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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am, 5:00 pm
Mon – Fri 6:00 am 11:30 am **Sat** 7:00 am
Confessions Mon-Fri 12:00n to 1:00 pm
Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon

MASS INTENTIONS January 3—8

MON 3	6:00	+	John Kohrman Family
	11:30	SI	Erwin F. Erhardt, Sr. (Birth.) John Hourigan (Birth.)
TUES 4	6:00	+	Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
	11:30	+	Willaim C. Wester II
WED 5	6:00	SI	Richard and Phyllis Pingilley
	11:30	+	James Scott Edward Carney (Birth.)
THU 6	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
	11:30	+	Benedictine Sisters of St. Walberg Monastery
		+	Peggy McWilliams
FRI 7	6:00	+	Helen D. Williams
	11:30	+	Diane McGillivray
		SI	Connee Jo McGillivray
SAT 8	7:00	+	Jim Robisch



Music

January 2, 2022

Opening: Epiphany Carol #462

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: #1011

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Communion: The First Noel #460

Closing: What Star Is This #461



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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday, December 19	\$ 10,468
Online	4,272
Sunday, December 19 Total	\$ 14,740

Opportunities for Supporting St. Xavier Church

- You can donate from your IRA or 401k directly to St. Xavier at any time and potentially gain a tax benefit
- For those 72 or older, you can donate some or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD.) This donation is excluded from your taxable income and provides an associated financial benefit
- Remembering St. Xavier in your will and estate planning may also reduce your income or estate taxes .

For more information please contact Mary Stutler at mstutler@stxchurch.org

**YOUNG ADULTS— January 9**

The Young Adult Group meets every other week. The next meeting is **January 9** after the 5 PM Mass. If you are in your 20's or early 30's, come join us in the Parish Center at 6pm.

ST. XAVIER BOOK CLUB

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, January 4, at 3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. This historical novel is the unforgettable story of four orphans who travel the Mississippi River on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression. Please join us!

MONTHLY ROSARY

We will meet at ST. XAVIER CHURCH on **January 19 at 7 PM**. ZOOM Rosary is on Sundays, Mondays & Thursdays at **7 PM**. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com She will send you the link.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED**SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION**

St. Xavier Church offers Adoration and Confession on Tuesday evenings from **6—7 PM**. Please come and pray with us!

Winter Retreat with Susan Stabile

Plan to join us for a winter retreat on **January 28- 29, 2022** with Susan Stabile, retreat leader in the Ignatian tradition. Susan is currently leading the Advent at-home retreat remotely for us and for St. Francis Xavier parish, and will be with us in-person in January. **On Friday evening we will gather at Bellarmine Chapel from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** **On Saturday, we will gather at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Register at <https://form.jotform.com/213495745033053> Please save the date and plan to come!

The Gift that Keeps Giving

Twenty one years ago on the eve of the new millennium, I saw a film titled *Jesus 2000*. It sounded so modern, hip, and cutting edge. Indeed, the film took a creative license regarding today's Holy Day, Epiphany. In the film, Mary **saved** the gifts of the Magi that she and Joseph received on Christmas while in the manger. The film then showed Mary presenting those gifts to a grown up Jesus in his late 20's. She had the gold, the frankincense, and myrrh. I thought that this was a beautiful sentiment. Today we are reminded that these gifts are still popular 2000 years later, and that they, perhaps, made our grown up Jesus smile.

Do you have any gifts that were given to you "back in the day" that still hold value, significance, and provide a smile – a leap of the heart – an epiphany of a kind? What about Jesus himself? Who gave you your faith in Him?

Welcome to Epiphany. The word means "a moment of sudden revelation" or insight; a manifestation of the divine; a revelation – an "aha" moment.. And while gifts are given special attention on Epiphany, we are urged to hold and cherish our "giftedness" every day as Jesus is the gift that keeps giving.

Actually *Everyday Epiphanies* is the title of a book that a nun friend, Sr. Melannie, wrote. She mirrors St. Ignatius in his urging us to find God in all things, and, in her book, we are urged to pray daily on topics that range from the mundane to the celebratory events of life which could feature just gazing at the Eucharist.

This is what our Three Wise Men did in today's gospel. "They were overjoyed at seeing the star" - the celestial star and the star lying in a manger. Contrast the manger scene with another visitation - the one to King Herod who attempted to hoodwink the Magi for selfish gain. This was a tyrant capable of extreme brutality.

Today, may we turn our gaze to, and never tire of, looking for our beautiful star, Jesus, and appreciate the gift. May we share in the wisdom that the Magi and Mary possessed and appreciate everyday epiphanies.

Rev. James Ackerman, SJ

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND JAN. 2**

4:00 pm Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
 7:00am Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
 9:00am Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
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Marian Art Display St. Francis Xavier Church is hosting a collection of Marian art by the local artist Holly Schapker. The collection will be on display through February. The Parish Center is located directly beneath St. Francis Xavier Church, 611 Sycamore St., downtown Cincinnati. Enter beneath the scaffolding in the side

A SINCERE THANK YOU ... to all who donated Christmas flowers in memory of someone special. Here are honored names of those for whom we continue to pray:

Orest and Lew Melnyk, Michael Long, Richard Quehl, Jr., Edward Merkes, Lawrence and Brendan Mullaney, Edward Carney, Bob and Jean Scheid, Janet Fortin, Carmelita Schlueter, Ed Holman, Fred Giglia, Timothy Meyer, Catherine Turner, Robert Turner, Alice TenBarge, Ivan TenBarge, the Betz and Zoellner Families, Dr. Thomas E. Powell, James Powell, Joe and Camill Beiting, Norbert and Lucille Wuebkenberg, Stewart A. Himes, Joseph and Helen Rehtin, Stephen Rehtin, Patricia Rishforth, Timothy Meyer, Ted Motz, Margie Reinert, Alvin Reinert, James Case, Virginia Gerhetstein, Elmer and Carmelita Schlueter, the Fischer Family, the Wais family, Charlie and Dorothy Johnson, Ed Merkes, Mike and Gloria Duncan, Philip Duncan, Danielle Duncan, the Zerbe and Grote Families, the Hinkel and Webb Families, Laura Jane and Jon Hinkel Family, Dr. Mark Bailey, the Roesel and Byrnes Families, Jo and Ralph Schwartz, James, Mark and Jason Scott, Srs. Jean and Patricia Scott, O.S.B., Robert Gotzman, Elizabeth Dietsch, Mary Lorfing, Harry Olivertt, Rita Uhlein, Barbra Pitocco, Mario Pitocco, Oksana and Z. Lew Melnyk, Jennifer Rogers, Vincent and Belle Klink, Victor and Corinne Cebula, Robert and Jean Kraljevic, Sam and Gladys Ionna, Ruth and Robert Stallmeyer, Josephine and Frank Crea, Chris and Dan McNeal, Gladys Lupihacci, Robert and Sally Steiner, Fr. Bill Steiner, OSSR, Frank Guarasci, Sheila Sullivan, Patrick Connor, and Dot Kennedy, Bernie Kennedy, Dorothy Greenwell, James Greenwell, Scott Bolt, Dave and Joy Skiff, John and Mary Rita Ernst, Theresa Koenig, Lawler and McLaughlin Families Jay Stine, Daniel and Shirley Englehart, Joan Reed, the Staff of St. Xavier Parish, Jeff Scott, Terry Hicks, the Jay and Lynn Rice Family, the Sunderman Family, Angie Warner and Friends, Mel Weber, Eileen Weber, Alma Kroner, Louis Kroner, Sr., Lucille M. Vehr, John A. Vehr, DDS, Lucille Vehr, John H. Vehr, Scout Elizabeth Vehr, Captain Stephen Grace, USAF, Debbie Eckert, Carol Herzog, Robert Carl Sturm, IV. Jeff Parobek, the Wagner and Sommer Families, Bob Auberger, the Damico Family, Angela Fennell-Harris, Robert Fennell, the Hext Family, the Stahley and Chastang Families, Jerome Zoeller III, Raymond Muench, Sr., Bert and Helen Malmstrom, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Preston and Thomas J. Magner.

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Angie Naylor, Laura McLaughlin, Sandy Stanford Becker, Robert MacDougall, Mary Ann, Jim Harter, Peggy McWilliams, Shawn Ives, Madison Hengehold, Christine Gray, Janet Thompson, Laura Damico, Eileen Lee, Molly G., Gloria Ionna, Debby Kentrup, Natalie Harding, Kathy Reece, Wayne Roby, Debbie Palmisano, Shirley Himmelmann, Chet Stewart, Bob Staun, Bob
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The Cathedral/St Xavier Conference of St. Vincent de Paul – Cincinnati

SVDP Conference members will be speaking about their mission and asking for your help the weekend of January 8 and 9, 2022. They provide the resources required for volunteers to visit residents of our downtown neighborhoods who need short term emergency help such as rent, utility bills, beds, furniture, etc. This help often avoids eviction or loss of utilities. The Conference relies entirely upon local donations to do this important work. Contributions can be made by mail to SVDP Cathedral Conference, 325 W. 8th St, 45202, on-line through the donation portal of the St. Xavier web site, www.stxchurch.org or through our regular collections. Envelopes will be provided in the pews and at the back of the church. If you are interested in knowing more about how you might help with these home visits, please call our Conference President, Julie Stengle at 859-380-5495. Thank you and may God bless you for your help.

Baptism Prep Classes—January 18

Baptizing your first child? The next Prep Session for the Sacrament is Tuesday, January 18 at 6 PM in the Parish Center. Please call the office to register.



*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
 In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope
 through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

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