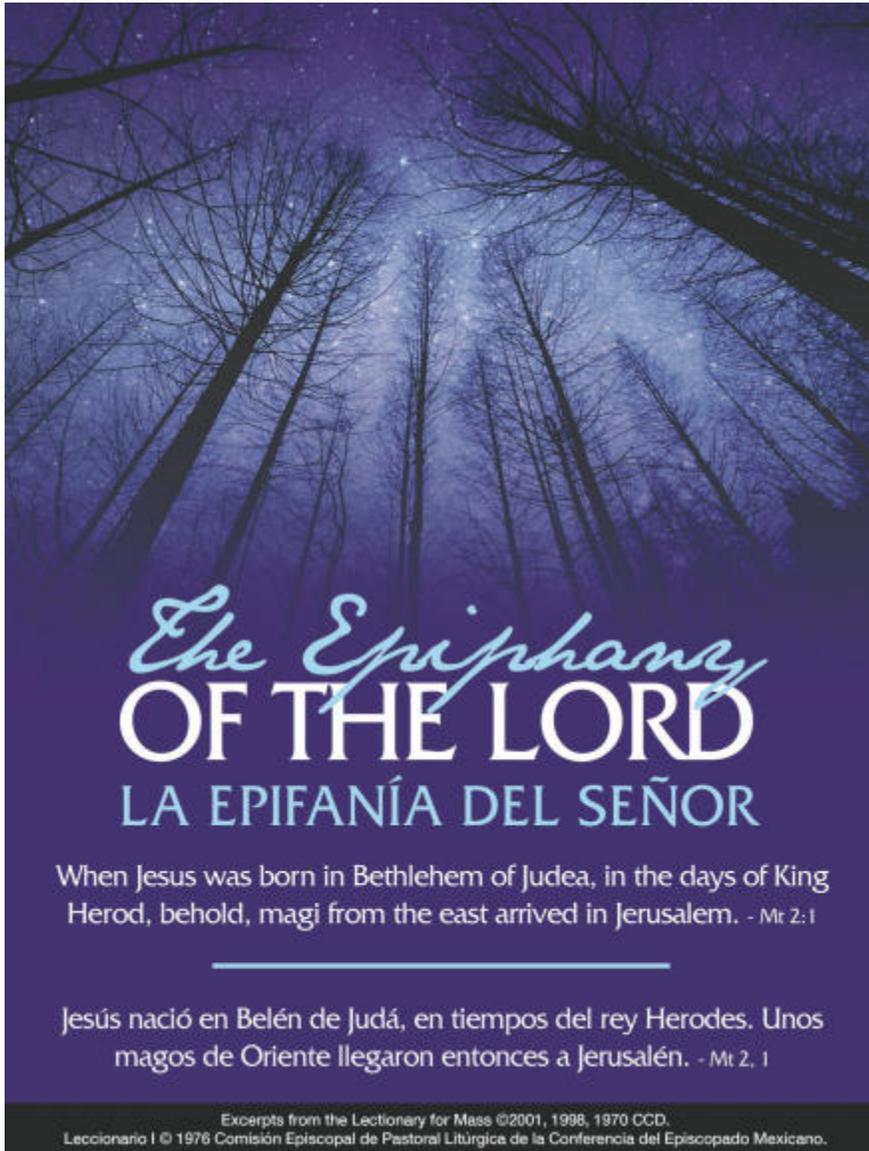


# Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

January 3, 2021

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## WELCOME TO HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Holy Name of Jesus Parish extends the warmest of welcomes to all who celebrate the Eucharist with us today, especially our visitors! May our worship together be an opportunity to deepen our faith, our love of God, and our love for one another. Please browse through this bulletin and our website [www.holynameparish.net](http://www.holynameparish.net) to learn more about our parish, find resources to aid in your own faith journey and also helpful information about the life of our parish. To become a registered member of the parish, please visit the website or contact the church office.



## Penitential Rite

I confess to almighty God  
and to you my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and what I have failed to do,

**And striking breast three times, they say:**

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

**Then they continue:**

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
AMEN

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was  
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glori-  
fied, who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I  
confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I  
look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life  
of the world to come. Amen.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## Mystery of Faith

- A: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.  
B: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.  
C: Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

## Readings for New Years Day

### Entrance Antiphon      Isaiah 9:1, 5

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

### Reading 1      Nm 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

### Responsorial Psalm      Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

May God have pity on us and bless us:

    may he let his face shine upon us.

So may your way be known upon earth:

    among all nations, your salvation.

May the nations be glad and exult

    because you rule the peoples in equity;

    the nations on the earth you guide.

May the peoples praise you, O God;

    may all the peoples praise you!

May God bless us,

    and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

### Reading 2      Gal 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

### Alleluia      Heb 1:1-2

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

### Gospel      Lk 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

### Communion Antiphon      Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.



We are live streaming the Mass on Saturday. We can still be heard on WSON on Sunday morning at 7:30am. Go to our web page [www.holynameparish.net](http://www.holynameparish.net)—click on link to Covid 19 announcements and videos.

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## Sunday Readings for January 3, 2021

**Entrance Antiphon Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 29:12 Alleluia Mt 2:2**

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

**First Reading Is 60:1-6**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. 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.

**Gospel Mt 2:1-12**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11-12-13**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

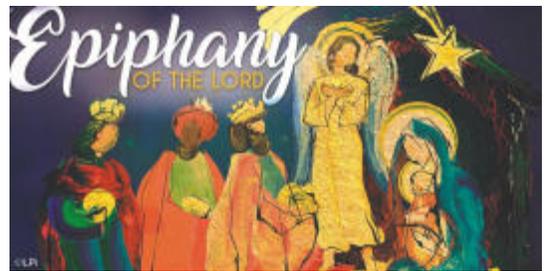
For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor he shall save.

**Communion Antiphon Matthew 2:2**

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

**Reading 2 Eph 3:2-3,5-6**

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.



### Reflection Questions for the Readings for January 3, 2021

In all three of today's readings we hear of different nations and different faiths coming together. How does your faith community reach out to those of different religions and different nationalities?

It was challenging for the early church to navigate the inclusion of both Gentile and Jewish followers of Christ. In your own parish, what groups have difficulty interacting with each other? How might they enjoy greater unity?

The newborn king of the Jews is not found in the palace in Jerusalem but in a humble home in Bethlehem. How do you recognize Jesus in the poor and the vulnerable?

Upon encountering Jesus, the magi respond by offering him gifts from amongst their "treasures." What treasures (either material or spiritual) are you being called to place at the service of Christ?

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

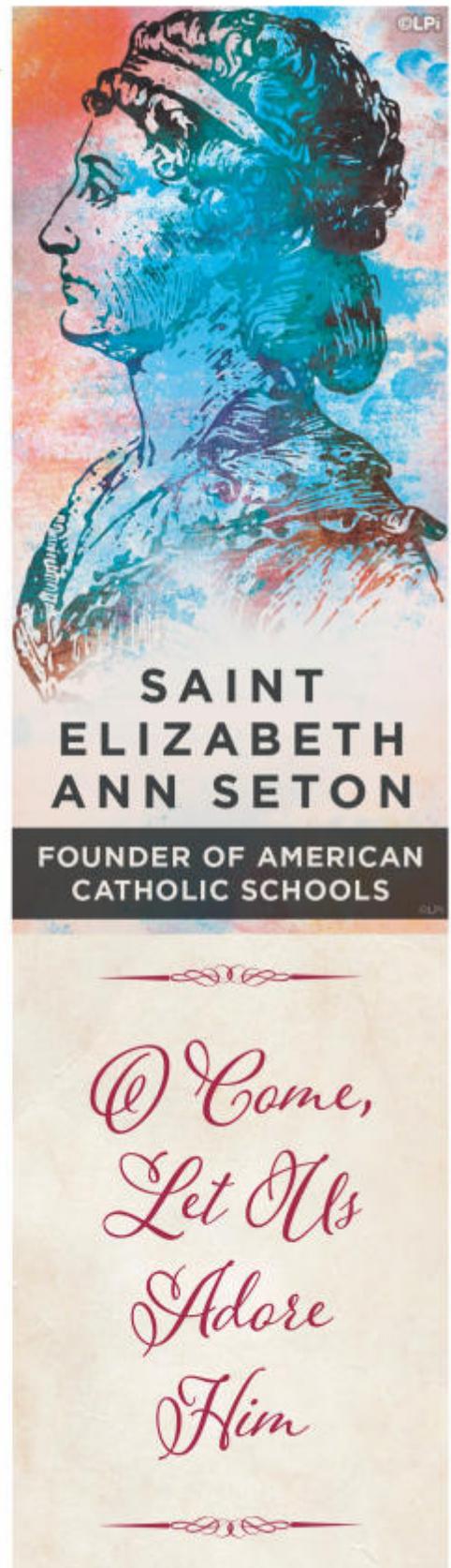
<b>SUN 1/03</b>	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12
<b>MON 1/04</b>	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
<b>TUE 1/05</b>	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
<b>WED 1/06</b>	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
<b>THR 1/07</b>	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
<b>FRI 1/08</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
<b>SAT 1/09</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
<b>SUN 1/10</b>	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
<b>Monday:</b>	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. John Neumann, Bishop
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. André Bessette, Religious
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
<b>Sunday:</b>	The Baptism of the Lord

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?



LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Fr. Larry McBride

January 3, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord

Reflection

Happy New Year. Let us pray that the New Year brings the corona virus vaccine to all people in the world, for a greater unity in our country and a greater willingness to work together.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, the Magi traveling from the East to bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the newborn King of the Jews. In many ways the Epiphany is our Christmas, Jesus, the Messiah was long awaited and promised to the Israelites, the Jewish people. When scripture includes as guest to the newborn King of the Jews foreigners from the East they represent that the Messiah is born for all people not just the Jews. When we look at the gifts they brought we can see how those gifts we continue to use in the Church. Gold is still seen as a precious material and we often use vessels of gold to contain the most precious gift of the Body and Blood our Lord Jesus Christ. Frankincense is represented when we use incense to bless and honor an object or person. At the funeral the body is incensed at the end of the service as a blessing for them on their journey. It is a reminder to the community that as the smoke rises so to do our prayers and the person who died into the loving arms of God. Myrrh is oil of anointing usually associated with death. We continue to anoint, especially in sickness and death. The gifts continue to live on in Church practice.

Discipleship

The Magi remind us that Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God came so that all people may believe in him and have salvation. First of all, do we believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior? Do we have a relationship with Jesus that entails daily prayer, Scripture reading, celebrating Sunday as the Day of the Lord? Because Christ is our Savior do we see our neighbors as brother and sister? Do we seek to serve the poor and the needy? This year let us strengthen our discipleship through regular prayer and service. Let us invite the Lord into our lives and find someone to whom we can discuss our faith life. We all need assistance in this journey of faith.

I saw God

There are many things to complain about with the pandemic but there are also many rays of the light of Christ that shine through so brightly. Of course the medical professionals who have been working tirelessly and all those who focused on getting a vaccine ready. The many workers that we took for granted until they became essential, grocery store, drug store, gas stations, restaurants, retail and mail order, the many delivery people and the countless others that I cannot immediately call to mind.

In the parish we have also had people step forward to make sure that the church is sanitized after each use. Those who attend church in person, are very faithful about wearing a mask and staying socially distant. This allowed us to keep our churches open this last time when the Governor recommended that they close. The teachers, staff and administrators at Holy Name School have done a remarkable job teaching and loving our students during difficult times. The examples are endless and in each I have seen the face of God.

Taking Place this Week...

**January 3, 2021**

**Feast Day of the Holy Name of Jesus**

The last few years we have celebrated with a community dinner but because of corona virus we will not be able to gather but we are going to take meals to the Men and Women's shelter and the Salvation Army that Saturday. Hopefully next year we will be able to celebrate with our neighbors.

**January 4**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

Wife and Mother of five children, widowed and founded religious order for teaching of the poor. First American Citizen canonized a saint.

**January 5**

**St. John Neumann**

Missionary from Bohemia, Bishop of Philadelphia, promoter of Catholic Schools, known for holiness and learning, first American Bishop canonized.



Jan. 3-Edward Duncan, Diana Emmick, Robin Hays, Preston, Pat Miller, Cody Newman, Maxwell Thompson, Michael Thomson & Braken Welte.

Jan. 4-Ray Coomes, Briley Dixon, Harold Hargis, Brandi Hauser, Susan Leininger, Kevin Marlin, Cade Russell, Tammy Sagez, Ernie Sampson, John Sauer, Nelissa Sutton & Audre Swatzell.

Jan. 5-Leslie Bobo, Nora Marie Ebelhar, Eastin Fulkerson, Leslie Phelps, Amber Stone & Bobbie Willett.

Jan. 6-Audrey Fox, Savannah Hagan & Rose Marie Whitlege.

Jan. 7-Madeline Bealmear, Brian Gillham, Josephine Henderson, Cynthia Hollowell, Emma Klaffer, Elizabeth Long, Mark Matingly, Jennifer McCormick, Rita Meuth, Liv Schmitt, William Stone & William Thomas.

Jan. 8-Clem Brown, Michael Fentress, Austin Garrett, John Hancock, Starr Hays, Thomas Keen, Barbara McChesney, Patrick O’Nan, Raylee Stanley & Olivia Thomas.

Jan. 9-Trevor Book, Jeffrey Bradley, Shawn Dockemeyer, Karen Guess, Hunter Johnson, Vickie Phillips, Connie Roberts, Zach Tennyson & Benjamin Woodring.

Please remember in your prayers, **Lucille Walker**, and **Bob Montgomery**, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

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**Henderson Co. Recycling and Solid Waste**

**CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY**



- Jan. 1 Guy & Frances Hogan 59yrs
- Jan. 2 Steve & Pattye Tweddell 50yrs
- Jan. 3 Joseph &Carolynn Kelley 45yrs
- Dan & Alyson Thompson 17yrs
- Mario & Alma Sanchez 21yrs
- Jan. 4 Jay & Yelonda Mitchell 18yrs
- Jan. 5 Daryl & Jill Hagan 36yrs
- Jan. 6 Steven & Yvonne Davis 20yrs

If your anniversary or birthday was not announced this week please call the parish office.

**Confirmation Classes**

January 13 Confirmation Prep #4  
Classes will begin at 6:00-7:30pm  
in the Multipurpose Rm

**January 23 Confirmation 4:00pm**

**Rosary Devotions Tuesday, 6:00pm**



**CATHOLIC KIDSCORNER**



This “corner” was created for children pre-K to 2nd grade to receive a weekly message focusing on the upcoming Sunday’s readings. Your children will engage with different media using various senses. Go to Holy Name’s webpage and click on announcements and videos.

**REGULAR OPERATIONAL COLLECTIONS**

12/27/2020	Week 24	YTD	Prior YTD
Regular Collections	30,093.73	678,430.65	756,574.48
Budgeted	50,000.00	791,739.69	
Over (Short)	<b>(19,906.27)</b>	<b>(113,309.04)</b>	<b>(78,143.83)</b>
Children’s Collection	7.25	863.06	
Mary & Martha Outreach	1,504.69	33,921.53	

Holy Name Church tithes to those in need in Henderson Co. by giving 5% of regular collections to our Mary and Martha Account. This is used to provide financial and food assistance.

## Faith Formation News

Rose Wheeler-DRE [rwheeler@holynameparish.net](mailto:rwheeler@holynameparish.net)

**FAITH FORMATION & RCIA...** Today is the feast of *Epiphany of the Lord*. Epiphany is a solemnity (a great feast) in the season of Christmas when we celebrate the visit of the Wise Men or Magi to the Christ Child. The visit of the Wise Men or Magi is a clear sign or manifestation that shows the world that the baby Jesus is the King of kings.

### **Family Epiphany Blessing**

“The practice of writing a special code over the entrance to a home with blessed chalk is a centuries-old traditional blessing that takes place each January. It’s a reminder of God’s presence in our daily lives, and a dedication of the year and everything that will happen during it, to God. It’s also a great witness for our guests, not to mention that it looks pretty cool!” (From CathFamily)

#### *How to do it...*

1. Take a stick of chalk that’s been blessed by a priest or deacon, and write above your home’s front entrance (inside or outside), 20 + C + M + B + 21.

2. A family member reads this explanation:

“The letters C, M, and B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi who brought gifts to Jesus sometime soon after his birth: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which translates to “May Christ bless this house.” The ‘+’ signs represent the cross and the numbers, the year.”

3. The head of the house leads the prayer:

Dear God, we ask your blessings on our home and family and anyone who visits here. We invite your Son, Jesus, to be a part of our family and to always be with us in our home, in our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. We thank you and we love you. We make the following words of Joshua our own: “As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15). Hail Mary... We ask all this in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

(adapted from <https://cathfamily.org/chalking-the-door/>; for an alternative prayer, see the USCCB’s Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany)



## HOLY NAME SCHOOL NEWS

HNS students finished the year strong with a teacher Christmas Mass, childcare Christmas parties, and a pajama day. We look forward to the new year and a fresh start this week.



## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

Shannon Long—slong@holynameparish.net

### THE NEW YEAR 2021

#### Resolutions for the New Year



We make resolutions each year to Eat Better, Lose Weight, Exercise More and Quit Smoking. Many have success with these resolutions and many of us fail by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January. The desire for balance in life is good but

what about my Journey with God? How about including God in my walk this year?

Our days are better when we put God first. As we make those goals/resolutions lets include God.

**Read Your Bible.** As with any change of habit begin small. Start your morning with a Bible promise to yourself. Begin with a 1-2 minute reading or devotional book. You can grow in your time of studying of the Bible. Holy Name offers a FREE Daily Meditations called, “the WORD among us”. Pick one up and start a new habit of Bible Study for yourself.

**Pray.** We can pray anytime of the day. Begin your morning with a simple “Good Morning God”. Pray while you drive, while you exercise, before you eat, before we start a meeting and any time we feel anxiety.

**Stay Faithful.** God has revealed truths to you, ask him to help you stay faithful with your duties and responsibilities.

**Join a Bible Study.** There are many ways to have a Bible Study. You can have one with yourself, with those in your household, book clubs, and many options virtual.

**Attend Church Weekly.** Attending church and sharing in worship is a great community support. We may not be able to come in person to church at this time but Holy Name offers Radio Ministry (WSO 86 am) and a Livestream of the Mass on the weekend. ([www.holynameparish.net](http://www.holynameparish.net))

**Invite others to join you.** Share your experience about how God has changed your life. Many have a lot of stress in their lives and need to know they are not alone. You never know how you may help another on their Journey with God

[www.lifeandhealth.org](http://www.lifeandhealth.org)

## Holy Name Youth Group News

Beth Probus, Youth Minister

### Christmas Cookie Cheer!



If you are in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and are in youth group and have not received a visit, please contact Beth Probus and you will receive a visit. I have found my list to have inconsistencies and I want to make sure no one is omitted. I can promise you, it wasn't intentional. Hope you had a very Happy New Year!



We now have a mail drop in our side door of the parish office (driveway) to use for contributions or you can mail your envelope to:

Holy Name Parish  
511 Second St.

Henderson, KY 42420

**You can also pick up a bulletin at the side door**

**PREVENTION  
WORKS!**

# Prayer REQUESTS

Dorothy Alvey	Paula Littlepage
Peggy Austin	Debbie Lloyd
Martha Bannister	Hazel Loebe
Henry James Barnett	Ava Hatfield Lomache
Gwen Boggess	Eli Lott
Shirley Book	Mark Martin
Susan Book	Demi Mason
Donna Jo Bugg	Jeana Mays
Amber Caldwell	Connor McDonald
Don Christian	Matt McWilliams
Gail Clancy	Pat Miller
David Cleveland	Donna Murray
Paul Coomes	Sandy Nall
Raymond Coomes	Robert Paff
Beverly & Bill Croft	Faye Pippin
Don Curry	Gigi Powell
Barbara Eblen	Bettye Pritchett
Brandi Edgar	Kathy Prough
Charlotte Faulkner	Joyce Rhodes
Crystal Fox	Red Sandefur
Marie Gooch	Judy Scott
Stan Gorecki	Joyce Septer
Jim Goulooze	Cora Sheffer
Mike Greenwell	Larry & Jenny Sigler
Freida Grossman	Susana Solorza
Tommy Hagan	Debbie Speaks
Nancy Hayden	Larry Stone
Wm. Steve Hayden	Bettye Summers
Jim & Jackie Hill	Debbie Hancock Thompson
Ronald Hockey	Ronda Todd
Kathy Jenkins	Mary Townsend
John Johnston	Birdie Vowels
Mary Ann Jorgensen	Kim Wheeler
Dixie Keach	Ronnie Wilkerson
Steve Keach	Dr. Yasfer Zohary
Steve Kelley	

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Mon 4	Outreach, Parish Office	9:00am
Tue 5	Rosary, Panis Angelicus Chapel	6:00pm
Wed 6	Outreach, Parish Office Mass, Church	9:00am 5:30pm
Thur 7	<b>All School Mass</b>	8:00am
Fri 8	Outreach, Parish Office	9:00am
Sat 9	Reconciliation, Parish Hall Mass, Church	9:00am 4:00pm
Sun 10	Mass, Church	7:30am, 10:30am, 1:30pm & 5:30pm

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

*Earl Welliver, MTS*

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