

# *The Catholic Communities of Crown Point & Moriah*



## **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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## Mary, Mother of God / Epiphany Sunday Jan. 1-2, 2022

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and upon entering the house  
they saw the child with Mary his mother.



### LITURGY SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday Jan. 1</b>	3:30 PM (SP) Confessions 4:00 PM (SP) <b>John Sweet by Joe &amp; Mary Gilbo</b> <b>Joe Jacobs by Port Henry K of C</b>
<b>Sunday Jan. 2</b>	9:00 AM (SH) <b>For All the People of the Parish</b> 11:00 AM (SP) <b>Joe Gilbo by the Port Henry K of C</b> <b>Arthur Pratt by Dianne &amp; Joe Harvish</b> 1:00 PM (SP) <i>Traditional Latin Mass</i>
<b>Mon. Jan. 3</b>	8:30 AM (SP) <b>Walter Wojewodziec by his wife</b>
<b>Tues. Jan. 4</b>	8:30 AM (SP) <b>Malvina Russom by her estate</b>
<b>Wed. Jan. 5</b>	8:30 AM (SH) <b>All Souls Intentions</b>
<b>Thur. Jan. 6</b>	<i>No mass: Fr. Al away</i>
<b>Friday Jan. 7</b>	8:30 AM (SP) <b>Debi Brady by Lydia Busanic</b> 9:00 AM (SP) <b>First Friday Holy Hour</b>
<b>Saturday Jan. 8</b>	3:30 PM (SP) Confessions 4:00 PM (SP) <b>Bernie Podres by Joanne &amp; Family</b> <b>Pat Nephew by Richard &amp; Sue Hoskins</b>
<b>Sunday Jan. 9</b>	9:00 AM (SH) <b>Lyudmyla Hunter by JoAnne &amp; Greg Betit</b> 11:00 AM (SP) <b>Louis &amp; Barbara Velsini by the Garnica Family</b> 1:00 PM (SP) <i>Traditional Latin Mass</i>

### Weekly Offering

**Dec. 19 2021**

#### CROWN POINT

Envelopes (11)	\$1,000.00
Plate + other	\$ 120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,120.00</b>
Last Year (15)	\$1,400.00

#### MORIAH

Envelopes (45)	\$1,815.00
Plate + other	\$ 566.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,381.00</b>
Last Year (54)	\$3,852.18

**THIS WEEK'S  
2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:  
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### EPIPHANY: THE REVELATION OF THE MAGI

When I walked into the hospital room that evening, there was Zoe, all wrapped up in a bundle of sleeping beauty, having been born only a few hours prior. She was laying on the hospital bed, lights subdued, soft music playing in the background, with her parents cooing above. I was invited to meet my goddaughter, her mom lifting the sleeping baby, and gently placing her in my arms for the first time. I sat down on a nearby chair, and all I could do was stare in silence, and whisper in prayer my commitment to be the best godfather I could possibly be for her. Zoe's godmother - a budding photographer - took many photos of that first meeting, one that I recall with great joy.

Maybe the best way I can understand the story of the Visit of the Magi is to recall the day Zoe was born. This is one of many providential reasons why I was asked to be Zoe's godfather, but also to have been invited to come so quickly to the hospital that cold night in November 2011. All the Scriptural commentaries I've read can help an intellectual understanding of the event, but no academic effort could have prepared me for what my heart felt as I walked into the hospital room. I understood the reason why there was a pervasive silence in that room, it wasn't that Zoe was asleep. Rather, it was a reverential awe - an homage - of the mystery that I was walking into: the miracle of birth.

While I had not gold, frankincense, or myrrh, and my introduction was not a one-time affair, I have learned how to "open up my treasure" - my availability and company - for that little one by way of pushing her on the swing, gifts for her birthday, walks through the neighborhood, surprise visits and 'dates with godpoppa,' and phone conversations. Many memories have been made and many have yet to be made.

This feast of the Epiphany - taken from a Greek word meaning 'to reveal' or 'to manifest' - is best understood, I think, as a dialogue or relationship. Clearly, the Feast has the perspective of the Christ Child being revealed to the Magi who had been seeking him. But also, it has the perspective of the Magi "revealing their gifts" to the Christ Child. As Jesus' life is about seeking what was lost, he would eventually find, as the Magi sought the answer to the mystery of astrological anomalies, they would find its reason in a baby. But the more they sought, the more they'd find, and the more Jesus sought, the more he'd find too. This season, I'm grateful that he sought me out and found me ... time and time again.

- Br. John-Marmion Villa

## From the Pastor

*All the nations shall come to adore you, O Lord.*

– Psalm 86:9



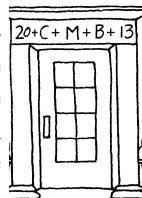
**Epiphany** means manifestation, or revelation. Our 2nd reading announces the theme for this day: *it has now been revealed ... that the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.*

Isaiah, rejoicing over the return of the Israelites from exile, prophesies that *nations shall walk by your light and kings by your shining radiance.* The Gospel of Matthew tells the same story of the Magi – wise men from lands in the east – coming to adore the Christ-child.

Do we recognize Christ's appearance among us today, revealed in the Word made flesh? At every Mass, heaven and earth meet as the God's glory is made manifest on the altar. Let us, like the Magi, bow down in worship to do him homage.

**12 Days of Christmas.** Wednesday of this week marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas made popular in the familiar carol. Jan. 5th is Twelfth Night and January 6th (sometimes called Little Christmas) begins the Epiphany season. In these days the Church contemplates the early manifestations of Christ as the Son of God: His revelation to the Gentiles in the person of the Magi, His revelation as God's beloved Son at his Baptism in the Jordan (next Sunday) and the revelation of his glory in divine power at his first miracle: changing water into wine at Cana (the following Sunday). *Three mysteries mark this holy day: today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast; today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation.*

**Blessing of Homes.** In some cultures it's traditional on Epiphany to mark the doorpost to the house with the year and the initials of the three kings: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. The head of the house then invokes God's blessing on the home.



*Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. As the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration, grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Offering Envelopes.** Thank you to all who picked up your 2022 offering envelopes. If you didn't see your name on a set and would like to use envelopes to make your church contributions, please give me your name and I will see that you get a set. Thank you for your support.

## Thank you!

*I want to offer sincere thanks to all who gave me Christmas greetings, cards, goodies and gifts.*

*I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly in this new year!*

*Fr. Al*



**New Year's Day.** On New Year's Day, the Church celebrates the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Invoking her help in the new year is an excellent way for us to grow in our own faith as individuals, families and a parish. *Hail, Mary, full of grace, . . . pray for us.*

This day is also observed as the **World Day of Prayer for Peace.** As we begin a new year we ask God to bless us with the gift of peace: in our hearts, in our homes and communities, and in our world.



**The Sanctuary Candle** burns this week at St. Patrick's Church in loving memory of **Bernie Podres** at the request his wife Joanne.

### Pro-Life Prayer Campaign

All are asked to pray for the protection of life in our nation. In 2018 Mississippi passed a law protecting unborn children after 15 weeks of gestation, when the baby has a heartbeat, eyes that open, ears that hear, and can move and kick.

The law was challenged and the case, *Dobbs v Jackson*, is being heard by the Supreme Court. This landmark case that could restore the possibility for laws protecting the unborn. More information at [www.prayfordobbs.com](http://www.prayfordobbs.com).

### VOCATION CORNER

*They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.* Is God calling you to give Him the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood or religious life?



Talk to Fr. Al or Fr. Chris Carrara, [ccarrara@rcdony.org](mailto:ccarrara@rcdony.org) or Sr. Mary Eamon at (315)393-2920, ext 1345 [elyng@rcdony.org](mailto:elyng@rcdony.org) or [www.myvocation.net](http://www.myvocation.net).

**Please pray for our sick:** Robert Ross, Pam Wagner, Dano Miller, Ann Dedrick, Lucille Trow, Jodi Whalen, Bill Prew, John Belcastro, Amy Allen, Mark Frame, Jim Connors, Kennie Anderson, Bob Mildon, Diann Gerling, Albert Cutting, Louise von Brockdorff, Bev Baker, Julie Goodspeed, Nappy Marcotte, Mary Reiland, Caleb Yakalis, Celia Diefendorf, Marie Allen, Kathy Henry, Noah Benoit, Thomas Catillaz, Margaret Parah, Susan Nephew, Bevie Anne Kelly, Bill Scribner, Mary Bryant Danuta Wermuth, Patricia Frank, Lara Brehm, Milt Tesar, Clement Jackson, Annette O'Neil, Wendy Wojcik, Cathy Belisle, Christine Boest, John & Doris McGinness, Christine Wilson, Mary Veenker, Gerard Power, Denise Hawk, Eugene Barcomb, Bob Hughes, Stacey Drake, David Malbon II, Keegan McCray, Tom Neddo, Kristy Porter-Fosco,



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