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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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Saturday | 4:30 PM
4:30 Mass in church and
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Sunday | 8 AM and 10:30 AM

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Weekdays

Wed - Fri | 8 AM

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Schedule Varies.
Consult bulletin or call rectory.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday | 3:00 PM-4:00 PM
Sunday | 7:30-7:45 AM

Anointing of the Sick

Call the rectory to schedule
an appointment.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

VOCATION CORNER

What a wonderful Gospel account of the Magi traveling to meet the Lord. They followed the star – their “call” – to come and offer their gifts to the Lord. But the question arises as to how the Magi noticed a star at night and no one else really did. Perhaps we need to embrace the “night”, the stillness, to “see and hear” our call. How are we doing in discerning our call to Holiness – in living our vocation as man, woman or child; married or single; priesthood or religious – of being called to something beyond ourselves?



Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them
Your Spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap your arms around our world
and hold us in your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.
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Dear Parish Family of St. Augustine,

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY: The Christmas Season moves along quickly as we celebrate this week-end the Solemnity of the Epiphany. “Epiphany” is a Greek word meaning “manifestation”. We give thanks that Jesus is “made manifest” as Savior of the world. We pray to live our lives for Jesus our Savior in this New Year of 2021.

NEW YEAR OF 2021: The Christmas Season continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord next week-end. In the meantime, we have entered into the new “civil year” of 2021. The year “2020” is behind us....but, many of the challenges of “2020” still remain: the effects of the pandemic, the need for social distance and wearing masks, the acceptance of various ways to combat the COVID-19 virus, including the possibility of vaccination; the problems of civil unrest in our country; natural disasters throughout the world...the list goes on and on. So does our need for prayer and trust in God: that “list of need” also “goes on and on”. Whatever concerns fill our minds and hearts at the

beginning of this New Year....prayer is our way to connect with God, to entrust our lives to His care, to intercede for the many needs of our loved ones, ourselves, and for “the needs of the Church and the world”. May we pledge ourselves to a year of prayer and trust in God. With that in mind, Pope Francis has called for the year of 2021 to be the “Year of St. Joseph”. May St. Joseph’s example and intercession assist us in our many needs.

USCCB: The Bishops of our country issued a statement during late Advent on the “moral permissibility” of receiving a vaccine against the COVID-19 virus. There is a link on our website to their information...please study that information provided by our Bishops which deals with ethical concerns concerning the development of the vaccine and the moral permissibility which they have determined permits receiving vaccination.

May God bless us all.
Fr. Bill

“Illinois bishops join U.S. bishops’ statement on COVID-19 vaccines”

Recent days have brought hopeful news to the global fight against the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. A COVID-19 vaccine has been approved by federal regulators, shipped across the country and used to inoculate front-line health care workers. Authorization of another vaccine appears imminent.

As a faith community concerned about the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, we realize that many may be questioning the moral permissibility of these vaccines. We, the Catholic bishops of Illinois, join entirely the document released by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, “Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines.”^[1] The document offers a detailed analysis of the origin of current vaccines and concludes that the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are morally acceptable. We urge all Catholics to read this document.

We thank the dedicated health care workers who have tended to and comforted those afflicted by the coronavirus, as well as their families. We express our gratitude to the resourceful scientists who have produced vaccines in record time and offer encouragement to those pursuing additional remedies. And we pray for all affected by this global health crisis, be it from the death of a loved one, illness from the virus, financial hardship or isolation from families and friends.

[1] “Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines” may be found at: <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>

PARISH NEWS & HAPPENINGS

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY NEWS

We pray everyone had a safe and healthy Christmas break. Classes resume in person on Jan. 4th. We will jump right back into learning because the 2nd quarter ends on Friday. As this new year begins, please continue to pray for the health and safety of all our staff and students. We are grateful for your support throughout the year.

Linda Hobbs
Principal

PARISHES' SCHOOL OF RELIGION

We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The readings at the Mass, recount the journey of the Magi to see the Christ Child in Bethlehem. Follow the star, they were told. We continue to seek the Lord in our own lives each day. The Parishes' School of Religion does meet on Sunday, January 3 from 8:45 – 10:10 AM and on Wednesday, January 6 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

In the Church, the Christmas Season ends on the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord which is next Sunday, January 10. So Merry Christmas to all of you as we continue to celebrate the great gift of Jesus in our lives.

Sister Theresa Markus, S.S.N.D.
Sister Carol Markus, S.S.N.D.
Co-coordinators of the Parishes' School of Religion

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

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 [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/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/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Observances for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Wednesday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Wed, Jan 6 at 8 AM Gerry Zollner
Thurs, Jan 7 at 8 AM Barr and Gundlach Families
Fri, Jan 8 at 8 AM Norma Friederich
Sat, Jan 9 at 4:30 PM Ralph J. Derango, Katherine Kettler, Randall Lewis
Sun, Jan 10 at 8 AM Del Burnham, Tony and Elizabeth Cordie
Sun, Jan 10 at 10:30 AM For the People

WEEKLY OFFERING DECEMBER 20, 2020

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$12,751.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,135.00
Loose Collection.....	\$81.75
Total.....	\$13,967.75
Debt Reduction.....	\$80.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$270.00
Food Pantry.....	\$1,225.00
Family Faith Bldg.....	\$1,075.00
Christmas.....	\$6,880.00
Sister Parish.....	\$555.00
For the Needy.....	\$380.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$235.00

thank you

You generous gifts all through the year are very appreciated.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

News and Notes

BLOOD DRIVE – January 11, 2021 – 2– 6 P.M. – Kuhl Hall

Please give the Gift of Life. If you have given blood on or before November 16, 2020, you are eligible to give again on January 11, 2021. 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/RapidPass to complete your history at home.

THANK YOU FROM LADIES SODALITY

Wow! At the time of this writing we are not quite finished with the Annual Nursing Home Gift Collection and have received several hundred dollars more than last year. Our generous parishioners and friends will make 2021 a little brighter for those living on very limited funds in local nursing homes. Your donations go to the residents' personal accounts to be used for things the facility does not provide. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need. God Bless you all.

Respect Life Corner— “Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow.” Today we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the Magi. In the first reading from Isaiah, the glory of God calls all people from all places to Jerusalem to seek the Christ Child. The Magi, or Kings, were Gentiles from the East in search of the Good News. They found it in the humble manager and carried the special message of love and salvation back to their homelands, careful not to see Herod. Their light of love burned brightly and their message of hope was shared and shared again. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray**—It’s a New Year and a new you! It’s time for all of us to separate ourselves from selfish, sinful or prideful attitudes that keep us from becoming the light Christ wants each one of us to be. We must love each other and serve each other to serve Christ. Let’s join the Magi today and bow before Christ our savior in prayer. Let’s pray for unity in an understanding of what the church teaches on life issues: a respect for life in all its stages is what we are called to live by. We must seek paths that lead us far from abortion, racism, euthanasia, as well as anything that undermines the dignity of life in every situation. We must choose unity and care for those who are vulnerable. Communication and sharing ideas of help and hope show love and respect. By standing with each other, our light can shine brightly for those to see and hence, be a path for others to follow in Christ.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TO ATTEND MASS
Attendance limited to 100. Register by noon on Thursday.

ONLINE RESERVATIONS:

Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>
and search by creator’s email: maryz@stasaints.org.

OR

BY PHONE: Call 618-671-6519.

Leave a message and a volunteer will return your call and help make your confirmed reservation.

NO RESERVATION NEEDED FOR WEEKDAY MASS
ON W, TH, F AT 8 AM



REMEMBER
in your prayers

**All who are ill, especially those listed below,
their families and their caregivers.**

Alice C.	Edwina B.	Larry R.	Peter S.
Allison S.	Elsie W.	Larry S.	Ray A.
Art V.	Fernando C.	Lisa L.	Riley
Ashley C.	Gio F.	Lori J.	Rita B.
Baby Colt	Greg B.	Lucy L.	Roe D.
Becky S.	Goyda Family	Marcia A.	Roscoe W.
Bernadette K.	Holly H.	Marianne M.	Rose S.
Betty M.	Hudyma	Mark	Ruth S.
Billy D.	Family	Mark T.	Ryan S.
Bob R.	Irwin Family	Mary A.	Schanz
Bob S.	Ivan W.	Mary E.	Family
Bobby C.	Jason G.	Mary Jo F.	Serenity M.
Brenda W.	Jean	Mary S.	Shari C.
Brian M.	Jean D.	Mateo C.	Shirley B.
Carnel B.	Jeanine H.	Maureen A.	Stacey K.
Casey D.	Jennifer B.	Meghan W.	Stephanie K.
Cassandra D.	Jenrose S.	McGee Family	Steven K.
Charlie	Joan M.	Mel S.	Sue C.
Cindy C.	Joe T.	Meredith H.	Tara N.
Craig R.	Joshua H.	Mike B.	Teresa S.
Dave S.	Julia	Mike G.	Terry G.
David D.	Kailene C.	Mrs. K	Terry R.
David S.	Karen D.	Natalie B.	Tony W.
Dawn M.	Karen H.	Nick B.	Toporynski
Deacon Gerry	Kathleen F.	Nicole A.	Family
Dennis C.	Kathleen R.	Ora T.	Vince B.
Dennis F.	Kathy D.	Pamela M.	Wendy S.
Dennis G.	Kathy F.	and Family	Willie J.
Dennis S.	Kathy H.	Pamela N.	
Deztiny D-M.	Kaye S.	P. Herges-	
Donna G.	Kim T.	Schanz	
Dustin H.	Koy R.	Peggy L.	

Also, please pray for our men and women in the service:

Adam	Matt B.	Justin	Noah L.
Brian	Derek B.	Jon V.	Matthew K.
James B.	Fr. Paul H.	Brett B.	Jacob H.
Jeremy W.	Jonathan P.	Nicholas	Katlyn K.
DeAndre	Josh J.	Rebecca	Adam M.
Jimmy C.	John K.	Robert	
Chaz F.	Juno D.	Nathan S.	
Shawn M.	Connor F.	Brian B.	

To add names to the Prayer List, please contact Karen Goetz
by email at karen.goetz@rd.nestle.com or phone at
618-789-1076. Names will be published for 4 weeks unless we
are notified to retain them for an additional amount of time.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

January 3, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord

Lectionary: 20

READING 1 Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his glory.
Nations shall walk by your light,
and kings by your shining radiance.
Raise your eyes and look about;
they all gather and come to you:
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.
Then you shall be radiant at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.
Caravans of camels shall fill you,
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
all from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R.(cf. 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

READING 2 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:
You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace
that was given to me for your benefit,
namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.
It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:

that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

ALLELUIA **Mt 2:2**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL **Mt 2:1-12**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
in the days of King Herod,
behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."
When King Herod heard this,
he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people,
He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.
They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea,
for thus it has been written through the prophet:
*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel.*"
Then Herod called the magi secretly
and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.
He sent them to Bethlehem and said,
"Go and search diligently for the child.
When you have found him, bring me word,
that I too may go and do him homage."
After their audience with the king they set out.
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.
Then they opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they departed for their country by another way.



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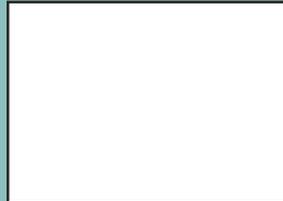
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