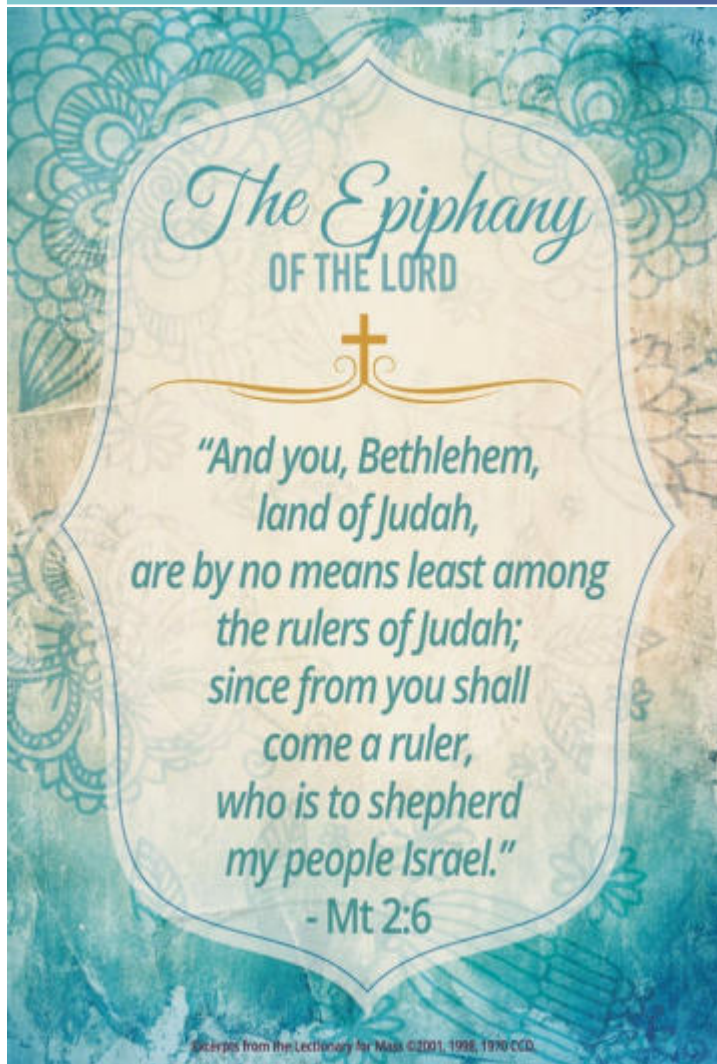


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Fr. Emmanuel T. Finbarr, Administrator
The Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2022 - Year C



Mass Times

Saint Joseph

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Holy Family

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saint Joseph

Saturday, 4:00-4:45p.m.

Holy Family

Thurs, 10:00-10:30a.m.
(after Mass)

and by appointment

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 3
No Mass

Tuesday, January 4
No Mass **St Joseph**

Wednesday, January 5
No Mass **St Joseph**

Thursday, January 6
No Mass **Holy Family**

Friday, January 7
No Mass **St Joseph**

Saturday, January 8
4:00-4:45p.m. Private Confession **St Joseph**
5:00p.m. **Mass** Curtis Rivard **St Joseph**

Sunday, January 9
8:00a.m. **Mass** **St Joseph**
9:30a.m. **Mass** Greg Gehl **Holy Family**
11:00a.m. **Mass** For the people of St Joseph & Holy Family Parishes **S J**

****Fr. Emmanuel will be gone until February 10. There will be no weekday masses during this time.**



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

2nd Sunday - January 8 & 9

Altar Servers

5:00PM Casey Klofft
8:00AM Emily and/or Olivia Leibler
9:30AM **VOLUNTEERS**
11:00AM **VOLUNTEERS**

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00PM Deacon Glen
8:00AM Deacon Glen
9:30AM Deacon Glen
11:00AM Deacon Glen

Proclaimers of the Word

5:00PM Roberta Beck, Madison Kline-Pierce, Deacon Glen
8:00AM Ethan Neubecker, Joe Bak
9:30AM Deacon Glen Painter
11:00AM Ken Newsham, Joan Denemy

Hospitality Ministers

5:00PM **VOLUNTEERS**
8:00AM Ed Selinski, Randy Skowronek, Brian Leibler
9:30AM **VOLUNTEERS**
11:00AM William Kuzenko

The Epiphany of the Lord

**ST. JOSEPH
WEEKEND COLLECTION
12-26-2021**

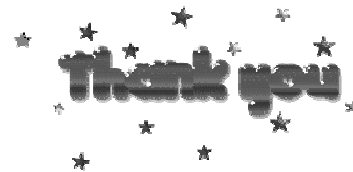
Offertory: \$ No figures due to the early submission of the bulletin.
12-19-21 Offertory: \$ 7,862.00
Religious Ret Fund: \$4,419.00 (to date)



2021 CSA Target: \$64,784.00
130 Pledges (to date)

***St. Joseph still has a long way to go for our 2021-22 CSA campaign targets. Please consider making a pledge to help us meet our goals. If you need a pledge card mailed to you, please call the parish offices at 989-345-0064 and we will mail one out for you. **Thank you** to all those who have given so far! We appreciate your generosity.

***If you cannot attend mass during the week or weekend you can mail-in your tithe or sign-up for electronic transfer (call the parish office for information) or you can put your envelope in the mail box at the parish center.



To those who continue to support the parish financially and with your prayers!

**HOLY FAMILY
WEEKEND COLLECTION
12-26-2021**

Offertory: \$ No figures due to the early submission of the bulletin
12-19-21 Offertory: \$ 1,723.00
Religious Retirement: \$ 1,378.75 (to date)



2021 CSA Target: \$20,599.00
66 Pledges (to date)

“Lord, every nation on earth adores you“

- Psalm 72

PRAYER *Requests*

Please Remember in Your Prayers

The intentions requested in the parish petition book, our sick, and our deceased Eddie Kaniewski and his family.

MEN WOMEN STUDENTS

Help needed cleaning the church in the months of **(October, November, January, May and July)**. Please call Jane Turner at 989-345-0420 if you are interested or for more information.



ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN NEWS

We thank everyone for the baking and buying for our recent bake sale. We made \$827.00!

Remember we take off the winter months (Jan-Mar). Regular meetings resume on the 2nd Monday in April...April 11 at 2pm at the KofC hall.

There has been some talk of bible study this winter. Watch our column for more information. If you have ideas or requests let us know.

Questions, ideas, suggestions, please call Sharon Fritz at 989-343-0772.



JOSEPH CEMETERY NEWS

Winter greeneries can be placed on grave site and removed by April 1, 2022.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2022 NEWS

JUST A REMINDER!!! The calendar raffle for the council has started. Numbers will be drawn for winners, for every day of the calendar year. With special prizes noted on all the calendars. The winners will be posted on the council's facebook page for the month. We will also try & post them in the bulletin. So get your calendars out & ready!!!! Keep checking your numbers!!! **THE CHECKS WILL BE COMING OUT IN THE MAIL!!!** Thank you, to all who have purchased our calendars & for your support!!! May God continue to bless you all!!!

HELP WANTED - SECRETARY

Due to the upcoming retirement of our beloved, long-time Secretary, Vicki Robelli, The Star of the North Catholic Community is seeking a part-time Secretary (5 days – 20 hours per week) to work at the St. Joseph and Holy Family Church office. Responsibilities include answering incoming calls and greeting visitors to the office, preparing the weekly bulletin, processing accounts receivable, ordering supplies, and other tasks as assigned. The applicant should have knowledge of the Catholic Faith. A practicing Catholic is preferred. Applicant should be organized, have good verbal and written communication skills, and be able to maintain confidentiality. Previous experience with Microsoft Word, Microsoft Publisher, and Excel is preferred. Benefits include paid time off, paid holidays, retirement, and life insurance. This position will begin in early March

2022. Applications can be filled out online at the following link: <https://www.dioceseofgaylord.org/job-opportunities>



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sylvia Selesky, Karen Benjamin, Helen Austin, Geraldine Chrivia, Mary Ellen Houston, Cecil Zettel, Joe Hintz, Beverly Schneider, Donna Fritz-Stanley, Rosie & Brian Evans, Geri Tabaka & Rita Rhead.



Wishing you many blessings for the coming year!

School resumes on Monday, January 3, 2022.



Congratulations to our December Golden Ticket Winners!

1st Draw – LouAnn O’Dell \$2500

2nd Draw – Dick Ehinger \$1250

3rd Draw – Charlie Rau \$1250



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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

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Thank you to all who have made their gift to the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, it is not too late to help us meet and even exceed our target. Please participate in the support of our diocesan churches by giving today.

St. Joseph & Holy Family Parishes 2021 YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS

If you would like a 2021 giving statement, please call the parish office at 345-0064 or put a note in the collection with your name and address stating you would like a 2021 year end statement or use the note below. Statements will be available to send after the first of the new year. Statements will be sent only as requested.

2021 Year End Giving Statement

Name

Parish

The Epiphany of the Lord

Scripture Readings



Monday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

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

We are called to reform our lives (2), to believe in Jesus Christ come in the flesh (1), and to pay him homage (Ps).

Tuesday, January 4 S Elizabeth Ann Seaton

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

God, the source and model of love (1) and justice (Ps), is perfectly mirrored in the Incarnation of the Son (2).

Wednesday, January 5 S John Neumann

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

Those who abide in love will have no cause for fear (1) for Jesus is God-with-us, the epiphany of divine love (2), who saves us when we cry out (Ps).

Thursday, January 6 S Andre Bessette

1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Jesus proclaims the gratuitous love of God (2). Let every nation (Ps) respond to this grace by keeping God’s commandments (1).

Friday, January 7 S Raymond Penyafort

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

By believing in the Son of God (1), the leper is cured of his disease (2) and God is praised (Ps).

Saturday, January 8

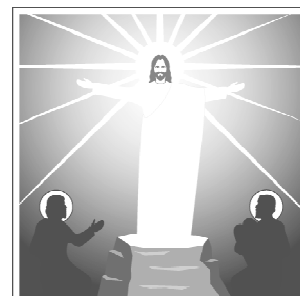
1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

The Lord loves us (Ps) for he hears our prayer and keeps us in his care (1). John rejoices in hearing the voice of the Messiah (2)

Sunday, January 9 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father (3). He is the light of the nations (1) and Lord of all creation (2). To him be all glory and praise (Ps)!



January 2, 2022



*******STAR OF THE NORTH CLUSTER**

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are as usual, however appointments are preferred. Please call the office during these hours and we will be here to answer or leave a message and we will call you back as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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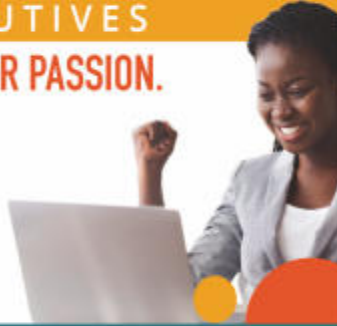
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