

Catholic Family of Epiphany

December 26, 2021—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



The Nativity of the Lord



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Christmas 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The prophet Isaiah cries out to the nations: *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shone"* (Is. 9:1). For me, these words are a *"lamp unto our feet and a light for our path"* (cf. Ps. 119:105) as we journey to Bethlehem this Advent/Christmas Season 2021.

In a year that for many of us has been filled with hills and valleys, light and darkness, outwardly represented for some in the recent devastation witnessed in Mayfield, Kentucky, the voice crying out is a beacon in the wasteland! It is epitomized in the small Baptist congregation of Mayfield gathered in the church's parking lot for Sunday worship announcing to all: *"Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!"* (Is. 40:3b).

Yes, brothers and sisters, our God comes to save us! This is the meaning behind the lights and glitter – the Christmas trees and the Nativity scenes – the gift giving and the parties, all are meant to point us and not blind us to one important moment: the Incarnation and Emmanuel – God with us!

As Pope St. Leo the Great would say of this feast: *"Our Savior, dearly beloved, was born today: let us be glad. For there is no proper place for sadness, when we keep the birthday of the Life, which destroys the fear of mortality and brings to us the joy of promised eternity. No one is kept from sharing in this happiness. There is for all one common measure of joy, because as our Lord the destroyer of sin and death finds none free from charge, so is He come to free us all. Let the saint exult in that he draws near to victory. Let the sinner be glad in that he is invited to pardon"* (Sermon 21 – *On the Feast of the Nativity*).

It is in the face of the loving gaze of our God become man and in the light that radiates from Bethlehem that beckons us to the "House of Bread" – *"the Living Bread come down from heaven"* (cf. Jn 6). It is in our gathering at Christ's altar – His manger (feeding trough) – that we are invited again and again to encounter Christ's Real Presence among us and to feast upon His Word and the Bread of Life given for the life of the world! So this Christmas in our poverty, let us too, come to Bethlehem and encounter our salvation – the lamp that casts out all darkness and sin and which desires to light our way in life!

It is my simple prayer that the light of Christ will fill your hearts and homes this Christmas and into the New Year. Merry Christmas and a blessed 2022!

In the Name of Jesus,

Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia
Bishop of Syracuse

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HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Our Parish Offices will be closed for the Holidays on the following dates:

Monday, December 27th ~ Closed
Friday, December 31st ~ Closed

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Epiphany Confirmation Service Project

Please Help!

Our Confirmation classes will be collecting items to take down to serve the poor for one of our many service projects.

Epiphany youth will head downtown to serve the homeless. These people are truly homeless and come under the bridge to be served a meal and collect a few items they may need. **Between December 18th and January 1st**, we will be accepting the following items to share with the homeless of Syracuse:

Gently used Winter Jackets Men or Women, Winter Hats, Gloves, Hand Warmers, Socks, Blankets, Boots, Small Bags of Chips, Granola Bars, Water Bottles, Wegmans Gift Cards

There will be big boxes in the gathering areas for these items, thank you in advance!

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Food Pantries:

Mary's Pantry (IHM) ~ 315-457-5787

Monday	12:00pm	2:00pm
Tuesday	2:00pm	3:30pm
Thursday	2:30pm	4:00pm

Loaves & Fishes Pantry (SJW) ~ 315-399-6023

Monday	12:00pm	2:00pm
Tuesday	12:00pm	3:00pm
Wednesday	3:00pm	5:00pm
Thursday	12:00pm	2:00pm

Hope Appeal 2021 Update!

We NEED your help! We are short \$29,530 of our parish goal of \$85,125.

Your financial help serves to ignite, renew, and energize Catholic life. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse includes 196,897 Catholics in 116 parishes residing in seven counties of Central and South-Central New York State. The seven counties are Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, and Oswego. *Gifts of all sizes are welcome and needed.*

Visit <https://www.syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal/> and watch the video, "You are the salt of the Earth" to witness how your gift makes a difference in the lives of so many.

Visit <https://www.syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal/> to give online, or mail your contribution to Epiphany Parish, Attn: Hope Appeal, 425 Beechwood Ave, Liverpool, NY 13088

*THANK YOU to those who have generously donated to our Hope Appeal 2021 campaign. We have received \$55,595 from 295 parishioners. If you have pledged an amount or wish to donate, please mail them in by **December 31, 2021.***



Upcoming Rehearsals:
Thursday, December 30 —7:00pm—SJW
Sunday, January 2—10:30am—IHM

For more information, please contact:

Sr. Rose Marie: srmcaravaglio@ihmsjw.org
 (315) 451-5070
 Ben Krisher: bkrisher@ihmsjw.org



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

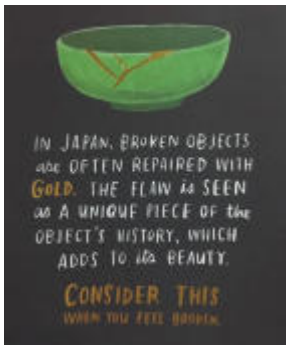
- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Next 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

The Living Tree



Is a memorial to those who have died and a symbol of hope to the living. Dedicating a leaf or a stone is a beautiful way to memorialize and honor a loved one. The Living Tree is displayed in the foyer of Epiphany IHM Church and

will be a part of Epiphany Parish as our future evolves. We hope you will consider this long-lasting way to memorialize and provide a tribute to your loved one. The suggested donation for a leaf is between \$1,000 to \$4,999; for a small stone, between \$5,000 to \$9,999; a large stone, \$10,000 or more. Please reach out to our parish office for more information.



January Book Club

Watch for a special handout on Christmas featuring Life Is Messy by Matthew Kelly. Adult formation will be sponsoring a 4 week book club discussion group on **Wednesday's January 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th** in the SJW Library from 6:30 PM - 8 PM. It will be a

great opportunity to discuss the concepts in Matthew's latest book ...and the book is free (1 to a family) for you for Christmas.

Attend Mass. Pick up a book, and join us!

Rosary for Life

A special Rosary for Life will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 16th at 2:30 PM** at the SJW Campus in the Church. This is to pray for a respect for life from beginning to end and in support of those travelling to Washington for demonstrations and prayers. This is an especially critical time during the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade decision of the Supreme Court. Deacon Steve Manzene will preside for Rosary and Benediction. Registration is not required, but we request if you plan on attending you call Terry Wellenzohn @315-457-4630 or register via the Parish website under the Adult Formation tab.



All parishioners are invited to attend a viewing of THE SEARCH, an innovative and captivating video series that tackles key questions at the core of every human heart and soul.

We will be presenting all seven of the beautifully filmed episodes, hosted by Chris Stefanick, with appearances from several experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion as they examine our place in the larger story of creation and our existence.

Join us for an hour on Sunday, January 9th after the 9:30 am Mass at IHM in the IHM Campus Parish Center to watch the second video in this series titled "What Do You Seek?". The series will be re-presented on Sunday, January 23rd after the 11:00am Mass at SJW Campus Library. The Schedule is listed below through the beginning of Lent. Couldn't make it to the first gathering? No worries, they are not consecutive; each session has meaning and will take you deeper into your faith! We promise!

	<u>IHM</u>	<u>SJW</u>
Session # 2	January 9	January 23
Session # 3	January 30	February 6
Session # 4	February 13	March 6



Sunday, December 26

8:00am SJW Mass
9:30am IHM Mass
No 11:00am Mass

Monday, December 27

Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 28

9:00am IHM Daily Mass
7:00pm SJW Bible Study (In Library)

Wednesday, December 29

9:00am IHM Daily Mass
9:30am IHM Legion of Mary
2:30pm SJW Bereavement Meeting
6:30pm SJW RCIA Meeting (In Library)

Thursday, December 30

9:00am IHM Daily Mass
7:00pm SJW Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 31—New Year's Eve

Offices Closed

Saturday, January 1—New Year's Day

4:00pm IHM Mass

Sunday, January 2

8:00am SJW Mass
9:30am IHM Mass
10:30am IHM Choir Rehearsal
11:00am SJW Mass



CYO Basketball

For CYO Practice Times,, please contact the Athletic Director, Rich McClain, rtmcclain@verizon.net

Weekend of December 25 - 26

All Parishioners of Epiphany Parish

Weekdays of December 28 - 29

Chuck Gedney R. Family
Carmela Sucapani R. Mary & Joe Calaprico
James V. Donovan, MD R. Carol Puschaver
Hon. James C. Tormy III R. Jeff Schiano
Janice Bonacci R. Marge & Bob Hammelman

Living Intentions for
Carol Puschaver R. Adult Faith Formation

Weekend of January 1 - 2

Parishioners of Epiphany Parish

John Malkoske R. Helen Impelizeri & Family
Kaye Caravaglio R. Sister Rose Marie Caravaglio
Confraternity of The Rosary

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The Sanctuary Lamp is Burning for:

Cheryl Hanley-Koflan
R. Mrs. Sam Piraino & Family

Peace in Our Country

R. Anonymous



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Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin announcements must be received by Friday, 9am for the following weekend. Please email info to Ben Krisher at bulletinepiphanyparish@syrdio.org. Info will be included space permitting.

Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick ~

If you or a loved one would like to receive Holy Communion or the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call either parish office. We can visit you at home, in the hospital, or at a nursing home.

A reminder that the Anointing of the Sick is not primarily for someone in imminent danger of death.

It is used at any time of illness or advanced age.

Hospital/Nursing Home Visits ~ Would you like a hospital or home visit? Do you have a loved one who is in the hospital or recovering at home? Please do not hesitate to call our office 315-451-5070 or 315-457-6060. We are not notified when loved ones are hospitalized due to the HIPPA Laws.

Voices of Hope Ministry is always looking for those who would like to pray for intentions requested by members of our faith community. If you are interested in joining us as a prayer warrior, a list is emailed or snail mailed if required, monthly to members. You are requested to pray for these intentions throughout the month. **If you have a prayer request**, please email names to info@ihmsjw.org or call Terry W. at 315-457-4630 if you have questions.

Sacrament of Baptism ~ Your addition is our addition! As you welcome a new member to your family we warmly welcome him/her into our parish family! Email Amy at faithformation@ihmsjw.org or call 315-451-5070. God Bless you and your new addition.

Being Separated/Divorced does not exclude a person from receiving the Eucharist. If you need help and support, please call Family Life Education at 315-472-6754, ext. 5.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the parish office 6 months in advance of your wedding to set a date and plan for Pre-Cana instruction.

RCIA

Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult, or wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please call Michael Tubbert 315-451-5070.

Both churches have **hearing aids** available; please see the sacristan.

Both churches are **wheelchair accessible**.

Please notify the Parish Office of address changes by calling or emailing info@ihmsjw.org.

Reminder ~ Children under the age of 13 must always be accompanied by an adult if they leave the worship area during mass. Please be aware our churches are open buildings and this policy is enforced for the safety of our children.

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