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BUNDAY, JANUARY 03, 2021

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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		MASS INTENTIONS	
Mon. Jan. 04	8:30am	Marge Tavedian Req. by Theresa O'Bey Salvo & Silvio Barile Req. by Graziano Canini	Baptism .
Wed. Jan. 06	12 Noon	Chuck Heil, Sr. Req. by Family Everett Tempesco on his 3rd birthday Req. by Family	It was a JOY to welcome into the family of God:
Thurs. Jan. 07	8:30am	Salvo & Silvio Barile Req. by Graziano Canini	Chizaram Esther Ugwoeruchukwu
Fri. Jan. 08	8:30am	All who have died of Covid-19	Chiedozi Bright
Sat. Jan. 09	4:30pm	Victoria Angelosanto Req. by John & Judy Lardin Eleanora Czerwinski Req. by Zofia Symoniak Anna Czerwinski Req. by Zofia Symoniak Joseph Czerwinski Req. by Zofia Symoniak	Ugwoeruchukwu Children of Uche & Lilian (Amaechi) Ugwoeruchukwu
Sun. Jan. 10	9:00am	For Our Parish Family	on Sunday, December 20, 2020.
	11:00am	Salvo & Silvio Barile Req. by Graziano Canini Manasses S. Borja Req. by Family	• • • •

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I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers said and cards sent for me and my daughter, Michelle, after her passing. It was a comfort and I appreciate everything that my parish has done for me and my family. Thank you! - Florence Bozek

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Steve Anderson Ellen Howell Selena Montez Bill & Rose Rodriguez Sean Armstrong Mike Ienna Debbie Moore Florence & Ed Rysztak Tom Mulivhill Emma Scaramella Jim Bearden Evangeline Kabacinski Sean Schaefer John Kaminsky Leo Mysiewicz Kelly Beaudry Glen Bell Margaret Newman Tom Shafer Susan Kelly Joan Bischoff **Diane** Novotny Jack & Nancy Shea Joan Klein Jerry Borycz Bob & Dolly Kluba Lauren Nunn **Dianne Shekell** Florence Bozek Jon Kolar Donald Oesterwind, Jr. **Delores Stark Boyington Family** John Kolar Eugenia Ozga Lois Studt Natalie Tanana Angela Bunio Lucy Kollar Henry Pardo Cathy Burdis Don Koszegi Keith Pares Helen Tasiemski Ricky Canini John Krokosky Patrick Patton George & Jackie Tindall Jack Cyrul John Lardin Jim & Geralyn Pawlaczyk Roberta Troher Eileen Durham Patricia Lickman Damian Pietszak Doris Urbanski Cathy West Faith Falzon Barbara Martin Deb Pietszak Ashley Aaron Farkas Donald Masternak Wes Pincheck Walter Wrone Janet Fleis Dennis & Kathy McCann Kathryn Piotrowski Ralph Yakey Mike Fusco Joanne Meister Annette Puczkowski Nicole Zapinski Betty Gable Irene Melady Kim Quinn Henry Zajac Deb Gorski **Tony Micallef** Joseph Zasa Debbie Robarge

If there are any names that can be <u>removed</u> from our Prayer List, please let us know by calling 734-425-4421.

OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CPT Joey Saunders, U.S. Marines; Joseph David Onadia, U.S. Navy; PVT Marcus Rodriguez, U.S. Army

Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, inspired by Mary's "Yes" and led by the Holy Spirit, strives to be a faith-filled community, joyfully welcoming all to witness and to celebrate the Gospel.

Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Christmas Greetings and Salutations,

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family, of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In today's Gospel we hear that after the birth of Jesus, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream telling him to take the child and the mother to the land of Israel. As Joseph learned Archelaus, son of Herod, was ruling Israel, Joseph was afraid to go there. They instead went to Galilee, because Joseph was warned in a dream, the Holy family went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth; so the prophets could be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazorean."

We know through this reading that the Holy Family had great fidelity to God. They faithfully followed his command to flee Egypt and return after Herod had died. They went to a foreign country leaving friends, family, and livelihood behind. In Nazareth, Jesus learned about virtue, obedience, and holiness from his parents. The Holy family is an icon of family life. Life built on Faith, Fidelity and Love. What are some of your families' qualities? What do you have in common with the Holy Family? Plan a special outing with your family or a fun day/night indoors.

Have a great week everyone and I wish you all a happy and healthy 2021!!!

Just for laughs...Where do mistletoe go to become famous? "Holly"wood. Ahhhhh hahahahaha

Happy New Year! Sabrina Queen

Special Announcement regarding Faith Formation sessions for 2021. Due to ongoing pandemic concerns this is our plan for the new year; FF Families, please be advised grades 2, 6, 7, and 8 will resume to in person classes on January 4, 2021. We are keeping the home school Pflaum curriculum for grades K, 1, 3, 4, 5 and will not return these grades to in person until the Fall of 2021. Thank you for your cooperation. Sabrina Queen - Director

NOTES FROM PAUL

Happy Epiphany Sunday! We all know the story of the three kings (or wise men), who come from afar to worship the Christ Child and bring him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Many of you may have heard the joke that if they had been "wise women" they would have brought diapers, formula, and hot casseroles for a week. While that is a little tongue in cheek, it does make me wonder that if we heard that the "Savior of the World" was finally here, what gifts would we bring? Would you bring him money? Maybe something that worked hard to make with your hands or sweat of your brow? How about something even more valuable... like your family? I will let you in on a little secret, he is already here! You don't need to wait! On this Epiphany, give the Christ Child the gift that he really wants, offer him your heart. Let him into your daily life. God will be able to use you in amazing ways. It is a gift that you will never regret giving.

God bless you, Paul Zbytowski Pastoral Associate **Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator**

NEW BOOK CLUB STARTING

Our next Book Club will feature the book "Conquering Coronavirus- How Faith Can Put Your Fears To Rest" by Teresa Tomeo. We will be discussing the book for 4 weeks on Tuesdays evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. via zoom beginning January 19 and ending on February 9. Whether the coronavirus still threatens you, your friends, and your family or has harmed someone you love, these pages will ease your fears, heal your wounds, quench your sorrow, and bring you the consolation God provides to all who seek Him in pestilential times like these — times that are, in fact, not foreign to our ancient Faith.

For in Christianity's two-thousand-year history, cruel persecutions and sudden, uncontrollable plagues like COVID-19 have time and again struck mankind, challenging Christians to rise up spiritually against evils that cannot immediately be conquered materially. Now our turn has come . . . along with the help we need to succeed. Here celebrated Catholic author and media host Teresa Tomeo has drawn forth from Scripture, the lives of the saints, and contemporary sources a healing balm for souls — believers and unbelievers alike — who have been shaken by the frightening evils thrust upon us by this coronavirus. With scores of emotional stories and practical weapons you can use to conquer this faceless enemy.

There is no charge to attend the book discussion. We are asking that you order and purchase your own book. The book is published by Sophia Institute Press. It is also available on Amazon. If you would like to register for the book discussion, please email Carol Nelius at youthministry@stmarycooj.org I will email you a zoom meeting link a few days prior to the first call in January.

Carol Nelius



The St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Conference of the St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank all parishioners and friends who donated to the conference this past year, and those who prayed for the many Neighbors in Need. The conference helped 125 individuals during the reporting year of October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020. Most recently, the conference was able to keep two families

from being evicted during the holidays, helping seven children and three adults have a Merry Christmas. The conference is able to do that because of the generosity of the parishioners of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy.

There is a change this year in how the donations are acknowledged for the IRS. In the past, most donations were included in the total contribution to the parish for IRS purposes. This year, donations to St. Vincent DePaul will be handled separately. Those donations to the parish that were made previous to June 30, 2020, will receive a letter designating the amount of the donation(s) since January 1, 2020. That letter will include the EIN (or tax exempt) number for donations made to St. Vincent DePaul. Since July 1, 2020, individual notes of thanks have been sent monthly to those who donated and designated that donation for St. Vincent De Paul. That note includes the amount of the donation, the check number (if applicable), and the EIN number. If a parishioner made a cash donation and did not include his/her name(s), no acknowledgement can be sent. The Conference will have all possible confirmations of donations out by the IRS deadline of January 31, 2020. If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please contact Paul Zbytowski.

Every cent that is donated goes to help someone in need. Most neighbors who contact the conference need help with rent, utilities, or food. By far, the greatest need is for rent assistance. While the pandemic and the eviction moratorium legislation has kept some folks from becoming homeless, there are still neighbors being evicted and needing help. A good portion of the money donated to the conference has gone to meet that need for families within the parish boundaries. The Conference was also fortunate to receive a \$5000.00 Grant from Friends of the Poor through the National Conference of St. Vincent DePaul, and all of that money has gone to keeping neighbors in their homes.

The Conference may be small in number (nine members), but it is mighty in support and prayers. The Conference will continue to help the Neighbors in Need in OUR COMMUNITY because of YOUR generosity. Know that all of YOU are in the prayers of the Conference members.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Helene Lusa

Conference President

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

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

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 2:5-6)

Gospel:

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Mt 2:10-11)

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Observances for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

REFLECT

FIRST READING

In late 6th century BC, the prophet Isaish proclaimed an unimaginable future of glory for Israel in the wake of their return from seventy years of captivity in Babylon. What message of hope does our nation need today?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of God's "revelation" to include Gentiles as "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to those you consider ourtsiders?

GOSPEL READING

The magi's visit to discover the "newborn king of the Jews" caused great anxiety for the religious leaders of Jerusalem, including King Herod. Why do you think some people are not open to the good news of Jesus Christ?

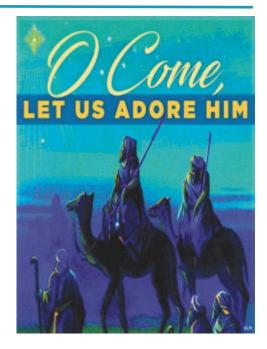
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85,000	CSA Goal is \$81,710	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>#of Gifts</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
75,000 -	- Shortfall = \$12,942	12/20/20	157	\$ 6,616	\$ 9,195	\$ (2,580)
65,000 -	CANIT, DO IT	12/13/20	127	\$ 12,191	\$ 9,195	\$ 2,996
55,000 - 45,000 -	1	12/06/20	153	\$ 11,831	\$ 9,195	\$ 2,636
35,000 -	WITHOUT YOU	11/29/20	137	\$ 7,023	\$ 9,195	\$ (2,172)
25,000 -	Parish Families: 807	F	iscal Year	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
5,000	Pledges: 300 Participation Rate: 37%	F	Y 20-21	\$ 228,978	\$ 229,865	\$ (888)
	\$68,768	F	-Y 19-20	\$ 246,318	\$ 274,000	\$ (27,682)

WE WELCOME THE PARISHES JOINING OUR FAMILY

Over the next year-and-a-half, all parishes in the Archdiocese will join together into groups that will work together, sharing resources and talents, to further advance the shared mission of our local Church to unleash the Gospel. We welcome the following parishes as they join us!

> West Wayne Vicariate Family 4 SS. Simon and Jude Parish, Westland St. Mary Parish, Wayne St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish, Westland St. Richard Parish, Westland St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Garden City

To learn more about the structure of Families in Parishes and other important information regarding the transition, visit www.familiesofparishes.org



20 + C + M + B + 21 SIGNING OF THE DOOR ON EPIPHANY

A popular tradition celebrated on Epiphany is the marking with chalk inside the main doorway of a house with the following: 20+C+M+B=21. The writing on the doorway signifies:

- 20 = the current century
- + = Jesus' Cross
- C = the initial of the Wiseman Casper
- M = the initial of the Wiseman Melchior
- **B** = the initial of the Wiseman Balthazar
- 21 = the current year

As a family writes these initials and numbers over the door, each member makes a promise to look for Jesus until he/she finds Him. They are challenged to look for Jesus in the lives of all people who visit their home. The family also promises all who enter may find Jesus in their home as the family practices virtues of consolation, understanding, hospitality, rest, forgiveness and love.

It is most fitting that we should bless the doors of our home every year in January. The first month of the year gets its name from the Roman God Janus whose name means "gate" or "door" and the first month is the door to the New Year. May it be a happy and truly holy one!

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St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy



Office Hours—closed for now Monday to Thursday: 8:00am-4:00pm Friday: Closed

Mass Schedule

MON, THURS & FRI	8:30 am
WED	12:00 Noon
SAT	4:30 pm
SUN	9:00 am
	11:00 am

Confession

Saturdays: 3:30pm

Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office during regular business hours. Parish membership and preparation class required.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made by registered parishioner at least six months in advance to allow sufficient time for instructions and preparation.

Anointing of Sick and Ministry to Homebound

Our pastor is available to visit upon request.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For those interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. Please call the office.

Hearing Devices are available. Please see our music director in the choir area.

Bulletin Articles due by 9 am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

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Report Sexual Abuse for any child or adult: Call AOD victim assistance 1-866-343-8055 or Call the Michigan Department of Human Services at: 855-444-3911 any time

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

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 [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday	r: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or
	Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3)]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



