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**January 2  
2022**

Arriving in Jerusalem, the magi ask a critical question: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" This is the burning question that prompted them to follow a distant star to a distant place. What planted this burning question in their hearts surely was some wisdom that their lives were not complete. Their journey to find the Infant was long and convoluted, yet guided by heavenly light. We, too, will find Christ if we search. We, too, will be led by God's light. We, too, will be satisfied with Fullness of life.



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022**

## THE 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

**Saturday, January 1, Epiphany of the Lord****Confessions are by Appointment Only**

**4:00 p.m. Mass**—For the intentions of our Pastor, Fr. Jim Lopez,  
Fr. Don Walker, and the Mariannahill Fathers  
+Deceased members of St. Sabina Parish Family

**Sunday, January 2, Epiphany of the Lord****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Bob Maccani—by Joe and Marie Prew**11:00 a.m. Mass**—+Vera Granger—by Myrtle Granger

+Stephen Wojnar—by Bernice Wojnar and Family

+Paul Kuchta—by Judith Blaylock

+Bernadette Furton (14th Anniv.) - Tim Furton and Children

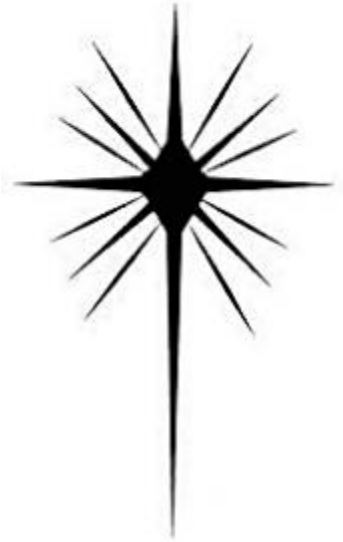
**Monday, January 3, Christmas Weekday/Holy Name of Jesus****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Greg Williams—by Tom & Nancy Bobee**Tuesday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious****6:30 p.m. Mass**—+Stephen Stobierski—by Josephine & Lisa Stobierski**Wednesday, January 5, St. John Neumann, Bishop****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Joseph & John Stiplosek—by Sadie Stiplosek**Thursday, January 6, Christmas Weekday****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Kathy Gladki Hansen—by Margie & Larry Leja**Friday, January 7, Christmas Weekday****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Jeanette Niemiec—by Friend**Saturday, January 8, Christmas Weekday****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Richard Czapski—by Family  
(Privately celebrated at Mariannahill Chapel)**Saturday, January 8, Baptism of the Lord****Confessions are by Appointment Only****4:00 p.m. Mass**—+Ceil Kobylarz—by Jimmy Mondro

+Al and Helen Edwards—by Debbie &amp; Alan Edwards

**Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Walter Moretti—by Tom and Nancy Bobee**11:00 a.m. Mass**—+Mark Sharp—by Myrtle Granger

+Ronald Fronczak—by Rich and Joanne Fronczak

+George Cremona—by Fran Stefanski

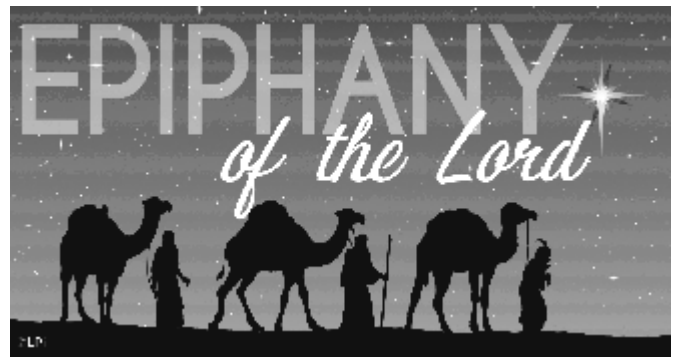
**LIVE THE LITURGY  
INSPIRATION FOR  
THE WEEK**

*Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi*





**From the Bullpen**  
January 2, 2022



*Happy New Year* and my continued *Christmas Season Blessings* to all!

As we begin 2022, I share with you a question that I have asked family or friends in the past. What changes are you going to make for yourself spiritually in the new year? Unfortunately, the response I receive is the new year resolution: “I am going to watch my diet, exercise more and be extra charitable!” I try giving a supportive nod or sometimes I give an honest retort like: “Please! The only diet you follow is the See Food diet; and the exercise you practice is running to the dining room table or running away from the check at the restaurant!” Though my response may have a little snap behind it, it is for a reason.

My expectation is that of hearing about an increase of spiritual practices in one’s daily life. Maybe it is praying an extra Rosary daily; practicing a centering prayer in bringing balance to a person’s life because the days are so unbalanced lately; reading about a spiritual writer who inspires the practices of living Christ in this world; or it may be an increase in the participation of weekly Mass to daily Mass. Though I could go on with more examples, I will end here.

It is the feast day of the Epiphany in which, we, like the magi, bring our gifts to the Christ Child. I am sure Christ is happy when we practice discipline in diet and exercise; or when we practice in giving towards charitable goods and less to the lottery scratch offs! Yet think of much more happy Christ would be knowing we are brining more of our very selves to Him. Praying more, receiving His Body daily because of desire, reading about Christ in order to know Him intimately, and practicing charitable works because of the increased knowledge of Christ.

Epiphany is the opening of the mind and the heart so that we respond generously to Christ with our gifts and talents in selfless ways in order for us to enter through the Gate of Heaven! Christ entered this world humbly as Redeemer so we would be redeemed, which should be enough of an inspiration in making our new year better. The Gate of Heaven was opened for us because God loves us so much that He gifted us with His only Son, that is why we should strive in making our days and years better than before.

I close with two things. First, my thanks to all those who contributed in making our Christmas Masses so special. From Maria responding to those asking what time is your Midnight Mass? To Joanie and our choir who practiced and prayed together in preparation for our Masses and cantatas. Bob and his team made sure our facility was cleaned and sanitized. The volunteers who decorated under difficult time constraints, but were understanding and flexible with reorganizing schedules in order to accomplish the task. Cannot forget, our Deacon Matt, Fr. Don and the Mariannahill priests who I appreciate so much. Finally, to all at St. Sabina who contributed with love and prayers.

Second, I will be taking a short vacation with my nephew, Christopher. My plan is to rest, pray and follow some hockey games at our destination. My hope is that we enjoy our time together and return home refreshed and re-energized. I wonder if Christopher will provide me with homily material from this trip?

*Have a blessed week, and I will see you soon, Fr. Jim*

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**Happy New Year!**

2022 will be a vital year for the pro-life movement in America. Hopefully, the Supreme Court will use its decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* this spring to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. If the Supreme Court lacks the wisdom to do so, pro-lifers will have to redouble our efforts to continue to promote a culture of life in an increasingly hostile political environment. If the Court follows the Constitution and seeks justice for all, pro-lifers will face the new challenges of passing State laws to protect human life starting at conception and promoting policies which support mothers in need of assistance. Take action for life in 2022 and call 734-422-6230 or email [wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org) to become a LIFESPAN member today!



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**Sunday—8:00 a.m.—12 noon**

**Dropoff at the parish convent garage**

**All proceeds benefit St. Vincent dePaul**

**KNIGHTS'  
CORNER**

*Happy Feast Day  
of the Epiphany!*

In today's Gospel reading, we hear the familiar story of the magi who have come to seek out the newborn child for whom the star rose in the sky, heralding the birth of the king of the Jews. When they come to the place of His birth, they give Jesus the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They prostrate themselves and give Him homage. During Christmas, we are often excited to receive gifts, and we enjoy giving them to others. We honor the great gift that God the Father has given us in sending us His only begotten Son for our salvation. We must also remember to give our many gifts and talents in service to God and our neighbor. We must pray, sing hymns of praise and glory, and provide for those in need. Just as the magi gave gifts to Jesus, we should do so as well. Our King is born!

Have a Blessed Christmas Season and a Wonderful and Healthy New Year! Looking forward in Hope to an awesome 2022!

God Bless You and your families and we pray that you continue to grow in Faith and Love!



**ALTAR CARE SCHEDULE  
JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2022**

Jan. 7	B. Lowe, M. Lynch
Jan. 14	N. Frederickson, C. Lipa
Jan. 21	P. Muliatt, M. Muliatt
Jan. 28	M. Popovich, N. Kelley
Feb. 4	M.A. Owens, M. Vincent
Feb. 11	B. Lowe, M. Lynch
Feb. 18	M. Popovich, M. Vincent
Feb. 25	M. Vincent, F. Lucier
March 4	B. Lowe, M. Lynch

We thank each of you for your unfailing commitment to keeping our St. Sabina Worship areas clean and sanitized. You are truly appreciated.

We wish the Newborn Savior's choicest blessings for you and your loved ones throughout the New Year.





From the desk  
of Fr. Don

**WE HAVE ONLY  
ONE EARTH  
THAT WE  
LEAVE  
TO FUTURE  
GENERATIONS**

**In *his* encyclical letter  
*Laudato Si'*,**

**Pope Francis** urges Christians to consider the long-term effects of our actions which impact the future well-being of the human species, all living things, and our planet itself:

**The notion of the "common good"** also extends to future generations, and must not exclude those who come after us. Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to our future generations, we must look at things differently - that this world is a gift and we must share it with others.



**THE WORLD WE HAVE  
RECEIVED ALSO BELONGS  
TO THOSE WHO WILL  
FOLLOW US.**

## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.





**St. Sabina  
Mission Statement**

*We become the Real Presence of Christ through prayer, education, worship, and service. Gathering in Christ's name we share our time and talents with our community, and welcome all.*

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**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton—January 4**

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint." ©LPi

*May Jesus be the source of strength for those who suffer from heavy burdens of life, a haven of hope and light in darkness. Keep all the sick, those in the hospital, the homebound, and those awaiting surgery in your thoughts and prayers. "Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen!"*

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**Add'l Christmas Flower Memorials 2021**

In memory of Rita DeGuire, by Ron DeGuire.  
 In memory of John & Margaret Langan, Frank & Adelina Iwankovitsch, Gertrude Kennedy, by Tom & Joanie Iwankovitsch.  
 In memory of Alexander, Virginia, Robert, Marilyn Lipa, by Carol Lipa.  
 In memory of Henry Kasprowicz, Charles McCormick, by Lillian McCormick.  
 In memory of Family, by M/M William Miller.  
 In memory of Jennifer Rock, John Miramont Jr., Rosalind Nichols, Madeline & Charles Oldani, by Charles Oldani  
 In memory of Family, by Ruth Smith.  
 In memory of Bill Sullivan, all deceased in Sullivan & Zugaro Family, by Norma Sullivan.  
 In memory of Wall Family, by Patricia Wall.

**Weekend Lector Schedule  
 January 9 2022**

**4:00 p.m.** Sarah Wojnarowski  
**8:30 a.m.** Megan Huynh  
**11 a.m.** Jos Chackunkal

**Weekend Eucharistic Minister Schedule  
 January 9 2022**

**4:00 p.m.** S. Floyd, J. Terski, R. Bravo  
**8:30 a.m.** M. Koss, A. Turek, N. Kelley  
**11 a.m.** L. Tallieu, M. Janiga, E. Viviani



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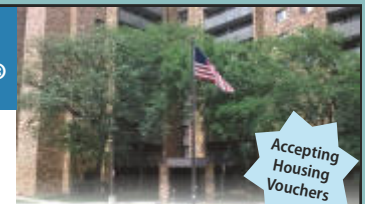
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