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## January 2 The Epiphany of the Lord

### Mass and Confessions

#### **Church open for Adoration:**

Wednesday 3:00 pm-7:30 pm Sunday 3:00 pm-4:45 pm

**Confession:** Sunday 3:00 pm-4:45 pm.

**Church open for prayer:** Monday-Friday 9am-12pm.

#### **Mass Times for the week of the Epiphany of the Lord:**

Sunday, January 2: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Wednesday, January 5: 9:30 am

### Mass Intentions:

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

**9:00 AM:** For Patti Yonka req. by the C.C.W.

**11:00 AM:** For the intentions of our parishioners

**5:00 PM:** For the repose of the soul of Pat Mull req. by Juli McLeod

#### Monday, January 3

(Prv.) For the repose of the souls of Irene and Albert Horvath req. by Ron and Barb Horvath

#### Wednesday, January 5

**9:30 AM:** For the repose of the soul of Walter and Madeline Sauter req. by the Sauter Family

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**December 19, 2021**

Budget: **\$5,096.00**  
Cash and Checks: **\$5,250.00**  
# of envelopes used: 69  
Online Giving: **\$2,245.00**  
TOTAL OFFERING: **\$7,495.00**

**December 26, 2021**

**Our weekly offering for December 26 will be available as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience!**

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**Youth Group News!**

Youth group is all done for the fall semester! Please contact me or look in your email for information about the spring semester. Thank you for your participation for the last few months!

-God Bless!  
Kate Ramsay, Youth Minister

## From Fr. Pieter

Greetings! Merry Christmas! Who's that priest and where is Fr. Pieter? Since I have a break from teaching at the seminary I took a few days of vacation before the new school year. In my absence, I am happy that Fr. Joe Campbell can celebrate Mass and confession for us (thank you, Fr. Joe!). Fr. Campbell grew up in Ann Arbor (his family attends Christ the King parish), and now he serves as chaplain at Lansing Catholic High School.

What does God say to us in Mass today? We see God's faithfulness. We all need someone to trust. We need someone we can lean on no matter what. We desire someone trustworthy who will never abandon us, who is utterly, totally, unhesitatingly, faithful. And we find this "someone" in our Triune God.

More than 500 years before Christ's birth, God had promised, through his prophet Isaiah, that he was going to lead "all the nations" to Jerusalem to share in the light of salvation. In spite of 500 years of wars, migrations, and historical turbulence that re-wrote the map of the civilized world three different times, God did what he said he was going to do. The Wise Men came from the non-Jewish world; they represent the nations. By coming to Christ, they enter into the light of salvation bringing gifts.

Knowing that God is faithful is the foundation of our whole spiritual life (Catechism #222). Believing in God, the only One, and loving him with all our being has enormous consequences for our whole life... It means trusting God in every circumstance, even in adversity. A prayer of St. Teresa of Jesus (which I shared at Mass a few weeks ago) wonderfully expresses this trust:

- Let nothing trouble you / Let nothing frighten you
  - Everything passes / God never changes
  - Patience / Obtains all
  - Whoever has God / Wants for nothing
- God alone is enough.

Please pray for me as I pray for you. See you next Sunday. God bless you.



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