

# Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

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

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**Office Hours:**

**Mon. - Thurs.** 8:30am - 4:30pm

**Fri. - 8:30am - 12pm**

**Sacraments & Liturgies**

**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish), 10:30am

**Holy Days of Obligation:**

9:00am & 7:00pm

**Daily Mass:**

Tues, Wed & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

First Friday Mass: 12:00 p.m. at

St. John's Chapel

**Confession:**

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

**Baptism:** By appointment, contact  
Parish Office.

**Weddings:** Six months notice  
required. Please contact the pastor  
to begin the preparation process.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
Tuesday 9:30-10:30am & Friday  
6:00-7:00pm.

January 5 - 6, 2019 • The Epiphany of the Lord

## The Epiphany of the Lord

"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!

### Catechetical Corner

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

Religious Education Classes - Sunday, January 13th

Confirmation Class - Wednesday, January 9th @ 7:00 pm

RCIA - Thursday, January 17th @ 7:00 pm

### Prayers for the Sick:

**Please pray for:** Sussana Romero, Dcn. Mark Pittman, Ron Jones, Alan Craig, Kay Austin, Alma Tovas, Richard Contu, Jolinda Contu, Jennifer Adrian, Jerry Dickerson, Mary Louise Boyne, Katie Kroll, Don Cain, Vic & Lois Berube, Betty Conway, Bob & Tina Searcy, Linda Haney, Mae Nabozny, Erica Beuchat.

**Happy Birthday to:** Kenny West (9).

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the office so we can update our information.*

### Mass Intentions: January 5th - 11th, 2019

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>     | Special Intentions |
| <b>Sunday 8:00</b>  | Congregation       |
| <b>Sunday 10:30</b> | Special Intentions |
| <b>Tuesday</b>      | Special Intentions |
| <b>Wednesday</b>    | Special Intentions |
| <b>Thursday</b>     | Special Intentions |
| <b>Friday</b>       | Special Intentions |

### Readings for the week of January 6th, 2019



**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 [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/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

### Liturgical Ministers

| Lector/Ann | Euch. Min | Altar Server | Usher/ Gr. |
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#### January 5 - 6, 2019

##### 5:30 pm

|           |              |           |            |
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| K. Sontag | B. Whitesell | B. McLane | D. Hancock |
| V. Berube | M. Tanner    | N. Newton | M. Neises  |

##### 10:30 am

|                        |           |              |              |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| S. Ausmus              | B. Greuel | S. Mulvihill | R. Mulvihill |
| S. James               | L. Haney  | J. Schuler   | C. Lawson    |
| D. Everard & D. Holton |           |              |              |

#### January 12 - 13, 2019

##### 5:30 pm

|            |           |              |            |
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| J. Everard | K. Sontag | B. McLane    | J. Schuler |
| D. Hancock | M. Tanner | M. Whitesell | J. Sontag  |

##### 10:30 am

|                      |            |            |           |
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| C. Lawson            | V. Dunkel  | J. Schuler | K. Lawson |
| S. Beuchat           | M. Chapman | J. Pense   | D. Wise   |
| R. Rumsey & J. Pense |            |            |           |

### Sacred Heart Church Collections



#### December 29 - 30, 2019

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| Saturday/Sunday Collection (Envelope)... | \$ Not       |
| Loose.....                               | \$ Available |
| <b>Total Week-end Collection.....</b>    | <b>\$</b>    |
| Capital Improvement .....                | \$           |

#### December 23, 2018

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Week-end Collection.....                        | \$ 2,605.00 |
| <b>Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc. 35:7</b> |             |



Please watch the bulletin for Youth Group News

## **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

"The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke was first published in 1895. It tells the fictional story of Artaban, a fourth wise man who began a journey to visit Jesus, the newborn King. Unlike his fellow Magi, he failed to make it there for the birth of Jesus because he kept pausing to help various people in need. In fact, it took him about 33 years of searching before his quest comes to an abrupt end when he is hit in the head with a falling roof shingle. His final breath takes place in Jerusalem near the place where Jesus is being crucified. As he lies dying, he hears the voice of Jesus telling him that the gifts he has given all along the way to "the least of these" he has actually given to Jesus himself.

If you have never read this story or seen the made-for-television movie based on the tale, you really should seek it out. It is a story that reminds us of a profound truth: Jesus himself rests in the lives of all those around us in need. In the story, it was the wise man's constant response to a stewardship call that prevented him from getting where he wanted to go. In the end, where he needed to go was more significant than where he thought he should go.

If we live lives of generosity and graciousness, we may find ourselves on constant detours from the road on which we are traveling. It is in the detours and the unexpected circumstances of our journey that often times we find our true purpose in life. We think God is somewhere we must travel to, when in reality, God is closer than we think in the least likely of places.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## **LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

We all have had the experience of walking into a dark room and searching for the light switch. If we are really unfamiliar with the space, anxiety, uncertainty, disorientation, and even fear can easily arise. Once we find the light, all is illuminated and we are at peace. Our light has come into the world! The glory of God has been revealed! Today's feast of the Epiphany teaches us to look to our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the way to truly be the human beings we were created to be. He shows us how to prioritize our lives, order our relationships, care for creation, and live as daughters and sons of God. God's love and creative power is universal, transcending all races and nations. Jesus brings the light of peace to a broken world that still struggles to understand itself and to you and I who also struggle to understand who we are. May we find ourselves overjoyed that we have found our truth and allow Jesus to bring light to the darkness of our lives!

## **Parish Staff**

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**Virginia McCoy**, Music Director

## **Parish Organizations**

**Knights of Columbus:** The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Contact Grand Knight Robert Mulvihill 918-906-7170.

**Prayer Network:** For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at [skfgma14x@gmail.com](mailto:skfgma14x@gmail.com) or contact the office at (918) 224-0944.

**Women's Bible Study Group:** Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30-11:45am. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.

**Fatima Ladies:** Meet every 3rd Sunday at 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**There will be no daily Mass from January 2nd - January 11th, 2019.**

**THEOLOGY ON TAP 2019** - An Event of the CYA (Ages 18-39). Tuesday, January 8th - Dr. Richard Meloche & Dr. Marcel Brown. Old-School Catechesis: Learning a thing or two from Alcuin of York. 7:00 pm Social - 8:00 pm Speaker McNellie's Pub on 1st & Elgin.

**ECUMENICAL MARCH FOR LIFE** - Sunday, January 13th 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Keynote Speaker is Dr. Monica M. Miller, Founder & Director of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society.

**There will be a representative here from LPI, our bulletin company, the week of January 7th selling advertisement space for our bulletin. Please consider advertising in our bulletin, as this helps to cover the expense of printing the bulletin for our parish.**

**TOGETHER IN HOLINESS** - A Catholic marriage conference that inspires spouses and empowers parents. Saturday, February 9th, 2019 from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm at Church of Saint Benedict, Broken Arrow. Speakers: Most Rev. David Konderla, Roland Millare, and Patty Schaefer. On-site childcare. Couple and individual registration options. \$59/ Couple or \$35/Individual. Visit [www.togetherinholiness.org](http://www.togetherinholiness.org).

**Sacred Heart welcomes all new members to our parish family. Please fill out a registration form that is available in the gathering area or call the office @ 918-224-0944.**





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