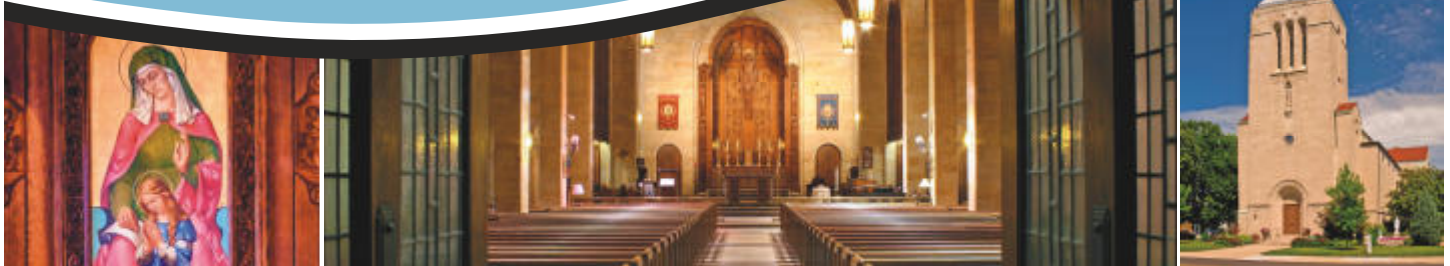


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## JANUARY 2, 2022 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### WELCOME TO THE ST. ANN PARISH COMMUNITY!

If you would like to register in the parish, please call the office at 863-4963. Once registered you will receive a Welcome packet with more information. The parish leaders and staff are here to be of service to you. Additional information about St. Ann's parish can be found on our website.

#### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor** ..... Rev. Larry Tharp  
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**Plant Manager** ..... Bill Dirr

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday** ..... 5:15 p.m.  
**Sunday** ..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
**Monday–Thursday** ..... 6:30 a.m.  
**Friday** ..... 8:00 a.m.  
**Holyday** ..... watch bulletin for times

**BAPTISM:** Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**CONFESSION:** Tuesday Evening 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**WEDDINGS:** No date should be set without consulting the Pastor. Call for an appointment at least six months in advance.

**REPORT PARISHIONERS IN LOCAL HOSPITALS:** Call 513-858-4210, ext. 3014 to report a parishioner of Sacred Heart or St. Ann in the hospital. Please remember that the hospitals are NOT permitted to inform parishes or priests as to admissions to the hospital.

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Ann Catholic Church, Hamilton, Ohio, share in the mission of the Apostles to bring Jesus Christ to the world. As individuals we seek to live as Christ would have us live. As a community we seek to provide all types of ministry to the Parish and to the wider community. We come together on the Lord's Day to listen, to celebrate, to receive Jesus.



## 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



### Life: An "Epiphany" of God

"Life is always a good. ... Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 8:6). This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: 'Man, living man, is the glory of God'. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself" (St. John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n. 34).



The Welcoming/Hospitality Ministry has created a "Welcome Bag" for new parishioners or anyone who is visiting St. Ann Church. The bags contain information about St. Ann Catholic Church and School along with some spiritual gift items from the parish. These bags can be found in the vestibule area in a basket on the table. If you are a new parishioner or a visitor, please help yourself to one of the bags and

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!!

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK

### Saturday, January 1st • The Epiphany of the Lord

5:15 p.m. Special Intentions of Fr. Tharp (Rita Fontaine)

### Sunday, January 2nd • The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Dorothy Daddabbo (Mary Jo & Mike Mignery)

11:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

### Monday, January 3rd • The Most Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 a.m. Corey Schmidt (Family)

### Tuesday, January 4th • St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

6:30 a.m. Mark Rigling (Rita Fontaine)

### Wednesday, January 5th • St. John Neumann, Bishop

6:30 a.m. Beck & Angela Laney (Laney Family)

### Thursday, January 6th • St. André Bessette, Religious

6:30 a.m. Mel Hingsbergen (Family)

### Friday, January 7th • St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

8:00 a.m. Mike Schneider (Bill & Kathy Schneider)

### Saturday, January 8th • The Baptism of the Lord

5:15 p.m. Tom Pottenger (Ann Pottenger)

### Sunday, January 9th • The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

11:00 a.m. Dick Von Stein (Mark & Mataia Von Stein)

### 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, 21-22 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



**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER THARP**

**Next Sunday: Baptism of the Lord  
Celebrant : Fr. Tharp**

**DO NOT FALL FOR SCAMS!!!!**

I am told that unsuspecting parishioners have received texts, emails, and telephone solicitations (some mimicking my voice) asking for a “favor.” Be assured, it is NOT ME! All such messages are a SCAM. I promise that you will **never** receive any such messages from me, so if you receive one, do not even answer it. Delete any such message as I assure you I will NEVER contact you for a favor unless I am speaking to you physically in front of you at church. Don’t be fooled by these criminals.

**Anniversary of Roe vs Wade**

In 1973 (January 22 to be precise) the U.S. Supreme Court decided Roe versus Wade and effectively legitimized the practice of aborting unborn children in the United States. Forty nine years later, pro-life Christians gather to pray for a return to justice and the adherence to God’s law that all human life is sacred and should be respected. The morning Mass on Saturday, January 22 will focus on prayer for the legal protection of unborn children.

**Synod 2021-2023**

*(The Archdiocesan coordinator for the Worldwide Synod on Synodality has asked that this be posted in all bulletins:*

The Holy Father has called a synod inviting ALL the Baptized to come together to discuss and discern how we can walk together in accomplishing the Mission of the Church. He wants ALL those who make up the Church to participate: elderly, youth, religious orders, clergy, lay faithful, poor, disabled, divorced, migrants, those who no longer practice the faith, etc. It is my understanding that the gathering for our deanery is scheduled for Saturday, January 22 at Queen of Peace Church in Millville. More specifics to follow in the New Year. Questions? Please feel free to contact the Archdiocese at [www.catholicaoc.org/synod](http://www.catholicaoc.org/synod).

**Reminder for volunteers who work with or around children**

If you are a volunteer classroom parent in the school, a coach, drama club volunteer, scout volunteer, etc. please note that you should have been moved to the Safe Parish program. Fulfillment of this requirement is mandatory for anyone working with children. Please contact your parish safe environment coordination if you are uncertain whether you are registered or approved.



**December 12, 2021 Offertory**  
.....\$ 5,299.58

**Online Giving (week of 12/12/2021)**  
.....\$ 1,453.50

**Religious Retirement collection**  
.....\$ 3,407.00

**December 19, 2021 Offertory**  
.....\$ 8,956.27

**Online Giving (week of 12/19/2021)**  
.....\$ 1,673.50

**Tornado Relief collection**  
.....\$ 1,046.37

***Thank you for your stewardship and involvement in your St. Ann Parish family.***

Please be aware that failure to register with and complete the requirements of Safe Parish will result in your inability to continue to work with or around children in any parish and/or school setting. We have been informed by the Archdiocese that there can be NO EXCEPTIONS.

**Live Streaming a precept Mass from St. Ann and Sacred Heart each week**

Since I live stream both the 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart and the 5:15 p.m. at St. Ann; I usually manage to live stream both, but on rare occasions the internet is out at one or the other location. If this happens, be assured that I will make every effort to correct the malfunction before the next weekend.

Please remember to access the Sacred Heart / St. Ann Pastoral Region You Tube site by clicking on the following link:



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVLLqbEY5hKWInwz069MVcg>

### Reflection on Scripture:

The word “Epiphany” is used to mean a startling awakening or realization. In Christian tradition, it is used to remind us of the story of the Magi reported in Matthew’s Gospel. But the real reason Matthew used the story of the Magi in his gospel was to assure the Jewish people that the whole world is coming to recognize Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of the World, while Israel was being left behind.

In the Book of Genesis, the first book of the Bible, after the great flood, Noah had three sons. Shem became the father of the people in Europe, Ham became the father of the people of Africa, and Japheth became the father of the people of Asia. For Matthew therefore, the Magi represent all the people throughout the whole world coming to recognize Jesus as Son of God and Savior of the world. From Matthew’s perspective, his brethren (the Jewish people) need to jump on the bandwagon and believe in Jesus.

Therefore whether we have Jewish lineage or not; Epiphany is our feast when all the people through-out the whole world, without regard to race or ethnicity, color or culture, proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior. There is one faith, one hope, one baptism; and only one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Throw all dissention and bigotry away; for we are one humanity, one Church in the Body of Christ.

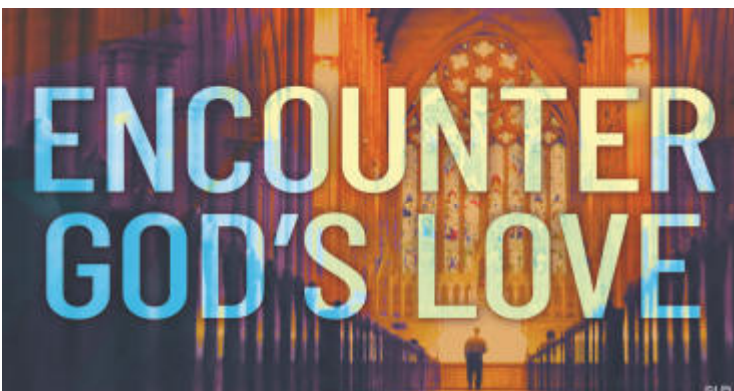
### **NEXT WEEK**

**Is 40:1-5, 9-11**

**Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7**

**Lk 3:15-16, 21-22**

Theme: Reborn in Baptism



### **SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BEDDING DRIVE**



Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a local non-profit organization serving children in the Butler County area. They believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. The organization provides beds to children complete with a new mattress and bedding. For more information visit [www.shpbeds.org](http://www.shpbeds.org).

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is seeking donations to support the kids in our mission and are currently in need of the following:

- Pillows
- Twin Sheet sets
- Twin Comforters
- Blankets

All items must be twin sized and be in new condition. Donated items can be dropped off in the collection boxes in the back or front of church.

**We appreciate your support!**  
**Together we can make a difference!**



### **2022 CINCINNATI MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Actor Jim Caviezel (Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*) and Raymond Arroyo (EWTN/ FOX News) are coming to Cincinnati April 2, 2022 to speak at the Cincinnati Men's Conference.

**This Conference is intended for ALL men, no matter where you are in your religious journey or what faith you identify with. Please join us, you will not regret it.**

**Date:** Saturday, April 2nd, 2022  
Mark your calendars now!

**Where:** Fifth Third Arena, University of Cincinnati Campus  
2700 O'Varsity Way, Cincinnati, OH 45221

**Theme:** *Evil Prevails When Good Men Do Nothing.*

**Go to:** [www.CincinnatiMensConference.com](http://www.CincinnatiMensConference.com) to get tickets

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

From the desk of Principal Gwenda Laney

We are all very excited to start the New Year 2022 with our New Years Resolutions. I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

As we celebrate this New Year (2022), it is always a great time for looking back to the past, but more importantly, looking forward to the coming year. It is time to reflect on the changes we want, need, to make an resolve to follow through those changes.

On behalf of St. Ann School, thank you for your continued support or our students and the work we do for them.

Keep praying for our growth educationally and spiritually!

*Sending many blessings your way,  
Principal Gwenda Laney*

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION (CEF) TUITION GRANTS**

The Catholic Education Foundation of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is now accepting K-8 tuition assistance grant applications for the 2022-2023 school year. The application period runs from now through February 6, 2022. For more information, please go to <http://www.catholicbestchoice.org/>. To apply, please go to <https://factsmgt.com/>.



*“St. Ann School is more than brick and mortar. It is a place to begin a priceless journey of education. The teachers & staff are the best & genuinely care about their students. We are more than a school – We are a family. Love St. Ann!”*



The Holy Father, in seeking to hear from all the People of God on how to better bring the Mission of the Church to the world, is calling for a synod. To start, he is asking for all dioceses throughout the world to conduct local meetings to discuss this very topic. Who are the People of God? It is all the baptized. That means not only the lay faithful, those in religious orders, and the clergy. It also means those who are marginalized, poor, disabled, migrants and immigrants, all ages young and old, and those who no longer practice the faith to name a few. In other words, everyone. Did you know that when you were baptized you were called to a priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission to bring the good news of salvation and discipleship to all? This duty then does not lie strictly with the clergy. The Holy Father recognizes that the Holy Spirit dwells within His people. So, coming together to discuss how to better further the mission of the Church is where the Holy Spirit can work powerfully.

Please consult the Archdiocesan website ([www.catholicaoc.org](http://www.catholicaoc.org)) and click on the Synod tab to learn more. Want to participate? Please go that same synod tab. There you will find an opportunity to participate in one of our local meetings near you. We hope to see you there! And, if you know someone who has left the faith, ask them to participate too! God Bless!

### FOOT CARE MINISTRY

Volunteers Providing Free Foot Care (VPFFC) is a group of men and women who give proper foot care help to those in need, as well as both used and new socks and shoes. We take our services to places within the southern Butler County area. We are active from October through April of each year. We are inviting others who might be interested to join our ministry. Please call Alberta Wirsch (513-829-8709) or Linda Walt (513-829-7107) for further information. Pentecost Sunday May 23, 2021 Trinity Sunday May 30, 2021 .



Thanks to your generosity, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul for the Sacred Heart/St. Ann Pastoral Region has helped 354 households so far this year. If you're making year-end charitable contributions, please consider our St. Vincent De Paul. Donations can be made at any time to our St. Vincent De Paul Society through the church office. The CARES Act provides a deduction of \$300 per individual and \$600 on a joint return for charitable contributions for those who do not itemize. Every dollar received by our St. Vincent De Paul goes to help your neighbors in Fairfield, Lindenwald and Fairfield Township.

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They were  
overjoyed at  
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Matthew 2:10

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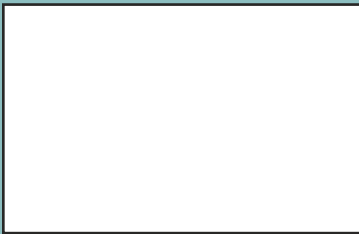
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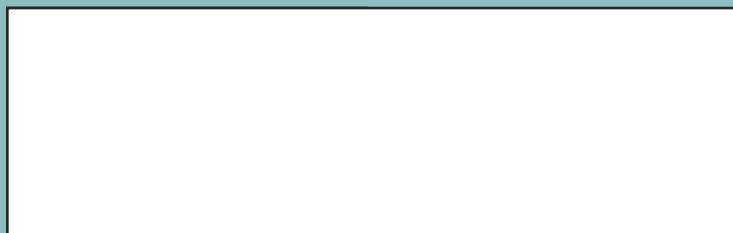
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