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CATHOLIC PARISH

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REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:30 am-2:30 pm

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday:

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation in Dundee

4:00 p.m. Mass in Dundee

6:00 p.m. Mass in Ida

Sunday:

8:30 a.m. Mass in Ida

10:30 a.m. Mass in Dundee

Holyday/Weekday:

Please see "Worship This Week"
inside this bulletin.

Reconciliation in Ida following the
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Mass

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Our Mission Statement:

"In living the commitment of our Baptism, the family of St. Gabriel Catholic Parish strives to proclaim the Gospel, share our faith in Christ, and by our love and service enrich every life we touch."



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6b*

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Worship This Week

Monday, Jan. 3

No Mass
Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 4

7:00 p.m. Mass, Ida
+Parishioners of St. Gabriel

Wednesday, Jan. 5

9:00 a.m. Mass, Dundee
+Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, Jan. 6

No Mass

Friday, Jan. 7

9:00 am Mass, Dundee
Successful Evangelization in the
Archdiocese of Detroit

Saturday, Jan. 8

4:00 p.m. Mass, Dundee
+Marian Ternes req. by Lillian
Strikler

6:00 p.m. Mass, Ida

+Marijeane Kreger req. by Mark
& Barbara Vergiels

Sunday, Jan. 9

8:30 a.m. Mass, Ida
+Susan Marie LaFleur req. by
John & Sue Beyer

10:30 a.m. Mass, Dundee

Parishioners of St. Gabriel



**Our Weekly Giving
December 12, 2021**

Envelopes	\$3,282.00
Loose.....	\$ 557.00
Total	\$ 3,839.00

Christmas	\$ 300.00
Christmas Flowers...	\$ 95.00
Holy Day 12/8.....	\$ 729.00
Rel. Retirement.....	\$ 616.00

Dec. 11 & 12, 2021

Envelopes Used	76
Envelope Amt.....	\$ 3,282.00
Loose Amt.	\$ 557.00
Weekly Budget.....	\$ 4,423.00
Collections YTD	\$114,128.87
Budget YTD	\$106,152.00
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$ 7,976.87

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
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Readings for the week of January 02, 2022



Sunday: 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

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

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

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

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

Friday: 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

Next Sunday: 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

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will be Sunday, January 9, 2022.

Adoration will be at the Ida Campus from 9:30am-11:30am.

and at the Dundee Campus from 11:30am-1:30pm.

Everyone is welcome.



Thank you for your continued support.

A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

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 blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

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 of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of 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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Private Prayer

Our churches will be open for private prayer from 10am-12noon.
 St. Irene Church will be open on Monday and Friday and
 St. Joseph Church will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Live the Liturgy

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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Pray For Our Sick

John Balcerzak, Mary Ball, Lillian Binder, Dolores Bodine, Peter Bonfiglio, Darlene Bowles, Steve Brannan, Mary Brown, Beatrice Burgard, Kaleb Campbell, Dave Capaul, Blake Lillian Clancy, Deacon Cousino, Gerald DeBuck, Catherine Dusseau, Elaine Esper, Jeff Fitch, Bill Geyman, Brian Geyman, Drita Gjokaj, Dale Hoffman, Ron Iott, Daniel Jambor, Gayle Jewell, Bob Kalb, Patty Keese, Juliette Kessler, Leona Kolakowski, Michelle Kropaczewski, Joe Labert, Natalie Lewis, Janice Loar, Norma Longnecker, George Manders, Hudson Mata, Brynlee McDonald, Suzanne McKee, Bob McKinney, Ruth Meiring, Jennifer Meisner, Suzie Mignogna, Myrna Montri, James Moore, Art & Josephine Moreno, Karl Nagley, Olivia Nitz, Alicia Opfermann, Chase Reaume, Kody Reisig, Parker Reau, Sarah, David Schwartz, Leona Schwalm, Brandon Stowell, Charles Sedlar, Jean Siemik, Thelma Smith, Kevin Sproles, Alyssa Stadler, Kevin Tatar, Mary Ann VanDyke, Gary Wilmoth, Karson Worden and the Zagava Family


Military Honor Roll

Josiah Burke, Thomas Burke, Rodney Cobb, Austin Gorzkiewicz, Andrew Larrison, Paul Lefere, Tim Okkerse, Kenneth Parks, Thomas Piotrowski, Chris Rigginn, Mike Seery, Jason Spotts, Austin Strain, Brad Stiner, David Way, and Joseph Way.



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 All things loving, kind and true

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 through this day
 In all I do
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