

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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

**JANUARY 2, 2022** 



# Welcome to St. Christopher Parish

## PRAYING FOR HEALING & UNITY

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In our Catholic tradition, St. Christopher represents a Christ-bearer, one who carries Christ. Our community strives to bring this image to life as we unite to share Jesus' Good News and love our neighbor. Whether you are a first-time or returning visitor, we are glad you are here! If you are called to join us, online registration is available through our website home page. If you prefer to register in person, please contact the Parish Office or stop by during business hours. Together as the Body of Christ we will celebrate God's presence among us with hope and joy.

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. - Matthew 18:20

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435 E. National Rd. Vandalia, Ohio 45377 w: scpCHURCH.org Dir. Of Religious Ed

937.898.3542, ext. 105 Elise Sas

## **SACRAMENTS BAPTISM**

Class on 2nd Tuesday, 7pm Pre-registration required; contact the parish office. Baptism is at 12:15 p.m. on the first and third Sundays.

RCIA (Catholic Faith Initiation) Andrea Parker, 937.898.3542 ext. 109

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:15pm-4:45pm

## **MATRIMONY**

Arrangements are to be made no less than six months in advance. More Info: Call Bonnie Allen 937.898.3542 ext. 101

## **CONFIRMATION** (Grade 10)

Elise Sas, 937.898.3542 ext. 105 Confirmation for Adults, call Andrea Parker 937.898.3542 ext. 109

### **PASTORAL REGION #3**

In Dayton Deanery with ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH 753 S. Hyatt St., Tipp City, OH

937.667.3419

Pastor, Fr. John Tonkin Weekday: T/TH: 8:30a | W: 7p Weekend: SA: 5p | SU: 8a, 10:30a.

# WELCOME TO ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

# - Worship Schedule -

## MASS & PRESIDER SCHEDULE

St. Christopher				St. John the Baptist		
S	1 01	11 am	Fr. John	No Mass/Comm. Service		
CLI	1 02	9 am	Fr. Smith	8 am	Fr. John	
SU		11 am	Fr. Smith	10:30 am	Fr. John	
М	1 03	No Mass/Co	omm. Service	No Mass/Comm. Service		
Т	1 04	6:30 pm	Fr. John	8:30 am	Fr. Smith	
W	1 05	9 am	Fr. John	7 pm	Fr. Smith	
ТН	1 06	6:30 pm	Fr. John	8:30 am	Fr. Smith	
F	1 07	9 am	Fr. John	No Mass/Comm. Service		
S	1 08	5 pm	Fr. John	5 pm	Fr. Smith	
su	1 09	9 am	Fr. John	8 am	Fr. Smith	
		11 am	Fr. John	10:30 am	Fr. Smith	

## MASS INTENTIONS AT ST CHRISTOPHER

S	1 01	11 am	World Peace
SU	1 02	9 am	Ed Imwalle
	1102	11 am	Jerry Swigart
Т	1 04	6:30 pm	James P Cleary
W	1 05	9 am	Bea Herman
TH	1 06	6:30 pm	Therese Wintrow
F	1 07	9 am	Jerry Swigart
S	1 08	5 pm	Marge Halloran
CLI	1100	9 am	St Christopher Parish
SU	1 09	11 am	Leonides G Canta

## MASS ATTENDANCE Christmas Eve/Day

FRI	FRI	SAT	SUN	SUN
5pm	11pm	9am	9am	11am
630	230	285	284	271

#### SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	₹	7/1/21 - 6/30/22
SUNDAY'S	ACTUAL	YEARLY GOAL
December 26, 2021	TBA	\$25,961.54

To be updated in next weekend's bulletin.

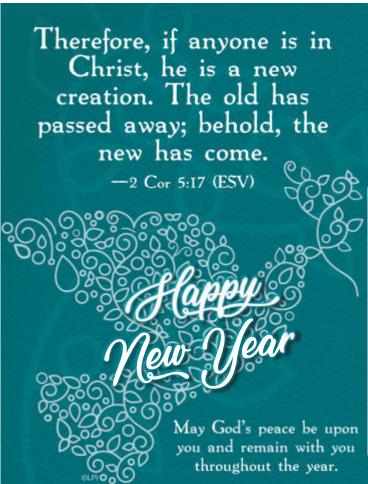






Join us for FREE coffee, donuts and fruit after 9:00am and 11:00am Masses this Sunday. Come and socialize with your fellow parishioners in the school cafeteria. All are welcome!

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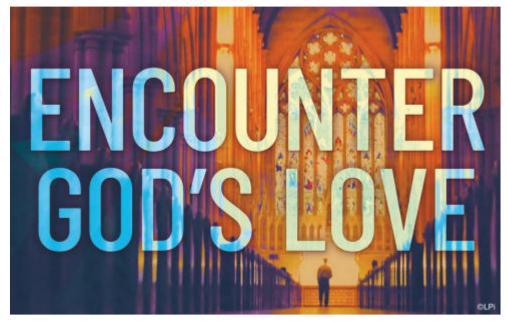


## GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### **ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which into an enriching blossoms friendship, we are liberated from narrowness our and absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to of great joy. All they have to do is

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and



full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day attain the fullest truth of our reach out and touch the truth of being."

Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that

prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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## REFLECT & RESPOND

## FIRST READING

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?

## SECOND READING

It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews and Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of "coheirs" and "copartners." What does this language signal to you?

## GOSPEL READING

The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God's revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today?

## **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

## THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the

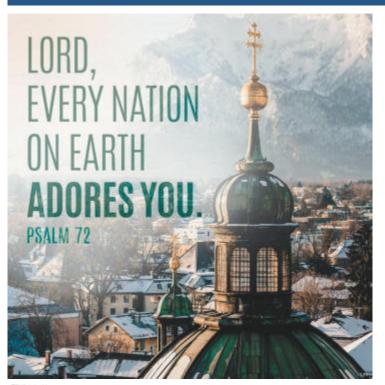
moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



## EPIPHANY







# CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

## WHAT HAPPENS TO A CONSECRATED HOST IF IT ACCIDENTALLY FALLS TO THE GROUND?

This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the minsters respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

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## What People Are Saying

Being part of this experience, I discovered how Jesus touches every one of us. None of our stories are similar, but God does engage us often. I am now more receptive and more aware of the Lord's presence in my life. - Jim D.

Open your hearts to the love of God which he will give you. He loves you with tenderness. And he will give you not to keep, but to share.

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

St Mother Teresa instructed us to "Find your own Calcutta." Jesus warns us against letting family become so important that we fall to serve those beyond the family who live along side of us. What can I do to help?

What is my gift to offer to others?

## **CALLINGS BOOK STUDY ~ NOW OPEN!**

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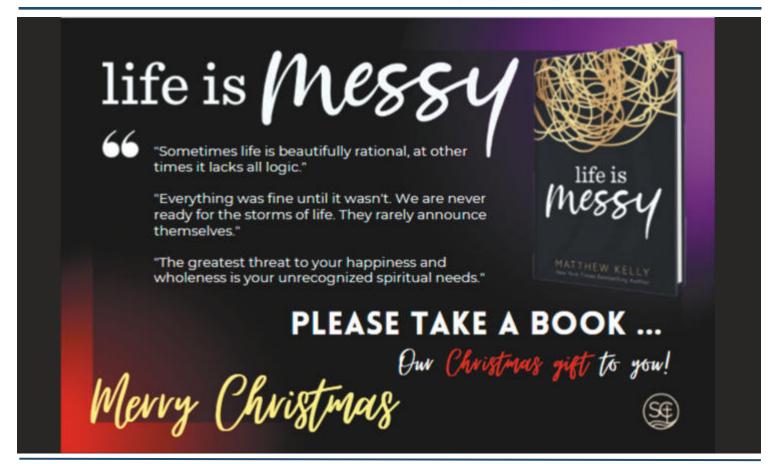
**OR** Contact *Andrea Parker* at the Parish Office at 937.898.3532 x109 or aparker@scpchurch.org.

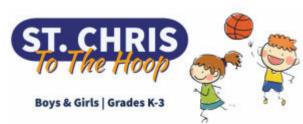
# Check out our CALLINGS webpage for more information such as:

- What is CALLINGS?
- Why should I participate in CALLINGS?
- Book Study Frequently Asked Questions
- How can I volunteer to help?



Scan QR code to visit the CALLINGS webpage: scpchurch.org/ callings





## TO THE HOOP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

**WHO:** All Boys & Girls in grades K thru 3rd from St. Christopher and St. John the Baptist parish (this includes youth from both parishes, GIFT/Religious Education, and/or the school). All boys and girls in 3rd grade who play CYO are welcomed to participate in this program.

**COST:** \$10 for the season and includes a shirt

**WHERE:** All events for this program will be held in school gym.

#### **EVALUATION DAY: Saturday January 8, 2022**

**Arrive 15 minutes early.** Girls K/1 from 11am to 11:30am, Boys K/1 from 11:30am to 12noon, Girls 2/3 from 12noon to 12:30pm, Boys 2/3 from 12:30pm to 1pm.

## **REGISTER:**

# school.stchristopheronline.com/boosters

**QUESTIONS:** Please reach out to **Bob Grimberg** (937-667-6951), **Jon Duren** (937-689-5529), or **Rick Zink** (898-9053).



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## **PARISH SPOTLIGHT**





## **GIVING TREE THANK YOU**

The staff and residents of Vandalia Crossroads Nursing Home and Rehabilitation would like thank each and every person who

purchased a gift and/or prayed for the resident's this Christmas! They were so incredibly happy to be remembered and appreciate all that the parishioners of St. Christopher do for them. The St. Christopher GIFT Jr. High students also made rosary decades they gifted to several Catholic residents at local area nursing homes this Christmas season. So many lives were touched with the true spirit of Christmas and the light of God's love. Once again, thank you to all who contributed to ENLC and Vandalia Crossroads this Christmas!

## **WEEKLY** READINGS & OBSERVANCES

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022** 

SUN 1/02 The Epiphany of the Lord

Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors of the Church

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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

MON 1/03 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 3:22-4:6

Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUE 1/04 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 4:7-10

Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8

Mk 6:34-44

WED 1/05 St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 4:11-18

Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13

Mk 6:45-52

THU 1/06 St. André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 4:19-5:4

Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17

Lk 4:14-22a

FRI 1/07 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

1 Jn 5:5-13

Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Lk 5:12-16

SAT 1/08 -----

1 Jn 5:14-21

Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b

Jn 3:22-30

SUN 1/09 The Baptism of the Lord

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

## PARISH ADULT MINISTRIES

## **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

Court St. Christopher #2748

To Join Contact: Peggy Rosales, prosales128@hotmail.com

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fr. Aufderheide Council 12912

Contact to join: Joel Maurer, joel\_maurer@protonmail.com

## MEN OF ST. JOSEPH'S

Every Sat. 8:30—10am | Panera Bread - Miller Ln. | Fellow-ship and prayer. More Info: Randy Weddle 937-898-6775

## CHARISMATIC PRAYER

All are welcome | Prayer, Praise & Worship, DATES: Nov 15, Nov. 22, & Dec 13 in the church choir room | More Info: Anne Heywood aheywood@woh.rr.com

### **WOMEN'S PRAYER**

Twice a month on Tuesdays 7:30-9pm in the church | More Info: Marilyn Updyke 937-470-7259 or mmupdyke@att.net

### **ROSARY**

Every Monday 7—7:30 pm | Church | More Info: Lucy Geise 937-898-6803 or ljgeise@yahoo.com

After most Wed. & Fri. Masses 9:30-10am | Church

After every 5th weekend of the Month Masses | Chapel

### BEREAVEMENT

Bringing comfort through service to those grieving a loss | More Info: Ellen Lang 937-898-2351 or ellen@af-ses.com

### RESPECT LIFE

Fellowship, prayer, and community efforts to end abortion and promote respect of life in all it's stages. More Info: Steve Wirick 937-414-9827 or stchrisforlife@outlook.com

## PRAYER CHAIN

Submit your prayer request online via the parish website or contact Donna Kitta: (937) 454-0481

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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, has announced Synod 2021-2023. 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 poor, disabled, migrants and immigrants, elderly, young adults, those who no longer practice the faith, women and men. 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 to all? This duty then does not lie strictly with the clergy. The Holy Spirit dwells within God's people. The Holy Father recognizes that coming together to discuss how to better further the mission of the Church is where the Holy Spirit can work powerfully.

The 10 themes of the Synod that will be discussed:

- Companions: In our local Church, who are those who "walk together"?
- Listening: How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore?
- Speaking Out: What enables or hinders speaking up courageously, candidly, civilly, and responsibly in our local Church and in society?
- Celebration: How do prayer and liturgical celebrations actually inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community?

- Sharing Responsibility: As missionary disciples, how is every baptized person called to participate in the mission of the Church?
- Dialogue: To what extent do diverse peoples in our community come together for dialogue?
- Ecumenism: What relationships does our Church community have with members of other Christian traditions and denominations?
- Participation: How does our Church community identify the goals to be pursued, the way to reach them, and the steps to be taken?
- Discerning: What methods and processes do we use in decision-making?
- Forming Ourselves: How does our church community form people to be more capable of "walking together," listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue?

Learn more at www.CatholicAOC.org/Synod. Want to participate? On the website you will find an opportunity to sign up for one of our local meetings near you. We hope to see you there! And, if you know someone who has left the faith, please invite them to participate too!

If you do not have access to the internet, please tear off the tab below, drop it in the collection basket, indicate which meeting you would like to attend (from the list on the bottom of this page) and the parish will sign you up. God Bless!

**QUESTIONS:** Please contact St. Christopher liaisons, Amy McEntee (937) 657-5407

PLEASE FILL OUT, DEATCH, AND PLACE IN COLLECTION BASKET OR TURN IN AT PARISH OFFICE. I wish to participate. Please sign me up!

Synod 2021-2023 Archdiocesan Meeting Dates & Sites

Name:	
Phone number:	
Gender (Optional):	
Parish:	
Email:	
Age (Optional):	33
Meeting Location you would like to attend:	

Deanery	Date	Time	Location	Street	City	Zip
Cathedral Deanery	1/29/2022	9-11 AM	St Francis Xavier	611 Sycamore St	Cincinnati	45202
St Andrew Deanery	1/13/2022	7PM	Good Shepherd	8815 Kemper Rd	Cincinnati	45249
St Francis DeSales Deanery	2/10/2022	7-9PM	Bartlett Center	6616 Beechmont Ave	Cincinnati	45230
St Lawrence Deanery	2/5/2022	9:30-11:30	St John the Baptist Church, Harrison	10010 Carolina Trace Rd	Harrison	45030
St Margaret Mary Deanery	1/15/2022		St Ignatius of Loyola	5222 North Bend Rd	Cincinnati	45247
Dayton Deanery North	1/13/2022	7-9 PM	Reis Conference Center at St Peter	6161 Chamberburg Rd	Huber Heights	45424
Dayton Deanery South	2/10/2022	7-9 PM	St Albert	3033 Far Hills Ave	Kettering	45429
Hamilton Deanery	1/22/2022	10-12 Noon	Queen of Peace	2550 Miliville Rd	Hamilton	45013
St Martin Deanery	1/9/22 1/16/22 1/23/22	2-4 PM 2-4 PM 2-4 PM	St. Bernadette St Michael St Mary	1479 Locust Lake Rd 16 North Fourth St 212 South High St	Amelia Mt Orab Hillsboro	45102 45167 45133
St Marys Deanery	1/18/2022	7-9 PM	St Charles Ctr	2680 US127	Celina	45822
Sidney Deanery	TBD	6-8 PM	St Michael Hall	33 Elm St	Ft Loramie	45845
Springfield Deanery	TBD					

## **CHILDREN'S** LITURGY

GROWING WITH THE GOSPEL | PRESCHOOL - 3RD GRADE

# GOSPEL

## PRE - 1ST

The Three Wise Men told Herod about a King being born. Herod was jealous. He did not want another king to be more powerful than he. Herod told them to come back and tell him where the baby was. They thought Herod was truly interested in Jesus. After



they gave him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, an angel warned them, "Go back a different way. Herod wants to kill the baby Jesus."



#### 2ND - 3RD

Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.



## PRE - 1ST

Lord, give me the power to help others, not harm them.

#### 2ND - 3RD

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.



#### PRF - 1ST

I will do three favors to help someone in my family today.

### 2ND - 3RD

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.







What letter <u>begins</u> each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.



#### Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise men child born		king star worship			Mary gifts dream		
wsie mne	W	<u>i</u>	S	е	m	<u>e</u>	<u>n</u>
brno	_	_	_	_			
knig	_	_	_	_			
derma	_	_	_	_	_		
cildh		_	_	_	_		
wrsohpi	-	_	_	_		_	
Mrya	_	_	_	_			
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