

# Franklin Hardin County Catholics

*Epiphany of the Lord*

*January 2, 2022*

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*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*



*"Pues de ti saldrá un jefe,  
que será el pastor de mi pueblo, Israel". - Mt 2, 6*

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**Questions?**

Contact Brenda Strayer at St. Mark.

## *Wisdom from a Saint*

**"Cheerfulness prepares a glorious  
mind for all the noblest acts."**

**— Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**

## A Note from Fr. Kevin

### January 2, 2022 – We Three Kings, the Feast of Epiphany

Little is known about these magi from the East. Being “magi” we know they were well-educated scholars; and thus, likely from a royal family ... hence sometimes called “Kings.” There are number of traditional stories about these magi which differ in details about who they were. The traditional story that made its way into Western Christianity (Roman Catholicism) is from the influential monk-historian, St. Bede the Venerable who wrote of three magi: *“The magi were the ones who gave gifts to the Lord. The first is said to have been Melchior, an old man with white hair and a long beard ... who offered gold to the Lord as to a king. The second, Caspar by name, young and beardless and ruddy complexioned ... honored Him as God by his gift of incense, an oblation worthy of divinity. The third, black-skinned and heavily bearded, named Balthasar . . . by his gift of myrrh testified to the Son of Man who was to die.”*

Another traditional story says that after they returned home, they renounced their high positions, gave all they had to the poor, and spread the Good News about the Christ Child. Forty years later St. Thomas the Apostle met them, baptized them, and ordained them priests. Finally, they were martyred for their Christian faith and were buried in Jerusalem; but eventually, these remains ended up at the Cathedral in Cologne Germany, where there exists a burial shrine in their honor.

The Catholic Church has a tradition of praying a special blessing of homes on the Feast of Epiphany. Over time this came to include a tradition of blessing the home by writing with chalk: 20+C+M+B+22, over one’s front doorway. The 2022 refers to the current year and the letters “C,M,B,” have the double meaning of referring to the names of the Three Kings, as well as referring to the Latin phrase: *Christus mansionem benedicat* (“May Christ bless this house”). The four crosses interspersed between symbolize the Four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), going out to the four corners of the world (North, South, East and West), to bless the entire world. There is even a traditional prayer of blessing of chalk by the priest for such an occasion.

In fact, if you are interested in blessed chalk, and a prayer you can pray in your home for such an occasion, reach out to me, Fr. Kevin, and I would be happy to make that available to you. And you can either pray that today or anytime this week!

Peace,  
– Fr. Kevin

PS: On behalf of Fr. Frantz and myself, I want to give a special word of thanks to everyone for all the kind Christmas cards and gifts: the food and treats; the gift cards, the money, the kind words, the prayers and everything else. I apologize that we may not get around to thanking you all individually, so this will have to suffice. But sincerely thank you all for your overwhelming kindness and generosity! And many blessings to you all this Christmas season!



#### Monday, January 3 *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

8:30 AM Margaret Wertz Family St. Mary, Ackley  
5:30 PM † St. Mark, Iowa Falls

#### Tuesday, January 4 *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*

8:30 AM † Harold & Peggy Gallagher St. Patrick, Hampton

#### Wednesday, January 5 *Saint John Neumann*

8:30 AM † Arlene Thuent St. Mary, Ackley  
6:30 PM † Scott Koppes St. Mark, Iowa Falls

#### Thursday, January 6 *Saint Andre Bessette*

9:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory Care Center, Eldora  
5:30 PM † St. Mark, Iowa Falls

#### Friday, January 7 *Saint Raymond of Penyafort*

12:00 PM † Jim & Ginny Hoy St. Mary, Eldora

#### Saturday, January 8

5:00 PM † George O’Loughlin St. Mary, Eldora

#### Sunday, January 9 *The Baptism of the Lord*

8:00 AM † Kenny DeVries St. Mary, Ackley  
8:00 AM † Charles Fogarty St. Mark, Iowa Falls  
10:30 AM † Kristen Marie Eppeson St. Mary, Eldora  
10:30 AM † Summer Jo Pearson St. Patrick, Hampton  
5:30 PM For the People St. Patrick, Hampton  
(Spanish)

## SACRAMENTAL RITES & INFORMATION

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes prior to any weekend Mass in the linkage or by appointment.

### Marriages

Contact Fr. Kevin a minimum of six months prior to the desired date of marriage. The couple will need to meet with Fr. Kevin before either Church or other parish facilities are reserved in the Parish Calendars. This includes those couples who wish to have a visiting Priest as their Celebrant.

### Funerals

Please contact Fr. Kevin before setting the time and arrangements for the Vigil and Mass with the funeral director.

Please contact the Parish Offices for:

- ◆ Anointing of the Sick
- ◆ Communion Calls
- ◆ Initiation Sacraments for Adults & Youth
- ◆ Baptisms: Parents are required to complete a Preparation Program prior to their child’s Baptism.

## Welcome

We are happy to announce that Megan Braman has accepted the position of linkage bulletin editor. She and her family are members of St. Mary Parish in Eldora. Megan will be working closely with Brenda Strayer during the month of January to ensure a smooth transition.

In the time being, please continue to turn any articles for bulletin publication in to your parish secretary as before.

## NEW MASS SCHEDULE

### BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

#### Franklin Hardin Catholic Linkage

##### Saturdays:

5:00 PM — St. Mark, Iowa Falls

##### Sundays:

8:00 AM — St. Mary, Ackley

8:00 AM — St. Mark, Iowa Falls

10:30 AM — St. Patrick, Hampton (English)

10:30 AM — St. Mary, Eldora

5:30 PM — St. Patrick, Hampton (Spanish)

### Helping Those Impacted by Deadly December Tornadoes

Multiple states in the South & Midwest experienced devastating tornadoes recently, which destroyed entire communities. The loss of life is heartbreaking and the grieving families and communities are in our prayers as they face the long road of recovery and rebuilding ahead. Susan Montalvo-Gesser of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro, one of the hardest-hit regions, noted in an email that "At least four of our parishes were damaged, some heavily so... Many of the parishioners from St Joseph in Mayfield (heavily immigrant community) were out cleaning up and assisting people before the National Guard got there."

To support local disaster recovery efforts,  
please go to:

[www.catholiccharities.us/campaign](http://www.catholiccharities.us/campaign)

### Serving our Afghan Neighbors at Fort McCoy

Over 13,000 Afghan individuals are temporarily being housed at the Fort McCoy army base between Sparta and Tomah, Wisconsin while they await resettlement in their new homes in the United States. Catholic Charities of the La Crosse diocese is taking the lead in providing humanitarian relief and **they need our help** to continue this important work of welcoming Afghan guests.

If you or your group is interested in volunteering at Ft. McCoy for a minimum of one week, please go to <https://catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/fortmccoy> or more information.



Live stream of Mass

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 Faith Formation ..... Mary Schumacher  
 Stewardship ..... David Keninger  
 Liturgy ..... Jolene Harms  
 Social Justice..... Robert Harms/Keith Galpin  
 Parish Life..... David Keninger  
 Altar Society ..... Linda Sudtelgte  
 Building & Grounds ..... Jeff Frazier  
 Music..... Pam Griffel/Julie Wojcik

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**January 9 – Baptism of the Lord – 8 a.m.**

Lector: Doug Lindaman, Joan Frazier  
 Ushers: Mike Bonewitz, Mike O'Brien, Duane Sudtelgte, Joe Wojcik  
 Money Counters: Jo DeVries, Cindy Richtsmeier  
 Altar Servers: Ella Gronewold, Gisselle Flores  
 Communion to the Homebound: Kathy Burkle  
 Sacristan: Jo DeVries

**It is your responsibility to find a sub if you will not be present for your scheduled Mass.**

**Communion to the Homebound:** We are looking for a couple more people to deliver communion to the homebound, if you would be interested in helping with this - call the parish office or talk to Jolene.



*Epiphany*

Jesus, we know that your light shines for all to see. Help us to be trusted companions to those searching for you, whether or not they know where the journey will lead. Give us direction, keep us humble, and fill us with joy.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 5**

Thank you to everyone that made the Christmas season so special. It was all fantastic. Great Job!!!

**Book Club**

January 10 at 6:30 p.m.

**The Lincoln Highway**

By Amor Towles

Everyone is welcome  
 We would love to have you join us!

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

We are in need of a new president and officers for Altar Society. If you would be available to serve let the parish office know.

**Stewardship - Treasure**

**Saturday, December 18**

Budget Envelopes ..... \$1960.00  
 Offertory ..... \$51.00  
 Christmas..... \$55.00  
 TOTAL..... \$2066.00

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Caretaker ..... Grace Kadolph

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 Faith Formation Commission..... Andrea Sparrow  
 Stewardship ..... Cecilia Penning  
 Liturgy Vice Chair..... Judith Andrews  
 Social Justice..... Mary Nederhoff  
 Building & Grounds..... Jim Roling  
 Seton Circle..... Diana Stickney

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Sunday, December 9, 10:30 am**

Lector: Marcia Frerichs

Gifts: Rich & Lynnette Groeper

Greeters: Chuck & Char Edgerton (n)  
 Marcia Frerichs, Pat Fuchs (s)

Ushers: Kenny Schoborg, Chuck Edgerton

Altar Servers: Adeline Cook, Laney Cook

Offering Counters: Rnady & Lori Ledger, Volunteer

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**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

- **JANUARY 12** - 6:30 PM FAMILY MEETING
- **JANUARY 16** - COMMUNITY MEETING: CARE PACKAGES FOR SEMINARIANS
- **JANUARY 23** - CRAFTING AT THE CARE CENTER (TENTATIVE)
- **JANUARY 26**—6:30 PM FAMILY MASS

**Women’s Conference**

**January 29, 8:30-1:00 pm**

Ladies, please join us on Saturday, January 29 for the Annual Archdiocese Virtual Woman’s Conference *Beauty in Christ.~Holy Women of the Visitation*, here at St. Mary’s~Eldora.

Archbishop Jackels, Emily Jaminet and Liz Kelly are the featured speakers. This will include lunch. A free will suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated. Space is limited, please **RSVP to Deacon Rob by January 20, 2022.**

**THANK YOU**  
*for your generosity*

**Many thanks to all** who donated time packing and financially assisting to make the holiday dinners possible. We provided 20 Thanksgiving meals and 30 Christmas dinners. We will also cook about 20 individual meals for those in senior housing. Take a bow. You did good!! — *Judith*

*Keep an open mind. Judge everything by appearance and nobody would ever eat an oyster.*

**Help Needed!**

This coming Saturday, January 8 at 9:00 am we are in need of volunteers to help move liturgy items from the north classrooms into the south classroom in the Parish Center. Coffee and Rolls will be served. Please let Char Edgerton or Deacon Rob know if you can help as soon as possible. We need muscle!



Thanks to John & Joan Schuller for designing this setting for family photos at Christmas time.

**Thursday Daily Mass** this week on January 6 will be at Care Initiatives Care Center in Eldora. There will be no Daily Mass at St. Mary that day. Only Father Kevin and Deacon Rob are able to attend care center masses presently.

**Stewardship - Treasure**

**Date**

Budget.....	\$1110.00
Offertory.....	\$4.00
Christmas.....	\$265.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1544.00</b>

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 Faith Formation Commission ..... Rachel Warrington  
 Stewardship .....Cindy Stalzer  
 Liturgy ..... Susan Swart  
 Social Justice.....Rose Atkinson  
 Parish Life.....Cindy Stalzer  
 Women’s Group ..... Sherry Martin  
 Building & Grounds.....  
 Knights of Columbus.....Kevin Bredthauer  
 Music.....Lisa Barnett

The youth did a wonderful job with this year’s Christmas Program, despite not having dress rehearsal due to bad weather. This year’s production: **All He Wants for Christmas**



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Saturday, January 8 – 5:00pm**

Lector: Shirley Lindeman  
 Eucharistic Minister: Duane Swart  
 Greeters/Usher: Francis & Mary Pisney  
 Gift Bearers: Brad & Michelle Bridgewater  
 Music:

**Sunday, January 9 – 8:00am**

Lector: Mark Buschkamp  
 Eucharistic Minister: Caraolyn Buschkamp  
 Greeters/Ushers: Ed & Cheri Geitz  
 Gift Bearers: Jose & Veronica Orozco  
 Music:  
 Offertory Counters: Shari & Al Keninger, Rose Atkinson  
 Livestream:

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**TWO mailings have been sent out recently**

- \* Letter from Fr. Kevin & Liturgical Ministry survey
- \* Christmas Formational Activities

*If you did not receive either of these, or have any questions, please contact the parish office.*



**YOUTH**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -**

**Class Schedule — Kindergarten-Grade 8**

\* Wednesday, January 5 (6:15-7:30pm)  
 Mass (6:30pm)

\* Wednesday, January 12 (6:15-7:30pm)

**Class Schedule — Grades 9-12**

\* Sunday, January 2 (4:00-6:00pm)

**YOUTH MINISTRY -**

**YM Parent Planning Meeting–** Wed., Jan.12 (6:30pm).

**YM Parent Planning Meeting–** Sun., Jan.16 (2:00pm).

**ADULTS**

**Women’s Conference -**

We are offering an event here at St. Mark on Saturday, January 29th in connection with the annual Women’s Conference. See last page of bulletin for more details.

**Stewardship - Treasure**

**December 19**

Budget.....	\$1469.00
Offertory.....	\$25.00
Christmas.....	\$595.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$2089.00</b>

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 Social Justice..... Donna Devereux  
 Parish Life..... Sue Garrett  
 Building & Grounds..... Dick Nelson  
 Knights of Columbus..... Greg Cavazos  
 Music..... Leon Kuehner

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Sunday, January 9-10:30 AM**

*Lectors: Mary Ann Patton*  
*Servers: Chase Showalter, Connor Miller*  
*Offertory Counters: Steve Pearson, Greg & Flor Cavazos*  
*Usher: Madonna Weiland, Ariana Bunston, Milly Aguilar*  
*Sacristan: Millicent Fielding*  
*Linen: Sue Garrett*

**Domingo, Enero 9 5:30 PM**

*Lectores: Esther Garcia, Janeth Morteo*  
*Monaguillos: Maria Ramirez, Ayleen Rodriguez*  
*Contadores de Dinero: Soiree Lara, Margarita Rincon*  
*Sacristan: Esther Garcia*

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**Es su responsabilidad encontrar un submarino si no estará presente para su**



**Upcoming Events  
Próximo Eventos**

**Tuesday/Martes, January 4/Enero 4**

8:30 AM - Mass/Misa  
 7:00 PM - AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

**Wednesday/Miércoles, January 5/Enreo 5**

10:00 AM-Noon-Food Pantry/Mediodía Despensa de Alimentos (Social Hall)  
 6:30 PM-Pre-K thru 8th grade Faith Formation Class/  
 Clase de formación en la fe de Pre-K a 8º grado

**Thursday/Jueves, January 6/Enero 6**

6:00 PM - Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración

**Sunday/Domingo, January 9/Enero 9**

10:30 AM-Mass/Masa-English-Inglesa  
 Baptisms after Mass  
 3:00 PM -Estudio Biblico/Bible Study-Espanola/  
 Spanish  
 5:30 PM-Masa/Mass-Espanola/Spanish

Any committees, councils, groups having meetings, gatherings, etc., please notify the parish office. We need to keep these events and activities from overlapping or in the same area as others. If the parish office is not notified and there is a conflict, the event or activity that has been scheduled through the office will take presentence.

*Cualquier comité, consejo, grupo que tenga reuniones, reuniones, etc., por favor notifique a la oficina parroquial. Necesitamos evitar que estos eventos y actividades se superpongan o estén en la misma área que otros. Si la oficina parroquial no es notificada y hay un conflicto, el evento o actividad que se ha programado a través de la oficina tomará presente.*



**PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

**REMEMBER:**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION-FAITH FORMATION**

Join in the fun, learn about your Faith:

9th-12th grade Sundays 7-8 PM  
 Pre-K thru 8th grade Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM  
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Pre-K through 8th grade resumes on Wednesday  
 January 5th and

High School resumes Sunday January 9th.

**Think of it as your sporting event for God and your Catholic Faith!**



*Thank you to Jolene, the Faith Formation students and catechists that helped to organize and participated in our Christmas Pageant! What a great way to share the story of the birth of Christ!*

**Stewardship - Treasure**

Budget.....	\$6491.00
Offertory.....	\$258.00
Christmas.....	\$555.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$1310.00
Social Justice.....	\$700.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$9314.00</b>

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## Una nota del P. Kevin

### 2 de Enero, 2022 – Nosotros Tres Reyes, la Fiesta de la Epifanía

Poco se sabe sobre estos magos de Oriente. Siendo "magos", sabemos que eran eruditos bien educados; y por lo tanto, probablemente de una familia real ... de ahí que se llaman "Reyes". Existen varias historias tradicionales sobre estos magos que difieren en detalles sobre quiénes eran. La historia tradicional que se abrió paso en el cristianismo occidental (catolicismo romano) es del influyente monje-historiador San Beda el Venerable, que escribió lo siguiente sobre los tres magos: *“Los magos fueron quienes le ofrecieron regalos al Señor. El primero se conoció como Melchor, quien era más anciano y tenía cabellos canosos y barba blanca ... obsequió el oro a Jesús. Este oro predecía el reconocimiento de Jesús como Rey. El segundo, el más joven de los Reyes Magos era Gaspar, tenía tez cobriza ... lo honró como Dios con su ofrenda de incienso, una oblación digna de la divinidad. El tercero, Baltasar era de piel oscura y con barba, probablemente de origen árabe ... por su don de mirra testificó del Hijo del Hombre que iba a morir”.*

Otra historia tradicional dice que después de regresar a casa, renunciaron a sus altos cargos, entregaron todo lo que tenían a los pobres y difundieron la Buena Nueva del Niño Jesús. Cuarenta años después, el Apóstol Santo Tomás los conoció, los bautizó y les ordenó sacerdotes. Finalmente, fueron martirizados por su fe cristiana y enterrados en Jerusalén; pero finalmente, estos restos terminaron en la Catedral de Colonia, Alemania, donde existe un santuario funerario en su honor.

La Iglesia Católica tiene la tradición de rezar una bendición especial a los hogares en la Fiesta de la Epifanía. Con el tiempo, esto llegó a incluir la tradición de bendecir el hogar escribiendo con tiza: 20+C+M+B+22, sobre la puerta de entrada. El 2022 se refiere al año actual, y las letras “C,M,B”, tienen el doble sentido de referirse a los nombres de los Reyes Magos, además de referirse a la frase latina: *Christus mansionem benedicat* (“Que Cristo bendiga esta casa”). Las cuatro cruces intercaladas simbolizan los Cuatro Evangelios (Mateo, Marcos, Lucas y Juan), saliendo hacia los cuatro rincones del mundo (Norte, Sur, Este y Oeste), para bendecir al Mundo entero. Incluso, hay una oración tradicional en la que el sacerdote bendice la tiza para tal ocasión.

De hecho, si estás interesado en tiza bendita y en una oración que puedas rezar en tu hogar para tal ocasión, comunícate conmigo, Padre Kevin, que te lo haré disponible. Y puedes rezarlo hoy ¡o en cualquier momento de esta semana!

Paz  
– Fr. Kevin

PD: En nombre del Padre Frantz y mío, quiero agradecer especialmente a todos por todas las amables tarjetas y regalos de Navidad: la comida y golosinas, tarjetas de regalo, dinero, las amables palabras, oraciones, y todo lo demás. Pido disculpas por no poder agradecer a todos individualmente, por lo que esto deberá ser suficiente. ¡Pero gracias sinceramente a todos por su abrumadora amabilidad y generosidad! Y ¡muchas bendiciones para todos ustedes en esta temporada navideña!

Comparte tu voz, necesidades, sugerencias, apoyo y oraciones en [www.facebook.com/mhdubuque](https://www.facebook.com/mhdubuque) y sigue marcando la diferencia en la comunidad hispana de la arquidiócesis de Dubuque.

Quien quiera solicitar una Misa, por favor notifique a la oficina parroquial. La intención se programará tan pronto como haya disponibilidad y la fecha está sujeta a cambios. Se reciben muchas intenciones, así es que la suya podría programarse para el 2022.

Visite la página de Facebook del Ministerio Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Dubuque [facebook.com/mhdubuque](https://www.facebook.com/mhdubuque) para informarse sobre recursos durante la Cuaresma.



# Readings of the Week GLP

## Readings for the week of January 2, 2022

- Sun:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Mon:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tues:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wed:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thurs:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/  
Lk 4:14-22a
- Fri:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Sat:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/  
Jn 3:22-30
- Sun:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30  
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### Please Pray for Our Sick:

- |                      |                   |                       |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| - Chuck Baltes       | - Mary Harms      | - Tom Pieper          |
| - Ray Baltes         | - Dianne Henrich  | - Joyce Roling        |
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## Epiphany of the Lord

### Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

### Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact? @LPI

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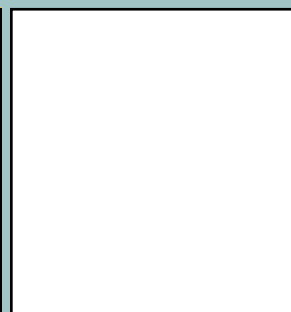


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