

The Parish Family of
MARY IMMACULATE
COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMUNION



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 2, 2022

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Daily Mass:

Monday - Friday 9:00am

Holy Days:

7:00pm (Vigil on the eve)

9:00 (on the day)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 pm

(Large Church) or by
appointment with a priest

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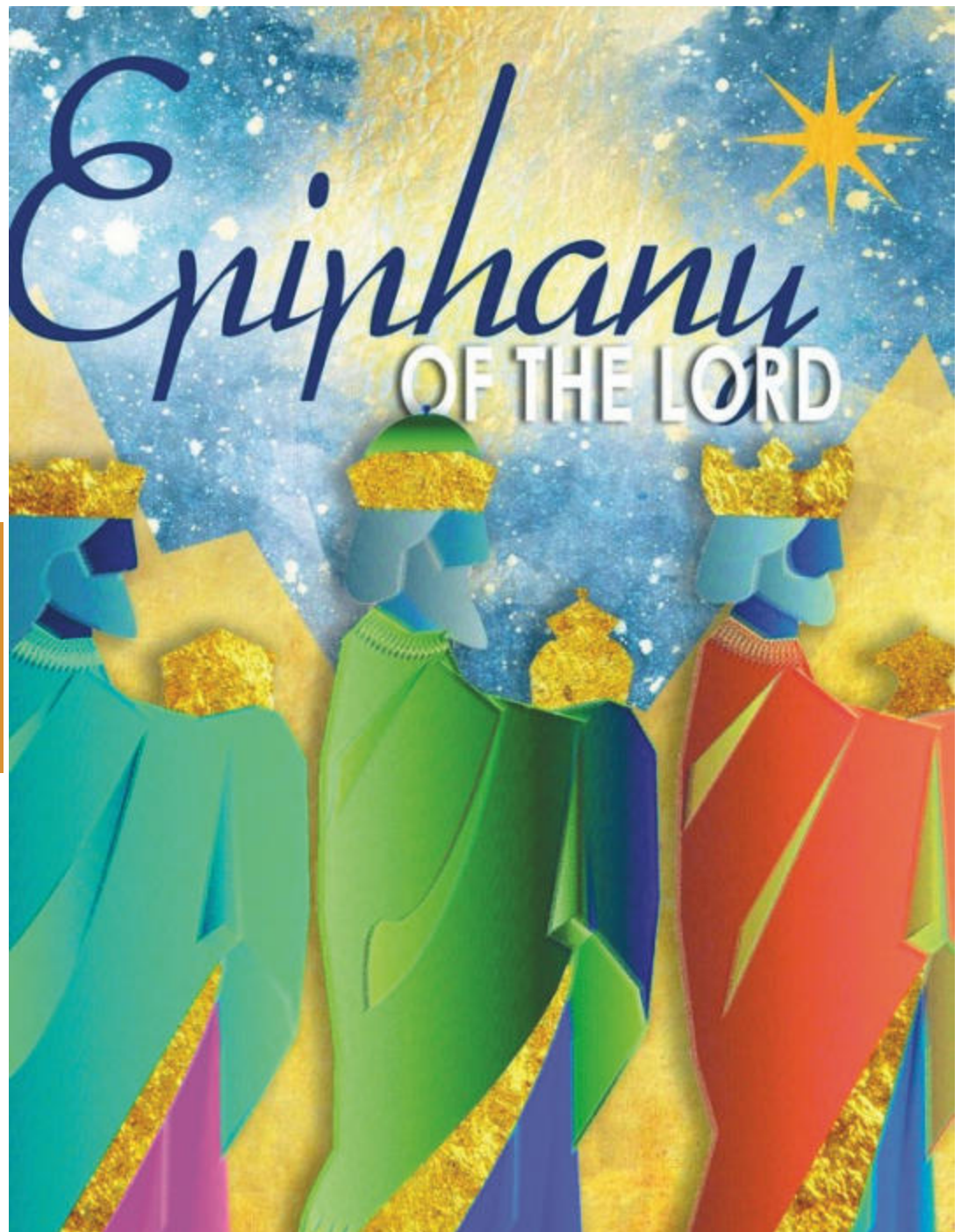
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WELCOME!

If you have recently moved into this area or are new to our church, be sure to register by calling or stopping by the Rectory during business hours. You can also fill out a registration form on-line by going to our website www.miparish.net

Welcome to the Parish Family of Mary Immaculate!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you an unbaptized adult or an adult baptized in another tradition seeking to be a member of the Catholic Church? Call the Rectory Office and speak to Fran or email Fran directly at fran@miparish.net.

Sacrament Preparation Program (First Eucharist and Confirmation)

Are you a baptized Catholic adult or the parent of a young person who is a baptized Catholic and has not completed all their Sacraments? Our Sacrament Preparation Program will help prepare adults, teens, and young people to receive their Sacraments. Call the Rectory Office and speak to Fran or email Fran directly at fran@miparish.net.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Mary's Mantle Prayer Shawls are made available after all Masses the second weekend of every month.

Members of this ministry pray for those who receive them as they knit and crochet, and these shawls hold the prayers of all Mary Immaculate parishioners.

If you know someone who is in need of healing prayers and would like a Mary's Mantle, please contact the rectory.



Mass Offerings this Week

- Saturday, 5 pm *Francis Miller*
By Linda Bianco
Daniel Sullivan
By Rita Buckley
Rosalie Kalinowski
By Anne Kalinowski
- Sunday, 9 am *Carol Kamen*
By Margaret Doran
11 am *Marie O'Toole Drescher*
By Barbara Evans
- Monday, 9 am *Francis Miller*
By the Daily Mass Group
Francis Brady
By the Parish Family
- Tuesday, 9 am *Tom Derby*
By Kathy & Dennis Desmond
- Wednesday, 9am *Rosalie Kalinowski*
By Colleen & Kieran Murphy
- Thursday, 9 am *Marge Basil*
By Kathy & Dennis Desmond
John Hoeffner, Sr.
By the Parish Family
- Friday, 9 am *Joe Gagliano*
By Kathy & Dennis Desmond
Charles Burton
By the Parish Family

Prayers for the Sick

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| <i>Primo Carlos</i> | <i>Elizabeth Daconto</i> |
| <i>Anna & Evie Dowdell</i> | <i>John H. Bogan</i> |
| <i>Scarlett Ficco</i> | <i>Nancy Szabo</i> |
| <i>Gabrielle Waller</i> | <i>Oliver Burkhardt</i> |
| <i>Holly Ficco</i> | <i>Jennifer Lombardi</i> |
| <i>Donna Moreira</i> | <i>Frances Reilly</i> |
| <i>Andrew Webster</i> | <i>Robert Sherwood</i> |
| <i>James Wilkinson</i> | <i>Gina DiMartino</i> |
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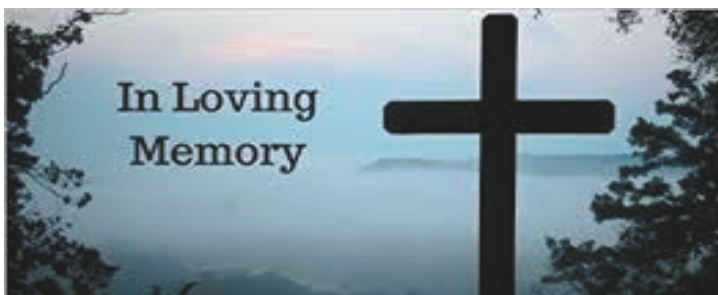
Please Pray for Our Deceased

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| <i>Winifred Kirschgessner</i> | <i>Anna DeLuca</i> |
| <i>June Iannuzzi</i> | <i>Anthony Quatrone</i> |
| <i>Paul Butler</i> | <i>Baldassare LoVoi</i> |
| <i>Thomas Derby</i> | <i>Rosalie Kalinowski</i> |
| <i>Francis Miller, Sr.</i> | <i>Paul Arena</i> |
| <i>Louisa Morrison</i> | <i>Etienne Jacquemai</i> |

*For the month of January,
flowers, candles, wine and hosts
are offered in memory of*

Ruth Kalinowski

By Cecelia Strickland



FEAST OF EPIPHANY

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” (Mt 2:2)



SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

FEAST DAY: JANUARY 4



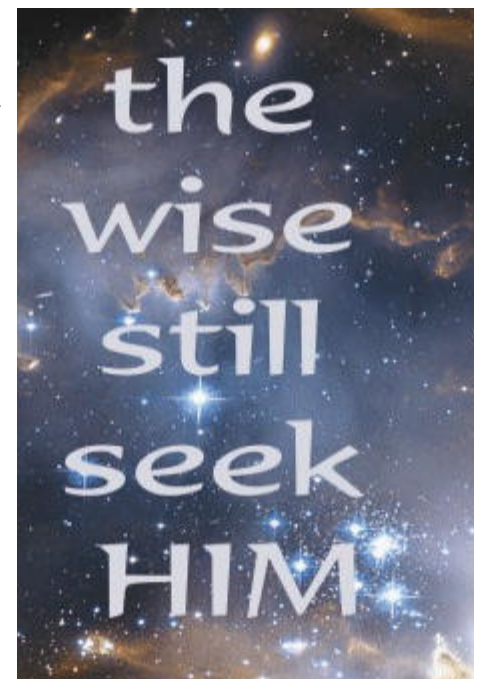
Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman and had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 15. Elizabeth moved to Maryland and founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the U.S.. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of “saint.” She is the patron saint of Catholic Schools.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2021

- 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

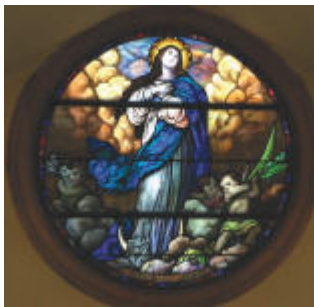
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 2

- 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





Fr. Bill Hanson



A Few of My Favorite Things ...at Mary Immaculate...

Anything to do with our students...in their new classrooms, or on Sunday at Liturgy of the Word with Children, our new meeting rooms and all the gatherings we have been able to have already, our beautiful grounds and the care parishioners take of them, our replated Baptistry and memorial chalice in the little church...10K donated for St. Vincent de Paul neighbors in need this Christmas, our baby bottle/loose change support for LI Center for Life, our Thrift Shop, our wonderful Christmas Masses.....(no end!)

QUESTION:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

**Answer:**

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.

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They were
overjoyed at
seeing the star.

Matthew 2:10

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COMMUNITY

THROUGH
Communion

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?" That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness.

Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world.

There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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"...TO SERVE THE POOR
IS TO GO TO GOD..."

St. Vincent de Paul



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

for I was
hungry
and you
gave me food...
Matthew 25:35



A LIFE REMEMBERED

Honor the memory of a loved one by making a donation towards the cost of altar flowers & candles, or the wine & hosts for one month.

We ask a donation of \$50 for the wine & hosts and \$100 for altar flowers & candles. These are frequently offered together.

You may now offer a donation in memory of a loved one towards missals for one month.

Their name and yours will be listed in the bulletin for the month. We ask for a donation of \$150 for the missals.

To remember someone in this very special way, please stop by or call the rectory office.

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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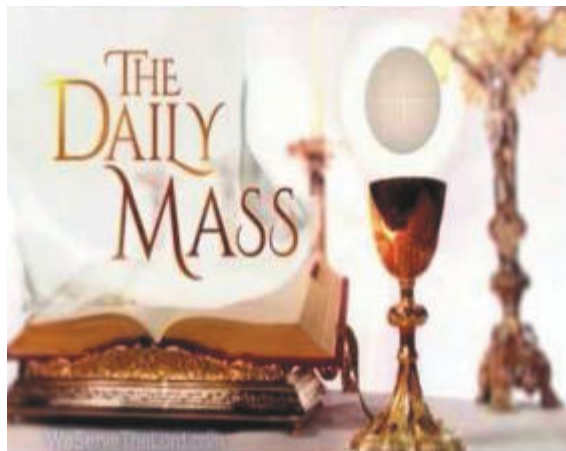
**WHEN IT'S TIME FOR
YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM**



The Parish Family of Mary Immaculate is happy to welcome your child as our newest member and as part of the Holy Catholic Church. Please contact the rectory office to start the process of having your child baptized approximately 3 months prior to your desired date.

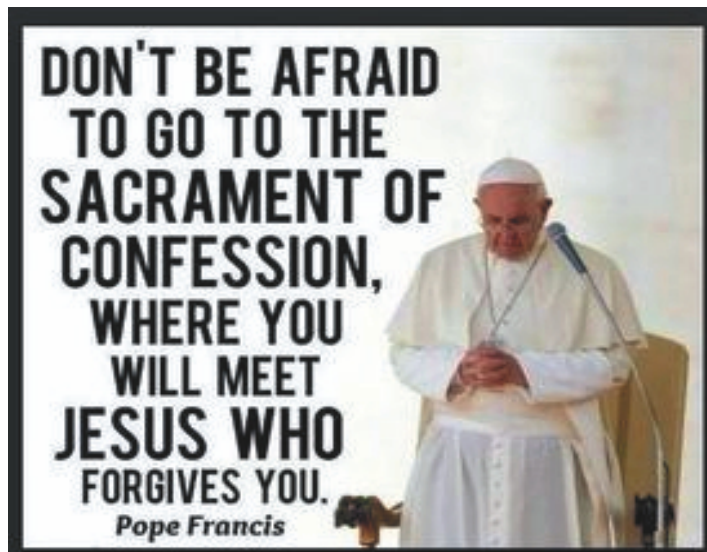
If you are new to our parish, we invite you to complete a parish registration form which can be found on our website and at both entrances to our large Church or on our website. You'll also find a wealth of information on our website about baptizing your child, including a very informative section of 'Frequently Asked Questions.'

Visit our website, miparish.net, and view the dropdown menu under Faith Formation and click on 'Sacraments' or call the rectory office for more information.



Join Us!
Monday—Friday
9 am In the Little Church

The Thrift Shop will reopen January 12th.



All Are Welcome



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**Grade Level
Liturgies**

Level 8: January 1 or 2

**Levels 3 & 4:
January 22 or 23**

**Levels 5 & 6:
January 29 or 30**

CLASSES THIS WEEK!

- Level 2:** Tuesday, 4:30—5:30 pm
- Levels 3:** Monday, 4:45 —5:45 pm
or Tuesday, 4:30—5:30 pm
- Level 4:** Wednesday, 4:30—5:30 pm
- Level 5:** Tuesday, 4:30—5:30 pm
- Level 6:** Monday, 4:45—6:00 pm
- Level 7:** Monday, 7:00—8:15 pm
- Level 8:** Tuesday, 7:00—8:15 pm



mark  your **Calendar**

**PARENT MEETING for
LEVELS 3, 4, 5 and 6**
Tuesday, January 11th
Time is TBA

ANNOUNCING MID-WINTER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

**You're invited to enter the Construction Site
and Unearth the Truth!**

Snacks, games, crafts, stories, music and a whole lot of fun!
February 21st through 25th
From 10 an to noon for Ages 5 through 10

Community service opportunities for our 7th to 12th graders
Registration opens January 24th.



For Grades 8 through 12: BIG EVENT!

INSPIRE

Friday, January 14th at 7 pm
St. John the Evangelist in Riverhead
Meet in our parking lot at 6 pm and head over together.



Children's Liturgy
of the **Word**

Now at 9:00 am Mass
every Sunday
for children ages 5 through 10

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise men
child
born

king
star
worship

Mary
gifts
dream

wsie mne w i s e m e n

brno _ _ _ _

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Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.





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