

# the highlander

st. margaret of scotland  
catholic community  
st. clair shores, michigan

issue no. 1

january 2, 2022

From Father Ron DeHondt

*"We saw his star at its rising...."*

*(Matthew 2:1-12; Gospel of Sunday, January 2, 2022;  
The Epiphany of the Lord)*

*Loving God,  
We long for you  
and we desire your closeness  
as shepherds and kings  
searched for your Son  
and found him as a tiny child  
born through a miracle  
of obedience and openness.*

*You have given us  
stars in the night sky  
to guide us  
into the pathways  
of this life  
to explore a future  
filled with hope  
and with promise.*

*Travelling like the magi  
who journeyed far  
guided by a star  
that brought them  
to a destiny  
not of their own choosing  
but one born out of love  
for your saving way  
as we too look to find you  
on earth and one day in heaven.*

*Give us again, O God,  
that same desire to seek  
and to find our direction  
and our eternal destiny.*

*In the name of Jesus, we pray.  
Amen! Amen! Amen!*

## Bethlehem Bound

heavenly heights  
help hunt

orienting obedient  
ocular observers

meandering magi  
merit meeting

asking about  
ancient attestation

God given  
grace guides

enquiring easterners  
engage eternal





*St. Margaret of Scotland is a Catholic church dedicated to living the Gospel message.  
Our Mission is to welcome all to join us in creating a vibrant parish family  
through worship, education and service to the community.  
Our Goals are: Put God First; Start with Prayer;  
Invite, Welcome, Embrace; Work and Grow in Christ.*

— January 22, 2005

## parish directory

21201 E. Thirteen Mile Road  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48082  
Phone: 586 293-2240  
Fax: 586 293-0116

### Worship Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Weekdays - Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday - 11:30 a.m.  
Please contact the Parish Office to confirm  
this time in case of a scheduled funeral

### Pastor

Rev. Ronald J. DeHondt

### Permanent Deacon

Rev. Mr. Val Buyle  
Rev. Mr. Mike O'Keefe

### Sr. Deacon Retired

Rev. Mr. Ronald Channell

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
(Closed for Lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.)

**Christian Service**  
Rev. Mr. Mike O'Keefe

**Worship Coordinator**  
Christine Walasek

**Music Director**  
Professor Frances Brockington

**Adult Faith Formation**  
Cindy Powers

**Youth Ministry**  
Cindy Powers

**Family Faith Formation Office**  
Cindy Powers/Director

**Family Faith Formation Office**  
Phone: 586 293-3280  
Office Hours

Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Our Web Page

<http://www.stmargaret-scsmi.org>

### Email Bulletin Articles

thehighlander@sms-scs.org  
Bulletin Deadline - Monday @ 12 Noon

**Serf Vicariate Representative**  
Sherlyn Wallace

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586-771-8300 for more information

### Pastoral Council

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Minister of Hospitality Ushers — Tom Tadrzynski



*Things ongoing...  
Our imaginations come  
alive during the days of  
Christmas and Epiphany  
as we find colorful  
interaction with the  
characters identified in  
the scriptures!*

*Shepherds came even though they were considered marginal at best in the society of the times. Then the voices of angels filled the heavens with "Glory to God..." And then the magi arrived, mysterious visitors from the east, who presented gifts of gold (for the royalty of the child), frankincense (anticipating his healing power and his anointing as a priest), and myrrh (symbolizing pain, suffering, death, and the afterlife). And then we come to find Christ in our ordinary lives still guided by the same God who gives us a vision of the future where hope is found and promises of peace are fulfilled.*

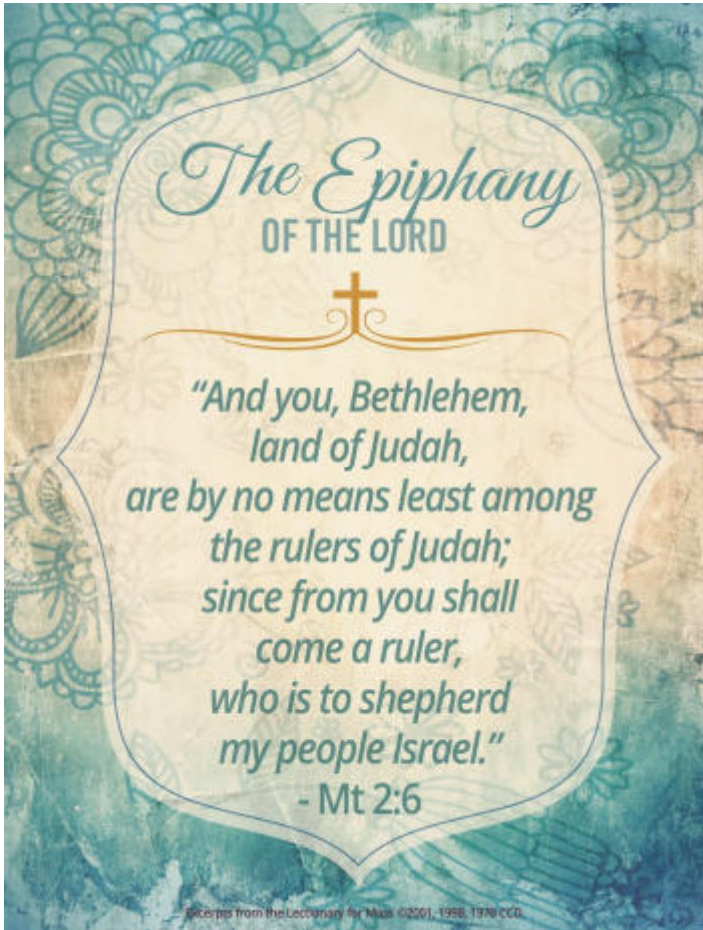
*Thanks to all who helped make our Christmas celebrations special again this year. Many people are involved in preparing the church, ministering during our worship, and reaching out to those who are in need. Extraordinary generosity on the part of so many.*

*My personal thanks to those who sent me a card, a gift, or simply a prayer to celebrate the meaning of Christmas! God bless you all into the New Year!*

*Peace and prayer,  
Fr. Ron DeHondt*



# “Front Page” News



Family Faith  
Formation



## BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

The Scriptures are filled with stories of Jesus working miracles and teaching us about everlasting life. It is easy to see why Jesus caused such a stir in his time on Earth and why we believe He is truly the Son of God.

**Jan. 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Matthew 2:1-12**

Today is the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. We hear of the journey of the Magi to pay homage to Jesus. They are Gentiles and not Jews. They have followed the star to find Jesus. Their faith and belief shows us that Jesus was sent for all the world. He is the Light for the whole world!

1. King Herod is not overjoyed at the birth of a new King. Do you have people in your life who try to keep you from Jesus? What do you do?
2. How do you share God’s light and love ?

**Scripture Verse:**

**“They were overjoyed at seeing the star.”**  
**New American Bible**

For more family activities, check out  
[www.bemydisciples.com](http://www.bemydisciples.com).





**Thank You**

Right to Life of Michigan and Right to Life-Lifespan wish to thank all of St. Margaret’s parishioners for their generous support of the Christmas card sale. We had a wonderful response and all proceeds went to support these organizations in their fight to preserve all life from conception to death.

God bless you!  
St. Margaret Pro-Life Committe



## Mass Schedule For This Week

### Saturday, January 1, 2022

- 9:00 A.M. † Patrice Wronski, req. by her mom  
 † Michael Maurice, req. by Ramona  
 † Casmere Josefiak, req. by Susan, Diane, Peggy & Roman  
 The People of St. Margaret of Scotland

### Sunday, January 2, 2022

- 8:00 A.M. † Karen Quesnelle, req. by Margie Chandler  
 11:00 A.M. † Susanne Peters, req. by Pat Schoenherr  
 † William J. Mayer, req. by family  
 Jack & Margaret Shaughnessy (sp. int.),  
 req. by Sylvia Shorter  
 The People of St. Margaret of Scotland

### Monday, January 3, 2022

- 9:00 A.M. † Allan Krasnicki, req. by St. Margaret

### Tuesday, January 4, 2022

- 9:00 A.M. † Sr. Mary Ann Konieski O.P.  
 † Andrew Negro  
 † Wally Moskwa (birthday), req. by Paulette Moskwa

### Wednesday, January 5, 2022

- 9:00 A.M. † Kathryn Potts, St. Margaret

### Thursday, January 6, 2022

- 9:00 A.M. † Antonietta & Giovanni Toscano,  
 req. by Tony & Lisa Toscano

### Friday, January 7, 2022

- 9:00 A.M. † Helen Kovalcik, St. Margaret

### Saturday, January 8, 2022

- 4:00 P.M. † Henry Pfueringer (8th anniv.), req. by family  
 The People of St. Margaret of Scotland

### Sunday, January 9, 2022

- 8:00 A.M. † Bert McKinney, req. by St. Margaret  
 11:00 A.M. † Susanne Peters, req. by Karyn VanLerberghe  
 † Deceased members of the Juillet Family,  
 req. by Tom & Cathy Guswiler  
 † Andre Cushing, req. by Sherry Wallace  
 Fr. Ron (sp. int.), req. by Shari Ann Raby  
 The People of St. Margaret of Scotland



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**ONLINE  
MASS**

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OUR WEBSITE  
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INFORMATION!

### Mass at St. Margaret of Scotland

Live on YouTube at  
<https://www.youtube.com/smscsmass>  
 to view the latest live streamed mass.

**Sunday, January 2nd, 2022**  
 11:00 a.m. The Epiphany of The Lord



Join us for the The Epiphany of The Lord Mass  
 Livestream Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
 January 2nd, 2022 11AM  
 Mass will be live streamed on our Facebook  
 homepage [facebook.com/ArchofDet/](https://www.facebook.com/ArchofDet/) and on  
 Live stream <https://www.aod.org/livemasses>



Song Selection for The  
 Epiphany of The Lord  
 January 2nd, 2022 at  
 St. Margaret of Scotland

**Entrance:** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

**Psalms:** Ps 72 "Lord Every Nation on Earth Will Adore You"

**Communion:** "The First Nowell"

**Meditation:** "Child of the Poor"

**Sending Forth:** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

## Christmas Raffle

Proceeds to benefit ministries within the parish such as MCWARM and St. Vincent DePaul, and to purchase flowers and plaques for our deceased members.

First Place: \$400.00 Gift Card to Best Buy  
 Second Place: \$200.00 Gift Card to Kroger  
 Third Place: \$100.00 Gift Card to Meijer

Tickets: \$1.00 each or six tickets for \$5.00

See an usher or greeter to purchase tickets.

Drawing on February 13, 2022

(Not December 20 as previously stated.)

*Ministry of Hospitality*  
 USHERS / GREETERS

Thank You,  
 We wish you a Merry Christmas and  
 a Happy & Healthy New Year!

# FORMED

## PICK OF THE WEEK

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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## Scripture Readings for the Week of January 2, 2022

**Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

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: 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

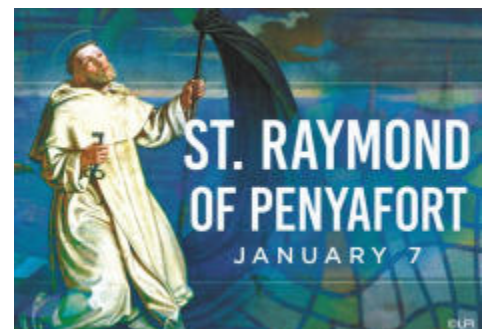
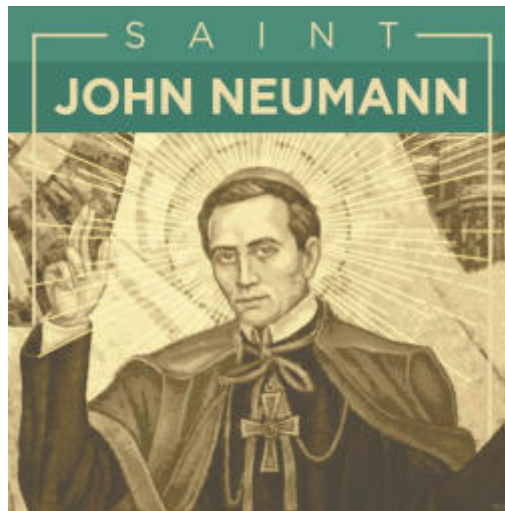
**Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord**

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  
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Rest in Peace  
We Extend our Prayers and  
Sympathy to the Family of

Allan Krasnicki





## Activities Schedule

### Saturday, January 1, 2022

*New Year's Day*

9:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass in the Church

### Sunday, January 2, 2022

8, 11 Sunday Masses **Live Streamed at 11:00**

9:15 a.m. RCIA - Rm 510

### Monday, January 3, 2022

8:00 a.m. MCWARM - Gym

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass in the Church

11:00 a.m. St. Gertrude Sr. Club - TH

### Tuesday, January 4, 2022

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass in the Church

9:30 a.m. Rosary following Daily Mass

10:00 a.m. Walkers - Gym

6:15 p.m. Women's Club Board Mtg. - HH

7:00 p.m. Women's Club Mtg. - PH

### Wednesday, January 5, 2022

8:00 a.m. MCWARM - Gym

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass in the Church

4:00 p.m. FFF - CH

6:50 p.m. FFF - CH

### Thursday, January 6, 2022

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass in the Church

10:00a.m. Walkers - Gym

### Friday, January 7, 2022

8:00 a.m. MCWARM - Gym

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass in the Church

### Saturday, January 8, 2022

10:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous

11:30 - 12:00 Confessions

4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass

### Sunday, January 9, 2022

8, 11 Sunday Masses **Live Streamed at 11:00**

9:15 a.m. RCIA - Rm 510



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

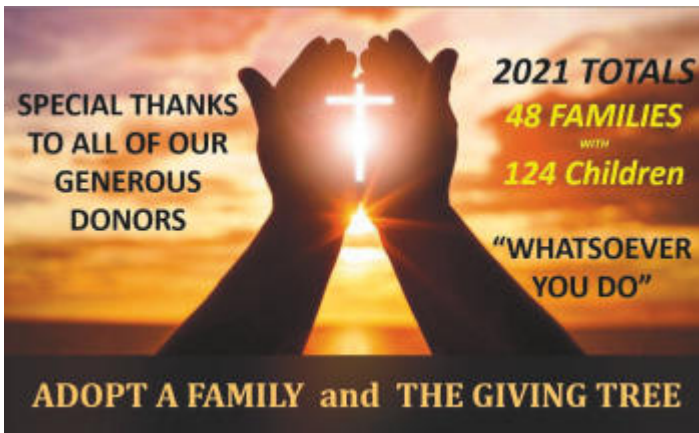
In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate 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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## WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Our next scheduled meeting will be held this Tuesday evening, January 4 At 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Board Meeting at 6:00 in the Library. Hostessing is Madonna Guild.

Hope everyone had a joyous and very Merry Christmas. Happy New Year and God's Blessings and good health to all in 2022.

### Our Beautiful Church at Christmas!



“As we gather with family and friends this season, let us find “comfort and joy” in the knowledge that Christ’s birth means we are never alone. And as we lift our voices together in song, let us joyfully proclaim our Savior: ‘pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.’”

**Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron**

*December 19, 2021*

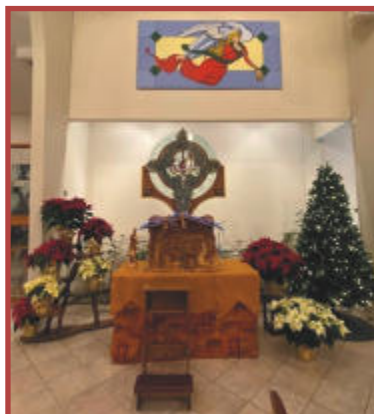
### New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31, 4:00 p.m. – Our Lady of Hope

New Year's Day

Saturday, January 1, 9:00 a.m. – St. Margaret of Scotland  
(There is NO 4pm mass this day.)



They were  
overjoyed at  
seeing the star.

Matthew 2:10

Praying for  
Their Health...



Lord, look upon these, your people with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon them, may Your life giving powers flow into every cell of their bodies and into the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

- Larry Aiello
- Sherron Andrews
- Melissa Ann
- Tyler Anthony
- Pauline Bender
- Frances Berger
- Thomas & Lanna Berns
- Kayla Blade
- Jerry Blair
- David Blau
- Todd Blum
- Nina Bolton
- Mary Byrne
- Kimberly Carp
- Nancy Channell
- Carmella Chmiel
- Patrick Chmiel
- Mike Chmielewski
- Col. John Church
- Nancy Coman
- Gerald Cywka
- Shell Dean
- Sophia Demicheck
- Mark Downey
- Kathleen Evans
- Virginia Feld
- Bill Frank
- Barbara Fried
- Verne Garacia
- Suzanne Gerth
- Adam Gumul
- Diane Hansknecht
- Esther Harris
- John Hayes
- Martin Kraimer
- Judy Krzyzak
- Sharon Kuzdal
- Fred LaFave
- Landa Family
- Bernie Lanovich
- Sonny LeCuru
- Phyllis Lewis

- LuKatch Family
- Charlotte MacMechan
- Nicholas Malavolti
- Jerry Marino
- Judy Markel
- Tanner Matheny
- Amy Matti
- Renee Meyer
- Anthony Michael
- Libbie Mulvihill
- Audry Negro
- Mary Nickson
- Shaun O'Banion
- Bob O'Brien
- Joseph Palazolo
- Jason Paruskiewicz
- Rose Paruskiewicz
- Frank Pisha
- Shari Ann Raby
- Pat Rata
- Scott Rata
- Richard Reese
- Edward Rogus
- Vivienne Seamans
- Joe Semany
- Nick & Vita Sinacori
- Roland Stevenson
- Nicollete Stornant
- Art Stolecki
- John Stolecki
- Grace Surma
- Larry Surma
- Larry Tasny
- Wayne Taylor
- Zachary Tucker
- Patricia Tune
- Judy Turkowski
- Sandy Vaneecke
- Ken Wauzbok
- Sandy Wilhelm
- John Wood
- Cass Zalewski

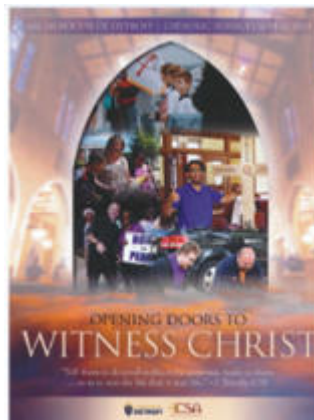


Stewardship  
Report

Collection from the weekend of December 19, 2021  
\$6,965.00

Christmas Collection \$37,772.00

Collection from the weekend of December 26, 2021  
\$5,748.00



CSA Total Pledged 2021 - \$163,575.00

CSA 2021

**Congratulations! We Did It!**

Our CSA quota for 2021 is \$82,842.00. We now have pledges totaling \$163,575.00, thus exceeding our goal by \$80,733.00!!! Congratulation and thank you for your continued support and generosity! Anything given to the CSA now remains in the parish entirely! If you would like to make a gift to the parish mark it as CSA and 100% of your gift will stay at St. Margaret. If you have any questions please call Jim Wietecha at (586)663-0966.



*"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."*

**Military Honor Roll**

Please remember in your prayers all our servicemen and women especially those from our community.

- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SGT. David Bladecki       | SRa Julia Munger-Puma       |
| SGT. Jonathan Carmichael  | Pvt. Kenney Preville        |
| Spec. Jessica Cloutier    | CPO Teri Priebe             |
| SGT. Maj. David Connor    | Cpl. Raquel Flora Salazar   |
| A.B. Lauren DeAngelo      | Capt. David Shoebottom      |
| Lt. James DeLong          | SGT. Michael Shoebottom     |
| Major Jay Figurski        | CPT. Lawrence Sledz         |
| SS Patrick Johnson III    | SSGT Jacob Stokes           |
| SPC Brian Michael Marsden | TSGT David Charles Vance II |
| SR Dominic Mercurio       | CPO Brian Zarzycki          |

Praying for their Health List: Please note that we regularly clear the "Pray for their Health List" because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don't always hear back from people when they've gotten better. If you would like to add or remove a person please call the Parish Office at (586) 293-2240.





# The Epiphany OF THE LORD

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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



LORD,  
EVERY NATION  
ON EARTH  
ADORES YOU.

PSALM 72

# STAR



They were overjoyed at seeing  
the star, and on entering the  
house they saw the child with  
Mary his mother.

MATTHEW 2:10

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

9LR

**In the Zone with Children's Liturgy of the Word!**



The children celebrated Christmas. They created decorated bells to ring out that Christ has come.

We minister at all masses. You do not have to be a member of St. Margaret's to participate. The children will be greeted in the back of the church and escorted to the Chapel or room 205 for our lesson.

Any questions, please contact Miss June Di Franco, Coordinator. 586-801-9877 or [junedifranco@gmail.com](mailto:junedifranco@gmail.com)

Love and Blessings,  
Miss June



**GROWING WITH THE Gospel**  
CYCLE C

**esi COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12

**KID'S CORNER**

**Sharing the Gospel**

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.

**Prayer**

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

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of stars and planets shining in the night sky.

**Mission for the Week**

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

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**PUZZLE**

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

- |          |         |       |
|----------|---------|-------|
| wise-men | king    | Mary  |
| child    | star    | gifts |
| born     | worship | dream |

- |          |  |
|----------|--|
| wsie mne | <u>w</u> <u>i</u> <u>s</u> <u>e</u> <u>m</u> <u>e</u> <u>n</u> |
| brno     | — — — —  |
| knig     | — — — —  |
| derma    | — — — — —  |
| cildh    | — — — — —  |
| wrsohpi  | — — — — —  |
| Mrya     | — — — —  |
| gfsti    | — — — — —  |
| srta     | — — — —  |

**MISSION**

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

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