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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
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Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30am & 10:30am

Mon. - Fri: 8:00am

Confession Times

Saturday: 3:45-4:15 pm, **Sunday:** 6:45-7:15am

Tuesday: 7:30-7:45 am

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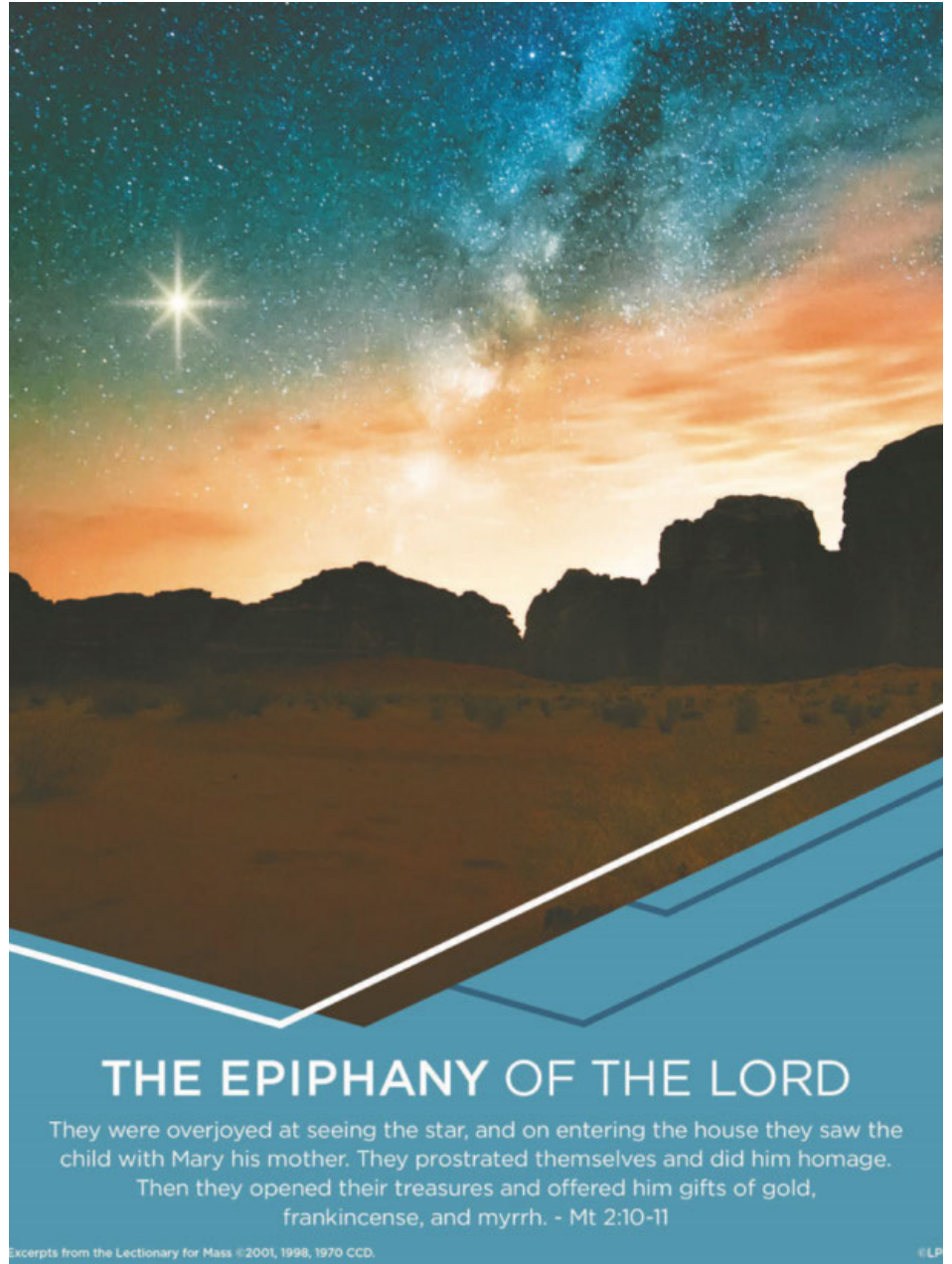
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022	4:30pm	Arlene Moll
Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022	7:30 am	Edna Hinnah
	10:30 am	Andy Meto
Monday, Jan. 3, 2022	8:00 am	Glen Brinker
Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022	8:00 am	Jim & Bryce Frankenberg
Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022	8:00 am	Kenny Roesner
Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022	8:00 am	Dennis Hellebusch
Friday, Jan. 7, 2022	4:30pm	Presiders Intention
Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022	4:30pm	Eileen Hillermann
Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022	7:30 am	Kathy Frick
	10:30 am	Debbie Sullivan

****Please note, intentions may be moved due to changes in the Mass Schedule****

Adoration

We hold Eucharistic Adoration every Monday after the 8am Mass until 12 noon. (Adoration is **not** held on holidays that the parish office is closed.)

The Rosary

The rosary is prayed every Tuesday in church at 6pm.

First Friday Anointing of the Sick

On the first Friday of each month we will have Anointing of the Sick at the 8am Mass at St. Gertrude.

Use of Space Info

Parish Center:

Parishioner 750.00 + 300.00 deposit

Non- Parishioner 1,050.00 + 300.00 deposit

Old hall: Must be a parishioner 125.00 + 100.00 deposit

Endowment

This is the link to our St. Gertrude Catholic Church Endowment Fund. <https://rcfstl.org/funds/> Page down until you see the endowment fund for St. Gertrude Parish.

St. Vincent DePaul Collection

The SVDP collection is held every third Sunday.

Bulletin Deadline

Articles intended for publication in the parish bulletin need to be submitted to **Kristina Unerstall, emailed or in writing, before Monday, 10:00 am at stann.unerstall@yhti.net.**

The Sacraments of Marriage & Baptism

Anyone who is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Marriage must schedule with Michelle Gildehaus at least 6 months in advance of their proposed wedding date.

Baptisms are scheduled at St. Gertrude's parish following the completion of our Baptismal Preparation Program. Please call Michelle Gildehaus to schedule a baptism.

Prayer Chain Requests

Needing those extra prayers? Prayer ministers offer requested prayers for the needs and intentions of the parish community. To request prayers, please contact Pat Miller (636) 390-8438 or Irene Hillerman 239-3842 between 10:00 am- 9:00 pm. The prayer ministers will pray daily for each request for four weeks.

Cemetery Clean-up

March 1-15 and September 1-15.

Library

We have a small Library in the Summer Kitchen with books and videos. Feel free to check them out.

Also, you can donate any faith building materials that you have and want to share with others.



ALTAR FLOWERS

There are no Altar Flower donations for the following weekend of January 22/23rd and all the weekends in February & March. If you are interested in altar flowers for one of those weekends please call the parish office.



Please Pray for: Charlotte Heimann, Bernie Hillerman, Dorothy Voss, Adley James Westhoff, Bob Dunker Sr., Jeff Hinnah, Lynn Riegel, Don Frankenberg and the homebound and those in nursing homes.

Prayer request will run for 4 weeks. If you would like your prayer request to run longer please contact the parish office and we will be happy to run your request for another 4 weeks. Thank you!

Please Pray for those Serving our Country :

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From the Pastor's Pen



Today is the Feast of Epiphany, the day when many throughout the world will exchange gifts. Again, Fr. Bernie, the staff and I thank you for your generous gifts of cards, cookies, candies, breads, etc. Speaking for myself, I'll need the "gift of liposuction" if I don't stop eating your tasty treats!! Thanks again. Starting this week, 'the parish gets back to work'. Starting Tuesday both offices are will be open at their regular times; St. Gertrude School and both PSR programs also resume this week. I pray that the holidays have been a restful and re-creative for everyone.

As I type this, the Corona virus continues to cause disruptions so as we begin a new year, I suggest pray this Prayer of Abandonment—it's my favorite prayer, and has gotten me through many a confusing time:

A Prayer for a New Year

Father, I abandon myself into your hands.

Do with me whatever you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you.

I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

I offer it to you with all the love that is in my heart.

For I love you, Lord, and so want to give myself,
to surrender myself into your hands,
without reserve and with boundless confidence,
for you are my Father. Amen.

—Charles de Foucauld, 1858-1916

Fr. Carl

Catholic Challenge

"In 2013, a priest and five seminarians began meeting for faith formation. As the men talked, they realized that as holy as their desires to enter the priesthood were, they were still men—human and unfree from the base inclinations of the modern world. Having been raised in a society that promotes and even glorifies all sorts of vices, many of these seminarians were bound by addictions to video games, Netflix, alcohol, and even things of a more serious nature. Well, they realized that if this is something they are struggling with then surely the men in their parishes are going to be experiencing the same issues. That is where Exodus90 was born. Last year a couple of men from St. Gertrude's parish took the challenge for 90 days to become better husbands, fathers, sons, and followers of Christ. This year they want to share the freedom that they gained from this experience with others and are reaching out to see if there are other men who are interested in breaking the chains that hold them back from the men God designed them to be. If the Spirit is stirring your heart, please reach out to Tyler Jackson at (314-971-3406 or tjackson1@gmail.com) for more information."

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Educator Lottery Winners

12/27 (\$75) James Diener, Sold by Julie Holdmeier
12/28 (\$50) Carolyn Martinez, Sold by Lillie Millhauser
12/29 (\$75) Dana Marquart Sold by Jordan Marquart
12/30 (\$50) Rachel Gildehaus, Sold by Harlie Gildehaus
12/31 (\$75) Rose Marquart, Sold by Self

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed from
Friday, December 24 thru Jan. 4th for Christmas.

The staff will be checking emails and voicemails remotely.

If you need immediate help please contact Fr. Carl.



Help Needed

We need your help for the upcoming sausage dinner, Jan 16th. Signups will be in the back of church the first weekend of January. Following that we send a link to sign up online.

We will need cooks, plate assemblers, runners, dishwashers, and cakes. If you would like to bake a cake please keep it simple. We are asking for Chocolate or yellow cake with icing.

Thank you

My family and I would like to sincerely THANK our family, friends and parish family for all their prayers, love and support through my cancer journey. It has been a long road and may continue to be but we know that God is in control and with His grace we will find a way through it all. I am so very BLESSED to have such a wonderful support system! I can feel the love! Please continue to pray for one another. God is Amazing! Thank you all so very much! With Love, Lynn Riegel

St. Gertrude and St. Ann
Padre Pio Prayer Group



Next meeting on 1/2 after the 7:30am Mass

-Mary gazed upon the Infant Jesus in her arms, helpless and in need of her protection. And at the same time, she adored Him as Almighty God.

St. Gertrude Parish and School

Drive-Thru
**Sausage
Dinner**

January 16, 2022 - 11 am - 6 pm

Dinner includes sausage, mashed potatoes & gravy,
sauerkraut, green beans and dessert

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Places to Go ... Breakfasts, Dinners, Parish Festivals & More

1-8-22 - Polar Plunge, come out to celebrate the Feast of Jesus's Baptism, registration at 10am, Plunge is from 10:30 - 11:00am. Ages 10 & up. Pre-register at www.christplunge.com. \$10 a person. Will be held at Veterans Memorial park in Union, MO. All proceeds go to Helping Hands Community Outreach.

2-25-22 - Mark your calendar for St. Ann's Church Drive thru Chicken Dinner. More information to come after the first of the year.

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Calendar of Events

Jan. 2 Sun	
Jan. 3 Mon	B-ball Practice 5:30pm - PC
Jan. 4 Tues	B-ball Games 4:00pm - PC
Jan. 5 Wed	Archery Practice 6pm - PC K of C Meeting 7pm - OH
Jan. 6 Thurs	Quilting 8:30am - HH B-ball Practice 5:30pm - PC
Jan. 7 Fri	Dartball Tournament Set up - PC
Jan. 8 Sat	Dartball Tournament - PC Rental—OH

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.



Pictorial Directory Photo's

If you have not received your church directory photos yet, they will be coming but the company is about two months behind schedule. Sorry for this inconvenience.

Collection Report for Dec. 18 & 19

	WEEKLY
Adult Envelopes	\$6,677
Loose Offering	\$111
Holy Days	\$42
Electronic Giving (Budget)	\$3,577.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$10,407

Special Collection Report Dec. 18 & 19

	WEEKLY
Votives	\$36
Cemetery Fund	0
Christmas	\$30
Christmas Flowers	\$40
Endowment Fund	0
SVDP	\$1,508
Seminary	\$110
School Donation	\$62

Bulletin via E-Mail

We have the ability to have the parish bulletin sent to your email each week. This is a service our bulletin company LPI offers and we want to make it available to our parishioners. If you would like to receive an email every week containing the church bulletin, please send an email to Kristina Unerstall at stann.unerstall@yhti.net and we will put you on the list. Thank you!

January 8 & 9	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers
4:30pm Mass	Mike Herleth	Kathy Obermark	Volunteers	Tim & Brenda Hellmann & Volunteers
7:30am Mass	Chris Feldmann	Chris Lause	Elise & Lillian Gildehaus	Kyle & Michelle Gildehaus & Volunteers
10:30am Mass	Jay Marquart	Rita Niederholtmeyer	Volunteers	Gene Roetheli & Volunteers
Home Minister		Charlie Gildehaus & Neal Elbert		

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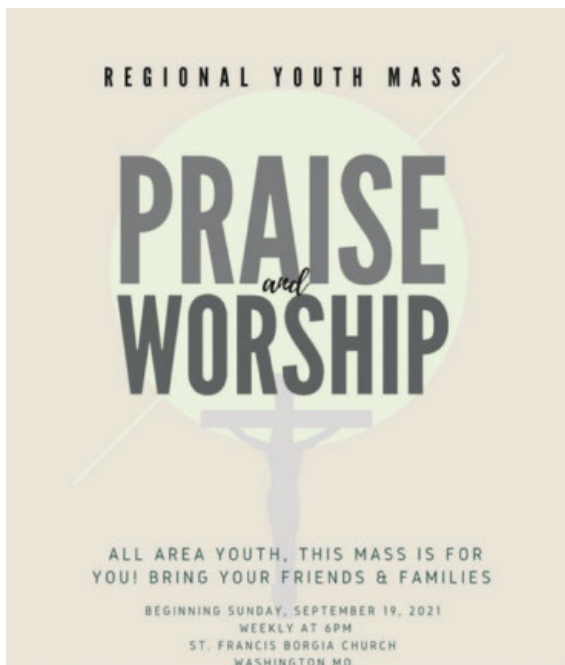
Don't forget about all the awesome resources on **Formed**.

Here are the [sign up instructions](#) to sign up for **FORMED**.

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner"
4. Find **St Gertrude** by parish name, address, or zip
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

Congratulations to our second grade students who made their First Reconciliation on Monday, December 13. May God's forgiving grace be with them and lead them closer to Jesus.

Olivia Brinker, Zachary Dobsch, Xavier Gildehaus, Ian Heitmann, Aubrey Holdmeier, Mic Jacquin, Braxton Marquart, William Pinter, Colvin Pollock, Mary Pollock, Jacob Pruessner, Jeremy Pruessner, Anna Strode, Josephine Sullivan, Isabella Weber, Daniel Wolfe.



SAVE THE DATE

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St. Gertrude's Casino Night

(all proceeds benefit St. Gertrude's School)

APRIL 2, 2022

Looking for a Christmas present or Birthday present to purchase for that someone special? TICKETS will make GREAT gifts for your adult children, parents, and other loved ones. TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW to purchase for holiday giving.

Cost: \$100 includes ticket admission for 2 adults *(No one under 21 admitted)*

For tickets: contact Vicky Maune (cell 636-357-0303)

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2021 Mass Intentions

On October 1 we began adding Mass Intentions to the 2022 calendar. You can call the office or stop in to schedule them.

As a reminder, Thursdays are reserved for the recently deceased and Friday's are for Presider's intentions.

There is a limit of 4 Masses per person and only one of those can be a weekend Mass.

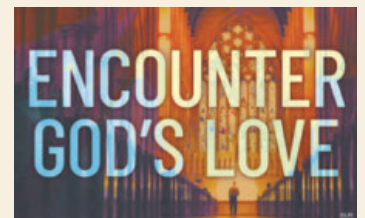


Gospel Meditation January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord

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.



Food Pantry

There is an ongoing need for donations to St. Gertrude's Little Food Pantry. Parishioners of both St. Gertrude and St. Ann churches are invited to join in the mission to maintain the pantry for people in need.

Located on the parking lot between the St. Gertrude rectory and the cemetery, the pantry is free and open to all, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The slogan is: "Take What You Need; Leave What You Can."

All types of non-perishable food, especially protein, are needed. No glass bottles or jars. Personal hygiene items also are needed. Thanks to ALL the parishioners who have been faithfully filling our little food pantry! Your dedication is appreciated. You can put items in the pantry. If it is full, feel free to drop them on the rectory porch and the committee members will distribute them as needed.



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