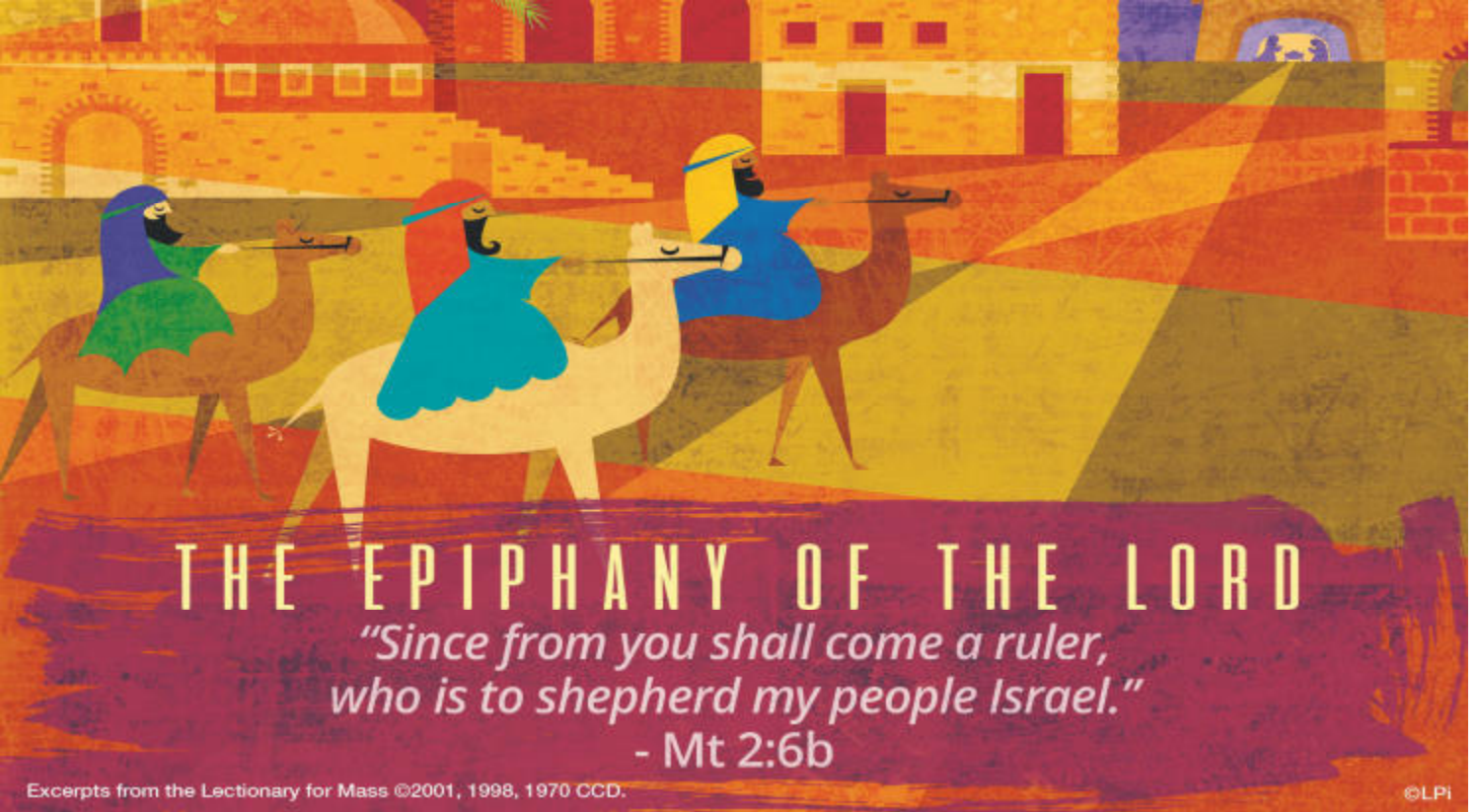




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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 9am & 11am
DAILY MASS
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8am
HOLY DAYS
8am & 7pm

CONFESSION
Saturday: 4pm
OR CALL PARISH OFFICE

BAPTISM
Call parish office to
schedule

WEDDINGS
Arrangements to be
made 6 months in
advance

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
For those with serious
illness, or in danger of
death - call parish office

St. Hilary Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00am & 5:30pm
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 7:00 & 9:30am
Wed. 7:00am ONLY Holy Days: refer to website
Confession: Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

St. Victor Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:45 & 11:30am
Memorial Day - Labor Day 9:00 & 11:00am
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 7:30am
Confession: Saturday 3:00-3:45pm



OUR PARISH



Mass Intentions

Prayers This Week

Monday January 3 | Weekday
NO MASS

Tuesday January 4 | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:00 am Msgr. Robert C. Wolff

Wednesday January 5 | St. John Neumann
NO MASS

Thursday January 6 | Weekday
8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday January 7 | Weekday
8:00 am Parishioners of GA

Saturday January 8 | Vigil
5:00 pm JJ Gnatowski

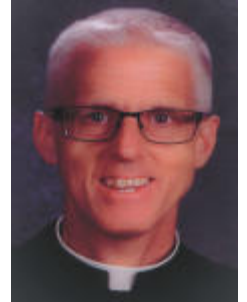
Sunday January 9 | Baptism of the Lord
9:00 am Agatha Kemper
11:00 am Murphy Montler

SPIRITUAL PROGRESS RATHER THAN SPIRITUAL PERFECTION

Why do we have to lean on God—when He has given us minds to think for ourselves? Probably because our thinking is limited. Our best thinking cannot match the thoughts of God—so it would be wise for us to say to God: *“I know You gave me a mind of my own, but could You guide my thinking today?!”* *Fr. Chris*

Words for the Week—*Fr. Chris*

I would like to thank everyone who so generously participated in our annual **Giving Tree** tradition—as usual your kindness makes me proud to be your pastor! I also want to acknowledge the great success of a new tradition for our parish—our **Sock Tree**; the response was wonderful. There will be many warm feet this winter because of you!



Here’s an update on **“We Are Blessed.”** The company Our Sunday Visitor who helped guide the campaign concluded the collection process of tabulating the results of your commitment cards. As we enter the New Year, I will be doing my best to reach out to everyone in order to follow through on your commitments. The committees and parish groups that you showed interest in will soon be formed—please stay tuned as this process begins to unfold!

Have a safe and blessed week!

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Thank you for your continued support!

Parishioners: If you are interested in switching to online giving or want to make a one-time offering, you may set up automated contributions & change the timing or amount of your offering. The online giving portal is located at <https://copleyangels.org/support-our-parish>

If you prefer to write a check for your offering, please make checks payable to “Guardian Angels”



Healing Rosary

Just a reminder that the Healing Rosary Group will NOT be meeting in January. We are also changing the day we meet to the first Tuesday of each month. So, we will next be meeting on Tuesday, February 1st at 7pm in the church. See you then!

Synod 2021 - 2023

For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission



Guardian Angels Parish will be participating in listening sessions as part of the diocesan synodal process! Synodality means journeying together & gathering in assembly as the People of God to proclaim the Gospel. Pope Francis has invited EVERYONE to participate in a dialogue with the worldwide Catholic Church. Join us! We hope you will participate in

the conversations that will take place in January. Each individual matters, each of our experiences is valid and in need of ears to listen. Nobody is excluded – all are welcome. We are all on this journey of faith together! This is an opportunity to listen to one another in a spirit of prayer and dream about the Church we are called to be. The information gathered from the listening sessions will not only help us discern how we can move forward together as a parish community, but also as a diocesan and universal Church. To learn more, please visit the website: dioceseofcleveland.org/synod

Volunteers Urgently Needed

St. Mary School Akron provides a quality education for a diverse student population mostly from families below the poverty level. Students face many challenges and benefit from help with homework/basic skills. There is an urgent need for adults and college/high school students for **After School Tutoring** on Thursday afternoons from 3:15-4:15 pm beginning January 13, 2022. Please email, phone, or text Deb Sesek at debsesek@gmail.com or 234.206.1069.





Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?



2021 YEAR-END TAX PLANNING

All contributions for 2021 needed to be received in the church office and/or postmarked by Dec. 31, 2021. Any gift received or post-marked on or after Jan. 1, 2022 will now be credited to 2022. Your 2021 Contribution Statement will be sent via email on file. If the address has changed please email updates no later than *Friday, January 21, 2022* to: office@copleyangels.org. We will process these statements beginning *Monday, January 24, 2022*. If you prefer snail mail, please provide a legal size, self-addressed, stamped envelope to the parish office at: **1686 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road, Copley, Ohio 44321.**



Welcome to Guardian Angels!

*The Winger Family has joined our parish
How blessed we are to welcome you to our
community!*

SPONSOR A REFUGEE FAMILY ON THE RUN FROM THE TALIBAN FOR BEING FRIENDS OF THE USA: Local Catholics formed a nonprofit group to help Afghans who are in *urgent need* of rescue and resettlement. Our first family is an elderly couple, the wife having worked with the U.S., a young mom in her 20's with 3 and 4 year old girls. Their father who worked with U.S. forces is missing, they don't know if he is dead or alive. Predictions of mass starvation this winter are looming for the Afghans under the Taliban. If interested in this life saving work, please make out a check to Follow Me Home Resettlement Services, Inc., for a *tax deductible* gift and mail to 3242 Dowling Dr. Fairlawn, OH 44333 ASAP. Thank you!

*Parishioners of
Guardian Angels -*



2021 presented us with a set of new challenges and the church has been a vital part of the Copley Outreach Center. We want to express our deepest appreciation for your continued support. Through your donations, we have been able to continue supporting those families in our community who have found themselves struggling to make ends meet. The pandemic is not over and it's still affecting many families. We have been very blessed by your generosity. So, thank you - hope it was a Merry Christmas and we wish everyone a prosperous New Year! Maryann Henry & staff at Copley Outreach Center

Theology on the Rocks is back!

Join us on Monday, January 17, 2022 at 7pm as we welcome guest speaker Fr. John Valencheck (Pastor of St. Sebastian Parish). He will present a talk entitled, "What to do when everything seems uncertain" at El Rancho Mexican Restaurant, located at 1666 West Exchange St. in Akron. Please note new location. Arrival 7pm. Program begins at 7:30pm. \$5 admission fee. Free chips & salsa. Food and drinks available for purchase.



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