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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

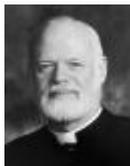
When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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Vision Statement:

Immaculate Conception Church is a group of Catholic Christians who are in the process of becoming a vibrant Eucharistic people by deepening and expanding their faith. We accomplish this through prayer, the grace of the sacraments and the process of continuous conversion. With the prayerful leadership of the pastor and the work of many ministries and programs designed to educate, evangelize and support our parishioners and greater community, ICC is a shining example of how a parish uses the gifts of faith, hope and charity for the glory of God and in service to others.



From the Pastor... Were the Three Wisemen “Astrologers”?

The older *New American Bible* translation refers to the wisemen as “astrologers from the east”. This translation is not accurate and has been changed. The correct word is “magi”. (The word “magi” is the root of our word “magician”.) The “magi” were more like scientists and philosophers. They studied planetary tables but were apparently familiar with the Jewish religious traditions about a Messiah. To their credit they sought Him out, using all the means at their disposal, including the use of planetary tables. (Remember, they were not Jews. They were foreigners. They did not have the training in the true religion of the day.)

But isn't it true that they followed the “wandering star” which took them to Bethlehem? The “star” (probably a conjunction of two planets) only took them so far. It took them to King Herod, who was greatly disturbed at the news of a newborn king. Herod's counselors informed the king of the precise whereabouts of the infant- Messiah. The counselors used the Bible to pinpoint Bethlehem as the place. The Book of the prophet Micah contains the famous prophecy of our Lord's birth in Bethlehem. Once arrived at Bethlehem, the Magi discarded the tools of their trade: gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and returned to their country changed men (we would suppose).

With the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God and the Locus of all true worship, we must reject all forms of false religion. For example, divination, which seeks to learn hidden knowledge about the future via means such as: horoscopy, palm-reading, tarot card reading, recourse to mediums and “psychics”. Divination is an offense against God. The fortunes of men are not determined by the stars.

The Magi teach us something about the place of Jesus Christ in true worship: “they prostrated themselves (before Jesus) and did Him homage.” The verb used connotes recognizing Jesus as divine. And so He is. Even today, all true worship goes through Jesus (the Eucharist, liturgical prayers, Our Father). The Magi's gifts: gold (for Jesus's Kingship). We must acknowledge Him as our King and remain detached from the material wealth that we have. To what use do we put our resources in the service of God's kingdom? Frankincense: a life of prayer (represented by the smoke going up to heaven) and goodness (the aroma of Christ). Myrrh: He was offered wine mingled with myrrh, on the cross. His body was also anointed with this substance in death. It represents sacrifice and renunciation (mortification) and reminds us of the place of penance in the Christian life....



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**Pray
 for
 Priests**

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

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
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11





A time to heal...In your prayers, please remember those in need of healing,

Especially: Kay Balash, Chris Barbian, Stefani Birman, Samantha Boggs, Diane Broberg, Ron Gall, Clare Julian, Irene Klag, Elaine Raab, Tara Reynolds, Connie Ribinskas, Annette Rinyo, Bruce Romano, Norma Scott, Rosemary Wayman, Leo Wirfel, Greg Womack, Rich Zapp, Andy Merrill, Nancy Hearn, Rich and Barb Tarajcak, Ralph Johnson, Stephanie Lamunyan, Barb Leskovic, Roger Cox.



The Week Ahead

Mon	Jan 4	8:30am	Pat Zarzycki
Tue,	Jan 5	7:00pm	Lisa Varga
Wed,	Jan 6	8:30am	Cal Birman
Thu,	Jan 7	4:00pm	Albert & Frances Cinco
Sat,	Jan 9	4:00pm	Ann Harmon
Sun,	Jan 10	8:00	Bill Santry
		10:00	For the People of the Parish
		12:00	Carl & Yvonne Brubaker



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Pope Intentions for January

Human Fraternity
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Birthdays Jan 3– 9th

“Thank the Lord for the gift of human life, and please pray for all the people on the list, especially for their well being: temporal and eternal.”

Ann	Fleischer	Alecia	Scimenes
Charles	Fedele	John	Slike
Frankie	Billings	John	Bukys
Carl	Lindberg	Cindy	Oelbracht
Roberto	Mascia	James	Powell
Alison	Todd	Anthony	Cardilli
Sophia	Robinson	Marina	Varga
Russell	Bojack	Colten	Hager
Edward	Van Hoy	Bethany	Debevc
Jacob	Rothlisberger	Joseph	Oelbracht
Natalie	Wilks	Diane	Bruening
Kathy	Forster	Christine	Biggins
		Shirley	Kidd
		Jan	Coscia
		Molly	Canfield



PSR

Happy New Year! Mrs. Cannady’s kindergarten class recently got together through a Zoom session to listen to her read *Mary Had a Baby, Amen!* It was nice for the kids to get to see each other and for us to visit with them. In January we will begin our 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation classes. Look for those instructions in the first couple weeks of 2021. Due to the pandemic, we will be doing these classes online. We will continue to do PSR classes remote as well in 2021.

Jill Chiro

Christmas Novena (Pray for 9 days)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. O Lord, Word of God, You, whose glory is complete, came to us in perfect humility as a child in the womb. Your love for us and Your humility is unsurpassed and brings us to our knees in prayer and worship. Your incarnation forever changed the world. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. O Lord, infant Jesus, fill us with Joy! The birth of any child is a cause for joy and so much more is the birth of You, our Savior. We pray in union with Mary, Your mother, for a greater joy this Christmas. We also pray for these intentions... (State your intentions here) May Your Holy Will be done in my life and with these intentions. We pray that the work of salvation that Your first coming began will reach fulfillment in each of us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Read more at: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/christmas-novena>

Parish Support

Envelopes can be placed in the baskets at all the entrances of the church.

Envelopes can be mailed to the Parish Office or dropped off in the mailbox by office door.
Immaculate Conception also offers online giving at

www.iccmadison.com

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- *Weekday Mass, Monday and Wednesday, will be available at 10:00am the same day*
- *Tuesday and Thursday Masses will be available by 10:00am the next morning.*

January 3, 2021 The Epiphany of the Lord

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for! ©LPi

COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

- **If you feel sick**, or have a fever, stay at home.
- **Bring and wear a mask** or other face covering while in the Church and during the celebration of Mass, except for the brief moment of receiving Holy Communion.
- **Wash or sterilize your hands** upon entering the church. Plan use hand sanitizer.
- **Maintain a 6' social distance** from other groups in the church. We will only be using every other pew. Seat your family group at least 6' away from other groups.
- **Do not sing.** Congregational singing is discouraged as it can contribute to the spread of the virus.
- If you pick up a bulletin or other literature, take it with you. Do not leave it in the pew or replace it in the stack at the entrance.
- Donations may be placed in the marked basket inside the main church.
- The exchange of the sign of peace will be omitted.
- Please come up to communion via the center aisle, allowing at least 6' social distance, and observing the marked lines on the floor. Please keep mask on while receiving communion. Move to side and lower mask and consume host.
- An Usher will guide and alternate sides. Please stay on the side you are sitting.
- Remember to wash or sterilize your hands following Mass.

PASTORAL STAFF:

Reverend Sean J. Donnelly, MA, D. Min, MSCM.....Pastor
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Commissions and Ministries submit your bulletin announcements by e-mail to bulletin@iccmadison.com or to the Parish Office in writing by 12:00 noon on the Monday prior to the publication date.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to ICC! If you wish to join our parish community, kindly register at the parish office.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your address has changed please let the parish secretary know so we can make the necessary changes in the parish records.

Moving?

Please notify the Parish office if you are moving out of the area

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Deacon Ken Meade428-1016

MASS TIMES:

Saturday:.....4:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
Sunday:8:00am, 10:00am and 12 noon
Holy Days & Holidays:Consult the Bulletin
Weekday Masses 8:30am Monday and Wednesday
7:00pm.....Tuesday & Thursday

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Eucharistic Exposition begins Wednesday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. Please sign up for an hour. Call the Parish Office

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(CONFESSIONS):

Saturday:3:00-4:00pm and 7:30pm—8:00pm
Sunday:11:00—11:45am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To have your child baptized please contact the parish office.

FUNERALS:

Contact the parish office before publicizing funeral arrangements in the newspaper.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Contact the parish office at least six months before your desired wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sacramental Anointing of the sick will be celebrated at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on the last Saturday of each month. Phone the Parish Office for a home visitation or hospital visit.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.):

Those desiring to enter the Catholic Church should contact the parish office or a member of the pastoral staff.

ROSARY:

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