

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Everyone in the parish should be properly registered. New parishioners, as well as those moving out of the parish, should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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Arrangements are made with the Parish Office funeral through the director before publication in the newspaper.

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A Happy and Grace-filled New Year to all of you and your loved ones! As we begin 2022, we give thanks to God for all His blessings of the past year and pray that He will bless us all abundantly in this New Year. There is so much we don't know about the coming months and many feel alone. I pray that our hearts and minds turn to PASTOR God more now than ever so that we might know His love and presence in our lives.

In every year we can recall good times and bad times; times of joy and times of anxiety; times of good health and times of sickness; times of being together and times of being far apart. Whatever we may have experienced or are experiencing, we must always remember that God is with us. He is Emmanuel and that is what the name means, GOD IS WITH US.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. We remember the Magi came from the east to find and worship the new born King of the Jews. They came seeking God Himself even if they did not fully realize the scope of their search and journey.

We are very much like the Magi because we too seek God; all of us, everyone who has ever lived seeks God. God has set Himself like a seal on our hearts. He has made us in His own image and likeness so it is very natural for us to seek Him and to want a relationship with Him. The challenge for all of us is how do we establish this relationship and how do we grow in it. God has given us the means and power to do all this and more. He Himself became one of us in the Incarnation. We are celebrating the Birth of Jesus in these days of Christmas (today is the 9th day of Christmas) and in doing so we proclaim that God is with us. Jesus, who is the Word of God made flesh has come to dwell among His people, He has come to save us from our sins and gives us new and eternal life. So in His coming as man, Jesus shows His love for us through the gift of Himself and He continues to give us this gift in the Church and the Sacraments. He is always with us no matter what we do and no matter how far we may wander away from Him.

From the Magi we can learn how important our search for God is and how vital the journey is to find Him in our lives. The Magi were led and guided by the light of a star and so we are led and guided by the light of faith. God sent the Star of Bethlehem to the Magi as a way of showing them that He wanted them to turn to Him and know His love for them. God may not act in such a dramatic way in our lives, but He does make Himself known to us in all kinds of ways in our everyday lives. He may reveal Himself in times of prayer; in thoughtful moments when we are performing acts of charity; in moments of trial or doubt; in moments of sorrow; in moments of great joy and all simple joys of everyday life; in the words of a friend or a stranger; in close calls when terrible or tragic events are nearly avoided; and He most definitely reveals Himself in His Word and Sacraments especially in the Most Holy Eucharist.

God never forces Himself on anyone, no more than He forced the Magi to look up in the sky and see the star and follow it to find the Savior. He simply allowed the star to shine and then allowed the Magi to follow its light. He does the same for us as He allows our lives to unfold. He makes Himself known, but He always lets us make our own choices. We choose to follow the light of faith just as the Magi chose to follow the light of the star. We do not always know how our faith will lead us to God, but if we follow it, it will lead us to eternal life. This Feast of the Epiphany offers us the opportunity to ask God to help us choose to open our mind and hearts to Him and to make Him the center of our lives and home.

THANK YOU to all our benefactors who help financially or by sharing your time and talents throughout the Holiday Season. Your steadfast generosity to our parish, as well as the recent Retirement Fund for Religious, helps ensure that we are able to continue to provide ministry and spread the message of Christ even in the middle of so many difficulties throughout the world, including the on-going pandemic.

MARCH FOR LIFE. Please consider joining in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. January 20th-21st. The chartered bus will depart from Sacred Heart late Thursday evening, traveling overnight to Washington DC!! Once in D.C., the group will attend Mass and a Youth Rally before joining others from around the country who are all Marching for Life! This trip is open to all parishioners including middle and high school students. Cost is \$58 per person!! Contact Claire Corridoni, claire@shofjesus.com to reserve your spot.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Mary Auxiliaries [Legion of Mary]

Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mark Perry [John & Mickey Kulton]

10:30 a.m. Rosa Owens [Kevin Serfass] 5:00 p.m. Reynold Desman [Family] Monday, January 3 - Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 a.m. Jerry Lichty [Sue Lichty]

Tuesday, January 4 - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 a.m. Sue Komjati [Carol Day] Wednesday, January 5 - Saint John Neumann

8:00 a.m. Ben Basone [Tim & Connie]

Thursday, January 6 - Saint Andre Bessette

8:00 a.m. Shirley DiPietro [Earl & Jane Rager]

9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Grisanti/Murphy Families [Friends]

Friday, January 7 - Saint Raymond of Penafort

8:00 a.m. Elmer & Mildred Anderson [Jon & Sandy Gillespie]

Saturday, January 8

5:00 p.m. Betty Drouhard [Don & Family]

Sunday, January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Helen Smith [Legion of Mary] 10:30 a.m. Beverly Gross [Barbara Williams]

5:00 p.m. Orville & Janet Reed [Tim & Carol Reed]



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of *James Garrettson*, father of Gwen Rifici, *Victoria Rushen*, niece of Mary Gegick, and *Deacon Tom Grasson* from St. Colette's in Brunswick, who died recently. May our risen Lord grant them eternal rest in His heavenly kingdom.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2022

 Mon
 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Thur
 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22

 Tues
 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
 Fri
 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

 Wed
 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
 Sat
 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Epiphany of the Lord

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. 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. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK - January 2, 2022

Question for Adults: When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

Question for Children: When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

Baptism: By prior arrangement with the Parish Office. Parents are expected to attend the Pre-Baptismal Instruction which is held the first Sunday of March, June, September and December. Call the parish office for details.

Marriage: Couples intending to marry must meet with a Priest or Deacon at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. At least one of the parties must be a registered member of Sacred Heart.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or before surgery, please call the Parish Office.

Communion Calls: Homebound parishioners unable to come to Mass should notify the Parish Office so that Holy Communion may be brought to their homes.

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to Noon, or by appointment.

To Be A Godparent/Sponsor:

You must be registered at a parish and a practicing Catholic at least 16 years old and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist as well as being in a valid marriage, if married. Those Catholics who have joined another religion may not act as Godparent or Christian Witness or who no longer attend Mass weekly.

Crisis Pregnancies: Don't panic. Help of ALL KIND is available. If unsure of what to do, call Embrace Clinic and Care Center (330-825-1900). You will find lots of support for you and your unborn child. Every human life is sacred and a gift from God.

Bequests: A bequest to your parish is a way to honor your church and faith of your lifetime. A bequest, included in your will, is exempt from state and inheritance taxes and reduces the amount of estate to be taxed. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT - DECEMBER 19 & 26

 Budget Offertory
 \$49,000

 Weekly Difference
 (\$16,009)

 Actual YTD Offertory
 \$494,706

 Budget YTD Offertory
 \$636,250

 YTD Difference
 (\$141,544)

SPECIALS

Capital Improvement	\$655
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,676
Support Our School	\$336

Thank you for your continued support!





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY January 7, 2022

4:00 to 7:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 148 N. Lyman Street

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – JANUARY 8 & 9

	Server	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, Jan. 8, 5:00PM	Eddie & George Gale Lucy & Charlie Gale	Diana Merced	Kevin Dunn, Caesar Merced Chuck McEvoy
Sunday, Jan. 9, 8:00AM	Paul & Luke Schlueter Amelia & Bridget Lutz	Joe Turk	Joe & Candi Weber Michael Niese
Sunday, Jan. 9, 10:30AM	Jacob Krymowski, Lincoln Reeling Benjamin Nichols, Ky'Sonna Won	Pam Armstrong	David & Laura Smith Dave Armstrong
Sunday, Jan. 9, 5:00PM	Madeline & Audrey Yarman Carson & Drew Bernard	Cathy Anderson	Chris Boyan Brian Storad



Becoming Catholic Sessions are held each Wednesday at 7:00pm in McMahon Hall, and will be live on the Parish Facebook page, or available to

view anytime.

The topic for JANUARY 5th is <u>The Sacraments</u> presented by Deacon Rich and Chris Serger.

For information please call Deacon Rich at the Parish Office, 330-336-3049, ext. 2005.

Make a wonderful plan to be part of the monthly Patriotic Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet on the first Sunday of each month. Join together with our parish family on January 2, from 6:30-7:15pm as we honor and pray for those who have served our country.

The St Vincent de Paul Share a Can Program is requesting dish soap, laundry detergent, and all purpose cleaner. Donations can be left at the following locations:

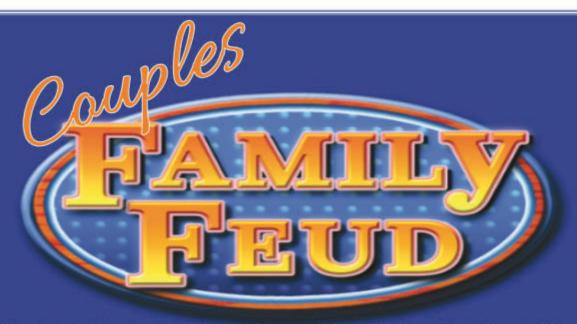
- Church entrances after Mass
- Parish Office on Mon-Fri 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm
 Thank you for your support!

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

O Come, let us adore Him

Empty hours waiting to be filled: Wednesday 1am * Saturday 11am

Second adorers needed for most hours. Substitutes are kindly asked to respond to electronic requests and fill an open hour. Please contact Kathie Buetow 330-749-2242 or email: kmbuetow@aol.com with any updates to your available times. Thank you.



Where is the best place to celebrate World Marriage Day? SURVEY SAYS: Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish!

Please join us as we celebrate World Marriage Day. The evening will begin with Mass, followed by a catered dinner in McMahon Hall and the live action game of Couples Family Feud, where groups of couples compete to name the most popular answers to survey questions about dating, marriage, and all things relationships in order to win prizes and of course bragging rights! This is a wonderful opportunity for couples to have a night out together to strengthen their marriage, while enjoying an evening renewing friendships and making new ones.

SAT., FEBRUARY 12 MASS
5:00PM - 9:00PM DINNER
\$75 PER COUPLE LIVE ACTION GAME

REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 4

Couples Family Feud Game/Dinner Reservation Form

Couple's Name:		Years Married:
E-Mail Address:		
We would like to be considered as contestants	i.	
We would like to be part of the "studio" audien	ce only.	
If possible, we would like to sit with:		
	Total Paid: \$	Cash/Check No.;
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Please RSVP with payment no later than Friday, February 4. Return your reservation via the collection basket or to the Parish/School Office. For more information, contact annette@shofjeus.com.

YOUTH CORNER

"10:10 Meets in the Youth Room every Sunday and Wednesday night from 6:30-8pm! Follow us on Instagram @shoj youthministry for more information and updates!"



March for Life!!

On the evening of Thursday, January 20th we will travel overnight to Washington DC!! The morning of Friday, January 21st we will attend Mass and a Youth Rally before we March for Life!! This trip is open to middle schoolers and high schoolers and is \$58 per person!! Contact Claire Corridoni to sign up and get the waiverclaire@shofjesus.com. We are also looking for adult volunteers to join us!

We are selling car magnets as a fundraiser for our growing youth programs!! You can buy 1 for \$10 or 2 for \$15! They can be purchased at the Parish office, or contact Claire Corridoni. Don't miss out on these awesome magnets to support our youth and show our community we are proud to SACRED HEART be from Sacred Heart!





CCA Grief Support January 16 "In-Office" at 3:00pm and "Virtual" at 5:00pm:

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-Office (3pm) and Virtually (5pm) via Zoom. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. The January 16th topic is "Facing the New Year with Hope and Love". We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand. Holy Cross Cemetery, 100 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron.

Your RSVP is appreciated but not required. Contact Rhonda 216-930-4866 for more information or questions.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

11:30 a.m. Baptism, Church Baptism, Church 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 10:10, Youth Room

6:30 p.m. Patriotic Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet,

Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

Jr. Legion of Mary, IHM Room 3:30 p.m. SVDP Food Pantry, Parish Center 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 406, McMahon Hall

TUESDAY. JANUARY 4

11:30 a.m. 8th Grade Book Study, Parish Library 2:30 p.m. SHS Drama Class, McMahon Hall 6:30 p.m. Voices of Faith/Teen Choir, Church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

11:30 a.m. Wadsworth AA Meeting, Andes Room

6:30 p.m. 10:10, Youth Room 7:00 p.m. RCIA, McMahon Hall

Legion of Mary, Parish Library 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Iron Chef, IHM Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

2:30 p.m. SHS Drama Class, McMahon Hall 6:00 p.m. SVDP Food Pantry, Parish Center

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir, Church

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry (K of C Hall)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Andes Room

11:00 a.m. Confessions, Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 a.m. ABLAZE, McMahon Hall

9:00 p.m. PSR (PreK-5th), Sacred Heart School

6:30 p.m. 10:10, Youth Room

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