



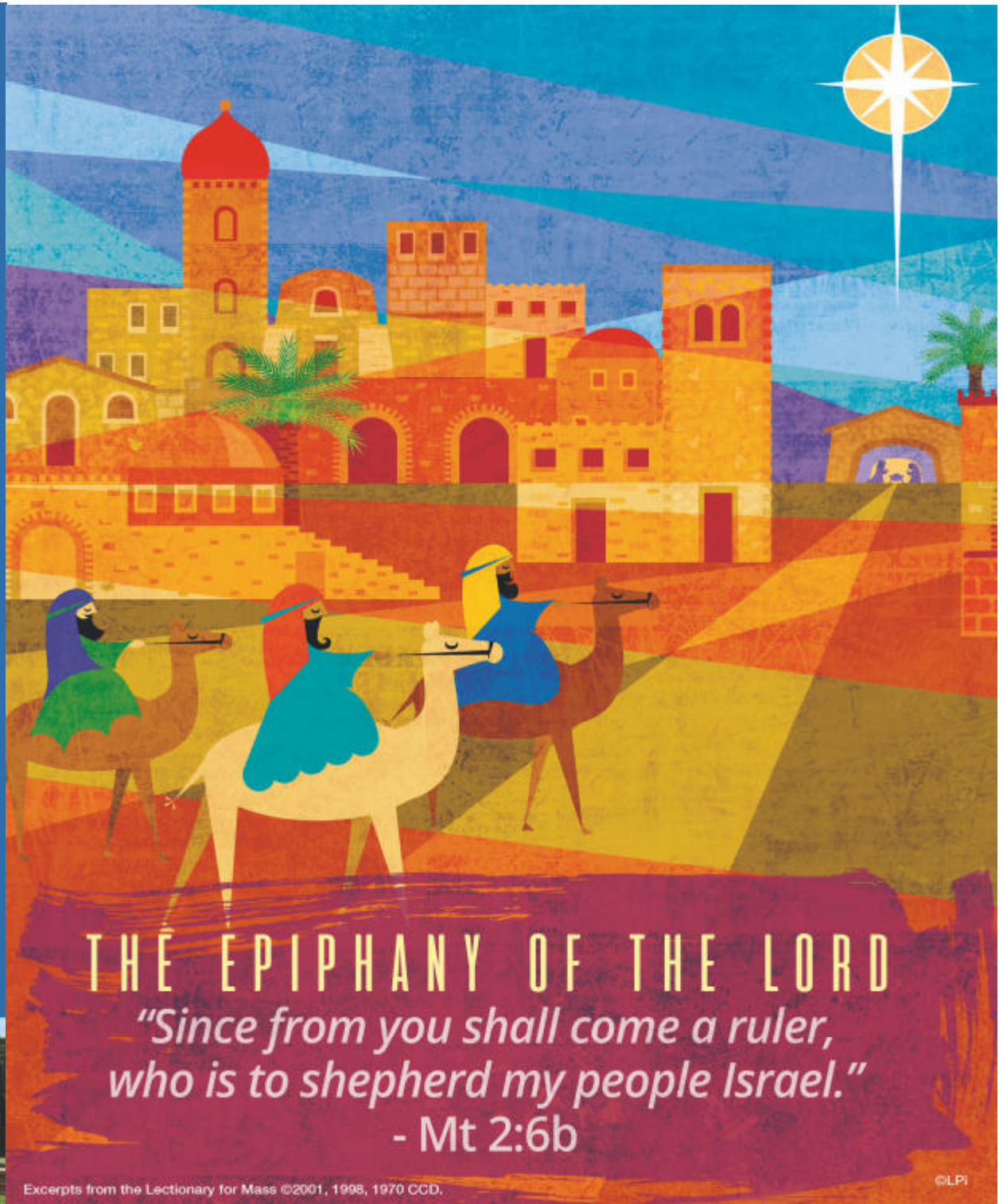
St. Valentine Church Heartline



Mission Statement: Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to live and share the Good News of Jesus Christ so that all may come to know God. As a Catholic Church and School Community we welcome, serve, teach, learn, reconcile and provide comfort and hope in the spirit of St Valentine.

January 2,
2022

The Epiphany of the Lord



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b



Liturgy Schedule

Mass Intentions

Monday—January 3, Christmas Weekday, Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Loretto

Tuesday—January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Loretto

Wednesday—January 5, St. John Neumann, Bishop

No Mass at St. Valentine or Our Lady of Loretto

Thursday—January 6, Christmas Weekday, St. Andre Bessette, Religious

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church
Jason McComb req. by Bill & Theresa McCaffery

First Friday—January 7, Christmas Weekday, St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

8:30 a.m.
Jason McComb req. by Bill & Theresa McCaffery

First Saturday—January 8, Christmas Weekday

5:30 p.m. Mass in Church
All living and deceased members of St. Valentine Parish

Sunday—January 9, Baptism of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church
George Nikolaj req. by The Family
Justina Blair req. by John & Bonnie Danic

12 noon Mass in Church
Bonnie Valente req. by Penny & Marty Gehan

Special intention req. by The Tworek Family

The Magi's Gifts

To help combat consumerism at Christmas, some families limit the number of gifts to three in honor of the gifts of the Magi. Consider giving children one gift that is their heart's desire, a piece of clothing that is not just sensible, and one gift that will help them grow (a book or sports accessory, for example).

Let us pray for those who are ill and have asked for our prayer:

Judi Marshall	Gerry Mularoni
Josiah Wardrop	Christine Stanievich
John Dillon	Grace Oku
Colleen Devine	Mark Curtin
Clara Macek	Norbert Romej
Autumn Pattenaude	Rick Paquette
Carol Sneary	Stephanie Shelton
Joan Reilly	Debbie Pepp
Andrew Ricotta	Frank Drewno
Jeanette Shamma	Claire Keegan
Dan Jenkins	Robert Donnelly
Tony Janisse	Geri McDonald
Patricia Longo	Kathleen Jenkins
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Bette Dishman	Vickie Wozny
Rita Barthlow	Peggy Morgan
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Suzzy Cervi	Anna Salamy
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Maureen Polania	Tara Berro
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Art Kolasa	Dave DeMarco
Edward Zettler	Kathie Myers
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Jim Kimpton	Karen Koscierynski
Ricardo Silva	Elise Gresham-Miller
Mary Card	
Fadia West	
Paul Milewski	

Prayer List Announcement



If you would like your name or that of a loved one on our prayer list, please call the parish office at 313-532-4394. Thank you.

Intentions of the Holy Father for January 2022 For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Video Series Continues

Please join us as we continue with the video series. We meet in the parish office meeting room at 10:30 am-11:45am.

The Video Series Group will not be meeting on January 2nd. See you on January 9th.

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, 21-22or, 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
Lk3:15-16, 21-22



Welcome to Our Parish Family Ms. Janet Zimmerman



Please Note

Prayer List Announcement

As in the past, at the end of January we will begin a new prayer list. All of the names will be taken off. If you would like your name or that of a loved one to remain on, please call the parish office.

December 12, 2021

Total Collection \$11,101.00

Editors note: Because of the holiday schedule, please be aware the bulletin you are reading today was submitted to the publisher on December 16th.



From Faith Formation

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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Faith Formation Classes Resume

Welcome back Faith Formation families! Classes resume on Monday, January 3rd at 6:45 p.m.



First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Parent Meeting January 10 7 p.m. in the Church



All parents whose children are preparing for these 2 Sacraments must attend this meeting.

If you have not submitted your child's baptismal certificate please bring it to the meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 313-532-4394 x201.



Bonnie Danic

Be Our Light for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us
today and always.

Be our Light, our Guide, and our
Comforter.

Be our Strength, our Courage, and our
Sanctifier.

May this new year be a time of deep
spiritual growth for us,
A time of welcoming your graces and
gifts,

A time for forgiving freely and
unconditionally,

A time for growing in virtue and
goodness.

Come, Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always.

- Author Unknown

Golden Years



Come join the Golden Years Club for cards, coffee and conversation on **Tuesday's at 12:45 p.m.** in the School Meeting Room. Please join us!

Liturgical Ministers January 8—5:30 p.m.

Sacristan:
Lector: T. Sesko
EMHC:
Usher:

January 9—8:30 p.m.

Sacristan:
Lector: J. Ricotta & M. Marley
EMHC:
Usher:

January 9—12 noon

Sacristan:
Lector:
EMHC:
Usher:

Join Us For Our Annual Men's Retreat January 14-16, 2022



Men's Retreat

During this weekend you can experience God's love, healing, peace and forgiveness. The retreat

theme this year is **Bouncing Back: Living in Hope.** Join the men of the parish on the weekend of January 14-16, 2022. Register by calling John Danic at 313-613-8331 or the Retreat Center at 313-286-2801. You can also register online at stpaulretreat.org.

Dropped Host

Question: What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer: This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: *How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled?* If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.). ©LPi

52 Sundays**Take Time to Chat**

- A star in the night sky led the magi to Jesus. Share a time when you felt that God led you in a special way.
- What does it mean to “do homage”? In what way do you do homage to Jesus?
- The magi gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. If Jesus were born today, what gift would you give him and why?

Liturgy Link

The Magi came to honor Jesus. What are ways that we honor Jesus during Mass?

Fun Facts!

The letters in the house blessing stand for the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedecat*, which means “May Christ bless the house.” It also is thought to be the initials of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

**Family Fun
Star Gazing**

The star led the magi to Jesus. Gaze into the heavens and ponder the vastness and beauty of the universe that God created.



Download a star gazing app (such as Sky View Lite or Star Chart) on each family member's smart phone. At nightfall, go outside as a family and use the app to explore the night sky.

Find the brightest star in the sky and imagine what it was like for the magi to journey to find Jesus. Invite one family member to read the Gospel story as you gaze upon the star.

Family Challenge

Bless your house with chalk for the Epiphany. Write above the entrance to your home: 20+C+M+B+22. This asks for Christ to bless the marked home and stay with those who dwell there throughout the whole year.

Meet Our Extended Family**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Feast Day January 4**

August 28, 1774-January 4, 1821

Elizabeth was raised in a home of wealth and privilege in New York. She married a prominent young business man, William Seton. When Williams' business went bankrupt, and he contracted tuberculosis, they moved to Italy, where they



hoped the climate would improve his health. This was not the case, and he passed away a short time later. Now a widow, Elizabeth and her children became completely dependent on the kindness of her husband's business partners in Italy. She went to Catholic mass with friends in Italy while they awaited the opportunity to return home. Elizabeth was touched deeply by her Catholic friends' belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Five months after she returned to America, she converted to the Catholic Faith. Her conversion represented no small challenge or sacrifice. At a time when she needed the support of family and friends most, she was criticized and rejected for her newfound faith. Years later, Elizabeth took up a 2nd calling as a religious and founded the Sisters of Charity. She established the first free Catholic school for girls in Baltimore.

In 1975, Elizabeth became the first American-born saint to be canonized. In his homily, Pope Paul VI gave a great definition of a saint: “A saint is a human creature fully conformed to the will of God.” St. Elizabeth conformed her life to the will of God in multiple vocations: as wife, mother, and later as a religious sister.

Family Prayer**Our Vacation Journey**

Jesus, as we begin this year, we open our hearts to you and place our lives before you. We are thankful for the many ways that you guide and take care of us. We are also grateful for the gifts and talents that you have bestowed upon us. As we progress through this year, help us to see more clearly the joyful plan you have for our lives and give us the desire to use our gifts and talents for your glory. Amen.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

If you would like to be involved in the St. Valentine Society of St. Vincent de Paul, call 313-532-4394 and join us. There are many ways you can help. We are always looking for new members.

Welcome Back

Welcome back St. Valentine Faith Formation and School students, teachers, parents, and families. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break.

**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. LPI

Coming Up This Week

Monday, January 3rd

School Resumes
Faith Formation Classes Resume

Tuesday, January 4th

Golden Years, School Meeting Room – 12:45 pm

Wednesday, January 5th

Choir Practice, Church – 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 6th

Adoration, Church following daily Mass

Friday, January 7th

5:30 pm Mass

Saturday, January 8th

8:30 am Mass and 12:00 noon Mass

Prayer Group, Parish Office Meeting

Room—10:30 am



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Support of U.S. Armed Forces



As a parish community we would like to support the men and women serving in our Armed Forces with our prayer.

Lord, Hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their selfless acts. We pray for peace in our world.

Michael Arsenault, David DeAngelis, Christopher LePain, Patricia Molloy, Scott Shoemaker, Christopher Tabei, Joshua Coe, Anthony Potter, Andrew Kliman, Luke Leveillee, Michael Cain, Kristen Lauber, Frank Bordo, Bonda Bordo, Larry Silk, Bradley Swanson, Gary Semon, Brian Jones, Seth DeTavernier, Timothy Mc Carthy, Rob Nitz, Jesse Moore, Michael J. Ryan, Daniel T. Ryan, Justin Ryan, Micheal Nalepa, Steven Tomlinson and Alex Blackwell.

We also pray for all first responders and law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to keep us safe at home.

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Kevin Cushman 313-930-8907

Choir Practice

Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday evening: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 and 12:00 noon

Daily Mass in Church

Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

Holyday Schedule

Holyday: 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Confession—Thursday 6:00 p.m.— 6:30 p.m. or by appointment

Saturday afternoon at Our Lady of Loretto 2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism

Prior arrangements must be made by calling the Parish Office. Parents must attend an informational meeting.

Matrimony

Arrangements for Matrimony must be made at least six months in advance.

Catechumenate-RCIA

Please call the Parish Office for more information.

St. Valentine Parish Office Hours

Summer Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30—12 noon

Fall/Winter/Spring Hours

Monday—Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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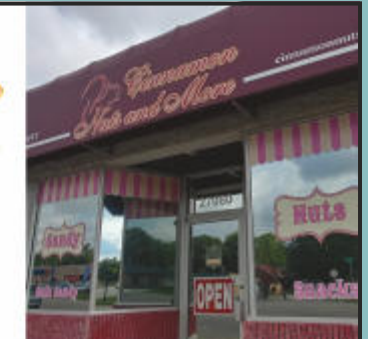


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