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### Epiphany of the Lord • Welcome to Our Parish

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Sunday Classes: 9:00a.m.—12:00p.m. (incl. Mass)

Pre-K thru 8th grade - Sept. - April

**Masses**

8:00A.M. Tuesday-Friday

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

**Rosary** - 7:40A.M. Tuesday-Friday

**Confession** - Saturday 3:00 – 3:45p.m.

**Parish Office** - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00p.m. Mon-Fri.



### THE EPIPHANY of the Lord

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PULPIT!**

- Eucharistic Adoration will take place this Friday, January 7th, 2022. You may sign up online through Flocknote or in the vestibule of the Church on the signup sheet.

### **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.



### Money for Baby Food Project

**It's time for the Right to Life Baby Food Project.** Vases will be available at all church entrances for your donations on the weekends of **Jan. 1 & 2** and **Jan. 8 & 9, 2022**.

Your **monetary contributions** will be used to purchase baby food and formula in memory of the more than 61 million babies aborted since the Roe v Wade decision of Jan 22, 1973. It's Christmas time and how better to thank our Blessed Lord than to donate to help save His innocent ones. Around January 22, 2022 the St. Patrick 7<sup>th</sup> Grade class will help deliver the baby food and formula to area social service agencies, including Catholic Charities, Crittenton Centers' Crisis Nursery, the Empower Life Center, and the Women's Care Center. **Please make-out checks to Tazewell County Right to Life.**

Thank you - Your Right to Life Representative



## CCD CORNER



### January Birthdays: -

**Ivan O'brien - 1/7**

**Jennifer Lindsey - 1/21**

**Ed Felsdhu - 1/3**

No CCD classes December 26th –Jan 2nd. Classes will resume January 9th with CCD Mass at 9:00a.m.

## A prayer for healing

I come to shelter close to you,  
please cover me today.  
I need to feel your loving arms,  
to ease the cry of pain.  
I wait upon your words O Lord,  
and trust in all you say.  
I rest upon your promises,  
to hold and keep me safe.

I ask for light within the dark, safe and warm and bright.  
I look to you to help me rest, especially tonight.  
I wade in deep within your grace, and wait in waters clear.  
I trust I'll find your heavenly touch, and always feel you near.

[www.living-prayers.com](http://www.living-prayers.com)

Adult Bible Study continues on Thursday nights. Dcn. Steve and Linda Racki will soon be discussing a new Bible Study called "The Chosen". Class is on Thursdays @ 6:30pm and will be starting on January 6th. The donation will be \$5. Faith Formation is taking place via ZOOM, so, if you are interested, please call Linda Racki @ 824-3587. Your email address will be needed.



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82480435228?wd=djZ3Z25pZ2VnUVdWQWVGWjNYIBUUT09>

### Ladies Guild 2nd Dinnerless Dinner

Everyone had so much fun not eating, not getting gussied up, and not driving to last year's dinnerless dinner, so we're throwing another one! Everyone is cordially invited and no one will be there.

**Date: January 32, 2022**

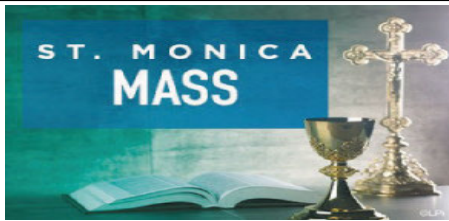
**Time: 7:22 - 9:41**

**Cost \$30 (any donation graciously accepted)**

(Please indulge our humor. It is our attempt to raise money in place of our annual Craft Fair.)

Make checks payable to "St Monica Ladies Guild" and mark the envelope Dinnerless Dinner. Envelopes can be put in the collection box or mailed to Eileen Hahn, 107 Alice Ave, East Peoria, 61611.

Thank you for helping support our Guild!



**Weekday Mass is at 8:00A.M. @ St. Monica (unless noted otherwise)**

**Monday, Jan. 3- No Mass**

**Tuesday, Jan. 4 - Julieta Alves (Felicie Richardson)**

**Wednesday, Jan. 5 - Dick Sayles (Kenny & Laurie Harkness)**

**Thursday, Jan. 6 - Therese Logsdon (St. Monica Guild)**

**Friday, Jan. 7- Ian Kumer for healing (St. Monica Office Staff)**

**Saturday, Jan. 8 4:00p.m.-**

**Mass Intention: Seberina & Raphael Galindo (Galindo Family)**

**Lector 1: Linda Racki**

**Lector 2: Eugenia Shutts**

**Altar Server: Bill Rogers**

**Musicians: Jodi Scott & Pat Schmillen**

**Ushers: Rick Couri, Jim Demmel**

**Sunday, Jan. 9 9:00a.m. - All Parishioners' Mass**

**Lector 1: Patti Wilcoxon**

**Lector 2: Toby Cantwell**

**Altar Servers: Emma & Renee Fonseca**

**Musician: Eileen Hahn; Jen & Allison Adler**

**Ushers: Earl Riley, Larry Russell, John Dickerson**

**Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion Distribution**

**Ushers: Earl Riley, Larry Russell, John Dickerson**

**Counters: Pat Schmillen & Wanda Schoch**



	Fr. Ken Marchulones	Fr. Paul Meisner
Ian Kumer	Bill Durham	Al Peplinski
Leonard Vestal	Tony Bieneman	Deb Johnson
Sharon Martin	Linda Racki	Mike Kumer
Irma Robbins	Becky Russell	Keith Wilson
Pat Wahrenburg	Greg White	Pat Rose
Jan Bowes	Dick Coyle	Michelle Bush
Tyler Vanskike	Sue Palmer	Karen Clark
Ray Martin	Sue Couri	All St. Monica Parishioners

***One cannot desire freedom from the Cross when one is especially chosen for the Cross.***

***~ ~ St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross***

## STEWARDSHIP

The **2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal** is now underway in our parish. Thanks to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Currently, we have **113 pledges** of **\$37,810.47** toward our goal of **\$36,550**, and we have received **\$27,091.72** of those pledges from parishioners to date. A gift to the ADA, no matter how great or small can go a long way. A pledge of \$10 or \$20 a month can add up. Even a one-time gift is helpful to the cause. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. There are envelopes at the end of the pews.

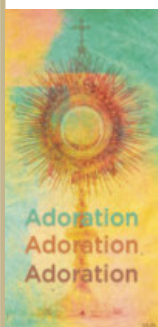
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## Parking Lot Donations

If you would like to donate to the Parking Lot Fund by check, please write "Parking Lot" in the Memo line. Place the check or cash in a separate envelope labeled "Parking Lot" so our Counters can be sure it goes to the proper account. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Total received: \$28,670.00

This Friday, January 7th, is First Friday Eucharistic Adoration. Signup times are in the vestibule. Our adoration hours are 8:30am -7:00pm for those not able to attend during the day.



Go to the foot of the tabernacle and say one 'Our Father', 'Hail Mary', and 'Glory Be' when you can't do anymore. This is enough to strengthen you against temptations. If someone has faith, makes visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and makes his daily meditation, I tell you, it will be impossible for him to sin."

~ St. John Bosco ~



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