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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022** 

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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



# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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 ©LPi

### The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity Sunday, 02 January 2022

Isaiah 60:1-6. Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6. Matthew 2:1-12.

**Gifts.** The Magi, these foreign interpreters of dreams, do the following: follow a star, travel a great distance, trust the words of others, bring and give gifts. In some countries, Epiphany and not Christmas is gift-giving day. This twelfth-day (when on the traditional 6<sup>th</sup> of January) brings to completion the manifestation of Christ – first to the Jews and today to everyone. No one is foreign to God's good grace.

- How will I search diligently for Jesus?
- Because God is merciful to me, what mercy work can I do for another?
- What gifts will I give to others in need?



### St. Augustine of Canterbury Church BLOOD DRIVE

January 10, 2022 - 2:00 – 6:00 P.M. - Kuhl Hall

Please give the Gift of Life. If you have given blood on or before November 15, 2021, you are eligible to give again on

January 10, 2022. Blood is always needed no matter what season it is. Please refrain from drinking tea two weeks before giving blood as it depletes your iron. Also, please go to *redcrossblood.org* 

#### Sexual Abuse Hotline

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call hotline 1-800-640-3044.

### St. Henry Parishioners We need you for Sunday Masses!

For our parish to have a Sunday 10:30 am Mass again, we need **NEW** volunteers stepping up to serve!!

You are already attending Mass; you could be a liturgical minister too!

If we do not get enough volunteers in **ALL** the ministries, we will officially go to a single Mass on Sunday. The time of the single Mass will be determined at a later date.

Please call the office 618-233-2423 to volunteer

#### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

### 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

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#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 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

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

SUN 1/2	8:30 AM	For The People
MON 1/3	8:00 AM	George Snyder
TUE 1/4	8:00 AM	Marianne Bibee
WED 1/5	8:00 AM	Ruth Krausz
	10:15 AM	ACHS
THR 1/6	8:00 AM	Jim & Rita Pajares
FRI 1/7	7:45 AM	Memorial Donors
SAT 1/8	8:00 AM	Bill Stroot
	4:00 PM	Robert Cerulli
SUN 1/9	8:30 AM	For The People

The tremendous generosity of the St. Henry Parish family has allowed our St. Vincent de Paul to assist the needy with <u>over 2700 items</u>.

We are grateful for your support!



#### December 19, 2021

Envelopes/Loose/Mail-Ins \$ 2,158.00 Guatemala \$ 10.00 Immaculate Conception of Mary \$ 5.00 Christmas Offering \$ 805.00 Diocese Christmas Needy Coll. \$ 165.00 Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 55.00

Due to an Early Bulletin Deadline the Weekly contributions for the weekend of December 26 will be printed in the January 9 bulletin.



#### January 2, 2021

Sunday - 8:30 am Mass

Live Stream Mass 8:30

- NO PSR Classes

Monday - S Tuesday -

- SVDP Meeting 9:00 am

Wednesday

- Eucharistic Adoration

2:30-4:30 pm

Thursday Friday Saturday

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- 8:00 am Mass

- 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday - 8:30 am Mass

Live Stream Mass 8:30

- PSR Classes Resume

### Liturgical Ministers

4:00 pm Mass Team #4 - January 8, 2022

Lector: Trish Denton

**Eucharistic Minister**: <u>Volunteers needed</u> **Greeters**: Anne Louth, Janet & Pat Visintine

Gift Bearer: Janet & Pat Visintine Ushers: Kelly & Greg Morrell

Sanitizing: Morrell

8:30 am Mass Team #4 - January 9, 2022

**Lector**: Peggy Hassel

Eucharistic Minister: Jerry Ahrens

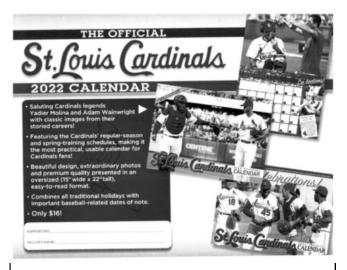
**Greeters:** Joyce Dierkes

Gift Bearer: Volunteers needed

Ushers: Paul Schwartzhoff, Volunteers

needed

Sanitizing: Mehochko



St. Henry Creative Learning Center has the 2022 Cardinals calendar available for pick up. This is a great quality calendar - all color. It is \$16, per calendar; please call Judy



### Parish Website and Electronic Giving Help You Stay Connected

Christmas is a wonderful time for us. In addition to the very special meaning of the liturgical celebration, we are always happy to see so many parishioners whose schedules may not allow them to attend Mass at our parish on a regular basis. If you are one of those who cannot visit our parish as much as you like, you might want to check out our website at *www.sthenrybelleville.com*. There you will find daily readings and reflections, the weekly bulletin, and group contacts. You will also find an Online Giving link.



"Forget the envelope? Click here to give!"

Our online giving program allows parishioners to continue to support the parish even when they are out-of-town, too busy to remember an envelope, working weekends, or attending Mass at another parish. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please follow the simple instructions found on the website or contact Dawn in the parish office at 618 233-2423.

### The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... - John 14:12

The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming New Year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity,

-Ministries and Programs Funded



Thank you to all who made our Christmas celebration special this year.

A special thanks to Rob Stock, Linda Mehochko, Addison Denton, & Kelsey Knee for our beautiful music.

Thanks to all our Liturgical Ministers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Readers, Ushers, Greeters, and Sanitizers.

Special thanks to Linda & George Mehochko for helping Bob Wojcik with the beautiful decorations in the Church.

Thanks to all of you for your beautiful cards, cookies, candies, gifts and the kindness you have shown to me.

God bless you and your loved ones in the coming year.

**Father Ken** 

# Happy New Year!



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is the most powerful prayer a person can say to obtain God's mercy!

If you have never experienced The Chaplet in song then you are in for an amazing experience.

**Eucharistic Adoration every** Wednesday from 2:30-4:30.

#### A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land

Co-Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville and The Messenger November 28 to December 9, 2022 Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Steve Beatty

This pilgrimage will include important sites in Jesus' life as well as visits to places in the Holy Land where CRS is carrying on the work of Jesus today. Pricing, complete itinerary, and registration will be available after Feb. 28, 2022. To be placed on the priority mailing list to receive a full itinerary and registration information, contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Animator for the Diocese of Belleville at <a href="mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com">crsdiobelle@gmail.com</a> or 618-624-2838.





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