

ST. JAMES

the Greater Catholic Church

January 3, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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." - Mt 2:1-2

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Mass Schedule

Monday Wednesday Friday
8:15 am
Saturday Vigil
5:00 pm
Sunday
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Confessions

Monday Wednesday Friday
7:45 - 8:05 am
Saturday
4:00 - 4:45 pm
or by appointment



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

A NEW YEAR,
A NEW START.
A NEW CHAPTER.
A NEW BEGINNING.
FORGET THE BAD,
REMEMBER THE GOOD!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 4	8:15 am	†Betty Jones by Ed & Mary Rubeck
Tuesday, January 5		No Mass
Wednesday, January 6	8:15 am	†Joe Linto by Vincent & Marie Martin
Thursday, January 7		No Mass
Friday, January 8	8:15 am	St. James Parish by Pat Lowrance
Saturday, January 9	5:00 pm	Fr. John Lanzrath by St. James Harvest House
Sunday, January 10	8:00 am	God Children of Joe & Brooke Terick
	10:30 am	People of St. James

RCIA: Rite of Acceptance

Julius Beaver, Anthony Craft and Suraj Suryawanshi will experience the 'Rite of Acceptance' at the 10:30 Mass Sunday, January 3. In this rite, a change of identity takes place: those previously known as inquirers become catechumens. They are officially welcomed by the Church as disciples, members (albeit not yet full members) of the household of faith. This is "the first consecration by the Church" of those seeking Christian initiation. They are literally marked with the cross of Christ as God's own.

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace." There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Are there HMOs in Heaven?

A doctor, a nurse, and the top executive of an HMO died and were in line together at the pearly gates. St. Peter asked each one what good they had done in their lives.

The doctor said, "I have devoted my life to the sick and needy and have had a part in caring for and healing thousands of people."

St. Peter replied, "That's great. Go ahead into heaven."

The nurse chimed in, "I have supported the doctor and his patients my entire life as an adult, have taken time to explain things to patients, and have helped them lead healthy lives."

"Wonderful," says St. Peter. "Please proceed in with the doctor."

Then the executive said, "I was the president of a very large health maintenance organization. I was responsible for the healthcare of millions of people all over the country."

St. Peter says, "Oh, I see. Please go on in ... but you can only stay two nights!"

The Parish Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus Christ, St. James the Greater Catholic Community, seeks to grow in holiness through the stewardship way of life.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Weekly Tithe (Dec. 20)	\$16,513.25
Children's Envelopes	\$.00
Weekly Needed	\$18,943.00
Monthly Needed	\$82,086.00
Monthly Tithe (Nov.)	\$74,271.29
Year-to-date	\$348,409.83
	- \$62,020.17

Thank you for your stewardship.

Advisory Committees

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*If you would like to send words of encouragement or a card to Father John, please drop it off at the church office. Mail is sent to him often. We want him to know of our prayers, our love and our support for him during this time. **Pray for Father John.***



Meetings & Events

Sunday (1-3)

No PSR, EDGE or EPIC Classes

Thursday (1-7)

7:00 pm RCIA Class

Friday (1-8)

5:30 am Men's Study Group

4:30 pm Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary

Sunday (1-10)

9:00 am PSR & EDGE Classes (1-8)

6:45 pm EPIC High School Youth



St. Gertrude Guild #7 and their to clean Church for the weekend of January 9/10. Guild Leaders:
Roxie Berning @ (620) 874-2481
Lori Ridder @ 253-1839

Altar Servers

Liturgy Assignments

Saturday, January 9 5:00 pm

Hospitality: Kelly & Wendy Becker, Josh Ebenkamp, Jennifer Leeker

Lector: Pat Lowrance

Host: Fred & Linda Morrison, Bob Hirschfield, Connie Tillett

Sunday, January 10 8:00 am

Hospitality: Harry Funke, Robert Reid, Diana Burress, Jay & Michelle Poore

Lector: Ron Engelbrecht

Host: Ann Carpenter, Deb Vittitow, Don Gerstenkorn, Vickie Knebler

10:30 am

Hospitality: Jason & Kellie Cox, Jody Mace, Anne Mosier, Henry & Barb Ratcliff

Lector: Roxie Berning

Host: Mike & Lucy Clifton, James Watson, Jason Cox



Christmas Call to Sharing 2020

It is not too late to give a gift this year to the Christmas call to Sharing. "The priesthood is the love and the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." Please consider a gift this year to Christmas Call to Sharing for the benefit of the education of seminarians and our retired priests.

Men's Bible Study

Men's group will begin the book *Consecration to St. Joseph* by Fr. Calloway on February 12. Bishop Kemme has declared this to be the Year of St. Joseph, so this Lent would be the perfect time to devote oneself to the patron of husbands and fathers. Men's group meets Friday mornings at 5:30 am in the church classroom. Please let the church office know if you are interested so books can be ordered. The cost of the book is \$15.



Altar Society

Altar society will meet on Wednesday, January 13 @ 7:00 pm in the church classroom (east side of foyer). All women of St. James are invited to attend & share in our faith & friendship.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Tinna Patten, of our Parish family. Her name was drawn on Dec. 19 by Fr Gabriel Greer from the cleaning raffle tickets. She won \$100. If you are interest in earning extra cash, come help to clean the church!



One to two hours and you could win \$100.

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Sidewalk Advocates for Life Training

The Respect Life and Social Justice Office invites you to a Sidewalk Advocates for Life training Thursday, January 14, 9:30-3:30 at the St. Joseph Pastoral Center (443 N. Topeka, Wichita). Sidewalk Advocates for Life promotes a compassionate, peaceful, prayerful style of advocating in front of abortion facilities. All materials and lunch will be provided free of charge. Space is limited. To register, contact Stephanie Nemechek (316)269-3900 Ext 134 or nemecheks@catholicdioceseofwichita.org.



MagnifiKid for Young People

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to follow along with Father during Mass with the "**MagnifiKid Missals for Children**". This is for reading age and are available in the gathering space for each weekend Mass. This is an excellent aid for those preparing for First Communion.

Please encourage all young children to take one. There is a new one for each week, so it is their's to keep. **Thank you** to the very generous donor for making these possible for our young readers.

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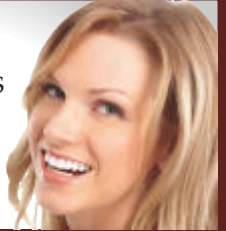
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