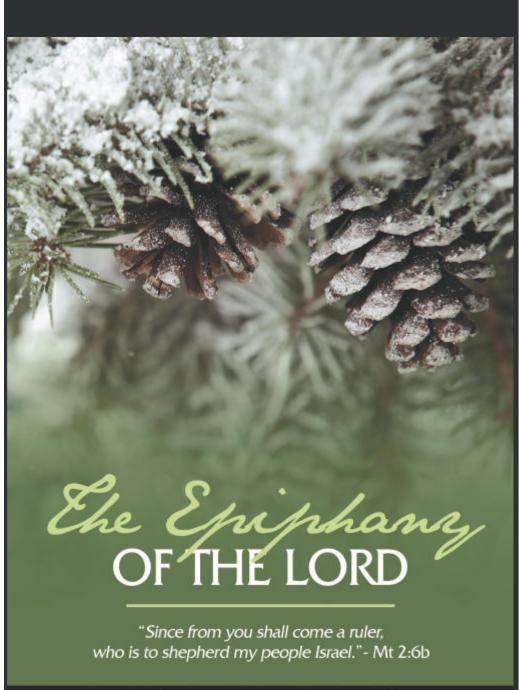
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Mass Times Mon-Thursday 7:30am Friday 7:00am Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm(Saturday Vigil) Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Holy Days: See bulletin

Infant Baptisms
Pre-Baptism workshop held the
second Monday of every month
in the undercroft of the Church
at 8pm.
No need to register

Anointing of the Sick After weekday Mass or by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony Call the pastor, 858-4210, as soon as possible. Marriage preparation required.

New Parishioners / Change of Address Welcome! Please register at the Church Office. If you are moving, please call the Church Office.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-Ins Please call Fr. Tharp, 858-4210.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession Saturdays: 8:35am-9:30am Other times by appointment

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For those interested in becoming Catholic, call Fr. Tharp, 858-4210

> Eucharistic Adoration Friday 12:00pm Benediction 2:45pm

January 2, 2022

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

January 2, 2022 The Epiphany

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 3

7:30am Mary Angela Creed (Jan and

Steve Creed)

Tuesday, January 4

7:30am Marian Niehaus (Richard

Niehaus)

8:15am For the children

Wednesday, January 5

7:30am Cathy Donovan (Mary Frisbie)

Thursday, January 6

7:30am Barbara & Timothy Callahan

(Patrick Callahan)

Friday, January 7

Maria Montbriand (Jim Wilson & 7:00am

Family)

Saturday, January 8

8:00am **Burt Roberts** (Carol Robbe)

4:00pm John Reiring (Jim & Connie

Buschle)

Sunday, January 9

8:00am Joseph Dai Nguyen (Han Ngu-

10:00am Joan Schwab (Mary & Tony Es-

posito)

12:00pm For the people

Father Larry Tharp, **Pastor**

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WEEK OF JANUARY 3

Monday, January 3 - Parish Office Closed

Mass (CH) 7:30am

Tuesday, January 4

- Mass (CH) 7:30am
- School Mass (CH) 8:15am
- Parish Council (CR) 7:30pm
- St. Vincent de Paul (RH2&3) 7:30pm

Wednesday, January 5

- Mass (CH) 7:30am
- RCIA/RCIC (RH2&3) 7:00pm

Thursday, January 6

- Mass (CH) 7:30am
- Choir (CH) 7:00pm

Friday, January 7

- Mass (CH) 7:00am
- Eucharistic Adoration (CH) 12:00-3:00pm

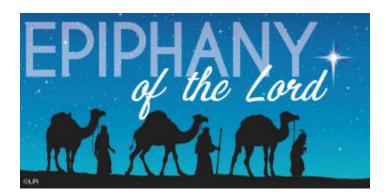
Saturday, January 8

- Mass (CH) 8:00am
- Confession (CH) 8:30am
- Mass (CH) 4:00pm

Sunday, January 9

12/10/2021

- Mass (CH) 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm
- Baptisms (CH) 1:30pm



12/19/2021	
Offering Envelopes	\$12,856.00
Loose Cash	\$1,115.00
Online Giving	<u>\$4,276.50</u>
Sunday Offering	\$18,247.50
Christmas	\$2,300.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
Religious Retirement	\$665.00
Immaculate Conception	\$124.00
Tornado Disaster Relief	<u>\$3,865.00</u>
Total Sunday Offering	\$25,206.50

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER THARP

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord Celebrant for January 9: Fr. Williams

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.

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.

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.

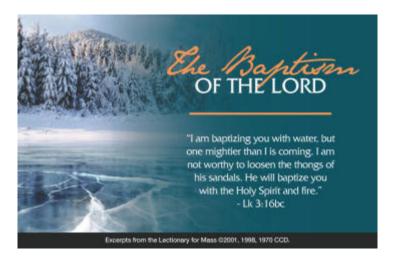
Therefore whether we have Jewish lineage or not; Epiphany is our feast when all the people through-out the whole world, without regard to race or ethnicity, color or culture, proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior. There is one faith, one hope, one baptism; and only one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.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

Continued on next page...

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



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART...

FROM SACRED HEART SCHOOL...

During the month of January, the third graders will be learning about the continent of Antarctica and the animals that inhabit it. A big focus will be on the penguins that live there. We will be investigating different kinds of penguins and learning about all the characteristics that make them so unique. Our unit of study will culminate with a project and presentation from each student about an Antarctic animal. This is always such a fun unit of study for the third graders especially during the cold month of January when it feels like Antarctica in Ohio!

- Kim Williams, Third Grade Teacher

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANT

The Catholic Education Foundation grant application is now open for those attending Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Please visit https://catholicbestchoice.org/tuitionaid/k-8-tuition-information to find the link to the application. Application closes January 31, 2022.

MEDITATION BRICK GARDEN

Honor or remember a loved one in our meditation brick garden at Sacred Heart Church. This is a special way to honor someone making Confirmation or First Communion, remember a loved one who has gone to be with the Lord, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. The bricks are \$30 each. Checks made payable to Sacred Heart Church. Pamphlets can be found on our website www.sacredheart-fairfield.org or call 858-4210 and we will either email or mail you one. We will place an order for all purchased bricks in the spring.

WOMEN TOGETHER is a parish ministry for widowed, divorced and single women of all ages of Sacred Heart and St. Ann Churches. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, from September through May, in the Sacred Heart undercroft, Room 4 starting at 3:30 p.m. for a thirty-minute social gathering before our meeting at 4:00 p.m. An elevator inside the handicap door of the church is assessable to the undercroft.

Our next regular meeting will be held on January $18^{\rm th}$ at 3:30 p.m. Sacred Heart meeting room. There is no regular meeting during the holidays.

Upcoming events:

No other activities or events have been planned during the holidays until the January meeting.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all! Have a very blessed and joyful and safe NEW YEAR!

For more information about Women Together, please contact Marilyn Schlabach at 829-3697.

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.



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

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.



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Bryan Miller, Director of Religious Education
Marianne Fleckenstein, Secretary of Faith Formation &
Safe Environment Coordinator

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January:



For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - JAN. 1

God of eternal love and light, hear our prayers today for peace and goodwill on earth. Through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, grant us what we need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EPIPHANY

In the Eastern Church, Epiphany commemorates the



Baptism of Our Lord. In the western Church, Epiphany commemorates the star and the arrival of the wise men, and the following Sunday is the Baptism of Our Lord.

Epiphany (the day) began in the Eastern Church as the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus Christ.

As the celebration of Christmas spread eastward, Epiphany changed to its present meaning. Some Oriental Christians have not yet acquired Christmas. For them, Epiphany, which they celebrate on January 6 of the Julian calendar, continues to be the celebration of the Nativity.

Since an epiphany is a realization, the Scriptures help us realize Jesus' identity, with a greater and greater scope. Its climax is the Transfiguration on the last Sunday after the Epiphany.

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN

CONFIRMATION CONFIRMATION PARENTS



The Sponsor/Candidate Workbook is due to be returned no later than January 10th along with the Confirmation name and feast date chosen by Confirmandi. If any other paperwork is still missing please provide it ASAP. Child must have ALL PAPERWORK

turned in BEFORE the Spirit Day Retreat, Saturday, January 22nd, 5:30-9:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The Spirit Retreat is MANDATORY!

If candidate cannot attend they must attend at another parish BEFORE they receive the sacrament. Notify Office of Faith Formation of any adjustments you have to make ASAP.

FIRST EUCHARIST

4213). Thank you!

Parent Mtg., Jan. 31st at 7:15 p.m. in church Mandatory attendance unless you attended mtg for this sacrament in 2019 or 2020. Check with Marianne before you assume you are safe.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE! HOST FAMILIES NEEDED TO HOUSE NET MINISTRIES TEAM MEMBERS

Our 6th grade CONFIRMATION SPIRIT RETREAT is on January 22nd. Net Ministries will be holding the retreat here at Sacred Heart. We are in need of families that can be 'host homes' for the Net Ministries Team Members for 2 nights. If you are interested in this or would like more information, please call Marianne Fleckenstein, in the Faith Formation Office (858-

EVERY END IS A NEW BEGINNING



CONNECTING CORNER

"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." Mt 2:9 The beautiful scripture readings we have for the Epiphany assure us that the newborn Jesus came for all people, of all ages. We join the shepherds, the Magi and humbly adore you, Lord. In this first Sun-



day of 2022, we pray to see and act this year in your Love and Peace.

In January, as we celebrated the World Day of Peace yesterday, we promote the Catholic Social Teaching of Life and Dignity of the Human Person, by condemning the violence of abortion and the death penalty as well as other societal injustices that result in violence/death. The USCCB initiated a program in 2020 specifically to help mothers in need and our Archdiocese has its own website with local contacts. If you know of a mother in need, use this:

https://resources.catholicaoc.org/walking-with-moms-in-need/local-resources

"In order to find Jesus, we also need to take a different route, to follow a different path, his path, the path of humble love. And we have to persevere. Today's Gospel ends by saying that the Magi, after encountering Jesus, "left for their own country by another road" (Mt 2:12). Another road, different from that of Herod. An alternative route than that of the world, like the road taken by those who surround Jesus at Christmas: Mary and Joseph, the shepherds. Like the Magi, they left home and became pilgrims on the paths of God. For only those who leave behind their worldly attachments and undertake a journey find the mystery of God." Pope Francis Jan 6, 2019

From Peace and Justice Commission

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ST. ELSEWHERE

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. LADIES, there is no better or more meaningful Christmas gift this year than to buy tickets to this conference for the men in your life. Don't know what to get Dad or your significant other for Christmas?! We just solved it. Go to:

www.CincinnatiMensConference.com to get tickets. Give the gift of spiritual uplift this Christmas season, your men will thank you!

JOE NUXHALL MEMORIAL SPORTS STAG

The Father Butler Council 968 is pleased to announce: Joe Nuxhall Memorial Sports Stag Tickets ARE ONSALE NOW! Order your tickets online at kofc968.org/give; and select Sports Stag Tickets from the drop down menu or contact Tom Mitchell at (513) 484-5240.

Tickets are \$45 per person, and the stag is on Thursday, January 20, 2022 6:00 PM at the Courtyard by Marriott in Hamilton. Proceeds from the Stag go to the Father Butler Education Foundation AND the Joe Nuxhall family of charities including the Miracle League.

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For more information please contact the parish office, 513-777-4322 or Email surviving divorce@saint-max.org

Next session starts Thursday, January 13, 2022.





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