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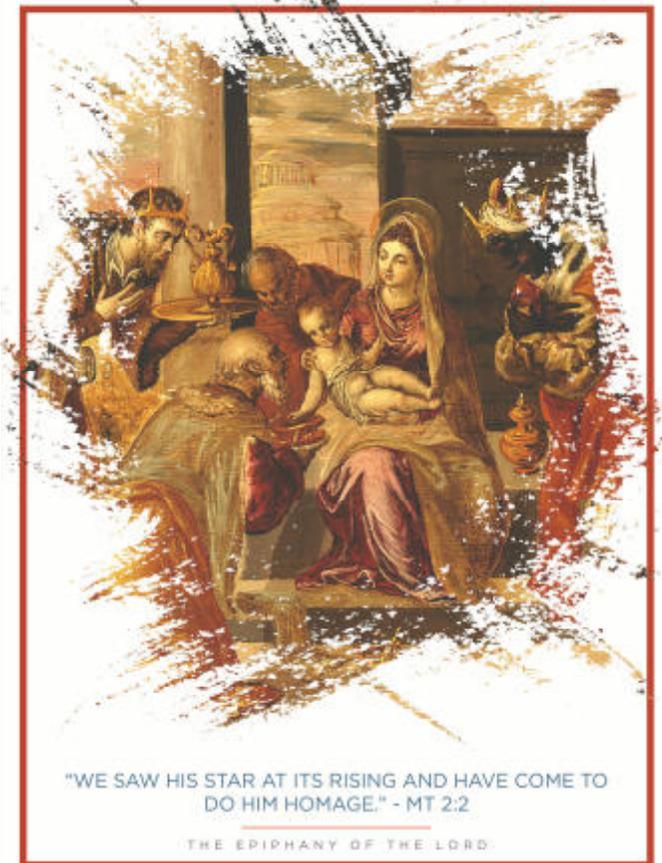
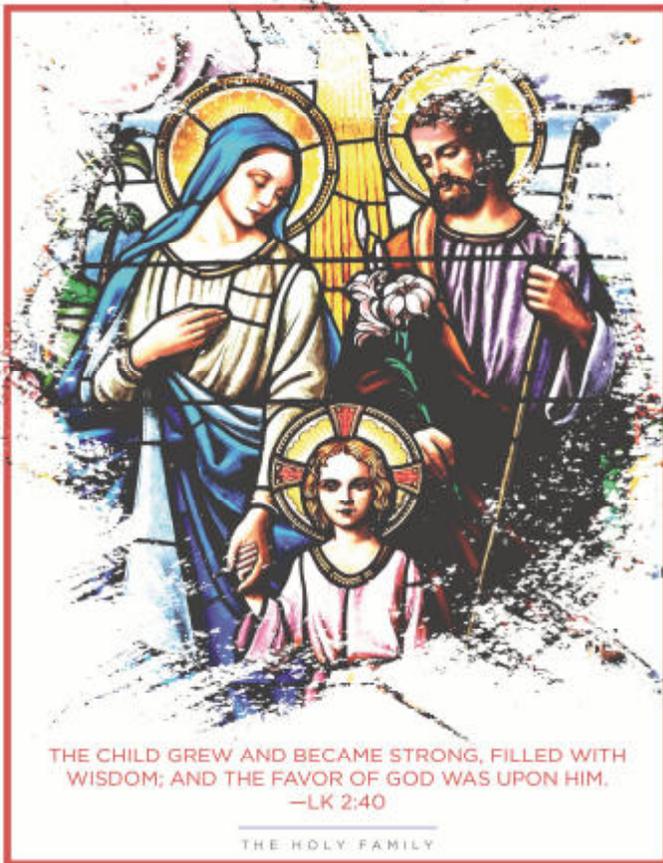
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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
The Epiphany of the Lord

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3 January 2021



## LIVE THE LITURGY - Inspiration for week (December 27)

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for week (January 3)

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate the path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important, God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember that with your stewardship. Many days begin and end with the people closest to you. Do not misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Please keep in mind that we are still collecting recipes. Maybe you have some great holiday recipes that you would like to share for the St Mary Cookbook.

Please email to the receptionist in the office at pmccormick@staugustineoh.org or you may drop them off in the recipe located outside the office door during office hours (Mon-Fri 9:30am-12 noon) or just inside Harrington Hall when you come to Mass or send them to St Mary Church  
ATTN: Cookbook  
PO BOX 1319  
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Thank you for all the yuuummmmy recipes.



## Please Note:

All 2020 contributions to the parish must be received by December 31, 2020 in order to be counted towards your 2020 income tax.



## Pray For...

### Please Pray for Our Families & Friends

For those during this COVID-19 pandemic, those who are ill, those who are going to have or are recovering from surgery, those in Careage or other rehabilitation facilities. For our military both at home or deployed, and for those who may be away attending college.

Peter Package - Tina Hamilton  
Richard McCormick - Naomi Puhr

PFC Zachary McCormick, US Army National Guard

~Permission is required from the individual prior to adding their name to the prayer list.  
~To include a loved one's name, please call the Parish Office at 360-678-6536.

## Epiphany OF THE LORD

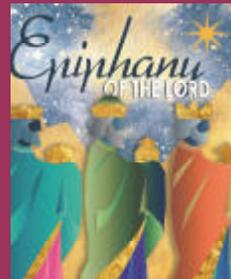
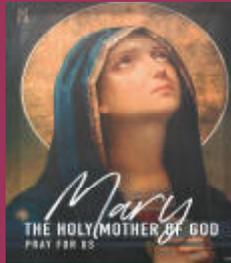
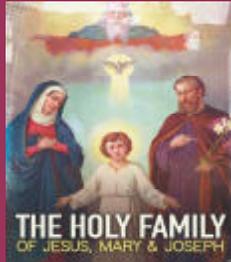


They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

December 27-Jan 3

Sun 12/27	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> 9:30 am Mass Livestream ( <i>St Augustine Catholic Church FB page</i> ) 11:15 am Mass (reservation only)
Mon 12/28	Office closed
Tue 12/29	9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
Wed 12/30	9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
Thu 12/31	New Year's Eve - Office closed, Holiday No Private Prayer today
Fri 1/1	<b>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b> Office closed, Holiday 9:00 am Mass (reservation only)
Sat 1/2	No activity
Sun 1/3	9:30 am Mass Livestream on <i>St Augustine Catholic Church FB page</i> 11:15 am Mass (reservation only)



January 3-10

Sun 1/3	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> 9:30 am Mass Livestream ( <i>St Augustine Catholic Church FB page</i> ) 11:15 am Mass (reservation only)
Mon 1/4	9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
Tue 1/5	9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
Wed 1/6	9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
Thu 1/7	9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org 11:00 am-12:30pm Private Prayer (Mask up or no entry), sanitize, & social distance
Fri 1/8	9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
Sat	No activity
Sun 1/10	9:30 am Mass Livestream on <i>St Augustine Catholic Church FB page</i> 11:15 am Mass (reservation only)

**Next Baptisms are scheduled for February 13**

(subject to change depending on Covid19 restrictions)

Baptism class is scheduled on January 9, Saturday from 9:00 am to noon on Zoom.

Call the office at 360-675-2303 to register, where you will receive instructions about the Zoom classes.

**Resolution for New Year**

Jesus was born into a harsh world, where Herod was doing the unthinkable: killing babies.

Is there any doubt that our world today needs Jesus to come and dwell among us?

As a new year begins, let us resolve to be a more effective and dedicated instrument of Jesus. Let us do more to promote love and peace. Let us do more to help moms turn the unplanned into a loving plan that embraces innocent life.

Let us do more to change our culture of death.  
*Pro Life Articles*

**The Year of the Eucharist**

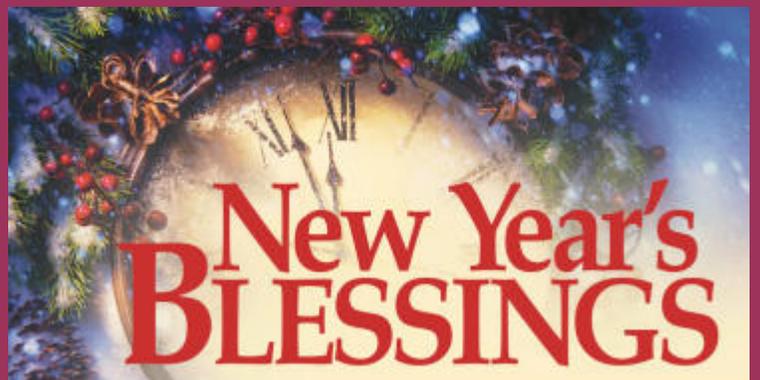
**Monday, January 25th  
Zoom Webinar**

More info to follow in the January 10th bulletin.

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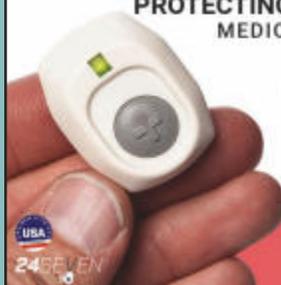
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