

St. Matthew Catholic Community

JANUARY 2, 2022

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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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Weekend Masses—Sat 4 PM & Sun 8 & 10:30AM

Weekday Masses— Tues 5:30 PM, Wed & Fri 8:00AM
Thursday (School Mass) 8:30 AM

Reconciliations—Saturday at 2:45PM or by appointment

Parish Office Hours—Monday-Friday 8:30AM-4:00PM

Pastoral—Rev. Douglas Loecke, Pastor.....363-8269

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Mission Statement: Joyfully transforming lives through sacraments, prayer, and action.

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC COMMUNITY!

Archdiocese of Dubuque Women's Conference

Holy Women of the Visitation

with speakers, Liz Kelly & Emily Jaminet



Saturday, January 29th, 8:00am-1:00pm

(with Eucharistic Adoration to follow from 1-2pm)

We will gather in-person (location TBD) to experience this virtual conference together. Refreshments will be provided and door prizes will be awarded!

Cost is \$15 per person. Please contact Megan Moore at 319-362-9967 or mmoore@stmatthewcr.org to register or for more info.

A big thank you to all who purchased meals, bake sale items, and crafts from the ACCW fundraiser on Saturday, December 18th. We raised \$585 to go towards youth summer programming, including a service trip, Benedictine College Youth Conference (BCYC), and Life on the Edge Colorado (LOTEC). We do as much as we can to keep the cost low for our youth seeking to grow in their faith, so every donation helps.

To give you an idea of the cost, it is approximately \$450 per teen for the week-long service trip with BCYC, and LOTEK is approximately \$1000 per teen. Your generosity helps significantly offset these costs.

Thank you for your generosity and Merry Christmas!

SAVE THE DATES: Service + BCYC, June 12-19
LOTEK, July 22-30

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are bringing back the opportunity for our young people to sing together at Mass! And we know everybody is very busy, so we are not asking for a monthly commitment until the end of time. Instead, check the dates, and reach out to Zach, our music director, to let him know if your kids are able to join for a particular date, as soon as possible.

WHO: All students in grades 3-8 (public AND private school) — parents and siblings can join too!

WHERE: We will meet in the Music Room at church (located right behind the statue of St. Joseph)

WHEN: Just one rehearsal before each Mass we sing Sunday, January 23 - 9:30AM rehearsal, 10:30AM Mass

RSVP to Zach ASAP so he can have enough music for everyone
zsignac@stmatthewcr.org or 319-363-8269



Epiphany

OF THE LORD

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LIVING LITURGICALLY THROUGH EPIPHANY

Blessing your home for 2022...

The Epiphany House Blessing is a specific blessing traditionally done each year on the Solemnity of Epiphany that is done on the front door of the house and uses symbols drawn with blessed chalk.

The chalk symbols go on the "lintel" or horizontal piece above the door. This tradition has biblical roots going back to the story of Moses when the Israelites put the blood of a lamb on the door frame on Passover (Exodus 12:13).

The symbols change each year, so for 2022, you will write

20 + C + M + B + 22



The Epiphany door blessing includes symbols for all 3 kings plus the numbers of the current year. 20 and 22 being the first two and last two numbers of the year, and C, M, and B being the initials of the three kings who visited Jesus. (That is, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.) The C, M, and B also stand for a Latin blessing *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* which means "May Christ Bless this House",

To bless your home, pray the following prayer, draw the chalk symbols above your door, and sprinkle holy water on the door (if you want to):

Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, and thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

House blessing kits available at the church entrances!

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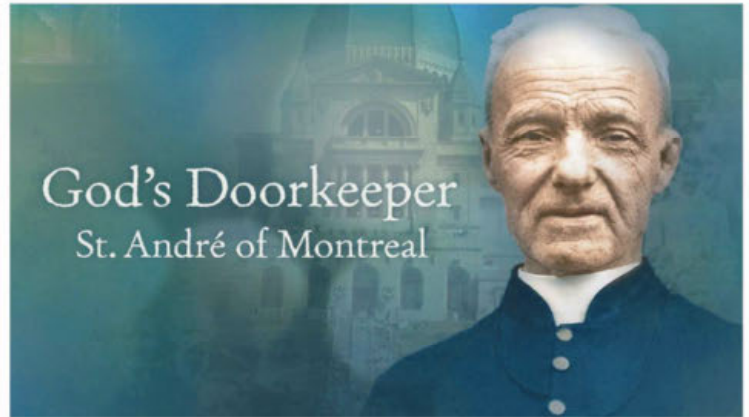
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 2, 2022

WATCH

GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

LISTEN

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



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WEEKLY CALENDAR
MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 3, 2022

Parish Office Closed
No School

Tuesday, January 4

5:30 P MASS † **Hlas & Enger Family**
6:00 P Eucharistic Adoration (until 9 PM)

Wednesday, January 5

8:00 A MASS † **Mercedes Sgroi**

Thursday, January 6

8:30 A School MASS † **Barb Engholm**
9:30 A Eucharistic Adoration (until 12 PM)

Friday, January 7

8:00 A MASS † **Verna Murray & Linda Reichert**

Saturday, January 8

2:45 P Reconciliation
4:00 P MASS † **Joanne Heffern**

Sunday, January 9

8:00 A MASS † **Marcella Potter**
9:00 A Holy Name Prayer, Meeting, and Breakfast
9:00 A Family Ministry (at All Saints)
10:30 A MASS † **For the People of St. Matthew**
2:00 P Vietnamese Mass

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, January 3 2022

I Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 4

I Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 5

I Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 6

I Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 7

I Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 8

I Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 9

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 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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