

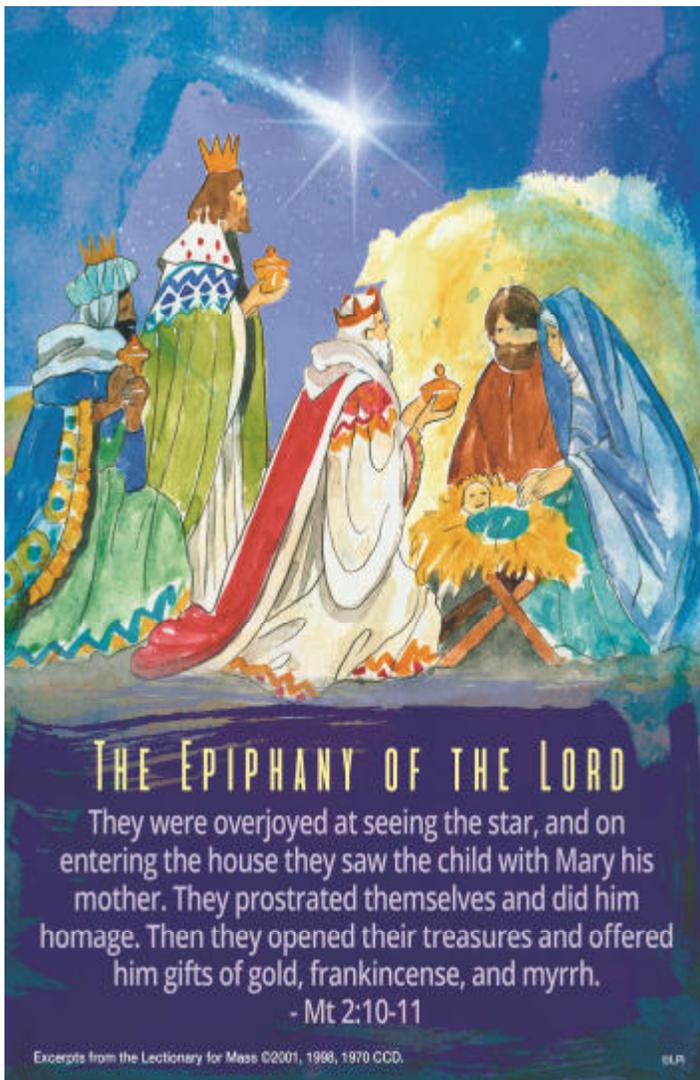
St. Joseph Catholic Church



1115 N. Campbell Avenue • Springfield, Missouri 65802

Parish Mission Statement

By the grace of God, St. Joseph Parish seeks to empower its parishioners to grow in holiness as we worship God more worthily and become an evermore closely bound community of Catholics. Through the community, we strive to know, love, serve God and one another, and to spread God's Kingdom through prayer, evangelization, and service to the Catholic Church, the civil community, and all of God's children.



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

Matthew 2:2

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Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 am
Weekdays: M-F: 8:30 am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
Sunday: 7:00 - 7:45, 9:45 - 10:15 am
By appointment. Please call the parish office.

Infant Baptism

Please call for an appointment.

Marriage Preparation

Call for an appointment. Please allow at least six months before the planned date.

Catholic Inquiry/RCIA

Questions? Call and come in for a visit!

Adoration Hours: Weekly

Tuesday - Thursday 7:00 am until Midnight
Friday 5:00 am until Noon

The Epiphany of the Lord • January 3, 2021

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Mass Schedule - The Epiphany of the Lord

Sat	01/02	4:00 pm	†Marvin Dummer
Sun	01/03	8:00 am	The Rohrer Family
		10:30 am	People of the Parish
Mon	01/04	8:30 am	†Kenneth Kordalewski
Tue	01/05	8:30 am	Kristin Cummings
Wed	01/06	8:30 am	Mitch Kruse
Thu	01/07	8:30 am	†Loreatta A. Buehler
Fri	01/08	8:30 am	†William F. Buehler
Sat	01/09	4:00 pm	†Janice Parissee
Sun	01/10	8:00 am	Josephina Jansen
		10:30 am	People of the Parish

Readings for next week January 10th

Isaiah 55:1-11 (21B)
1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11

Calendar of Events For the Week of January 3rd

Sun	8:00 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Mon-Fri	8:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Tue	7:00 pm	RCIA in Library
Thur	7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sat	2:00 pm	Bereavement Meeting

Our Gifts to God For the Week of December 20th

(Information not available at time of publication)



Please Pray For Our Sick...

Miguel Nelson	Becky Baum	Mike Banasik
Stella Kilmer	Toni Watson	Barbara Moore
Sharon Grant	Kim Nye	Bud Corbin
John & Mary Wagner	David Zeszutek	Kathleen Hayter
Carla Duff	Linda Hasler	Jack Bresee
Brenda Forte	Ed Bailey	Jeanne Walsh
Laurie Richardson	Samuel Torres	Cheryl Grooms
Fr. Bob Landewe	Scott Hilmes	Deacon Matt & Marcella Fletcher
Carol Hewitt	Cheryl Grooms	Mary Frances Kroutil
Ann Fender	Mark Glenn	
Thomas Kitchen	Virginia Thompson	
Penny Harrison	Layla Cetola	
	Sharon Sifferman	



Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) Canceled for Monday, January 4th at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall.



Prayer Hotline: If you have a special intention requiring prayer or would like to join our growing Prayer Hotline list, please contact Becky Sleeth at 865-1112. Voice or email options are available.

NIXA MARCH FOR LIFE WALK, Sunday, January 24th. Area churches are planning a pro-life walk/rally. The national March for Life in Washington, DC will be on Sunday, January 29th.

CHILI COOK-OFF

St. Joseph Church 23rd Annual Chili Cook-Off will be held on Sunday, February 21st, after the 10:30 am Mass this year. We need committee members to make this the BEST and most memorable Chili Cook-Off ever! Please call Deacon Matt Fletcher or the Parish Office if you would like to be on this committee.

(Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.)

Sunday Missals We still have copies for the new liturgical year available for \$3.00 each. Due to COVID-19, we recommend purchasing a Sunday Missal since the Breaking Bread books are not in the pews to use. The Missals are small and very handy to bring with you to Mass each week.



Oblates of St. Benedict will meet Sunday, January 24th, after the 10:30 Mass in the Parish Hall. Call Fr. Barmann or Penny Muckle at 417-342-0571 with inquiries.

Bulletin Correction: Pearl Healey passed away on December 15th and not the 17th as published.

Stewardship Reflection

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

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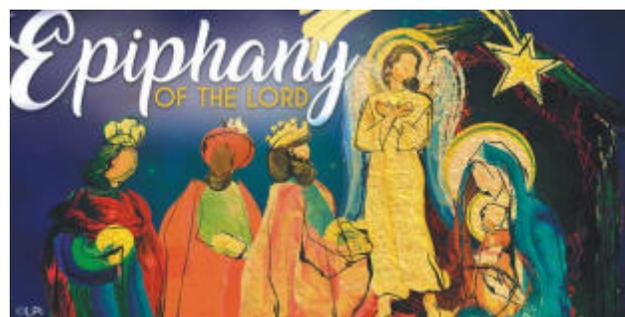
Ministers for January 9 – January 10, 2021
(Please get a substitute if you cannot minister)

Mass	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Hospitality Minister	Server
4:00	Father	Gallagher, J.	Gaynor, G.	Gallagher, J.
	Deacon	McCann, M.	Gaynor, P.	Need Volunteer
		Gallagher, T.	Holman, T.	
8:00			Strader, P.A.	
	Father	Blanton, C.	Cetola, C.	Fronick, A.
	Deacon	Skalicky, F.	Cherry, G.	Fronick, G.
		Cetola, M.	Cherry, N.	
10:30			Ruddell, J.	
	Father	Murphree-R, A.	Duff, R.	Dwyer, G.
	Deacon	Wilson, R.	Hammer, M	Pille, Ar.
		Berry, T.	Hammer, Mo.	Pille, Av.
			Long, D.	
	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Guitar</i>	<i>Cantor</i>	
4:00		Joe Crim		
8:00	Gail		Gail	
10:30	Theresa		Kim	

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We are incredibly grateful for your continued financial support of St. Joseph Parish this past 2020 year. We understand the difficulties COVID-19 took on families in our community. The Parish deeply appreciates your sacrifices in supporting our Parish. May God bless you for your generosity!

Thank You. ❤️



St Joseph Catholic Academy

Our parish school had a professional videographer come in and record this year's Christmas Program as parents and relatives could not attend in person due to the pandemic. A link was shared with all families so that the entire school could watch the production "virtually" together! Happy New Year to everyone!



RCIA: Is it too late? Many think of RCIA as an educational program that begins in September and graduates at Easter. Current thinking, though, among our Catholic leaders is that RCIA is a process that begins whenever the inquirer feels moved by the Holy Spirit to do so. If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic beliefs or knowing someone else who is raising these questions, please call the parish. Let's begin the journey together—now.

FLOWERS TO COMMEMORATE. The Liturgy Committee is beginning a flower calendar for all the Sundays of Ordinary time. You may dedicate a flower arrangement for \$35 to honor a birthday, anniversary, or a deceased loved one. *The Liturgy Committee will take care of getting the arrangement.* If you are interested, please sign up on the Flower Calendar in the gathering space and put your check/cash (\$35) in the special envelope provided. We will try this out for the Sundays between the end of the Christmas season and Ash Wednesday. If it seems to be something our parish responds to, we will continue after the Easter Season. Your commemoration will be reported in the bulletin for the Sunday you have chosen. Thank you in advance!



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iii) A third group -- shepherds and the Magi -- adored Jesus and offered themselves and their humble gifts to him. The Magi offered gold in recognition of Jesus as the king of the Jews, frankincense acknowledging that he was God, and myrrh as a symbol of His human nature.

Messages: 1) Let us make sure that we belong to the third group. a) Let us worship Jesus at Holy Mass with the gold of our love, the frankincense of our adoration, and the myrrh of our humility. b) Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their home, let us also choose a better way of life in the New Year by abstaining from proud and impure thoughts, evil habits and addictions, and selfish behavior. c) Let us also become the Star leading others to Jesus by selfless service, unconditional forgiveness, and compassionate care. Thus, let us become the Epiphany of Jesus' presence for others by radiating His light all around us. 2a) Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gift of friendship with God in the form of wholehearted love and devotion. b) Let friendship with others be our second gift to Jesus expressed by humble service. c) A third gift might be the gift of reconciliation expressed by our readiness to forgive offenses. d) The fourth Epiphany gift is the gift of peace. It is securing God's peace in our own lives through prayer, sacramental life, and daily meditation on the Word of God.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: An 8-year-old asked, "How come the kings brought perfume to Jesus? What kind of gift is that for a baby?" His 9-year-old sister answered, "Haven't you ever smelled a barn? With dirty animals around, Mary needed something to freshen the air."

May we experience the Epiphanies of Christ's presence in our lives and reveal him to others by our lives of love, compassion, and mercy.

Happy New Year of Grace and Peace,

Fr. Karl



Welcome

We extend our hands and our hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in the Parish. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

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Pastor's
Reflection

Dear Parishioners,

The word Epiphany means *appearance* or *manifestation*, and it marks Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles. "Epiphany" refers to God's self-revelation as well as the revelation of Jesus as His Son. The feast commemorates the visit of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in the Western Church. In the Eastern Church, it is the commemoration of the baptism of Christ. The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the Star revealed him to the Magi. Later, God the Father revealed Jesus' identity at His baptism in the Jordan. Still later, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah in the synagogue at Nazareth. These multiple manifestations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

The three gifts - gold, frankincense, and myrrh - mentioned in Matthew's gospel gave rise to the sixth-century Italian tradition that there were three Magi - Casper, Balthazar, and Melchior. The Orthodox Church holds that the Magi consisted of twelve kings corresponding in number to the twelve tribes of Israel. Commentary on the Torah by Jewish rabbis suggested that a star appeared in the sky at Abraham, Isaac, and Moses's births. Hence, stars were believed to be signs from God announcing important events. So, when the kings "saw his star at its rising," they understood it to mean the birth of a King and went to pay him homage. Gold was a gift for kings. Frankincense was an ancient air purifier and perfume. It was offered to God in Temple worship. Myrrh was an oriental remedy for intestinal worms for infants, and the High Priest used it in the anointing oil and preparing bodies for burial.

Today's gospel also suggests three reactions to Jesus' birth: hatred, indifference, and adoration. i) A group of people headed by Herod planned to destroy Jesus. King Herod considered Jesus a potential threat to his kingship, and hence he ordered the mass murder of babies. Like cruel Herod, many oppose Christ and his Church from selfish motives, evil ways, and unjust lives. Children still have Herods to fear because the United States aborts annually over one and a half million innocent babies. ii) A second group composed of priests and scribes ignored Jesus. The Scribes, Pharisees, and the Jewish priests knew that there were nearly 500 prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures concerning the promised Messiah. They were able to tell Herod the exact time and place of Jesus' birth. Unfortunately, they were more interested in their own selfish gains than in discovering the truth. Today many Christians remind us of this group. They practice their religion from selfish motives such as political power, prestige, and recognition by society, and ignore Jesus' teachings in their private lives.

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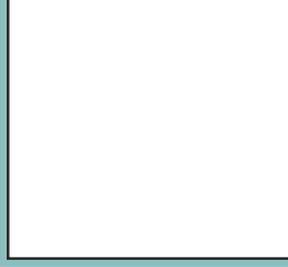
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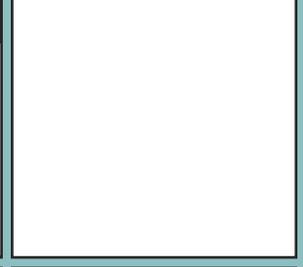
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