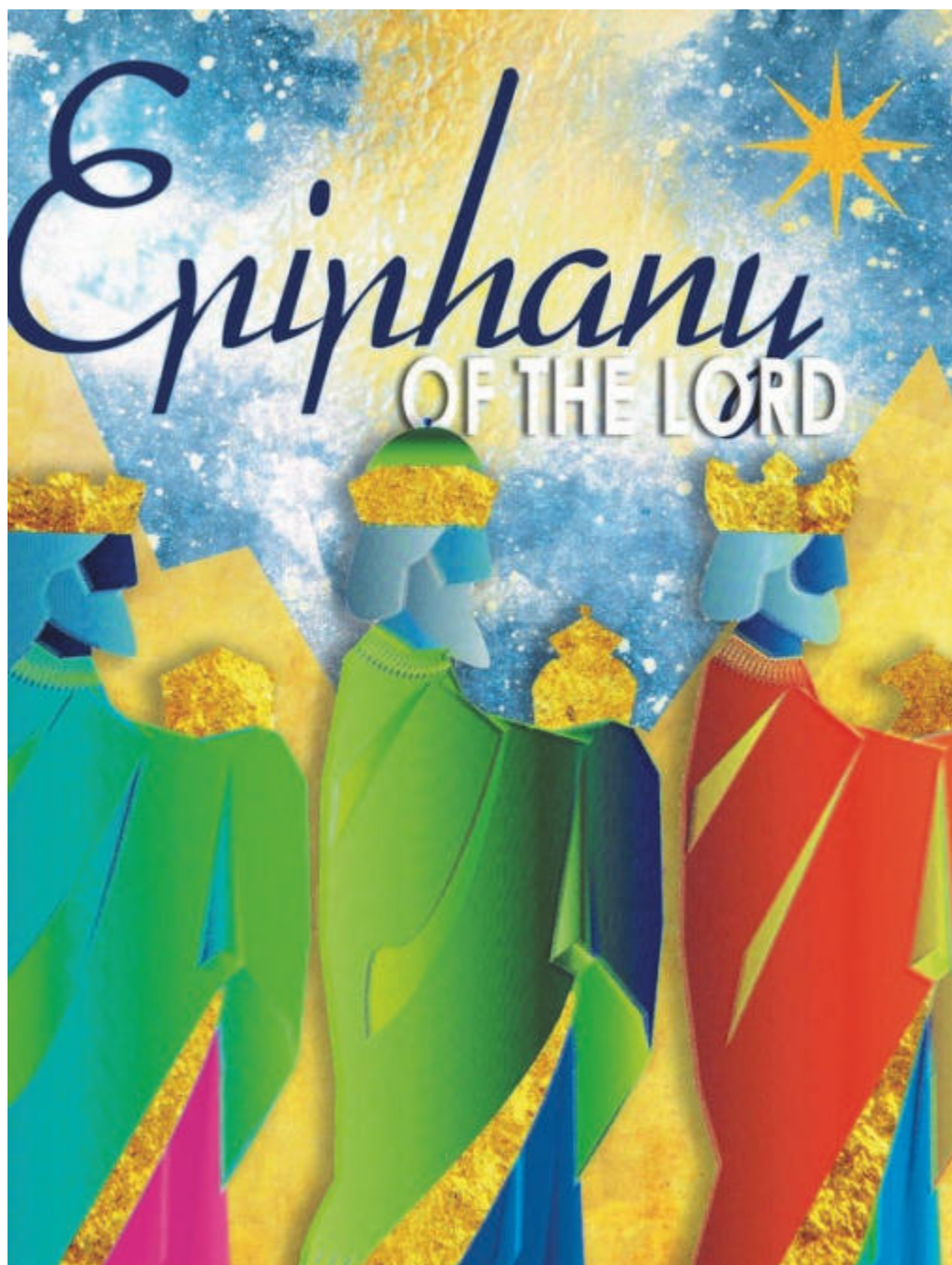


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**THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASS JANUARY 3, 5, AND 7**

**Fr. Tony will be away from the parish in January and February. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Deacon Brent at 989-728-0055 or leave a message on the answering machine at 989-728-2278.**

### 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.



### STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 19

Envelopes	\$989
Loose	\$378
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### DAILY READINGS

Mon: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tues: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  
Weds: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52  
Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a  
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-1

### ST. PIUS MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, JANUARY 3: NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5: NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 7: NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8:**

4:00 pm Mass St. Parish & Visitors

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9:**

9:30 am Mass Theodore Gauthier Requested by Kathleen Hutchinson

## AROUND ST. PIUS



His Holiness Pope Francis has named the Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, priest of the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania, as the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord. The announcement was made today by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, in Washington, D.C.

Bishop-elect Walsh, 56, is a priest of the Diocese of Scranton and currently serves as pastor of Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Carbondale. Bishop-elect Walsh's episcopal ordination and installation as sixth bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord has been set for March 4, 2022, at 2 p.m. in St. Mary Cathedral, Gaylord.



## Work of Christmas Begins

Howard Thurman (adapted)

"When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
then the work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost,  
to heal those broken in spirit,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the oppressed,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among all peoples,  
to make a little music with the heart...

And to radiate the Light of Christ,  
every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.  
Then the work of Christmas begins.

The message of the Feast of Epiphany announces to all people,  
everywhere:

*Rise up in splendor...your light has come,  
The Glory of the Lord shines upon you!*



### Knights of Columbus

The Knights meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Next Meeting: January 4



### Council of Catholic Women

There will be no Council of Catholic Women meeting January 11.



Ralph Dady, Elite & Nancy Shellenbarger, Dan Moeller, Marie & Tom Brown & Family, Rose Curtis, Joel Nadon, Fran Bostek, Neil Hamilton, Pat Querciagrossa, Louis Kendall, Greg & Madonna Gahl, Al Emery, Lucille Brindley, Evelyn McNicholl, Marion Ratelle, Mary Cmach, Doris Dear, Andy Higgins, Stella Myers, Dolores Ruth, and Edna Schumacher.

*Please call the parish office to add or delete names on the prayer list.*

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### Stewardship by the Book

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

### Vocation View

Many adults never grow up. They continue to search across the earth looking for a shining star. Tell them who lights up your life.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4**

9:00 AM Parishioners of St. James

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**

8:00 AM Jack VanBuhler Requested by Nancy VanBuhler



**Please pray** for the sick and suffering members of our parish community and their families: Frank West, Ron & Eric Dober, Leona Morrison, Stella Koehn, Lillian Smith, Mike Rouech, Dianne Walter, Alvera Hinkley, Mary Giori, Joan Jordan, Richard Densmore, Mary Lu Goodman, Nettie Sylvester, Dorothy Alejski, Lynn Daniels and Alyssa MacDonald .

**May they feel the healing touch of Jesus.**

### Pray for Priests Every Day

Rev. Christopher Jarvis, Rev. Alex Kowalkowski, Rev. Richard Kropf, Rev. John Ladd, Rev. Scott Lawler, Rev. Basil Lek and Pope Francis.

### Family Perspective By Bud Ozar

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way" to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

### Smile!

A young man was walking through a supermarket to pick up a few things when he noticed an old lady following him around. Thinking nothing of it, he ignored her and continued on. Finally he went to the checkout line, but she got in front of him. "Pardon me," she said, "I'm sorry if my staring at you has made you feel uncomfortable. It's just that you look just like my son who died recently." "I'm very sorry," replied the young man, "is there anything I can do for you?" "Yes," she said, "as I'm leaving, can you say 'Goodbye, Mother?' It would make me feel so much better." "Sure," answered the young man. As the old woman was leaving, he called out, "Goodbye, Mother!" As he stepped up to the checkout counter, he saw that his total was \$147.50. "How can that be?" he asked, "I only purchased a few things!" "Your mother said that you would pay for her," said the clerk.





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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

10:15 am Rosary in the Church. Confessions 10-10:45 A.M. in the Chapel.

11:00 am For all St. Stephen, St. James and St. Pius Parishioners.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

10:30 am Rosary in the Chapel.

11:15 am For Sst. Stephen Parishioners



**Sick:** Steve and Nancy Baranyai, Gail Stephenson, Tammy and Craig Buchoz, Barb Dolata, Gerri Turner, Darlene Cox and Barb Delorey.

Names will be dropped after 30 days unless terminally ill or a new request for illness or injury has been made.

**Home Bound:** Kate Stohon, Richard Preston and Elizabeth Harden.

#### Stewardship Reflections

“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily

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#### C.C.W. NEWS

Once again we are offering a \$250 scholarship to a deserving student. Applications are on the round table if you know of someone.

Winners of the raffle will be listed next week.



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