



St. Wendelin

CATHOLIC PARISH

DEC. 26, 2021 | THE HOLY FAMILY

JAN. 2, 2022 | THE EPIPHANY

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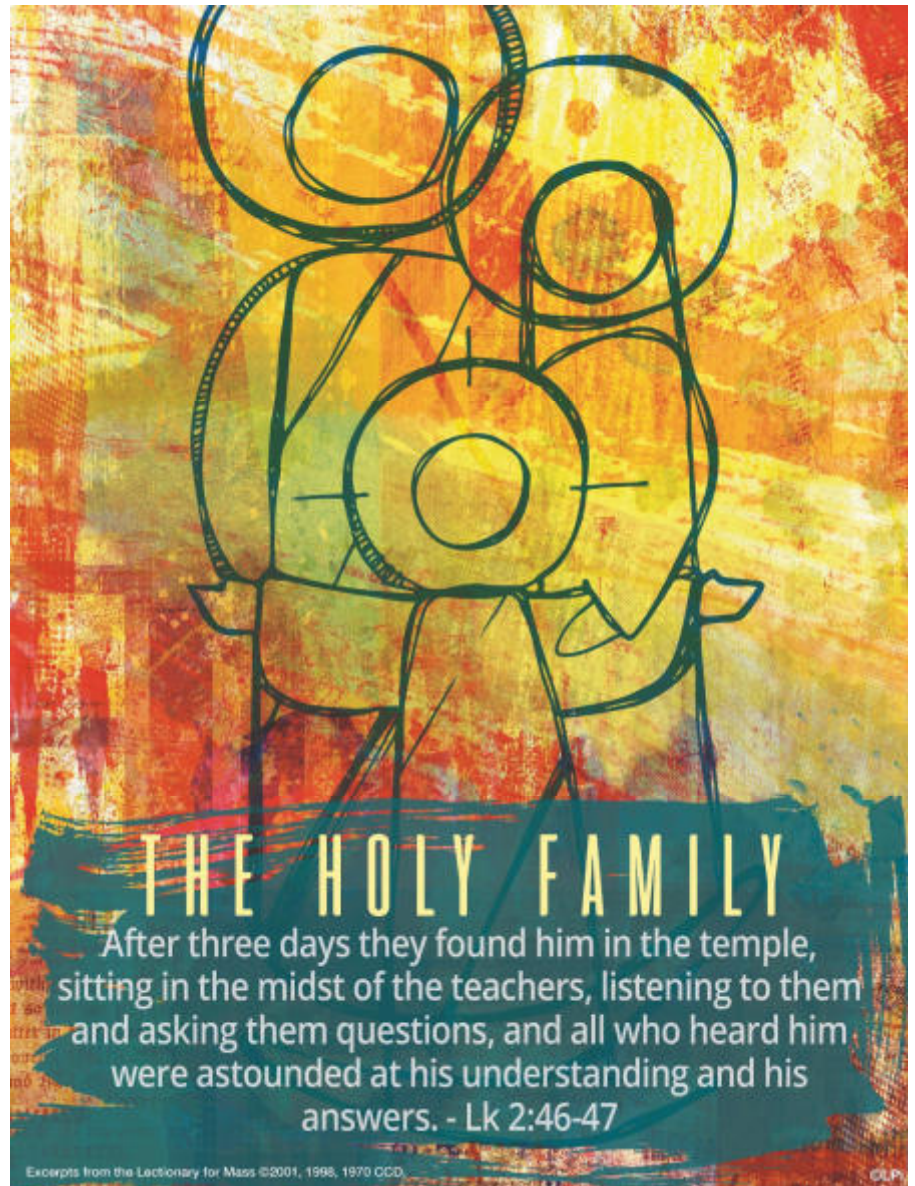
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MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday - 9:00 AM; Saturday Vigil - 4:30 PM
Sunday - 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM
Tuesday - 5:15 PM; Wednesday-Friday - 9:00 AM

RECONCILIATION HOURS

First Saturday - 8:15-8:50 AM Saturday - 3:30-4:20 PM;
Sunday - 7:00-7:50 AM & 10:00-10:50 AM
Tuesday - 4:40-5:10 PM; Friday - 8:20-8:50 AM

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM (Mon-Thu)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES & READINGS

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 am †Linda Branwell & †Jason Branwell;
†Geri Brubaker & Sons; †Ray &
†Mary Dell and †Ginger Baringer;
†Herman, †Ann & †Gene Frankart;
†Marilyn Podach

11:00 am †James & †Bernice Bodart; †Emiel
& †Mary Cool; †James A. "Jim"
Herman; †James M. Holman; †Dan
Jurrus (30-day); †Diana Masters &
†Jennifer Masters; †Charlene
Niestockel & †Margaret Holland;
†John R., †Ruth M. & †Thomas R.
Ray

MON., DECEMBER 27 – FRI. DECEMBER 31

No Daily Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 am †Blanche Frankart

4:30 pm †Eileen Lucius (Anniv.); †David,
†Tony & †Ann Ward

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 am People of the Parish (Pro populo)

11:00 am †City, State & Federal Leaders

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

No Daily Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

5:15 pm †Alfred E. Brickner

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 am †Rita (Fender) Berry

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 am †Fr. Gregory Hite

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 am †Melvin Boes

SANDY, JANUARY 8

4:30 pm †Elizabeth Moes

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 am †Dallas Nye Jr.

11:00 am People of the Parish (Pro populo)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27-TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

No Daily Masses, Confession or Eucharistic Adoration

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – 9:15 AM (Atrium)

RCIA – 1:30 PM (Upper Room)

Jesus by Candlelight – 6:30 PM (Church)

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

All-Day Eucharistic Adoration – 5:00 AM-5:00 PM

Men's AA – 7:00 PM (Parish Hall)

Saint Wendelin Ringers Rehearsal – 6:30 PM (Church)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

Faith Formation – 6:30 PM (Parish Hall & 3rd Floor)

Parish Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 PM (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

All-Day Eucharistic Adoration – 5:00 AM-7:00 PM (Church)

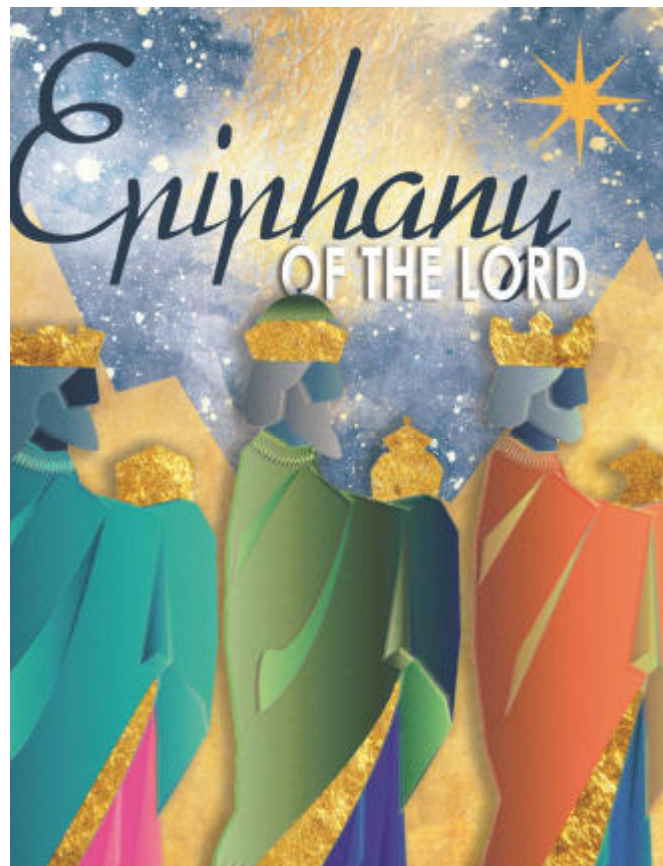
Benediction w/ Vespers – 6:45 PM (Church)

Liturgy Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM (Notre Dame Room)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – 9:15 AM (Atrium)

RCIA – 1:30 PM (Upper Room)



BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Submit bulletin items person or via email
(bulletin@stwendelin.org) to the Parish Office
before 12:00 PM on Mondays.

FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY/HONOR OF

Tammy Beck
Robert & Mary Williams
Doyle & Carolyn Baker
John Baker
Fred & Corrine Bauer
Buss & Rita Berry
Andy Bish
The Bland & Herman Families
Melvin Boes
Vincent & Betty Boes
Clara Bouillon
Charles & Clara Bouillon
Robert C. Bouillon
Edmund & Annabelle Brickner
Alfred E. Brickner
Louis Brossia
Ada Brossia
Joseph & Agnes Bugner
William & Marilyn Bugner
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Matthew Chwalik
Joseph & Rosemary Clark
Joseph Clark, Jr.
Dorothy & Louie Collet
Emiel & Mary Cool
Donald Coppler
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Richard Darr
Clyde & Jean Decker
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Francisco DiCesare & Sons
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Anna Erbland
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Marlene Guzman
Jack & Chris Harley

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Drew & Bryn Kleinmart
Cathy Krupp
Donald & Flo Kruszynski
Jeffrey Kruszynski
Patricia Lauzau
Jerry LaVigne
Richard Lee
Francis & Theresa Leibengood
Jack & Annabel Lind
Family of Gus Lopez
Charlene (Geckle) Lortz
Ramon & Beatrice Lowery
Cyril, Eillen & Meredith Lucius
Family of Frank Malagon
Diana Masters
Jennifer Masters
Howard & Mary Lou McDonald
Joseph & Anne (Birkmier) Michael
Bernard & Berneda Miller
Ruth, Marcus & Michael Miller
John Minich
Anthony and Berneda Moes & Sons
Charlene Niestockel
Bernadine Nye
Cyril Nye Jr.
William & Evelyn Omlor
Our Parents
The Papp, Lencses, Maracsko &
Farago Families
Dick & Jean Parsons
Amelia Peak
Peluso Family
Isabel Perry
Raymond & Mary Peter

Marilyn Podach
John R. Ray
Ruth M. Ray
Thomas R. Ray
Ed Reinhart
Bo Risner
Charlie, Bertha & Don Rogier
James Rowles
Norm & Viola Rutherford
Jim, Marie & Kathy Scherger
Brady C. Scherger
Jeffrey Schilt
Melvin & Shirley Schreiner
Jim Schuett
Karen Sczesny
Michael Sczesny
Stephanie Sczesny
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William Stewart
John M. Shaul
Dean Sheibley
Violet & Gerald Sheibley
Morganne Clark Sherrard
Garland Smith
Margo Smith
Howard & Lillian Smith
Dennis Steinmetz
Clifford & Dorothy Stewart
Herb Stimson
Dorothy Studley
Alvin & Vanetta Theis
David, Virginia, & Marlene Theis
Pete Tinkovicz
Graciela Tolento
Patricia Vaughn
Aurora Villarreal
Israel Villarreal
Paul & Carolyn Wagner
Frank & Helen Wetzel
Frank & Dorothy Wiktorski
Ted & LaVera Williams
Paul & Mary Williams
Liv./Dec. Members of the William &
Catherine Wolph Family
Maggie Lynn Yost
Joshua Yost
Firmin & Mary Yost

CHURCH BUSINESS

SUNDAY OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory Summary for 2020-2021 through December 12

2020-2021 Budget	\$	14,400.00
December 11-12	\$	22,788.47
2nd Collections/Holy Days	\$	1,765.00
Budget YTD	\$	345,600.00
Offerings YTD	\$	335,305.45
Over/(Under) Total YTD	\$	(10,294.76)

Electronic offertory options are available. Please contact Deb Brickner in the Parish Office for more information.

Have you remembered St. Wendelin in your will?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord, We humbly put ourselves into Your care as we face today's unknown. Let us pray for the needs of those who are sick, in nursing homes and who are homebound including:

Amanda Cool, Judy Corner, Ron & Linda Duran, Rebecca Diaz Finsel, James Gillig, Marilyn Hoffman, Christi Holman, Kathy Holman, Crosby Hieber, Joseph Kelbley, Adam Kessler, Dolores Kinn, Marylin Kinn, Janice Minich, William Munson, Tim Murray, Ava Nye, Sherry Reinhart, Gene & Betty Schalk, Jim Stewart, Elizabeth Tarris, Faye Taggart. Names will be periodically removed from this list to update it. Call the Parish Office (419-435-6692) to add someone.

FANTASTIC FRIDAYS WINNER

Congratulations to **NAME** who recently won \$500 Visa Gift Card!

Tickets for 2022 are on sale in the Parish Office and after Sunday Masses for just \$20. Starting in January, winners will receive a \$100 Visa gift card and \$500 for every Friday after Thanksgiving through Christmas!

OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed for nonessential business on December 27th, December 28th, and January 3rd. Voicemails will be monitored for emergencies.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Please note there will be no daily Masses, confession or adoration from **Tuesday, December 28th** through **Friday, December 31st**. The normal daily Mass schedule will resume on **Tuesday, January 4th**.

CEMETERY INQUIRY

Cemetery caretakers are looking to purchase a gently used UTV with 4-wheel drive and a dump bed for various uses. Please contact the Parish Office (419-435-6692) if you know of one for sale.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Second collection envelope opportunities for the month of January include:

- ◆ Church Maintenance
- ◆ Pastoral Fund
- ◆ Rosary Altar Society Dues
- ◆ Church in Latin America

Consider donating to these worthy causes. Electronic givers can return separate checks to the Parish Office or offertory box.

DOORS AVAILABLE

There are the classroom doors the parish no longer needs from the top floor of the Parish Life Center. They are 36 inches and fire rated. There are two left-handed doors and one right-handed door available for donation until January 1st. These doors make great replacements or could be used for a tabletop. Please contact the Parish Office (419-435-6692) for more information.

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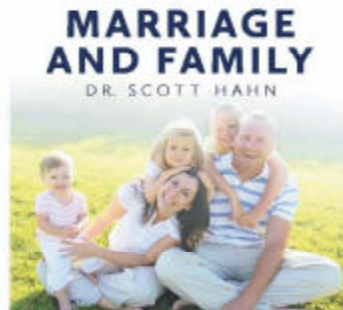
PICK OF THE WEEK

December 26, 2021

LISTEN

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!



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FROM FATHER POGGEMEYER

Dear Parishioners,

+JMJ



Thank you to everybody who worked so hard to make our Christmas Masses beautiful: the musicians, the choirs, the cantors, the decorators, the lectors, extraordinary Eucharistic ministers, the ushers, the deacons, the altar servers, etc. Of course it took a ton of time and effort. But, the Lord is worth our utmost in Holy Mass!

For this new year, let's ask the Lord what He would want as our New Year's resolutions. Better His will than ours... even when it comes to perfecting ourselves. It's God's plan we want, not ours! Consider making Jesus By Candlelight the first Sunday of every month a regular practice. Consider finding a volunteer service at the Church (such as livestreaming or ushering or serving at Mass, etc.). Consider an hour in the front of the Blessed Sacrament (even if it is not a day of exposition) each week. Consider a solid daily prayer time, scheduled in and protected to the best of your ability. Consider a faith book of some sort that furthers your education in the Catholic Faith, or deepens your spirituality. And let's stay close to the Blessed Virgin Mary this year. That would be a great resolution for the new year! The Church focuses on the Blessed Virgin Mary at the beginning of the new year, with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. That is not mere coincidence. We should not only begin every year with a focus on the Blessed Virgin Mary. We should actually consecrate our entire life to her every day, at the beginning of the day. There's no better way to be assured of living for Her Son Jesus Christ, than to consecrate every step to Her. As every good mother, She will do her utmost to guide us to the fullest of life. And, that means life in Her Son, Jesus Christ. Please, if you have never consecrated your life to the Blessed Virgin Mary, make it a resolution to do so this year. You will not regret it. I can't imagine where I would be without the constant help of Mary.

May the Lord bless the New Year abundantly for you! May you know His glory more in this new year than ever before!

In cordibus Iesu et Mariae et Iosephus,

Father Poggemeyer

**THANK YOU TO ALL
WHO HELPED TO MAKE
THE FEAST OF OUR
LADY OF GUADALUPE
ON DECEMBER 11-12 A
BEAUTIFUL
CELEBRATION!**



ST. WENDELIN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Each month, the Foundation will highlight students supported by your generous donations!
 Visit St. Wendelin's Facebook page for even more pictures.



Bishop Hoffman Catholic Schools

All of the Bishop Hoffman basketball teams are filled with familiar faces. Student-athletes you may recognize include:

- ◆ Laddie Alcocer (Junior)
- ◆ Eli Holman (Sophomore)
- ◆ Eli Kitchen (Senior)
- ◆ Isaac Kitchen (8th grade)
- ◆ Christian Portillo (4th grade)
- ◆ Joe Portillo (Freshman)
- ◆ Jacob Schmenk (Sophomore)
- ◆ Jeremiah Quiroz (8th grade)



Calvert Catholic Schools

Aiden John showed off his musical talents at the Christmas concert while Ella Seibert marched in the holiday parade.



Luke Badik, Syble Goshe, and Gabriel Schuld celebrating the Feast Day of St. Nick with elementary classes.



Aiden Steinmetz was named the Fremont Lions Club's October Student of the Month. Congratulations!



Joe Portillo and Jeremiah Quiroz assist with lighting for the school Christmas play.

Audrey Sheets, Logan Persohn, Sydney Persohn and Ellie Reinhart of pictured just after a youth basketball game for Calvert.



Jesus by Candlelight

◆ Adoration ◆ Reconciliation ◆
 ◆ Worship ◆ Music ◆ Prayer ◆

Sunday, January 2
 The Solemnity of Epiphany
 6:30 PM
 Saint Wendelin Catholic Church

Star of wonder...

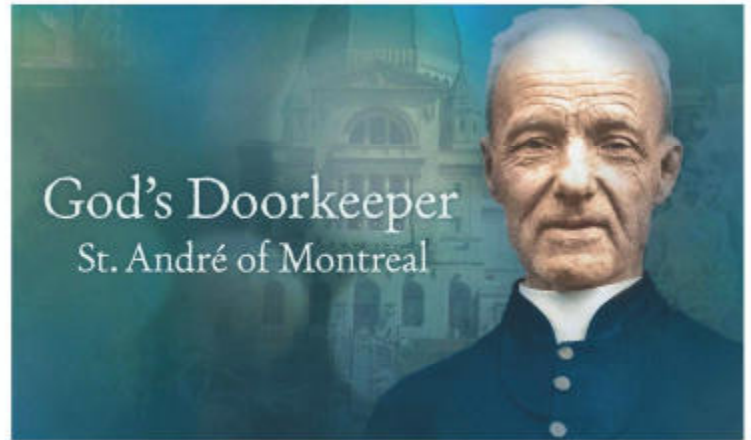
Guide us to thy perfect light!

January 2, 2022

WATCH

GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

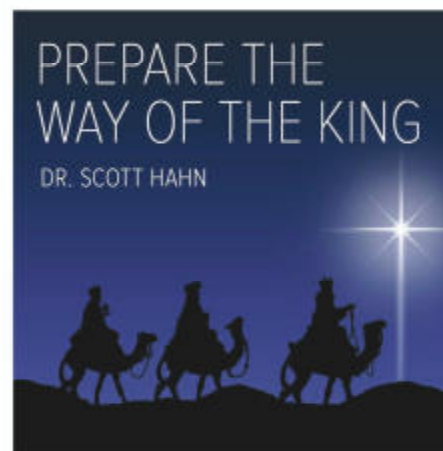
Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

LISTEN

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



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MUSIC & LITURGY

All About the Christmas Octave

Marry Christmas! From yesterday through January 1, the Church celebrates the Octave of Christmas where each of these days is another Christmas and is treated the same as December 25. In the *Liturgy of the Hours*, the psalms are the same each day. At Mass, the *Gloria* is sung and if *The Roman Canon* (Eucharistic Prayer I) is used, a proper form of the *Communicantes* (*In Communion*) is prayed:

Celebrating the most sacred night (day) on which blessed Mary the immaculate Virgin brought forth the Savior for this world, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ...

So why do we celebrate Christmas Day for eight days? Answering a question with questions: Did we spend four weeks preparing for one day of feasting? Can the joy of the Savior's birth be fully celebrated in just one day? As a parent, I know the birth of any baby cannot be celebrated in just one day! You're celebrating and rejoicing for days (while also trying to find time to sleep!).

Rev. Pius Parsch, in his book *The Church's Year of Grace*, gives a great explanation of why we have octaves:

In the spirit of the Church the great feasts of redemption should not be restricted to a single celebration but should continue on through a full week. Mother Church is good psychologist; she understands human nature perfectly. When a feast comes, the soul is amazed and not quite prepared to think profoundly upon its mystery; but on the following days the mind finds it easy to consider the mystery from all sides, sympathetically and deeply; and an eighth day affords a wonderful opportunity to make a synthesis of all points covered. (pp. 244-245)

In these eight days of Christmas, we continue to unpack and celebrate the great mystery that has unfolded before us. Love Incarnate has made his dwelling with us. Surely that cannot be fully celebrated in just one day. *(continued on next page)*

The Diocesan and Saint Michael Prayers can be found in the back of the hymnal.

December 26 - The Feast of the Holy Family

Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10



℞. Bless-ed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. _____

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January 1 & 2 - The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

At 4:30 & 8:00



℞. Lord, ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you.

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At 11:00



Lord, ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you, _____



_____ ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you. _____

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Antiphons

December 26 - The Feast of the Holy Family

Entrance: Luke 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Communion: Baruch 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

January 1 - The Epiphany of the Lord: at the Vigil Mass

Entrance: cf. Baruch 5:5

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Communion: cf. Revelation 21:23

The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord: at Mass During the Day

Entrance: cf. Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Communion: cf. Matthew 2:2

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

MUSIC & LITURGY (cont.)

However, Fr. Parsch goes on to say, “The octave of Christmas is not the best example because other feasts distract one from the Christmas theme.” Interestingly, within the Octave of Christmas, there are six saints celebrated:

Saint Stephen (December 26) **Saint John the Evangelist** (December 27) **The Holy Innocents** (December 28)
Thomas à Becket (December 29) **Sylvester I** (December 31) **Mary, the Holy Mother of God** (January 1)
The Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on the Sunday within the Octave or on December 30 when Christmas itself falls on a Sunday.

I always thought it was strange to celebrate saints within the Octave of Christmas, especially because three of them are martyrs and for three of them we do not know their actual date of death. After looking deeper, I found all of these saints are celebrated within the Octave of Christmas because they gave witness to Christ’s Divinity and his Kingship. The first three days after Christmas are traditionally referred to as the *Comites Christi* (“Companions of Christ”).

-**Saint Stephen** is called the Protomartyr (meaning “first”) because he was the first actual Christian martyr. One of the first deacons, he was brought before the Sanhedrin where he defended Christ’s divinity in a fiery speech which comprises most of chapter 7 of the Acts of the Apostles. He was stoned to death after declaring he saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

-**Saint John the Evangelist** is celebrated because of his writings which are theological masterpieces presenting the Divinity and Humanity of Christ: the Fourth Gospel, his letters, and the Book of Revelation. The prologue of his Gospel is read on Christmas day: “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” Most of his first letter is read as the first reading beginning on December 27 and continuing throughout the Christmas season.

-**The Holy Innocents**, the children age two and younger murdered by Herod (see Matthew 2:16), are honored by the Church as martyrs for Christ. By their lives, they bore witness to Christ’s Kingship against a tyrannical earthly ruler.

-**Thomas à Becket**, the last saint to be added to the octave, was murdered in his cathedral on December 29 in 1170. Originally chancellor to Henry II, the king thought he could gain power over the Church by appointing Becket as Archbishop of Canterbury. After being consecrated, Becket refused to let Henry meddle in Church affairs. Becket won the martyr’s crown for defending Christ’s church against secular power.

-**Sylvester I** was pope from December 31, 314 to December 31, 335. He was among the first non-martyrs to be venerated as a saint. Sylvester reigned during the first era of peace for Christians (post-Roman persecution). He supported and approved the Council of Nicæa which developed the Nicene Creed proclaiming that Christ was both human and divine, consubstantial (“of the same substance”) with the Father.

-**Our Blessed Mother** who played such an integral role in the mystery of our salvation is celebrated on the octave day. We come full circle on this feast returning to the stable with the shepherds—right where we left off in Luke’s Gospel after the Mass at midnight and nearly the same as the Mass at dawn (it adds verse 21 of Luke 2 which refers to Jesus’s circumcision on the eighth day). Saint Paul VI writes in *Marialis Cultis*, “The Christmas Season is a prolonged commemoration of the divine, virginal and salvific Motherhood of her whose ‘inviolable virginity brought the Savior into the world’” (no. 5).

In this octave of Christmas, may we like Mary, “keep all these things, reflecting on them in [our] heart” and glorify our newborn King. A blessed Christmas Octave and Epiphany to you and your family!

~Anthony

WEEKLY READINGS

DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

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

WEEKLY READINGS

JANUARY 2, 2022

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

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

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CATECHISM CORNER

The Father's only Son, conceived as man in the womb of the Virgin Mary, is "Christ", that is to say, anointed by the Holy Spirit, from the beginning of his human existence, though the manifestation of this fact takes place only progressively: to the shepherds, to the magi, to John the Baptist, to the disciples. Thus the whole life of Jesus Christ will make manifest "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power."

(CCC 486)

GOOD NEWS

Youth of our parish helped to organize and package the gifts donated for residents of Good Shepherd Home by families in our Family Faith Formation program. We hope these gifts bring great joy to the residents during this season of hope!



“THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT” (ISAIAH 9:1)

It strikes me in a particular way this year how each of the Scripture readings for Christmas - whether we attend Mass at the Vigil on Christmas Eve, at midnight, or in the morning - speak of God doing something *new*. There *was* darkness and gloom, *now* there is light and rejoicing. God *had* spoken through the prophets, but *now* He speaks through His Son. Jerusalem *had* been in slavery, in exile, but *now* she (and each of us) is called by a new name - redeemed, vindicated and glorious. What a beautiful reminder for us in the midst of the cold and dark of winter - God is working. He is doing something new.

How will we live the new day that the Lord has provided for us? How will we proclaim with our lives the goodness of Him who has redeemed us and set us free? This day - *Christmas Day* - is a *new day* filled with abundant hope. Our salvation has appeared. “The grace of God has appeared” (Titus 2:11), and this grace makes all things new and all things possible. At a time when so many people make New Year’s resolutions, let us do so also - resolving to be ever more open to the work of the Lord and His grace in our lives and trusting that our Incarnate Lord has come to make it possible for us to be transformed into His likeness.

FAITH FORMATION WEEK OF DEC 26TH & JAN 2ND

Christ Centered Discipleship

Children & Families -
Wed, Jan 5th - Family Faith Formation @ 6:30pm
Sun, Jan 9th - First Reconciliation & Communion Session @ 9am

Junior High / High School -
Fri, Dec 31st - New Year's Eve Adoration @ 10pm
Sun, Jan 9th - Alpha @ 4pm

Adults -
Sun, Jan 2nd - RCIA @ 1:30pm


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NEW YEAR'S EVE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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11:30PM - 12:30PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION W/ MUSIC & SILENCE

ALL ARE INVITED TO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FROM 11:30PM-12:30PM

WELCOME THE NEW YEAR IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ALPHA & OMEGA



COMMUNITY NEWS

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU from the Sharing Kitchen with the parish's November 2021 contribution and Thanksgiving food collection. A special thank you to all of the St. Wendelin volunteers who help the kitchen.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Caring Hands Pregnancy and Parenting Support wishes the St. Wendelin community a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with the love, joy and peace of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving throughout the year.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Festival Bratwursts on **Saturday, January 1st** from 11:00 AM-8:00 PM. For just \$6, patrons will receive bratwurst or patty with sauerkraut, hot German potato salad and baked beans. Extra bratwurst/patties are available for \$3.50 and sauerkraut for \$.50. Dine-in and carry-out are available while supplies last. Contact the Christopher Center (419-436-7619) for details.

JANUARY K OF C MEALS

Saturday meals are just \$7 at the Knights of Columbus from 5:00-8:00 PM. The menu for January is:
– January 1st – bratwurst & German potato salad

- January 8th – meatloaf or salmon patty
- January 15th – stir fry (steak, chicken or shrimp)
- January 22nd – spaghetti (meat sauce or chicken)
- January 29th – pork loin

55+ CLUB RETURNS IN JANUARY!

After a long absence due to COVID-19, the 55+ Club will resume playing bid euchre in January 2022! All are welcome to attend each third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Emmaus Room for a short meeting, followed by cards, snacks and fellowship. Contact Clara Brickner (419-435-8302) if interested in joining.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- ♦ **Calvert Catholic Schools:** Calvert Catholic Schools is seeking a part-time Bus Driver to drive the Fostoria route. This is 5 days (roughly 18 hours) per week. CDL class B is required and school bus endorsement. The school will pay for CDL training, if needed. Please contact Paul Shoemaker (pshoemaker1@calvertcatholic.org) if interested.
- ♦ **Immaculate Conception Church:** Immaculate Conception Church in Bellevue is seeking a full-time Business Manager. Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and salary expectations to Fr. Kyle Gase (231 East Center St. Bellevue, OH 44811; pastor@icssaints.org).

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