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The Epiphany

January 3rd, 2021



Guide us to Thy Perfect Light

* O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Epiphany Traditional Latin Holy Mass Wednesday January 6th-9am



MASS INTENTIONS

January 4th – January 10th

Mon	9am	Anthony Pieper
Tues	7pm	The John and Jennifer Stephens Family
Wed	9am	TLM-FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
		Andrew Flick
Thurs	9am	Marilyn Varrone
Fri	9am	Leo Pieper
Sat	9am	Joe Hager's Birthday
	4:30pm	Parishioners of St. Barnabas
Sun	8am	The John and Jennifer Stephens Family
	10am	The Bob and Theresa Lober Family

January 9th-4:30 Vigil Holy Mass

Reader: Stephanie Brase
 Servers: Lanes/Ziegemeiers/Mallon/Welby
 Ushers: NEEDED
 Gift Bearers: NEEDED
 Greeters: NEEDED

January 10th-8am Novus Ordo Mass

Reader: Darrell Mueller
 Servers: Dakota and Aidan Stephens
 Ushers: Rich Easton/Leo Luetkenhaus/Dan Glenzy/
 Larry Blandino
 Gift Bearers: Ken and Mary Munzer
 Greeters: Nancy Hebert

January 10th-10:00am-TLM-Traditional Latin Mass

Servers: Westhoff/Zamacoma/Shannon
 Ushers: Nardi/Nordquist
 Greeters: Nordquists/Malpockers



Marie Bieker
 Matthew Cooke
 Elaine Cornett
 Priscilla Dehler
 Vince DiFatta
 Angelina DuVall
 Ruth Dyer
 Marion Elsenrath
 Tim Hagan
 Rose Marie Hager

Rachel Harris
 Betty Heppermann
 Jerry Korte
 Rose Korte
 Nancy Latham
 Dot Leah
 Jim Leah
 Bill Meder
 Mary Munzer
 Bob Proost

Cyril Salvo
 Lucy Samelman
 Joan Short
 Corban Skrivan
 Janet Whitelaw
 Helen Willkie

If any parishioners would like to be added to our
 prayer list, please call the office. 636-240-4556

Marie Schepker



IMPORTANT

I have been praying about this decision over the last year and it was not made without considerable discernment.

I am no longer going to celebrate the Noon Holy Mass here at St. Barnabas beginning THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 3rd.

I am truly sorry for any inconvenience this causes my parishioners and I truly hope you are able to make arrangements to attend the 4:30 Holy Mass on Saturday evenings or the 8:00am Holy Mass or the 10:00am Traditional Holy Mass on Sunday mornings.

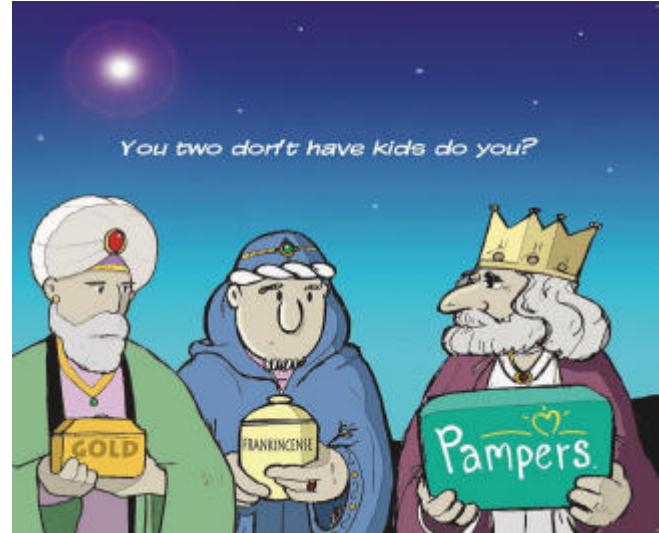
In Christ's Love,
Father Hager

Please note:

The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated this Sunday at all Novus Ordo Holy Masses..



On Wednesday, January 6th the 9:00am morning Holy Mass will be a Traditional Latin Mass (TLM) for the Feast of the Epiphany.



Lawrence & Katherine Schneider
 And son Caleb

We have welcomed **65**
 new families to St. Barnabas
 in the year 2020!
 Our parish is so blessed!

HELP US KEEP OUR PARISH RECORDS CURRENT AND CORRECT

WE REQUEST THAT EVERY FAMILY COMPLETES THE FORM

**If you know that parishioners in our current Guide Book are no longer members of St. Barnabas,
please let us know. Any questions? Please call the Office 636-240-4556.
You may drop this form into the collection, scan and email to the parish, mail, or give to Fr. Hager**

Are you a parishioner that owns your own business or does side jobs?

Please let us know your business or your name, contact information, and the nature of the business or services you offer. We are hoping to add a page to the directory next year providing our parishioners with names and numbers of fellow parishioners with whom they may like to do business.

Name of Business if applicable _____

Contact Information

What services or products do you offer?

Parish Records and 2021 Directory

Our Annual Parish Guide Book will begin being compiled in February 2021. We are hoping for delivery by next May.
Please help us keep our parish family directory current and correct.

Please help us keep our parish family directory current and correct.
We are asking that **every parish family** fill out this form so we can insure that your family records are correct.
Just drop the form into the collection basket by the end of January.

Family Name

Phone Number for Directory

Head of Household

Head of Household Cell Number

Head of Household email address

Head of Household Birthdate

Spouse

Spouse Cell Number

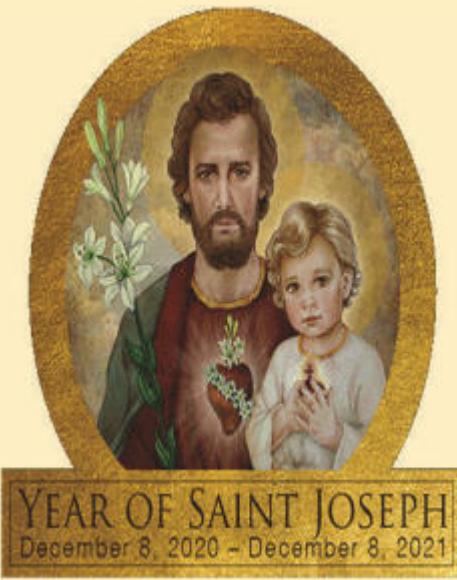
Spouse email address

Spouse Birthdate

Date of Marriage if applicable

Address

********List Any Children Living at Home and Their Birthdates********



Pope Francis, in his apostolic letter *Patris Corde* ("Heart of the Father") came a proclamation from the Apostolic Penitentiary about special plenary indulgences that are now available for this Year of St. Joseph. Plenary Indulgences for the Year of St. Joseph:

We can gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions — sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, "with a soul detached from any sin" if we participate in the Year of St. Joseph in several specific ways that the Apostolic Penitentiary has established for us to gain the plenary indulgence.

As long as we're in the state of grace one sacramental confession suffices for gaining several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required for each plenary indulgence. According to the most recent Church guidelines on the subject, "it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulged act." Yet "it is, however, fitting that Communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day the work is performed." One plenary indulgence per day. Remember, the only living person we can apply it to is our self. And we can apply it to any soul

in purgatory. Think how many souls you get help — from relatives to unknowns by asking St. Joseph and Mary to pick out the souls for you.

The Apostolic Penitentiary has also taken into account the worldwide situation regarding the health crisis. The office stated the "gift of the plenary indulgence is particularly extended to the elderly, the sick, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave the house, who with a soul detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in their own home or where the impediment holds them, they will recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, trust in God the pains and discomforts of their life."

First, because St. Joseph "invites us to rediscover the filial relationship with the Father," renew faithfulness to prayer and listen intensely to God's will, the plenary indulgence is granted if we meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Our Father, or be part of a "spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph."

Second, St. Joseph the just man "urges us to rediscover the value of silence, prudence and loyalty in fulfilling one's duties." Because St. Joseph practiced the virtue of justice in a perfectly model way "full adherence to the divine law, which is the law of mercy. So following St. Joseph's example, we can obtain a plenary indulgence carrying out a corporal or spiritual work of mercy.

Third, St. Joseph's main vocation was to be guardian of the Holy Family, husband of Mary, and legal father of Jesus. To inspire, enthuse and encourage all Christian families to live with the same "intimate communion, love and prayer" that the Holy Family lived, we can obtain a plenary indulgence for praying the Holy Rosary "in families and between engaged couples." What a start this is for engaged couples' upcoming marriage too.

Fourth, considering the feast of St. Joseph the Worker was instituted on May 1, 1955, those can gain a plenary indulgence "who daily entrust their activities to the protection of St. Joseph and all the faithful who invoke with prayer" the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker (or Craftsman) "so that who is looking for work can find a job and work [for] everyone is more dignified."

Fifth, considering the Holy Family's flight to Egypt "shows us that God is where man is in danger, where man suffers, where he escapes, where he experiences rejection and abandonment," as Francis said, we can gain a plenary indulgence if we recite the Litany to St. Joseph (Latin tradition), or the Akathistos to St. Joseph, in whole or at least some of it (Byzantine tradition), or some other prayer to St. Joseph "proper to other liturgical traditions" for the Church persecuted *ad intra* [interior, from inside] and *ad extra* [exterior, from outside] and for the relief of all Christians who suffer every form of persecution."

Sixth, "to reaffirm the universality of St. Joseph's patronage on the Church," we can gain a plenary indulgence if we recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph — for example, "To you, O Blessed Joseph", especially on his feast days of March 19 and May 1, on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (this year on Sunday, Dec. 27), on the Byzantine Rite's St. Joseph's Sunday, on the 19th of each month and on every Wednesday, the day dedicated to St. Joseph.

St. Joseph Pray for us

Why Did the Magi Bring Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh?

Since the early days of Christianity, Biblical scholars and theologians have offered varying interpretations of the meaning and significance of the gold, frankincense and myrrh the Magi presented to Jesus, according to the Gospel of Matthew (2:11). These valuable items were standard gifts to honor a king in the ancient world: gold as a precious metal, frankincense as perfume or incense, and myrrh as anointing oil. The Book of Isaiah, when describing Jerusalem's glorious restoration, tells of nations and kings who will come and "bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord" (Isaiah 60:6). Although Matthew's gospel does not include the names or number of the magi, many believe that the number of the gifts is what led to the tradition of Three Wise Men.

In addition to the honor and status implied by the value of the gifts of the magi, scholars think that these three were chosen for their special spiritual symbolism about Jesus Himself—gold representing His Kingship, frankincense a symbol of His priestly role, and myrrh a prefiguring of His death and embalming—an interpretation made popular in the well-known Christmas carol "We Three Kings."



Pick up you Blessed Chalk in the back of church today to bless you home!

Epiphany Home Blessing

Epiphany also known as Twelfth Night, Theophany or Three Kings Day, marks the occasion of a Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." It is a centuries-old custom for families to ask God's blessing on their own homes on the Epiphany. The chalking of the doors of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to remind them that all who dwell inside belong to Christ. The ritual calls for a parent to mark, with blessed chalk, over the main entrance door with the initials of the Magi and a code of the current year.

This year the marking would read:

20+C+M+B+21

The numbers stand for the year in which the blessing is inscribed-2021. The letters stand for the names traditionally given to the Magi who found the Christ Child: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

They are also an abbreviation for the Latin blessing: "**Christus mansionem benedicat**," or "Christ Bless this dwelling."

Gather the family at the main entrance to your home.

All make the Sign of the Cross.

Parent: "Let us praise God, Who fills our hearts and homes with peace." **Family:** "Blessed be God forever."

Parent or Designated Reader: "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."

Matthew 2:10-11

Parent (*imparts the blessing*) "Lord, God of heaven and earth, You revealed Your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect Your love. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord." **Family:** "Amen."

Then the parent sprinkles holy water on those gathered and sprinkles it about the home.

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