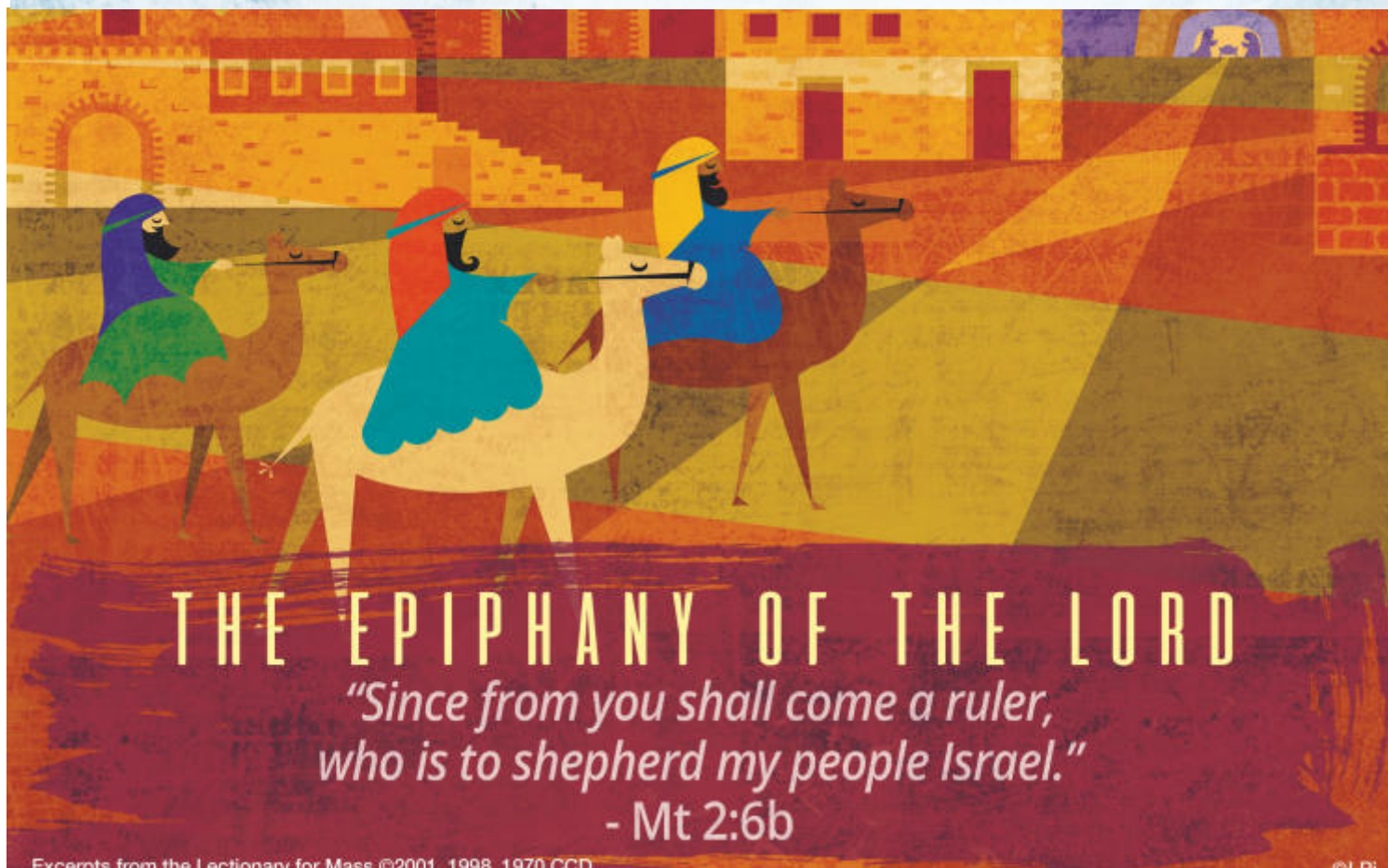


EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 02, 2022 | LITURGICAL SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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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EPIPHANY CHALK BLESSING

As we prepare for the Epiphany, celebrated on January 2nd, we encourage your household to adopt the "Chalking the Door" tradition. We will bless and provide chalk for all Mass attendees this weekend (January 1st & 2nd). Gather indoors or outside by a prominent door in your home. Write with chalk or create a sign to place above your door. Use the message 20+C+M+B+22.

"CMB" is an abbreviation for the Latin *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, "May Christ bless this home." It also represents the names of the three Wise Men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. The "+" signs represent the cross, and the numbers to the left and right are the year.



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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 January 2nd

The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings- Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday January 3rd

Christmas Weekday

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

Tuesday January 4th

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Readings- 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday January 5th

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Readings- 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday January 6th

Christmas Weekday

Readings- 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22

Friday January 7th

Christmas Weekday

Readings- 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday January 8th

Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord

Readings- 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30



MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF JANUARY 2ND

- Sat, January 1st 4:00 p.m. † Jim Skora, Walter & Ann Skora, Albert & Florence Schmitz
By Mary Ellen Skora
- Sun, January 2nd 8:30 a.m. † Alice Gates
By Mary Gattie
- Sun, January 2nd 11:00 a.m. † John Kozub
By Mary Anne Kozub
- Mon, January 3rd 8:30 a.m. † David Achtyl
By Ken & Liz Achtyl
- Tue, January 4th 8:30 a.m. † Walter Wielgus
By Hilde Werneth
- Wed, January 5th 8:30 a.m. † Mr. Norman
By The Zemla Family
- Thur, January 6th 8:30 a.m. Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners
By Fr. Mitch Byeck
- Fri, January 7th 8:30 a.m. † Deceased Priests and Religious
By John & Annette Noto
- Sat, January 8th 4:00pm † Bob Mertle
By Ralph & Wende Mertle
- Sun, January 9th 8:30 a.m. † Walter & Katy Geiger
By The Family
- Sun, January 9th 11:00 a.m. † Rita Gabel
(Baptism of the Lord) By Norbert Gabel & Family

The Sanctuary Candle in Church is lit this week for the Grugel Family as requested by Kathy and Roger Powenski.

The Sanctuary Candle in the Rectory Chapel is lit this week for Fr. Mitch's Birthday as requested by Toni & Elane Wittmeyer.

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. If you have questions, or need assistance setting up online giving, please contact the Parish Office (337-2686)

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, 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.

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

Today, our continued celebration of the Nativity of the Lord (that is, Christmas) reaches new heights as Jesus is revealed as a king, the Christ, and a ruler to shepherd the people. The arrival of the Magi follows the same motif of light versus darkness found in the prophecy of Isaiah- that people will come from afar, following the light of a star, bringing their treasures and finding the greatest treasure lying in the manger at Bethlehem.

The Scriptures do not name these men, but tradition refers to them as Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They are not Jews, but Gentiles who come to pay homage to the newborn king of the Jews. They come to Jerusalem, attempting to locate this king. Their arrival shows us, as Saint Paul will later write, that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Now, Herod believes himself to be the king of the Jews. Not Jewish by birth, he paid the Roman Senate to give him this title when he assumed the kingship in this occupied outpost of the Roman Empire. With paranoia, he has preciously guarded this title and the power that comes with it, going so far as to have a brother and a son put to death and sending one of his wives into exile. He will stop at nothing to locate this newborn child and eliminate the threat he poses to Herod's throne.

Matthew doesn't tell us whether the Magi show respect to Herod as a king. We don't know if they curtsy or bow, only that they have an audience with him and depart. This stands in stark contrast to their audience with the Holy Family at Bethlehem, where they lie face down on the dirty floor of the barn, realizing they are in the presence of the Word Made Flesh. They offer their treasures- gold for his kingship, frankincense to honor Jesus' priesthood. These gifts were exactly as Isaiah foretold. But it is the gift of myrrh that stands out in this scene. It is an ointment for a dead body, suggesting that the crib and the cross are cut from the same piece of wood.

This encounter, this epiphany, reveals the Messiah in the flesh, as a Savior for Jew and Gentile. The Magi do not follow Herod's instruction to bring him word of Jesus' location. Instead, they depart for their homeland by a different path, and their lives are forever changed. The encounter with the Christ sets them on a new road, one in which- tradition holds- they returned to their homes to proclaim the Good News of Christ's birth.

The encounter with Christ is meant to change all of us, and place each of us on a new path- one that will lead us to light and life. As disciples who still seek him, we follow the light of a star, coming from afar, from every walk of life. We do not have gold and frankincense. What will we offer the Child Jesus? We offer him devotion and dedication, lives of faith, service to our fellow human beings, even our faults, failings, and fears. He came for all of it. He came for all of us.

Upcoming Events

Respect Life Display and Rosary

To celebrate human life at every age, we would like to display some photos of members of our own parish and community on our "Respect Life" bulletin board. Please send in photos of your family from all ages and stages of life. Some suggestions to consider... a photo with multiple generations of your family together, a photo from a birthday or wedding anniversary, a sonogram picture.

Please email your pictures to michellekzemla@protonmail.com with "Respect Life Photo" in the subject line, or leave your physical pictures at the rectory; I will make a copy for the bulletin board and you can get your original photo back. Photos will be displayed on the Respect Life Bulletin Board in the entrance to the Church along with information about resources in our local community and any upcoming events or pending legislation concerning life issues.

On Saturday January 8th, at 9:15am, all are encouraged to join us in the Church as we pray the Rosary for all couples struggling to conceive and for an end to abortion. There will be kid friendly rosaries available, and all ages are welcomed.

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

2022 Grand Raffle

The 2022 Grand Raffle is under way! The Raffle tickets are available in the back of church, at the side door, or in the rectory during office hours. The early bird drawing for \$250 will take place on February 6th. The Grand Raffle drawing and Reception will take place Saturday March 19th. Over \$10,000 in prizes! Sellers have the chance to win as well!

1st Prize- \$4,000.00 2nd Prize- \$1,000.00
3rd Prize- \$1,000.00 4th-6th Prizes- \$500.00 7th-10th Prizes- \$250.00
11th-20th Prizes- \$100.00 21st-30th Prizes- \$50.00

Youth Ministry Pizza Sale January 29th & 30th
(Pre-sale orders can be placed now using the sheets located in the back of Church or by calling/visiting the Rectory Office)

Frozen Pizzas from "Tim and Bonnies"

One Pizza: \$8
Two Pizzas: \$15
Three Pizzas: \$23
Four Pizzas: \$30
Five Pizzas: \$37

Ministry Schedule for January 1st-2nd					Thank you for following the State Mandated Mask requirement!
	EMOHC	Lector	Altar Server	Greeter	
4pm	Mary Ellen Skora	Mary Gattie	n/a	Mary Richmond	
8:30am	Bonnie Hohman	Paul & Robin	n/a	Marge Gallaway	
11am	Peg Siegle	Annette Noto	n/a	Cheryl Quiter	

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