



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b



Monday, January 3
 6:45 A.M. James Trump % Family
 Tuesday, January 4
NO MASS TODAY
 Wednesday, January 5
 6:45 A.M. Lois Smith % Jean Rittenhouse
 Thursday, January 6
 6:45 A.M. Aravich Family % Bob Aravich
 Friday, January 7
 6:45 A.M. Angelo Martino % Children

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



In your charity and prayers, please remember the soul of **Jack Rizzo**, father of Lisa Vervoort. May God grant him eternal rest and comfort all those who mourn him.



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Sunday, January 2
 -- **NO FAITH FORMATION**
Monday, January 3
 6:30 P.M. **ROSARY** for World Peace and Vocations.
Tuesday, January 4
 -- **NO 6:45 MASS TODAY**
 6:30 P.M. **BIBLE STUDY** in the basement of the Center.
Friday, January 7
 6:45 A.M. **MASS** for First Friday.
Saturday, January 8
 9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION** for grades K-5.
 11:00 A.M. **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING** at the School of Religion. If you've assisted at VBS before, please consider joining the committee, or let Tara Starr know that you are available to volunteer. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend the meeting.
Sunday, January 9
 6:00 P.M. **FAITH FORMATION** for grades 6-10.
 7:00 P.M. **CONFIRMATION CLASS**



2021 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

For those who would like to make a donation to St. Tobias Church which would be reflected on their 2021 church contributions, please do so no later than January 7, 2022.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL PLEDGES

The CSA pledge year runs from **Feb.-Dec. 2021**. We would like to thank everyone who has made this year such a success. Please make your final pledge payments **no later than** December 31, 2021.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 8/9

	5:30 P.M.	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Altar Servers	John Varischetti Brando Salandra	Quinton Perrin Chase Wolfe	Karissa Fremer Mya Fremer
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Przestrzelski	Bernadette Trunzo	Dennis Fustine
Greeters	Carole Ann Lundberg VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Jim Crawford Judy Crawford	Terry Crawford Denny Bonavida
Gift Bearers	*****	*****	*****
Lectors	Rita Maher	Lisa Grecco	Ronald Ritsky
Ushers	Team 3	Team 5	Team 7



Dear Parishioner,



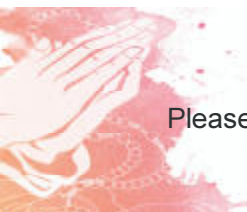
2022.....Blessed New Year to each of you and your extended family! Beginnings seem to be natural moments of Hope. Along with the tradition of personal resolutions, the opening moments of each New Year find us turning to prayer, grateful for what Graces God has showered upon us and hopeful for such Graces in the year ahead. Our prayer list can be as long as a child's Christmas list; at other times it can be very short....for example, peace, good health, family harmony, forgiveness, patience, kindness, courage. God receives them all and takes them to His Heart of Mercy and Compassion. Please help yourselves to the 2022 Church Calendars.

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated back-to-back with New Year's Day this year. It is also referred to as the Three Kings, Little Christmas, the Twelfth Day of Christmas. Traditionally, it was celebrated on January 6th. One of the Epiphany traditions is the **Blessing of Homes**. Families receive a piece of blessed **Chalk** to take home and mark one of the doorways with the following: **20+C+M+B+22**. Along with marking the digits of the New Year, they print the first initial of each of the Three Kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. This is meant to ask God's blessing on their home and a promise of hospitality to all whom they receive throughout the year. This is another teachable moment for children.



My sincere thanks for the many greetings and gifts that enriched my personal celebration of Christmas. One resolution is to continue walking to help burn off some of the calories from the variety of delicious cookies and baked goods. My office door is once again decorated with a number of your family Christmas card pictures. I always enjoy receiving them. I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness. Most importantly, thank you for joining in prayer with me and one another during these great Holydays. Our community prayer is always a gift but especially at this time of the year.

I share one request from our **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**. Your support has always been outstanding. During the last couple months, we have received some items that we were unable to use. Remember that we do not have the storage facilities for **perishable food items; nor can we use non-perishable items which are out-of-date or have already been opened. Thank you.**



prayer requests

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers this week:

Karen May

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

- 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/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/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/Lk 3:15-16, 21-2 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Coming Events

January 18

7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting in the Sacristy.

January 26

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting in the Center.

I HAVE BEEN AWAY FROM THE CHURCH FOR A FEW YEARS AND REALLY WANT TO GET ACTIVE AGAIN, NOT SO MUCH FOR ME, BUT FOR MY CHILDREN. IS THIS A BAD REASON TO COME BACK TO CHURCH?



If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.



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