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# Holy Spirit

3700 Harvey Lake Rd, Highland MI 48356

## January 2, 2022 - Epiphany of the Lord

### Wayne States Universally

The Church has a custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany (Traditionally January 6). Family and friends gather and ask God's blessing on their homes and upon those who live in or visit the home. This action is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, and present to us in our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and recreation, and in our joys and sorrows.

Marking the doorway to one's home is rooted in the Old Testament. Sacred Scripture reminds us that God has, at times, commanded his people to mark their doors. As when the Israelites marked their doors on the night of Passover with lamb's blood (Exodus 12:7). A similar command was given with the Hebrew *Shema Yisrael*: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart ... and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates" (Dt 6:4-6, 9).

Using blessed chalk one or more members of the household inscribe **20 + C + M + B + 22** above the entryway. The letters C, M, B have two meanings: The initials of the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. And an abbreviation of the Latin: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house-," is represented by the cross, "+". The split numbers 20 and 22 indicate the year.

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### Epiphany Blessing the Home, Apartment, or other Dwelling Places

Using blessed chalk, write **20 + C + M + B + 22** on the lintel of your front door, front porch step, or other convenient location. Afterwards, say the following:

**The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty one years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.**

Then offer the following prayer:

**Visit, O Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may show forth your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

In time the chalk will weather and fade. It is our reminder to let the meaning of these written symbols sink into the depths of our heart. Then made known through our words and actions. May the Lord be your shelter when you are home, your companion when you are away, and welcome guest upon your return.

Take Care, Be Well,  
Fr. Wayne

### The Epiphany of the Lord

Do you remember all the buzz last year about the astrological event, The Great Conjunction: the alignment of Jupiter and Saturn? Apparently, this "event" happens every 20 years, but last year the two planets were aligned so closely that the two planets appeared in the sky like one very bright star. Also, the last time that the alignment was this close was nearly 800 years ago (1226, to be exact)! Of course, being able to see this "once-in-a-millennium" event required that you were living in a place with a clear sky. . . .

The prophet was right, "darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples." Of course, the prophet is not talking about missing an awesome astrological event, but other forms of "darkness" that cover us. We live in a world with the darkness of sickness and disease, of racial tensions spawned by deeply ingrained systems of racial inequality and injustice, of violence in our streets, of struggling economies, and record-breaking natural disasters like hurricanes and wildfires.

These are some of the darkneses that we encounter in our world. And, of course, there is the darkness within us as well: greed, indifference, jealousy, gossip, prejudices, fear, hatred, the list can go on. Many are the "clouds" that cover us on the outside and from within. Many are the obstacles that block and hinder and distort the light and keep us from seeing the light. But, as the prophet also says, "upon you the Lord shines!" And because of this truth, because the Lord lovingly shines his light upon us, we have reason to hope. We have hope that it is possible for the light to break through our clouds and to free us from the darkness in which we dwell!

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### Holy Spirit Church Calendar at a Glance

Monday, January 3  
Office Hours 9am-3pm  
11am-AA

Tuesday, January 4  
Office Hours 9am-3pm  
10am-Women's Prayer Group  
5:10pm-Elementary FF  
7pm-Men's Club

Wednesday, January 5  
Office Hours 9am-3pm  
9am-Morning Mass  
6:30pm-Elementary FF  
6:30pm-Middle School FF

Thursday, January 6  
Office Hours 9am-3pm  
9am-Morning Mass  
6:30pm-2nd Grade Reconciliation

Friday, January 7  
9am-Morning Mass

Saturday, January 8  
5pm-Mass

Sunday, January 9  
9am-Mass



EPIPHANY



**Parish Vision:** To Be Christ to All.

**Our Mission Statement:** Led by the Holy Spirit, we accompany others to encounter Jesus, to give witness to Him, and to grow as missionary disciples.

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



## Be Our Light

Father,  
you reveal yourself throughout the ages,  
showing us the light of your love.  
You said, "Let there be light,"  
and there was light.  
When you sent your Son to reveal  
yourself most fully,

you gave a star as a sign.  
Be our light.  
Fill us with your light  
that we might light the way to you.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

## Overjoyed

*Today's readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12.* "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." The Magi had gone to the palace because their way of seeking wisdom—following the natural signs of the world—told them a king had been born. A king whose importance was so great that his birth was told in the stars. But the king was not in the palace. This birth, so significant as to be marked by a star, was hidden away in Bethlehem, a small town.

The Magi were not Jewish. They did not know about the promise of God that was now being fulfilled. But God gave them a light to follow. The new thing that God was doing—fulfilling the promises of old to bring salvation to the ends of the earth—included them.

Scripture tells us that when the star stopped over the place where Jesus was, the Magi were overjoyed to see it. Inside the home, they found Jesus with Mary, his mother. They fell down and worshiped him, so overcome were they with joy at what God was doing and at the gift of being allowed to share in it.

Then the Magi went home by another route. This is, of course, practical, in that they were avoiding Herod. But they went home a different way because they were themselves different. They were changed by their joy. What light has God given you to follow? When have you been filled with joy? How did it change you?

**Meditations for January 2  
Matthew 2:1-12**

*They . . . offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
(Matthew 2:11)*

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh: these are gifts fit for a king. Through them, the Magi were not only acknowledging Jesus as Israel’s king, but they were also showing Mary and Joseph how honored they were to be in the presence of royalty.

Today is the feast of the Epiphany. At Mass on this special day, you’ll also be in the presence of royalty: Jesus, the King of all creation. So how can you honor Jesus? You won’t have gold, frankincense, and myrrh to offer, but here’s what you can give him:

“Jesus, King of kings, in place of gold, I honor you as my king by offering you my obedience and making you the Lord of my life. Out of love for you, I want to be your loyal subject by spreading the good news and building your kingdom on earth. Help me to listen to the promptings of your Holy Spirit, and give me the grace and courage to carry out your every command.

“Jesus, Son of God, instead of frankincense, I offer you my praise. Let it rise as incense to your throne (Psalm 141:2). I praise you for coming to earth as a human being so that you could save me. I praise you for suffering and dying for me so that I could live with you forever. Give me the grace to praise you not just in good times but in my difficulties and challenges as well.

“Jesus, Lamb of God, in place of the myrrh that anointed your body (John 19:39), I offer you myself, body and soul, along with all my joys and sorrows. I trust that as I surrender myself to you, you will carry me through every temptation and trial and one day bring me safely home to your eternal kingdom.”

*“Jesus, you are my King, Lord, and Savior. May these gifts honor and glorify you!”*



*Prayer*  
**REQUESTS**

The names of the sick will be removed in 6 weeks. To re-list, or to add a name, please call the parish office at 248-887-5364.

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| Nancy Duzzie      | Keri Mueller     | Carole Ziegler      |
| Kathy Edwards     |                  |                     |



**Weekly Offertory Collection**

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
12/19	\$ 4,866	\$ 10,200	(\$ 5,334)
Y-T-D	\$238,685	\$265,200	(\$26,515)

This report is based on the Offertory Collection line in the budget. It includes weekly envelopes, loose and children’s collection, holy day collections, and online giving. It does not include Christian Service, fuel, or kitchen fund envelopes, the Christmas collection, Parish fundraisers, grants received, CCE tuition and fees, or other miscellaneous income. It is based on a yearly budget where we anticipate the expenses of the Parish. Just because there may be a deficit here, it does not mean the Parish is operating at a deficit. Feel free to direct questions to the Parish Finance Council.

The weekly offertory is the life-blood of any parish. We have utility bills to pay, a large physical plant to maintain, staff that we have hired to run our day-to-day operations, youth to teach, worship and music ministry to support, Christian Service neighbors to help. We need everyone who can to put something in the offertory basket each week. We are so grateful for all who give weekly and are consistent contributors.

**Readings for Sunday, January 9**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 | Acts 10:34-38 | Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## The Epiphany of the Lord

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The perpetual light of God that shines upon us is love. And with the birth of Jesus, love has come into our world! Because of God's gracious gift, the light of love shines on us and in us in such a way that we are able to see, with eyes of faith, the possibilities of what love can do! And isn't this reality woven deeply into our celebration of the Epiphany? The astrologers from the East journey to find the new-born King of the Jews. Their travels bring them to an insignificant place in the world where they find a child, born of Mary. Yet, for these travelers he is no mere child. With their eyes of faith, they gaze upon this child and are filled with hope for what will come of this child of God. With their eyes of faith, they see the potential for God's love to raise up a king—not a king of this world, but as the psalmist writes: A king of justice and profound peace who will rule to the ends of the earth. Who will rescue the poor when they cry out; help the afflicted when no one else cares; who will have pity for the lowly, and save the lives of the poor. In this child Jesus, the travelers saw the possibility of salvation coming to all humanity by God's love made manifest in Jesus.

The wondrous truth that we celebrate this Epiphany is that unlike the astrologers who searched for Jesus, we celebrate the wonder of Jesus coming to us! Jesus seeks our hearts, desiring to fill us and to transform us with the light and life that only his love can give. To receive this gift from the Lord is to be transformed by the light so as to scatter the dark clouds of sin in our hearts. With this we can shine his light in the world as a people of peace and healing, a people of justice, compassion, and understanding, a people who reach out to all who are in need.

The travelers sought the newborn king and did him homage with gifts. It is our King who gives us the gift of his very self: the gift of his light and love. Our homage is found in receiving this gift and in turn sharing this gift for the benefit of the world.

Rev. Thomas Gaughan, CSC



On behalf of the Holy Spirit Family, we would like to extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the family and friends of:

**Carol Toy**

### Christian Service Corner

We are in need of the following items:

Laundry Detergent, Mayo, Toilet Paper, 2qt Juice  
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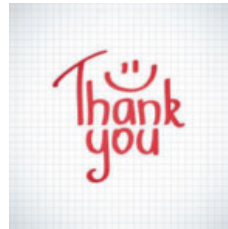
### Knights of Columbus Thank You



Dear Parishioners and Brother Knights:  
The Knights of Columbus collection for Holy Cross Children's Services was a huge success. You donated 32 sweatshirts, 7 sets of sheets, at least 50 assorted hats, scarves and gloves, along with \$70 in gift cards. Thank you for your generosity from myself, my brother Knights and the children from Holy Cross.

Larry Paffi, PDD, PGK

### Thank You



Thank you for the cards, kind words and gestures, prayers, well wishes, gifts, and edible treats. Your thoughtfulness expressed in many different ways is much appreciated.

Fr. Wayne and Deacon Mike

### Please Prayerfully Consider Adoring in Our Chapel

Hours needing to be immediately filled.

Sunday	3-4AM
Monday	9-10AM
Tuesday	8-9PM
Wednesday	2-3AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM, 3-4PM
Thursday	3-4AM, 4-5AM, 5-6PM
Saturday	5-6AM, 11AM-12PM, 12PM-1PM

Children's Hour - Monday's 11AM-Noon

#### COVID Cleaning Schedule

Weekdays 12PM-1PM closed for cleaning

We are always looking for substitute adorers. Please call, Jenna Konarzewski 248-891-1623  
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**Mass Intentions**

**Lector Schedule**

**Monday, January 3**

1 Jn 3:22-4:6 | Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday, January 4**

1 Jn 4:7-10 | Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday, January 5**

1 Jn 4:11-18 | Mk 6:45-52

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Ed & Sherry Meyer

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Mary Milewski

**Thursday, January 6**

1 Jn 4:19—5:4 | Lk 4:14-22a

No Morning Mass

**Friday, January 7**

1 Jn 5:5-13 | Lk 5:12-16

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Ed & Sherry Meyer

9:00 a.m. Pat Dopierala-Birthday Blessings

**Saturday, January 8**

5:00 p.m. (PPP) Ed & Sherry Meyer

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

**Sunday, January 9**

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Ed & Sherry Meyer

9:00 a.m. +John Paul Lipscomb II

9:00 a.m. +Fr. George Beaune

9:00 a.m. Ken Glover-Birthday Blessings

11:00 a.m. (PPP) Ed & Sherry Meyer

11:00 a.m. Intentions of John Litzelman

**Saturday, January 8**

5:00 p.m. - Audrey Schilkey

**Sunday, January 9**

9:00 a.m. - Donna Cole

11:00 a.m. - Carol Ramirez

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Michael Somervell, Deacon

**Mass Schedule**

SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m., SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY - 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4pm or by Appointment

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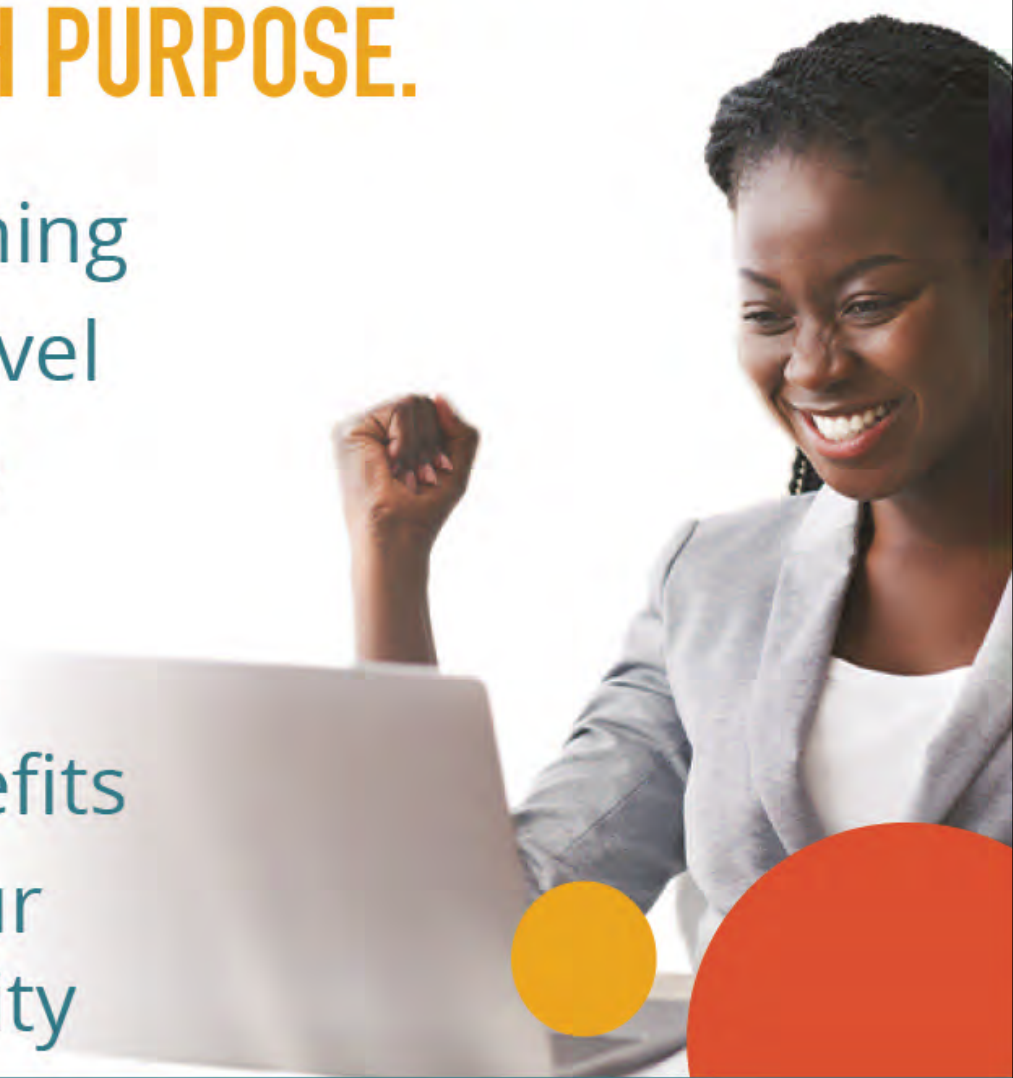



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