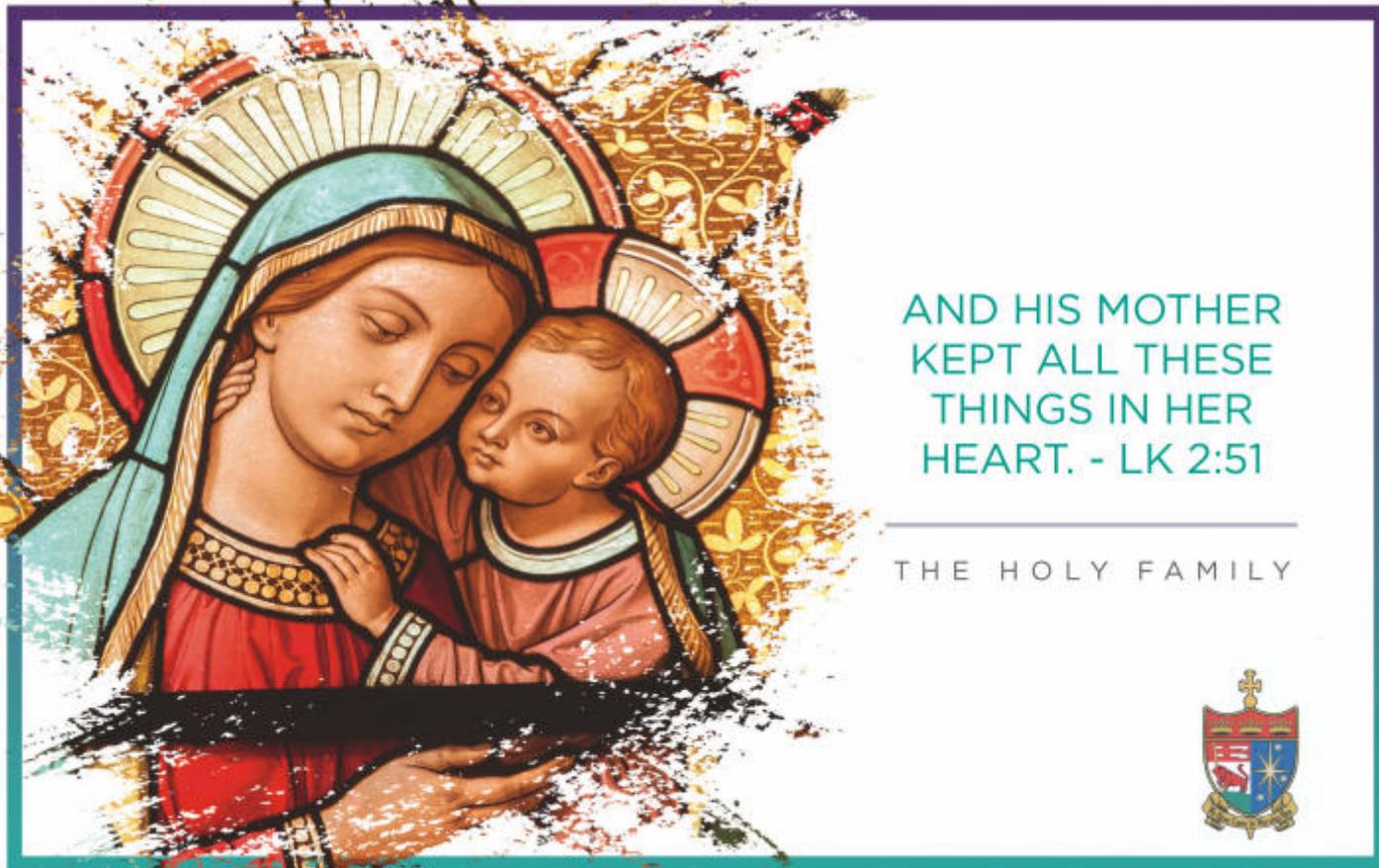


EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 26, 2021 | LITURGICAL SUNDAY IN ADVENT



A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Your son to us. We are grateful for the gift of Your love, and we ask that You show us all the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you, God, for all the joy and blessings that You have brought to our lives through our family and friends.

Please help all of the people that are in need during this Christmas season. May they feel the joy and happiness of the season through the generous acts of others. Amen.

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Fr. Mitch Byeck

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MASS SCHEDULE **Weekend Mass**

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday:
8:30a.m. in Church

Confession

30 Minutes before Weekend
Masses, & everyday after
Mass, or by appointment.

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00am

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Parish Hall Rental

To reserve the hall for a function, please contact the Parish Office at 716-337-2686.

For Information on Registration, Baptism, Weddings, and Faith Formation please call the Parish Office (716-337-2686).

Prayers and Reading

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday December 26th

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Readings- Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

Monday December 27th

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

Readings- 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday December 28th

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Readings- 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday December 29th

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Readings- 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday December 30th

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Readings- 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Friday December 31st

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Readings- 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday January 1st

Vigil of Epiphany of Our Lord

Readings- Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21



IN OUR PRAYERS

Vicky (Achtyl) Alessi, Lena Anzalone, Cindy Gabel Amacher, Ann Andzel, Paul Baker, Mary Bartz, Elaine Bauer, Carol Bloom, Ernest Bracikowski, Eileen Bunn, Mary Jane Butzer, Sharon Butzer, Don Caccioppo, Joey Crocker, Alyssa Cummings, Paula Czora, Norie Donhauser, John Duggan, Otto Duggan, Anne Edwards, Sandra Fellows, Laura Franchella, Mary Ann Gabel, Jason Gallaway, Frances Gardner, Olivia Gates, Mary Gattie, Phyllis George, Art Gernatt, Mike Gernatt, Patrick Grapes, Sylvia Grapes, Olivia Gullick, Bob Holbrook, Donna Holbrook, Jane Johnson, Tom Johnson, David Kerker, Susan Kester, Cindy Kohn, Rose Kohn, Daniel Kozub, Mark Kozub, Mary Linde, Irma Martin, Lou Marconi, Kathleen Marshall, Diane May, Bob Mc Nerney, Rob McNeight, Millie Muehlbauer, Dave Niefergold, Emily Niefergold, Marty Niefergold, Sue Niefergold, Jean Olsen, Dave and Connie Otteni, Jean Ott, Holly Pearce, Andrew Remero, Pat Ricotta, Marland Schmitt, Wesley Schmitt, Ellen Schuster, Michael Spicola, Danielle Stark, Lorraine Stark, Ed Stemper, Donelle Thomas, Ron Timmons, Ed Urban, Gary Wentland, Mike Winter, Steffanie Wutz, Kathy Zureck.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 26TH

Sat, December 25th 4:00 p.m. *No Vigil Mass*

Sun, December 26th 8:30 a.m. † Alice Gates
By Mary Gattie

Sun, December 26th 11:00 a.m. † Eileen Camilleri
By Maryanne Kozub

Mon, December 27th 8:30 a.m. The Grugel Family
By Roger & Kathy Powenski

Tue, December 28th 8:30 a.m. † Patrick Dorn
By Mary Gattie

Wed, December 29th 8:30 a.m. For All Parishioners
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

Thur, December 30th 8:30 a.m. † Esther Dittenhofer
By Roger & Kathy Powenski

Fri, December 31st 8:30 a.m. † Nellie Jo Curry Ballard
By Mary Gattie

Sat, January 1st 8:30 a.m. Father Mitch Byeck
By Toni & Elane Wittmyer

Sat, January 1st 4:00pm † Jim Skora, Walter & Ann
Skora, Albert & Florence Schmitz
By Mary Ellen Skora

Sun, January 2nd 8:30 a.m. † Tony Andolina
By Pete & Cindy Renaldo

Sun, January 2nd 11:00 a.m. † John Kozub
(*Epiphany of the Lord*)
By Maryanne Kozub

The Sanctuary Candle in Church is lit this week for David and Henry Achtyl Birthday Remembrances as requested by Ken & Liz Achtyl.

The Sanctuary Candle in the Rectory Chapel is lit this week for Nick Zemla's 2nd birthday as requested by Sadie and Rex Schmitt.

If you are one of those who cannot visit our parish as much as you like, you might want to check out our website at www.epiphanyofourlordrc.com. There you will find our Online Giving Link. Our online giving program allows parishioners to continue to support the parish even when they are out-of-town, too busy to remember an envelope, working weekends, or attending Mass at another parish.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

To place someone on the prayer list, please complete and return a card available at the Church entrances, or call the Parish Office. Individuals will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the rectory is noticed otherwise. If someone on the list passes away, please let the parish office know.

HOMILY

Each year, as this feast of the Holy Family arises, we have the opportunity to reflect on their lives. What can we learn from these holy people? How might we imitate them? Perhaps the answer is clear. In an age when we are faced with relentless messaging from social media, television, and competing ideologies, modern families need to be grounded in prayer and religious traditions.

We know very little about Christ's life between his birth and the beginning of his public ministry. We know that he was born in Bethlehem in a humble stable. Soon, his young life was threatened and his family escaped to Egypt. Eventually, they returned to Nazareth. We can only imagine Jesus growing up in a simple household with Mary, his loving Mother, and Saint Joseph, his protective guardian. We picture him in Mary's lap or learning a carpenter's trade at Joseph's workbench. The early years of Christ's life are often identified by scholars as the "hidden life" of Jesus.

The beginning of today's Gospel states that Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem annually for Passover according to festival custom. On one such occasion, when Christ was 12, he remained at the temple; his parents found him there, discussing Scriptures with the rabbis. Significantly, this story of finding him in the temple "is the only event that breaks the silence of the Gospels about the hidden years of Jesus" (CCC 534).

These visits to a house of worship are significant. The temple in Jerusalem was seen as God's dwelling place. Even Jesus- God's dwelling place among men- took the time to go there (CCC 586). The temple was house of prayer, where sacrifices were offered and God's praises were sung. At the temple, in the synagogues, and in his home, a young Jesus would have learned the words and rhythms of his people's prayers.

Like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we are part of a holy family- we, too, are children of God. Just like Mary and Joseph, our family life is enriched when we go to church to worship the One who created and loves us. Like Mary and Joseph, we must be attentive to the presence of Christ in our lives, to hold all he did and said in our hearts, and to willingly participate in God's divine plan. By being attentive to God' word and by keeping his commandments, we, too, will grow in wisdom and grace and favor.



Cemetery Closure

As of December 1st, 2021, both St. Martin's and St. Mary's Cemeteries will be closed to burials until approximately April 1st, 2022, dependent on the weather and ground conditions.

Any questions should be directed to the Parish Office.

Cemetery roads should be avoided during this time as well. They are not maintained during the winter months.

Upcoming Events

Marriage Moment

In a world that is getting smaller, our hearts must get bigger. In a world that is getting colder, our spirits must get warmer. In a world that is getting angrier, our souls must become more loving. Starting with my spouse, is there a way I can stretch my love today by going "out of my way" for another?

Parenting Perspective

What's so sacred about dinner? It happens every day. We face one another. We eat. We talk. It doesn't matter that some of the talk is trivial or full of complaints. We share our day, wants and all. It doesn't matter if the food is plain or even unappetizing. We have food. It doesn't matter if we come to the table angry with one another or if we get angry as a result of being together. We have to deal with people who push our buttons- and then push beyond it. We might even find the grace to forgive.

Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candle Requests

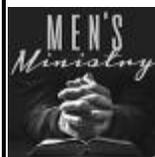
Dates are open for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candle Requests for 2022. If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, or request the Sanctuary Candle please call or visit the Parish Office. You may also drop a clearly marked envelope with your request in the collection basket.

For Mass Intentions you will need:

- Who and or what the Mass is for, whom the Mass is requested by, the date you would like the Mass, and a \$15 stipend per Mass.

For a Sanctuary Candle Request you will need:

- Who and or what the Candle is being lit for, whom the candle is being requested by, the week you would like the candle lit (they are a 7 day devotional and begin on Sunday) and a \$10 stipend for each week requested.



The Men of the Challenge

We're a group of regular guys who, deep in our hearts, know we're not yet the boyfriends/ husbands, fathers, or men that we know we can be.

We gather on the 2nd Saturday of each month to EAT, to LEARN more about our faith, & to be CHALLENGED to live as men of God each day.

Join us for our upcoming gatherings

Saturday January 8th, & February 12th from 8am-9:15am in the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Hall

RSVP to Deacon Jeff (call/text) 716-432-8717



Ministry Schedule for January 1st-2nd				
	EMOHC	Lector	Altar Server	Greeter
4pm	Janet Eimiller	Sylvia Michalski	n/a	Anyone Available
8:30am	Robin Hohman	Nancy Gabel	n/a	Joyce Schmitz
11am	Cheryl Quiter	Toni Wittmeyer	n/a	Dorothy Bracikowski

The Statue of Our Blessed Mother has been removed from Church while it is being restored. She will be returning soon.

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