

January 2, 2022



SAINT PATRICK CLUSTER

Assumption & St. Patrick Charlotte Immaculate Conception Petersville St. Patrick Delmar
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lost Nation/Toronto SS. Mary & Joseph Sugar Creek

St. Patrick Cluster Mission Statement—To become a synodal Church
in our Cluster through Communion, Participation and Mission

UPCOMING EVENTS
1/11 –6:00 pm-Assumption
Church Cleaning, Faith Circle,
1/11 — 7:00 pm Assumption-St.
Patrick's Altar & Rosary Meeting

Beginning the first week of
January, Petersville will have
8:00 am mass on Thursdays and
Sugar Creek will have 8:00 am
mass on Fridays.

St. Patrick Church in Delmar is
looking for someone to shovel
snow this season. Contact
Gerry Farrell—563-357-7329,
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Doug Goodall— 563-503-0193
for details.



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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Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday, 1/1	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Delmar Toronto	Bernadette Hlas For the People (regular Sunday obligation)
Sunday, 1/2	8:00 am 10:00 am	Charlotte Delmar	Darrell Bormann The Spidle Family
Tuesday, 1/4	8:00 am	Delmar	Tom Coakley
Wednesday, 1/5	8:00 am	Charlotte	Hank Bormann
Thursday, 1/6	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Petersville Lost Nation	Rae & Lois McClimon Esther Benischek
Friday, 1/7	8:00 am	Sugar Creek	Vince Kelly
Saturday, 1/8	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Delmar Lost Nation	Norbert Grandick Betty Marcucci
Sunday, 1/9	8:00 am 10:00am	Sugar Creek Petersville	Robert Banowetz Mary Sinnott

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Office hours—Tuesday/Friday from 9:00 to 1:00

Bulletin Deadline is Tuesday at Noon. Please send items to the office email.

Mass Intentions— Send your mass intentions to the office email or by mail. Checks should be made to Mass Stipend.

Baptism—Parents wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism need to attend Baptismal Class in the month prior to scheduling the Baptism. Please call Father Francis Odoom.

Marriage—Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must complete an approved course of training.

Confessions—One half hour before all scheduled Holy Masses or call Father Francis Odoom for appointment

Ministry of Care—Parishioners unable to attend mass can receive Holy Eucharist at home by contacting the office to arrange a convenient time for a visit.

Homebound—Please send names to the office email or call to help us make a list of all our homebound parishioners.

I Resolve to

It's that time of year again where many of us make our annual New Year's resolutions. We all love resolutions because no matter where we are in our lives, there is always room for improvement. And, of course, one area we can always improve is our spiritual lives. The most important goal any of us can make for ourselves for the coming year is to strive to be more like Christ. So, here are a few suggestions to help us achieve that goal in 2022.

Evangelization can't happen without each of us committed to understanding and spreading our faith. So maybe this year we commit to catechizing ourselves so we're able to explain and defend our Catholic faith. The best place to begin is with God's Word, the Bible. By reading scripture daily, we will let Him renew our minds and guide us. The daily scripture readings are posted in the bulletin every week. There are also plenty of programs out there for us to join with others to learn more about our faith like the Emmaus Initiative, The Great Adventure Bible Timeline with Jeff Cavins, The Bible in a Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz, just to name a few.

We all want our churches to be viable, and that takes commitment. Becoming involved with a ministry can help build relationships and make our parish communities feel more like family. So, this year we might resolve to seek out and join a parish ministry or group: becoming a lector, Eucharistic Minister, greeter, or usher; joining the choir; becoming active in the Altar and Rosary Society or Knights of Columbus; or volunteering to clean the church, set up for Mass, or help with religious education.

We can make a commitment to listen more and talk

less. When we're with family, friends, or neighbors, we can allow them to talk, without offering our opinion, just listening. Disciplining ourselves to listen to other people can ultimately lead us to listen to God's voice instead of constantly talking to Him, allowing Him to speak to our hearts and responding to Him with love.

Perhaps now we go to confession twice a year: during Lent and during Advent. (Mostly because the church's Code of Canon Law tells us we must at least once a year.) But this year our goal might be to go to confession once a month. It's never easy to face our sins and say them out loud, but receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently gives us the grace to fight those sins, following the commandments and the teachings of the Church.

Finally, we might resolve to end every day by doing a good examination of conscience, which involves reflecting on our thoughts, words, and deeds in order to identify any sins. We often do an examination of conscience before we go to confession, but what if we resolved to do it every day? After all, it's not just a way to identify our faults, it's also a way to identify how we could do better tomorrow.

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany. Just as the Magi searched for the child king upon His birth, an important part of our personal faith journey involves seeking and searching for God. The Magi saw something new and promising, and they were willing to go look for it, not simply to sit back and hope God would bring it to them. So just like the Magi, we need to move ourselves in a new direction by setting a goal to improve our spiritual lives in the new year.

Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team

Sts. Mary and Joseph Church, Sugar Creek





OUR SHEPHERDS -

Pope Francis, Bishop Thomas Zinkula, and Father Francis Odoom

THE AGED & INFIRM -

Boone Blanchard, Dee Colli, Malee Crider-Jensen, Sandy David, Donnie DeHeve, Tanner Dell, Melvin Duwa, Paul Eads, Bill Edwards, John Frett, Brandi Gloeckner, Brian Hoffmann, Natalie Irwin, Jonathon, Gerald Koos, Linda Laban, Dick Nodurft, Mary Lund, Joan Reeser, Dean Ruel, Payce Reynolds, Fred Rieser, Connie Roling, Margaret Roling, Theresa Roling & Jonathon, Kayla Fuegen Sellers, Kale Schmidt, Bob Schroeder, Peg Schroeder, Hunter Sterk, Darrell Stortz, "Stump", Teri Swanton, Leo Trenkamp, Marietta Trenkamp, Eldona Turney, Kerry Van Waes, Jose Walker, Eymard Wanzek Jr., John Worrell

**The Pope's Intention for December
Catechists**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we enter into our winter months, please note that all cancellations of mass or any church related activities will be on KWQC channel 6 and on KMAQ. We will also send a message to our bulletin email lists. If you do not have access to one of these and would like for us to text or call you, please let us know. Also, if you would like to be added to the bulletin email list, send your email to the Cluster email.

The subscriptions for Word Among Us are available! The cost for one year is \$15.84. Let us know at the office and we will make sure you receive a subscription.

To learn more about becoming a Synodal Cluster Church go to the link below. It is also found by going to the Diocesan website and clicking on the Synod Church icon.

<https://davenportdiocese.org/synod-2023>

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
Top picture is the scene at Lost Nation and the other picture is at Toronto.
Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year!!!



Readings for the week of January 02, 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 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

Observances for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Saturday:
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



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