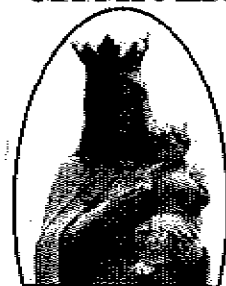


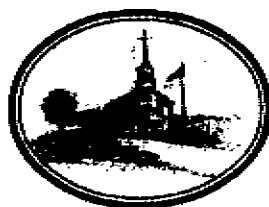
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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ~ EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF JAN 7, 2018**

Saturday, Jan 6	8:30 AM	Personal Intentions
Saturday, Jan 6	4:30 PM	+Deceased Family Members by Kevin & Linda Jordan
Saturday, Jan 6	6:30 PM	+Wendy Neice by Janet Gwynn (St. Mary)
Sunday, Jan 7	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Sunday, Jan 7	11:00 AM	+Alice Boron by the Family (St. Mary)
Tuesday, Jan 9	10:30 AM	Personal Intentions at Carroll Health Care & GAR
Wed, Jan 10	9:00 AM	+Wendy Neice by Janet Gwynn (St. Mary)
Thursday, Jan 11	8:30 AM	
Friday, Jan 12	8:30 AM	+Fr. Paul Metzger
Saturday, Jan 13	4:30 PM	+Elizabeth Alazaus by Anonymous
Saturday, Jan 13	6:30 PM	+Buster Neice by Barb Neice (St. Mary)
Sunday, Jan 14	8:30 AM	Thanksgiving for Benefactors
Sunday, Jan 14	11:00 AM	People of the Parish (St. Mary)

\*\*\*Confessions before Mass\*\*\*

If you or any family member is ill or hospitalized, please inform the parish office

**OUR LADY OF MERCY  
PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

Sun	7	PSR & Adult Ed 10:00 - 11:30
Mon	8	Ladies of Mercy 6:30 PM - church
Tue	9	
Wed	10	Bible Study 11:00 AM K of C 6:00 & 7:00 PM in Hall
Thurs	11	
Fri	12	
Sat	13	
Sun	14	PSR & Adult Ed 10:00 - 11:30

**OUR LADY OF MERCY  
Stewardship Week of Dec 31, 2017**

Adult \$835 Loose \$171 Candles \$18  
Building Fund \$7350; LOAN: Balance \$510,000

**ST. MARY**

**Stewardship Week of Dec 31, 2017**

Adult \$460 Loose \$91 Candles \$33

**ADORATION NEED FILLED~** Many thanks to John & Mary Sowko for taking the 2-3 Adoration time the first Friday of the month and to Bob & Diane Barnes who served there for many years.

**THANKSGIVING MASS~** You will notice a Mass on January 14th titled Thanksgiving for Benefactors. We're thanking the Lord for putting it into the hearts of so many people to give so generously toward OLM's Capital Campaign. To have such a beautiful church and be only \$510,000 in debt is nothing short of God directing people to give, some of whom do not attend this church. May God bless you all. (from your secretary Fran)



K of C Monthly Social Hour and Business Meeting Wed, Jan. 10th: 6:00 PM - Social (All are welcome); 7:00 PM - Meeting (Members Only).

**PROJECT RACHEL- ENTERING CANAAN~** Saturday, January 27th marks a day of prayer and healing and a retreat in Steubenville for women suffering from a past abortion. There is no cost but pre-registration is required. To learn more call or text 740-275-7038, or email projectrachel@diosteub.org and see the bulletin board announcement.

**VALENTINE'S CRAFT EXTRAVANGANZA~** Wintersville Catholic Parishes of Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes are holding their 9th Annual Craft Extravaganza for their St. Vincent DePaul Ministry on February 11th from 12:00 to 3:00 in the Blessed Sacrament social hall (852 Main Street, Wintersville)

**AVAILABLE~** Through OLM, an electric wheelchair is available free of charge. Call the office for details.

**THANK YOU~** Many thanks for all the cards and goodies showered on me during the Christmas holidays. I didn't need the calories but the loving thoughts were much appreciated. (Fr. Batt)

**CONDOLENCES~** Our sympathy and prayers to Tony DeSimone on the death of his sister Rita Campbell on January 3rd.

**Happy Birthday: (OLM):** Timothy Miller 1/6, Bryce Taylor 1/7, Tom Newbold 1/7, Riley Sprague 1/9, Jackie Pozderac 1/10, Connie Sidoti 1/12, Mary Ann Pozderac 1/13, Laura Ball 1/13.

**ST.MARY: Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all those celebrating in January.**

**St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception**

Lucille Fiddler, Brenda Sandefur,  
Dave Leyda, Sandy Fiddler,  
Rose Marie Shine, Marilyn Schaeffer, The Grossi Family,  
Shaun Eichelberger, Richard Neice, Harold Wolbert  
Allan Soaff, Florence and Rowene Dieble, Florence Elliott

Please pray for all serving in the military and thank them and all who have served our country.

**Our Lady of Mercy**

Clarence Halter, Jane Gyugo, Naomi Kowal, Erna Graham, Betty Shurtz, Mitchell Lanka, Denny Amelung, Vicky Oboy, Sister Cabrini, Jim Ferda, Tina Lewis, Robert Jones, Theresa Marchione, Louise Furbee, Gary Shears, Merle Albrecht, Rose Rombough, Jim Haas, Martha Lejeune, Helen Cooms  
Bob Rhodes, Toni Peters

If you know of someone who is need of prayer, please call Cam Lanka 330-806-5946.

## Calendar

### Monday

January 8

#### Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or

Is 55:1-11 or

Acts 10:34-38 or

1 Jn 5:1-9

Mk 1:7-11

### Tuesday

January 9

#### Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday

January 10

#### Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday

January 11

#### Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

### Friday

January 12

#### Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday

January 13

#### Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1

Mk 2:13-17

### Sunday

January 14

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

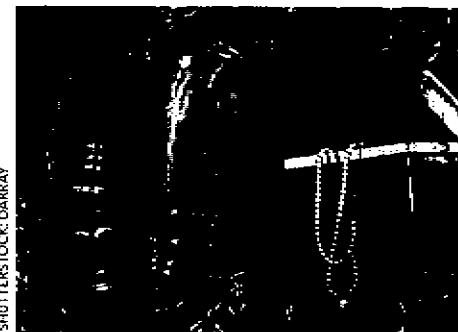
Jn 1:35-42

# Dear Padre,

## What is the real meaning of the visit of the three kings to Jesus, and does that visit have meaning for us today?

At the most fundamental level, the three kings represent all of the world's nations. These nations come and share their treasures with Jesus. In this context, the mission of the three kings can be seen as a challenge to all nations to recognize Jesus and share the treasures they have.

We can link the story of the three kings with another in Scripture—the multiplication of the loaves (see Matthew 14:13-21). In this story, the disciples represent the three kings. The disciples ask Jesus: “How can we possibly provide food for all these people?” But Jesus insists: “You yourselves give them food to eat.” So the disciples divide up their five loaves and two fish, and everyone has enough to eat.



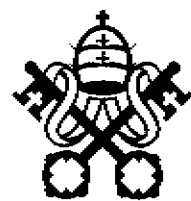
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The Gospel message is that when we share what we have, then we will have enough for all. We can look at it from a broader viewpoint: When one nation shares with another, there is enough for all. We all work toward this sense of sharing in our own lives by not accumulating more than we need and by

trying to share with those who have less. We can contribute on another level by being heard through our political choices and through our involvement in local, national, and international issues.

We are not perfect, but the Lord does not demand perfection. The Lord asks for progress and an honest effort. May the Lord strengthen us to share more at home and internationally, so that all of us may royally sit together at our king's banquet.

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### A Word From Pope Francis

Continue to overcome apathy, offering a Christian response to the social and political anxieties, which are arising in various parts of the world. I ask you to be builders of the world, to work for a better world....Don't be observers, but immerse

yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did.

—Vigil, July 27, 2013

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 7, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord (B)

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

## Reaching Far and Wide

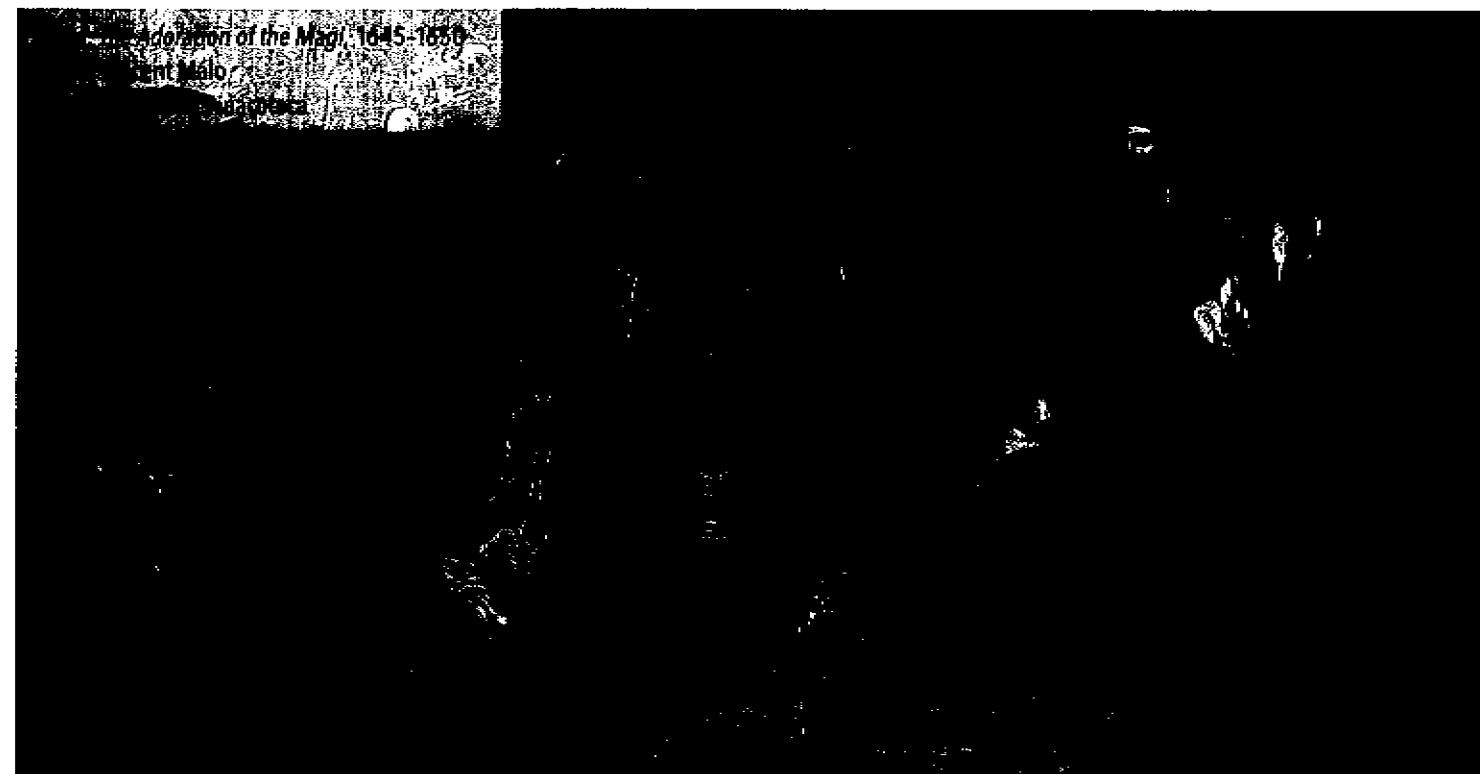
A mysterious scene barely comes to light before us. Are we inside or outside of a Roman portico? What is going on in the background? The central scene clearly shows the Child Jesus perched in the Virgin's arms and surrounded by swaddling clothes. A glow emanates from the Child that enlightens the three Wise Men processing toward Jesus. Their whole caravan chaotically crowds around and strains to see the king they have come to worship. A dalmatian wanders behind while a camel appears in the back lighting with a knowing smirk. The Ethiopian sage sympathetically stares out from the center of the painting and seemingly asks us if we understand the significance of their travels.

The arrival of these astronomers from the East sends a very important message for all of us at Mass

today. Jesus is the light of the whole world, and all peoples—no matter how far or how lost—are invited by his attractive and saving light. This light came to the Chosen People and will be fully consumed in Jerusalem as Isaiah prophesies. Yet he will proclaim that all peoples are invited to be members of the same family and coheirs to the treasures of God's love and mercy. Faith in him and acceptance of his gospel truth is all he asks. So no matter how far you or anyone you know seems from Jesus and his truth, he loves them and wants them around his table to experience his love.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

*For Reflection* Do I trust that Jesus wants to and can reach any soul, no matter how far away? Will you renew your prayer and gentle testimony to invite those who are still searching?



*Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.*

*(Isaiah 60:1)*