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The Epiphany of the Lord — Sunday, January 2nd

We are a Catholic Faith Community, united in Christ through Sacrament, dedicated to charity, community, service and spiritual growth.

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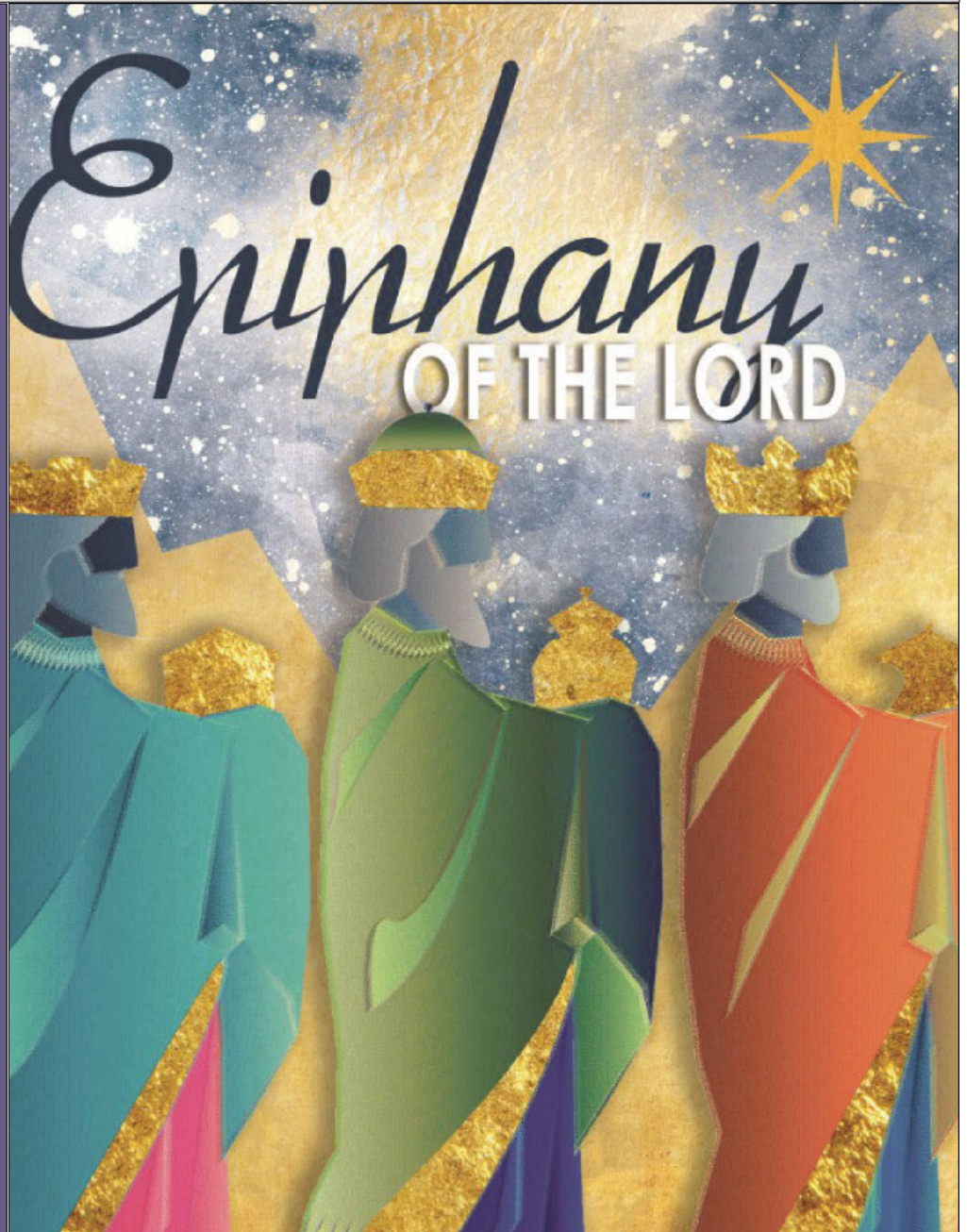
Sunday Masses

8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Confessions

30 Minutes prior to each Mass.

We need your help! If you are able to act as a server for either of our Masses, easy instruction will be provided. Please contact Jeanine at 815-790-3643. Thank you!



Epiphany

OF THE LORD

Disciple Stewardship: Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—out time, service and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS
The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5

“Comfort, give comfort to my people.” Isaiah prophesies that “the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.”

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1b-2

O bless the Lord, my soul.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Through the grace of God’s appearance, we have been saved “through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit....through Jesus Christ our savior.”

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16

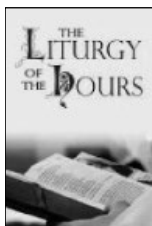
John said: One mightier than I is coming; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.



Sunday, January 9th

8:00 a.m.: Bill Matusek
Requested by Pat Matusek

10:15 a.m.: James Lanphier
Regina Kurz
Requested by Barb Lanphier

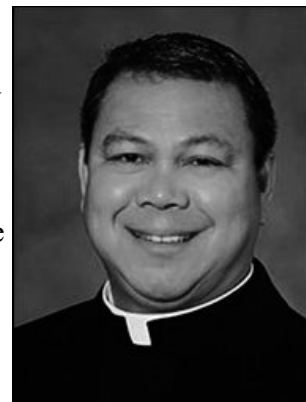


Tuesdays—7:30 a.m.
Wednesdays—6:00 p.m.
Fridays—7:30 a.m.

Please contact Ray Wagner for additional information at 815-648-2440. Consider joining us for this new prayer opportunity.

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, or His “*manifestation*” as the Light, not only for Israel, but for all nations and peoples. The Magi in today’s Gospel stand for the Gentile world completing the larger picture that portrays God’s intention to save Israel and beyond. The three wise men in the story represent all of us. Their journey through *field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star* reflects our own search for purpose and meaning in life.



At the heart of it all is the innocence of the new-born Child who draws us into His presence from our darkness into His wonderful light. The Epiphany story has a timeless message and will always be relevant because God promises that anyone who really searches will find Him. There is a reason why we long for something more and better than this world can provide. The searching of our restless hearts can find their rest only in Him. *Psalm 62 says, “Only in God will my soul be at rest. In Him comes my salvation.”*

As Christmas draws to a close, the feast of the Epiphany reminds us that our life as believers in the Lordship of Jesus can only take on true meaning, if we walk that journey in the manner of the Magi following the path which we are to tread by living out the reason for Christmas. And the reason for Christmas is for us to walk the ways of the Lord by doing what He did in establishing God’s Kingdom on earth, bringing the world from darkness into His Light. The poem which was made into song called “*Now the Work of Christmas Begins*” composed by Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian and civil rights leader, puts Christmas within the larger perspective of the Gospel which outlines the very mission of Jesus that we are to continue with a sense of urgency :

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.

The work of Christmas begins! Come and join the work in the field of the Lord for the harvest is plenty. May the spirit of Christmas live on in and out of Season.



Top O’ The Morning
with Bishop David J. Malloy

Weekdays at 6:59 a.m. on WREX Channel 13

St. Patrick’s needs your help! We are in need of servers for Sunday Masses. Please consider having your child participate in this special ministry. The schedule is very flexible, and training is provided. If you have any additional questions, please see Ray Wagner.

VOCATION CORNER

New Year's Resolution

Another year has gone by and yet another one has started. We have once again reached this point where even those who aren't seeking to grow closer to God seem to want to grow, to improve themselves, and to become better people. Hopefully this will go well for them. But what about those of us who are committed to living for God? Well, we have two big things going for us. First, that we aren't on our own to fulfill whatever we discover needs to be worked on. We have the help of the Holy Spirit and the aid of God's Grace in everything that we do so long as we ask for it! Secondly, if we are doing things right, then we aren't left wondering what a good resolution might be. You see, God already know exactly what He wants for you to work on, because He knows what you are capable of and who He is calling you to be! If you want for this year to be better than the last, or for this year to be the best year of your life, it all starts with letting God plan it out for you, which requires letting go and letting Him show you what steps to take. We all need to give God just a little more control (actually a lot more, but we'll start small so as not to overwhelm anyone!) of our day to day lives so that He can maximize our potential for a great year. So what are you waiting for? Get praying!

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, January 9th

8:00 a.m.

DCN: Joe Kayser

L: Pat Matusek

S:

U: Brian Kurcab

U: Cody Kurcab

10:15 a.m.

DCN: Joe Kayset

L: Jeff Packard

S:

U: Marge Cole

U: Michael Walsdorf



"When I meet another parent of a child with Down syndrome, there is usually a moment of instant recognition and understanding. Our eyes meet, and we smile conspiratorially, as if we're in on the same secret: the fundamental truth that every life is a good and perfect gift. ... Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they *are*, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. "A Perfect Gift" (www.respectlife.org/a-perfect-gift)

Also check out www.usccb.org for additional pro-life information and ways that you may get involved!

Thank you!

To everyone that so generously donated time, talent and treasure to our annual giving tree and to decorating the parish for Christmas. St. Patrick Parish is truly blessed with wonderful parishioners. The residents at Valley Hi Nursing home would like to send along a heartfelt "thank-you" to everyone that helped make their holiday a bit extra special.

Our 19th Smoker will be February 5, 2022. Bear great and current Bear analyst, Olin Kruetz, will be our guest speaker. Ticket sales are NOW OPEN! Early-bird pricing ends December 31st. We look forward to seeing you again! St. Mary Men's Club TICKET PACKAGES Early-bird pricing (Until 12/31/21) Gold-Corporate \$1,900 - 10 tickets After 1/1 \$2,200 (6pm-7pm meet & greet with Olin, Corporate name on banner, Business name recognized through out the evening, a signed gift) Green \$750 - 5 tickets After 1/1 \$950 (Reserved assigned seating) White \$150 - 1 ticket After 1/1 \$190. <https://www.stmary-woodstock.org/ministries/organizations/men-s-club>



People of God

Your prayers are requested for the sick;

Casey Porch	Jeff Kruzan
Erwin Arendt	Cindy Kruzan
Lisa Ash	Robert Kutella
Mary Bassett	Barb Lanphier
Emily Davis	Henry Kranz
Renee Biestek	Steve Welch
Rich Biestek	Rick Hoffman
Mary Lou Draper	Billy Matusek
Barbara Dye	John Ferraro
Wayne Dye	Viola Huff
Steve Fitzgerald	Paul Kries
Mary Watson	Melissa Rath
Dennis Gallagher	Philip Weidner
Mary Gillis	Jeremy Scully
Nancy Golbeck	Geraldine Slarai
Gaye Johnson	Derrick Verona
	Rita Hagenbruch

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND EXCITEMENT

Men's Club Annual Smoker

February 5, 2022

Guest Speaker:

OLIN KRUETZ

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