



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 2nd	4:00 P.M.	Charles Dadswell
Sunday, Jan. 3rd	8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Don & Hazel Linehart For People of the Parish
Monday, Jan. 4th	No Mass	
Tuesday, Jan. 5th	12:10 P.M.	Shirley Grieve
Wed, Jan. 6th	12:10 P.M.	Ellis Foss
Thursday, Jan. 7th	11:00 A.M.	Residents of Green Acres
Friday, Jan. 8th	9:00 A.M.	Tom Glynn
Saturday, Jan. 9th	4:00 P.M.	Chuck Dadswell
Sunday, Jan. 10th	8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Fr Stanley Czarnota For People of the Parish

***Please note that Father still does Mass intentions in a private Mass when no public Mass is held.*

New Sign Up for Liturgical Ministers!

We have switched platforms for assigning Liturgical Ministers for Masses. It's the same way we are doing Mass registrations, so many of you are already familiar with the way it works. Please click on the link below and you will see the available dates from now through the end of March. This includes the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Eve Masses.

This program allows you to register for the dates you are available, see if there are any openings for the current weekend, and make changes according to your schedule.

There will not be automatically assigned spots like in the past. Please check it out today and sign up! Thank you!

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Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.



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Please email heather@saintsjcc.org if you have a seriously ill relative or friend, prayer need, or deceased to be added to our prayer list. Also please email any updates needed to the current list.

LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

In late 6th century BC, the prophet Isaiah 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 outsiders?

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?



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3RD



Sunday

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

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

Sunday

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11

Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)

Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9

Mk 1:7-11



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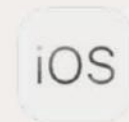
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Knights of Columbus Corner

Upcoming Events for Mason Council #9182

Knight of the Month for December was Bruce Utter for his monthly inspiring lecture at each meeting and for all the work Bruce does at the Fish Fries. The Family of the Month was Dr. Larry and Pam Prokop for their involvement in the Fish Fries and the beautiful music Pam plays on her violin at Mass.

Fish Fry Punch Cards are available for the 2021 Fish Fry season. You can get your punch card by calling Jeff Haueter at 517-599-1532. They will be \$100.00 for 11 meals or \$10.00 for 1 meal ticket.

Annual Knights of Columbus State Raffle

The St. James Knights of Columbus Council 9182 will be selling Michigan State Council raffle tickets. The raffle provides the funds for the numerous charities the State Council supports. Tickets are \$5.00 each. For each ticket that we sell, \$1.00 comes back to our council & goes to the St. James Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program. The drawing will be April 15, 2021. If you would like to purchase a ticket, contact any Knights of Columbus member or contact Jay Jensen at 517-281-3698.

To learn more about Mason #9182 Knights of Columbus Council visit www.masonknights.org, or contact any council member at Church.



THE SEARCH

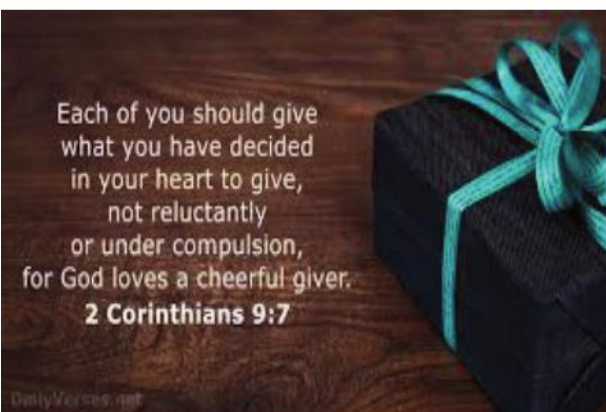
The Search from FORMED is an innovative video-based journey that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from the fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

You are invited to watch The Search for Free on Formed. We encourage you to watch and discuss with your family and friends. The schedule below is just a guide. Please watch at the pace of your choosing.

Schedule for The Search:

Week of January 3: Episode 1 - What Do You Seek?
Week of January 10: Episode 2 - Who Are You?
Week of January 17: Episode 3 - Why a God?
Week of January 24: Episode 4 - What's Our Story?
Week of January 31: Episode 5 - Who Is Jesus?
Week of February 7: Episode 6 - Am I Saved?
Week of February 14: Episode 7 - Why a Church?

For more information and to begin watching The Search videos



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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.

PRAYER

God, thank you for all the people who helped me find Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

WISE MEN
STAR
HEROD

MESSIAH
WORSHIP
EXCITED

GIFTS
WARNED
DREAM

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J	I	N	E	G	A	J	W	I	N	G
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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?

Answer:

The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition. First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people's actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As St. John Paul II observed, "chastisement appears to be ... a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss" (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have.

The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that "has the primary aim of redressing the disorder" and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn't necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.

Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement and punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace — or for something less — depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God's Spirit within them.



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