



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

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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

MASST INTENTIONS

01/01/22-Saturday-Epiphany of the Lord (Vigil)
5:00pm No Mass

01/02/22-Sunday-Epiphany of the Lord
9:00am For The People
11:00am Rose Strbak by Lavina M. Lasser

01/03/22-Monday-Holy Name of Jesus
8:00am Linda Bugay by Martha Marron

01/04/22-Tuesday-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
8:00am Daniel Yurky by Friends

01/05/22-Wednesday-St. John Neumann, Bishop
8:00am David W. Baker, Jr. by Dan Baker

01/06/22-Thursday-St. André Bessette, Religious
8:00am No Mass or Service

01/07/22-Friday-St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest
8:00am Joe Urick by Wife

01/08/22-Saturday-Baptism of the Lord (Vigil)
3:30pm Sacrament of Penance
5:00pm For The People

01/09/22-Sunday-Baptism of the Lord
9:00am Robert E. Torres by Norma J. Braden

CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF EDNA TOROK BY DOLORES (DE) IEZZI.

HOST IN MEMORY OF EDNA TOROK BY JOAN HETCKO.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Invite them to attend an Inquiry Class. Call Elaine Scherer at 724-216-3342 for details or any questions.

+++ FINANCIAL REPORT+++

December 19, 2021

Offertory Collection	\$ 11,058.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 137.00
Total	\$ 11,195.00
Online Offertory (12/1-12/7)	\$ 460.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL #1011

PARISH COMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, January 5

- ◆ CD of A Meeting, Marian Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 9

- ◆ Faith Formation, Grades K-5, Parish Center, 10:00-11:45 a.m.
- ◆ Confirmation Class, Parish Center, 1:00 p.m.



READINGS-January 9, 2022

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 or Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (1st)
 Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38 (2nd)
 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (Gospel)
 The Baptism of the Lord



CLEARANCES: With many COVID restrictions now being lifted, we would like to restore many of the ministries that were active in our parish prior to the pandemic. To do this; however, all those who wish to be involved in these ministries must have required clearances that are up-to-date. A few of the clearances must be renewed every five years and many of you, during the time of the pandemic, allowed your clearances to expire. Therefore, if you wish to return to your ministry (Angels of Compassion, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Children's Leaders of the Word, Choirs, etc.), you must update your clearances. If you are a member of an organization, such as CD of A, K of C, etc., you must also update your clearances to volunteer to work at any activity your group may sponsor. Please call the office to restart your ministry or to update your clearances. Thank you for your cooperation.

OFFERTORY: You may mail your offertory envelopes to the parish office or visit

www.saintsimonandjude.org

and click on the purple banner "Click for Parish Offertory" at the bottom of the home page to donate online. After clicking on this link, just follow the instructions to donate to our parish. [We ask that you please write separate checks for second collection envelopes. You may write one check for all offertory envelopes.](#) Thank you.

2022 CATHOLIC CALENDARS, sponsored by our local funeral homes, are available in the back of the church for those wishing to take one home. We thank our funeral homes for providing this service to us.

CONGRATULATIONS to Christopher & Angela Powell on the baptism of their son, Aaron David. May God bless Aaron on his journey of life and faith.

CONTRIBUTIONS: Please note the envelopes or contributions given for the year 2021 will be credited only for the year 2021 if received by December 31st. Any contributions received **after** December 31st will be credited to 2022.



CD OF A MEETING on January 5th is the annual "Baby Shower" for Lifeway. Please bring baby items or a monetary donation to Marian Hall during the day if you are unable to attend the 6:00 p.m. meeting. The Rosary will be recited at 5:45 p.m.



EPIPHANY BLESSING: Since very early times, tradition has had it that there were three visitors to the infant Jesus. This tradition probably arose because three gifts were brought. The visitors were usually thought of as kings, possibly because of

Psalm 72, which says, "The king of Tarshish and of the islands will pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts." At some time in the remote and distant past they were given the names of Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. In some countries, where the greater number of the populations is Catholic, for example Poland, there is a very ancient tradition of a special blessing for the home at Epiphany time. The blessing is closely associated with Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. After the blessing of the home, the family chalks up the letters C + M + B, plus the year, over the doorway. (20 + C + M + B + 22) If a parish priest does not come to bless the house, the head of the household could ask a blessing on the house. **BLESSING PRAYER** – *During these days of the Christmas season, we keep this feast of Epiphany, celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, to John in the River Jordan, and to the disciples at the wedding in Cana. Today Christ is manifest to us! Today this home is a holy place. Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FOLLOWING THE DIOCESAN RULE THAT ANY MASS INTENTION THAT IS A YEAR OLD MUST BE SENT TO THE MISSIONS OFFICE...THE FOLLOWING MASS INTENTIONS WERE SENT TO THE MISSION OFFICE:

In memory of Marty Plunkett by Steve & Joan Moran, Cris & Bob Johns, Joe & Gloria Marron, Lavina Lasser & Family, Francie Borlie, Ann Vena, Hilda Sossong; In memory of Jane Christopher by Barbara Jasper; In memory of Ella Wodowski by Colleen, Caleb, Emma, Leah & Ryan, Joe & Gloria Marron, Josie Bernabei, Jim & Roz Cavalancia, Nick & Ann Marie Riscinto, Valia (Shorty) Ihli, Carla Ihli, Stacy & Dave Rinker & Family, Mary Andrews.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the soul of parishioner, Lillian Scuccimarra and the soul of Robert Evanko, whose funeral was this past week. May God grant them eternal life and peace.



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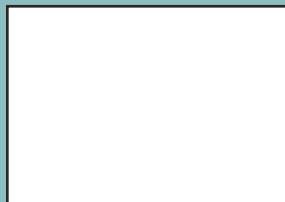

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