

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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January 2nd, 2022



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 MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....5:00pm
Sunday.....8:30 & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday.....5:30pm
Wednesday.....7:00am
Thursday
when school is NOT IN session..... 8:45am
when school is IN session.....9:00am
Friday.....7:00am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays.....4:00pm - 5:15pm
Thursdays.....6:00pm - 7:30pm

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Closed Friday's

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- Joining the Parish • Weddings
- Baptisms • Anointing of the sick
- You are home-bound & would like a visit

Immaculate Conception Parish strives to be a faith-filled, Christ-centered community, sharing the gifts of time, talent and treasure. We gather for worship and fellowship, provide opportunities for growth through education and formation, serve the parish community and others in need and welcome all people, thereby witnessing to Christ's love and presence.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 3rd

Christmas Weekday

TUESDAY, January 4th

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

5:30pm †Roger Meinholz
†Joe & Veronica Meinholz

WEDNESDAY, January 5th

Saint John Neumann, bishop

7:00am †Anton Sam

THURSDAY, January 6th

Christmas Weekday

9:00am †Joe Orfe

FRIDAY, January 7th

Christmas Weekday

5:30pm †Peter Kent
†Dean Brunner

SATURDAY, January 8th

Baptism of the Lord

5:00pm Parish Community

SUNDAY, January 9th

Baptism of the Lord

8:30am †Bill Rudersdorf
10:30am †Marlene Spangler

PARISH NEWS

Watch our Parish Website for Up-to-date Information:

Website: <https://www.ic-ec.us/>


Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/iccatholicchurch/>

Diocesan Masses:

Live Stream Schedule at diolc.org/live

Sunday Mass with Bishop Callahan – 9:30 am, on Channel 18

Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday) from the Cathedral – 8:00am



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS HELD EACH WEDNESDAY FROM 9:00AM UNTIL BENEDICTION AT 1:00PM.



Rosary

Rosary will be said on Fridays at 11:00am. Please join us to pray for all the turmoil in our world and to thank God for all our blessings.

*If there is a funeral, rosary will be cancelled.

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass said for your loved one or an intention, please contact the Parish Office at 715-835-9935.



PARISH NEWS continued

A huge thank you to all who helped to make our Christmas services beautiful. The decorators, ushers, readers, altar servers, singers and musicians and all the other pieces that had to come together to make it all happen.... **THANK YOU!**
It could not have been done without ALL of you!

First Friday Holy Hour ~ January 7th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration begins immediately following the 7:00am Mass. Opportunity for Anointing of Sick, Confession, Benediction and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

For Your Attention:

It was brought to our attention that during Mass times, we have cars parked in our neighbors parking lot. St Johns next door, has respectfully asked us to remind our parishioners to “not park” in their parking lot as it leaves less parking for their own parishioners. Thank you!



Immaculate Conception Fundraiser



The Parish has enrolled in a fundraising program with Kwik Trip, Inc. offering their ULTIMATE Car Wash cards at a discount. These would make great Christmas presents!

All profits realized by the Parish will go toward the maintenance projects for the Church and School. These 5-Wash cards are available for \$36.00 in the Parish Office. Please make checks out to Immaculate Conception.

Next Weekend...



Join us for Pizza Saturday and Donut Sunday! Fresh Pizza after Mass on Saturday evening and Donuts, Juice & Coffee after both Masses on Sunday!



The Custom of Chalking the Door at Epiphany

Have you noticed doorposts of some Christian homes with this following inscription? 20 + C + M + B + 21

For the year 2022, the example would be 20 + C + M + B + 22.

The Christian custom of chalking the door has a biblical precedent as the Israelites in the Old Testament marked their doors in order to be saved from death; likewise, the Epiphany tide practice serves to protect homes from evil spirits until the next Epiphany Day, at which time the custom is repeated.

At the entry/exit areas of the Church, you will find some resources that might be helpful for a family to do this customary practice.



Flower Memorials for Christmas



Tom Hamm
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George & Gert DeKan
Roger Anderson
Margaret & Reuben Filter
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Cody Timm
Teresa Deinhammer
Mark Stanfield
Romaine & Cole Knutson
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Jerry Schmitt
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Elizabeth & Jerry Mulheron
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Duane Lalim
Anne & Howard Herman, Sr

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Helen & George Schmitz
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Randy Schalow
Ken Pearson
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Bernice Jakusz
Dorothy Sage
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Lillian Lucas
Frank & Donna Power
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Mary Jacobs
Michael T. Gallagher
Jean Geraghty
Richard & Rose Hagmann
Bernie Hartung

Deceased members of the Rogers & Andrews families

Deceased members of the Styer & Bechel families

CONFIRMATION NEWS

First Year (9th Graders)

* **January 23rd:** Mass, Dinner and Session #5

Second Year (10th Graders)

* **January 5th:** Session #7

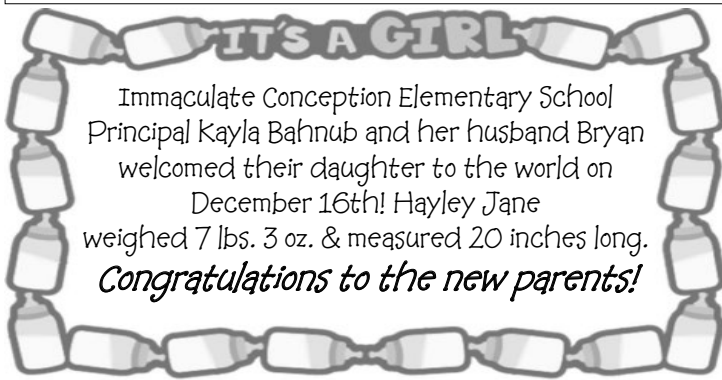
FAMILY & FAITH FORMATION

* **January 5th:** Classes begin again!

* **January 12th:** Family Night. Students will go to their regular classes and parents come to Father Klink Hall.

SCHOOL NEWS

* **Monday, January 3rd,** School resumes.



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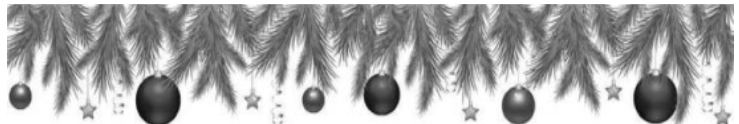
FORMED ~ What's on...



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Information on Community Events can also be found in the blue "Community Events" book found on the bench in Fr. Klink Hall located in the information area!



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

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD
Week of December 19th



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*Thank
You!*

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One, Two, Many Epiphanies!

I always found it puzzling why the Church's schedule of Sunday Readings (the *Lectionary*) tells us the story of Christ's **Nativity** at Christmas (always December 25); and then follows that on the next Sunday (January 2 this year) with the story of the **Epiphany**, describing the visit of the Three Kings to Baby Jesus and His Mother; and then, on the very next Sunday (January 9), we hear the story of Jesus' **Baptism**, thirty years later, when He was an adult; this is followed the next Sunday (January 16) with Saint John's Gospel story about the Wedding at **Cana**, in which the adult Jesus turns water into wine at a wedding feast. What do any of these Gospel Readings have to do with one another? They are disconnected chronologically; they don't occur in the same place; and they don't even have many of the same characters, except for Jesus and His Mother. Could they be connected thematically in some way?

I found the answer in a 150-year old hymn which we often sing on the Feast of the Epiphany, called "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise." The first verse goes like this:

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the Star, To the sages from afar;
 Branch of royal David's stem In Thy **birth** at Bethlehem;
 Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in flesh made *manifest*.

That first verse is all about the Star of Bethlehem leading the "magi" ("the sages") to the infant Christ. In this event, the Messiah is *manifested* or *revealed* for the first time to the Gentile (non-Jewish) world. Which, of course, is just what the word "epiphany" means—"an appearance or manifestation, especially of a divine being."

But what does the Epiphany have to do with the next Sunday's Gospel Reading, the account of Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River? The first few lines of the second verse of the hymn give us a hint:

Manifest at Jordan's Stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme

So, how is Christ *manifested* or *revealed* at His Baptism? Saint Luke's Gospel shows us quite clearly: "...heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon [Jesus] in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased'" (3:21-22). Not only is Jesus Christ *manifested* or *revealed* at His Baptism, the entire Trinity is *revealed*: The Father ("a voice from heaven"); the Son (Jesus); and the Holy Spirit ("a dove").

The Baptism of Jesus is followed the next Sunday by the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana, in which Jesus turns water into wine. Any *manifestation* or *revealing* there? Saint John tells us, "Jesus did this as the beginning of His signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed His glory, and His disciples began to believe in Him" (2:11). The second verse of the hymn concludes,

And at **Cana**, wedding guest, In Thy Godhead *manifest*;
Manifest in power divine, Changing water into wine;
 Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in flesh made *manifest*.

After describing these three "epiphanies" or "manifestations" or "revelations" of Jesus' Glory and Divinity—in the homage of the Three Kings, after His Baptism in the Jordan, and at the Wedding Feast of Cana—the hymn concludes by encouraging us to see Jesus also as *manifested* or *revealed* in the Holy Scriptures themselves:

Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Mirrored in Thy holy **Word**;
 May we imitate Thee now, And be pure, as pure art Thou;
 That we like to Thee may be, At Thy great Epiphany;
 And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in flesh made *manifest*.

And not only that we might see Jesus *manifested* in the Word, but that we ourselves would also *manifest* or *reveal* Christ to the world, in our words, in our characters, and in our actions. Who knew there was so much good, clear Christian teaching in a simple old hymn? Think on that the next time we all sing it together!

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