



OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

2 JANUARY 2022
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Home By Another Way
Matthew 2:1-12 | Ephesians 3:1-12
The story of Epiphany marks an end and the beginning. Leaving their home, the Wise Men embark upon a pilgrimage, seeking the glimpse of the divine in the Christ child. Being warned in a dream, the Magi choose a different direction to journey back home. This leads them away from Herod's deception, manipulation, and harm. The Magi make a subversive choice to disobey Herod. They listen to God speaking to them through their dreams. As our own journeys continue, we remember we must sometimes make bold choices to choose a different way.

Christmas Season



Finding Our Home

Rev. Paul F. Chateau, Family Pastor
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Oak Park Worship Location, Rectory, and Parish Office 13500 Oak Park Blvd. • Oak Park, MI 48237
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Mass Schedule : Saturday 4:30 pm in Oak Park—Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park and 11:00 am in Ferndale
Tuesday 9:00 am in Ferndale

Thursday 9:00 am in Oak Park (First Thursday of the Month 7pm Mass will replace the 9am Mass)

Sacraments: Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, and Reconciliation Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310
Marriage—Must be active and registered members of the parish for at least 6 months prior to scheduling
Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

First Communion and Confirmation Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at 248.533.5424

Saturday, January 1, 2022
Vigil Epiphany of the Lord
 Rev. Charles Ulenberg (1973)



Sunday, January 2, 2022
Epiphany of the Lord
10 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson
 Msgr. Joseph V. Pfeffer (1975)
 Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis
 Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Monday, January 3, 2022
 Rev. Ferdinand A. Wolber (2009)

Tuesday, January 4, 2022
9 am - Ferndale

Nazhat Yano by Aiman Kizy

Wednesday, January 5, 2022
 Rev. Edward J. Wilk (1999)

Thursday, January 6, 2022
7 pm – Oak Park

Nazhat Yano by Aiman Kizy

Friday, January 7, 2022
 Rev. Ralph E. Kowalski (2009)

Saturday, January 8, 2022
Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord
4:30 pm – Oak Park

Rev. William J. McGoldrick (2011)

Sunday, January 9, 2022
Baptism the Lord
9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson
 Bernice Henderson—8th Anniversary of Death—
 by Cornelius Henderson

11am - Ferndale

Msgr. Edward J. Baldwin (2016)
 Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis
 Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone's privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omophparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks.



Pray for Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers, and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners

David Doig, Chuck Yodhes, Judy Chmielewski, Margaret Devereaux, Michelle Ciambelli Milewkovic, Vera McBride, Cody Abugow, Mark Rigotti, Stanley Michalik, Ruth Frazier

Pray for Our Men and Women Serving in the Military

1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HM2 Maura Curtin—Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

Offertory for FY 2021-2022:		
	Dec. TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$12,586	\$92,283
Over/(Under) Prior Year	(\$37)	(\$15,824)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$1,433)	(\$24,542)
Week of 12-19-2021 Offertory total: \$3,351		
On-line giving totaled \$1,735.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$10,851.09 for a grand total for 3 weeks of December deposits totaled \$12,586.09.		
Christmas YTD: \$4,077.00		
2021 CSA Goal: \$37,746.00		
As of 12-20-21: 120 pledges received; 113 fully paid		
Total pledged: \$85,065.66		
Total paid: \$84,820.66		
Total Refund to date: \$47,074.66		
Refund due parish: (\$7,230.00); Refunds issued: \$54,304.66		

UNITED IN FAITH, LOVE AND SERVICE TO OTHERS

OUR MISSION—Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is a welcoming and nurturing Catholic community building up the Body of Christ through prayer and service.

OUR VISION—Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship, and serve. In community through prayer and worship, we hope to continue to grow together in our understanding and appreciation of God's love. We strive to change and improve our lives and the lives of others.

How do you live out our mission and vision?

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS...
“God precedes us: it is grace; and this grace appears in Jesus. He is the Epiphany, the manifestation of God’s love.”



**FAMILIES
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OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH GIVING OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT THE FRANCISCAN OUTREACH PROGRAM AT TRANSFIGURATION

From Fr. Paul's Letter ... Some of you found your home in our Advent Giving Opportunities. We are now a member of a Family of Parishes. In the spirit of collaboration with our Family we are collecting canned food items, pantry items, and paper products for the Franciscan Outreach Program located at Transfiguration. Please bring your donations to the gathering area at either worship location.

Items needed include: Canned Goods / Pantry Items

(concentrating on high protein items like peanut butter, tuna, beans and canned meats), canned fruits and vegetable, jelly, dry pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, etc. and Paper Products like paper towels, facial tissue, and toilet paper.

Last weekend to donate is January 8/9, 2022



FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES

JAN. 2 - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

During the reign of King Herod, Jesus is born in Bethlehem of Judea. Astrologers from the east arrive in Jerusalem inquiring, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." Hearing this, King Herod is greatly disturbed as well as all of Jerusalem. Herod calls upon the chief priests and scribes to find where this Messiah was born. They inform him, "in Bethlehem of Judea."

Herod asks the astrologers for the exact time of the star's appearance. Herod then sends the astrologers to Bethlehem, and they are to gather detail information concerning this child and report back to him their findings. The astrologers observed the star, and the star took them to the house where they found the child with his mother, Mary. They prostrated themselves before the child and did him homage. They opened their coffers and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In a dream the astrologers received a message not to return to Herod. They then went back to their own country by another route.

"For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly, they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, and myrrh as Man." St. John Chrysostom (c. 347-407)

"Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see; heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body." and "As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die." St Peter Chrysologus (380-450)

St. John Paul II in his January 6, 1996, homily says, "When they reached Bethlehem, the Magi adored the divine child and offered him symbolic gifts, becoming forerunners of the peoples and nations which down the centuries never cease to seek and meet Christ."

O. Henry (1862-1910) in his 'The gift of the Magi' writes, "The Magi, as you know, were wise men - wonderfully wise men - who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents."

Reflect upon your journey to seek the newborn king and what gift would you present to him.

By Leonard Piasta, FFC Chair



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS 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 ©LPi*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 2, 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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 2, 2022

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the
Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the
Church
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

LITURGICAL PROTOCOLS

Masks wearing for all Mass goers, regardless of vaccination status / Establish an area where social distancing is observed / Hang signage indicating masking and social distancing are encouraged / Evaluate space for our musicians, and those who are unvaccinated won't participate as a musician at this time / Retain sanitization/ face covering surrounding the distribution of Holy Communion

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

CHALKING THE DOORS

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, Theophany, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2020 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: 2 + C + M + B + 21. The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "21" at the beginning and the "21" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

PRAYER TO USE WHEN CHALKING YOUR DOOR

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

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Loving God, thank you for being our shield and strength. You are a God of compassion and faithfulness. During this time of change, please protect, nourish and sustain our clergy and other church leaders through the work of your Holy Spirit. May they find rest and encouragement in your loving care. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

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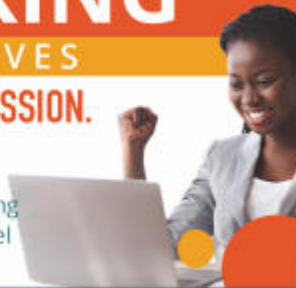
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