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Feast of the Epiphany

January 3, 2021

How Much Do YOU Know About the Catholic Faith?

SPECIAL EPIPHANY QUIZ!



Find the answers inside!

- How many Wise Men (Magi) visited Joseph, Jesus and Mary in Bethlehem?
 - (a) four
 - (b) two
 - (c) nobody knows
 - (d) three
- 2. Which King of Israel wanted to kill the baby who would grow to become the Messiah?
 - (a) Herod
 - (b) Quirinius
 - (c) Caesar Augustus
 - (d) Flavius Josephus
- 3. Who wrote the text of the Epiphany carol *We Three Kings of Orient Are*?
 - (a) Phillips Brooks
 - (b) Fr. Josef Mohr
 - (c) Charles Wesley
 - (d) John Henry Hopkins Jr.

- 4. The story of the visit of the Magi appears in the gospel according to whom?
 - (a) Matthew
 - (b) Luke
 - (c) Mark
 - (d) John
- 5. What is the origin and meaning of the word *epiphany*?
 - (a) Greek, meaning before Lent
 - (b) German, meaning after Christmas
 - (c) Latin, meaning astrologers or magicians
 - (d) Greek, meaning to show forth
- 6. What are/were the three traditional names assigned to the Wise Men?
 - (a) Huey, Dewey and Louie
 - (b) Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
 - (c) Peter, Paul and James
 - (d) Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar
- 7. What is myrrh?
 - (a) a mercurial compound used to treat wounds
 - (b) the Arabic word for silver
 - (c) the dried sap of an African tree used anciently in embalming ointments
 - (d) nutmeg

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - January 2 and 3

4:30 PM Mass SJ Elizabeth & Fred Slezak

9:00 AM Mass HT Therese Mendicino - Birthday Rem.

9:00 AM Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Wendy Dobrozsi

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati continue to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass / Holy Day Mass. - ARCHBISHOP DENNIS SCHNURR

Monday, January 4

6:00 PM Mass HT Tim Farkas - Anniversary Remembrance **Tuesday, January 5**

8:15 AM Mass SJ23 Greg Fuller — *students / staff only!*

12:10 PM Mass HT Shirley Allen

Wednesday, January 6

12:10 PM Mass HT Mary Toth - Birthday Remembrance
Thursday, January 7

12:10 PM Mass HT Josephine Marconi - Anniversary Rem. Friday, January 8

8:00 AM Mass HT Carl & Sue Amatulli - Wedding Anniv Rem Saturday, January 9

4:30 PM Mass SJ Dennis Krause

Sunday, January 10 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

9:00 AM Mass HT Emma Humanic - Anniversary Rem.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Ray Kaylor

Weekly Collections Stewardship

Christmas \$21,923.00

Sunday, December 27th \$17,726.36

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

Next Baptismal Preparation Class Wednesday, January 13th 7 PM St. John Undercroft

If you are expecting your first baby or want your first child baptized we ask that you attend a baptismal preparation class, held quarterly throughout the year. Please call the parish office 422-0602 to register for this class. Social distancing and other guidelines will be followed at the baptismal preparation class.

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tues: 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44 Wed: 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 5:12-16 Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30

Sun: Is 42:1-4,6-7 / 1 Jn 5:1-9 / Mk 1:7-11

Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of John Stugmyer, who died December 28th, and to Karen Berry in the death of her mother, Shirley Hughes, who died December 27th.

Going into Hospital or a Rehab Facility?

While there are challenges due to the virus, please call or have a family member or friend call us 422-0602 and let us know!

Health Ministry: Happy New Year!

Happiness depends upon your outlook on life. Find the good in all situations.

Attitude is just as important as ability. Keep your attitude positive.

Passion - find yours this year.

Do what you love and you will never work.

Positive thoughts make everything easier. Stay focused and stay positive.

You are unique with special gifts. Use them. Never forget you have talent.

New beginnings with a new year.

Enthusiasm - a true secret of success.

Wishes - may they turn into goals.

Years go by too quickly. Enjoy them! Wisdom from your elders - listen!

Energy - may you have lots of it. Take care of yourself.

Appreciation of life. Don't take it for granted! Live each day!

Relax. Take the time to relax in this coming year. Keep a balance in your life.

Catherine Pulsifer / www.wow4u.com

Answers to the Special **EPIPHANY** Faith Quiz

- 1. (c) The tradition that there were three arises from the three gifts that were given to the Holy Family.
- 2. (a) Quirinius was the Roman governor of Syria.

 Caesar Augustus was the chief of the Roman state. Flavius Joseph was the Jewish historian who chronicled Herod's reign.
- 3. (d) The Rev. John H. Hopkins, an Episcopal priest, wrote the text of this hymn in 1857 for a Christmas pageant at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Phillips Brooks, also an Episcopal priest, wrote the text to "O Little Town of Bethlehem" in 1865. Father Josef Mohr wrote the text to "Stille Nacht" ("Silent Night") in 1816. Charles Wesley, the brother of John Wesley, wrote the text to "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" in about 1739.
- 4. (a) Luke jumps from the Nativity to when Jesus was twelve years old. Mark begins his Gospel with John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus. John begins before the creation of the earth and then recounts Jesus' adult ministry.
- 5. (d) The Greek components are *epi* meaning "on" or "to" and *-phainein* meaning "to show."
- 6. (d) Huey, Dewey and Louie are Donald Duck's nephews. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were the three young Hebrew men cast into the fiery furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 3:1-29). Peter, Paul and James are all apostles.
- 7. (c) Myrrh comes from the trees Commiphora myrrha and/or Balsamodendron kua.

 Merbromin or Mercurochrome was a common antiseptic in the United States until it was banned in 1998 because of the fear of mercury poisoning. Fiddah is the Arabic word for silver. Common nutmeg is of the species Myristica fragrans.

Introductions to Sunday Readings

by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven and Fr. Bill Taylor



First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, (which is modern day Iraq). They found their temple destroyed and the city leveled. But with great faith the prophet envisions a wonderful future for Jerusalem.

Second Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

The Ephesians were a community in which Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity lived side-by-side. The author of this letter confirms that God's saving grace is available to everyone, whatever their ethnic or religious background.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st *January 3rd - Epiphany*11:30 PM St. John Undercroft

Now and at the Hour of Our Death Catholic EOL Medical & Funeral Planning

FREE Virtual Workshops
Wednesday, February 3 1:30 - 3 PM
Thursday, February 4 7 - 8:30 PM



It's never too late to begin thinking about our own funeral, end-of-life care, and who will be making those big decisions. Join us to learn about how to get started on planning a Catholic Funeral and what the Church teaches on key end-of-life issues. Topics include preplanning the three stages of the Catholic funeral, what the Church really teaches about cremation, how to approach difficult end-of-life decisions with your loved ones from a Catholic perspective (life support, medical power of attorney, etc.), and more. Registration is free! Call the Office for Divine Worship and Sacraments 513-263-6609 or check out www.catholiccincinnati.org.



OUR DOORS ARE OPEN: No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your age, race, background, personal history, etc., no matter what your own self-image — you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Holy Family Parish. Our doors are open!

Readings for Saturday and Sunday

First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

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." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. 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. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Prayers and Responses

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Hymns for Saturday and Sunday

Entrance

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are;
 Bearing gifts, we travers afar
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
 Following yonder star.

Refrain:

O, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to the perfect light!

 Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice, Heav'n sings "Alleluia;" "Alleluia," the earth replies.

Mt 2:1-11; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891

Closing

As with Gladness

- As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
 As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;
 So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore your splendor see.
- 2. As with joyful steps they sped
 To that lowly manger bed,
 There to bend the knee before
 Christ whom heav'n and earth adore;
 So may we with hurried pace
 Run to seek your throne of grace.

William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt., Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

Communion

The First Noel

- The first Noel the angel did say,
 Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
 In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
 On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
 Noel, Noel, Noel,
 Born is the Kind of Israel!
- They look-ed up and saw a star
 Shining in the east beyond them far,
 And to the earth it gave great light,
 And so it continued both day and night.
 Noel, Noel, Noel,
 Born is the Kind of Israel!
- 3. And by the light of that same star, Three wise men came from country far, To seek a King was their intent, And to follow the star where e'er it went. Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the Kind of Israel!
- 4. This star drew near to the northwest, Over Bethlehem it came to rest, And there it did both stop and stay Right over the place where Jesus lay. Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the Kind of Israel!
- 5. Then entered in those wise men three, Fell rev'rently upon their knee, And offered there in his presence Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the Kind of Israel!

English Carol, 17th century

Venite, Adoremus

Wise men came bearing gifts to confirm their star talk, for the infant Jesus is revealed as the mystery saving everyone — believers and pagans.

All people are encompassed in the good news, the promise of the Gospel.

All share the same inheritance. All share Christ's body, the new Jerusalem that is the church mothering us to salvation. God's brightness draws us close as a family. Daughters and sons share in God's life. Come, let us adore him! Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2000, OCP. All rights reserved.

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Baptism Preparation Class - These classes are held quarterly: March, June, September and December.

The actual date, time and location will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

Baptisms - Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Becoming a Member of Holy Family Parish - Fill out a Census Form at the parish office or download it under FORMS at www.holyfamilymiddletown.com. Drop your completed form in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Becoming Catholic - Please call the parish office to find out more about the RCIA process.

Bulletin Deadline - Submit announcements in hard copy or to monica@holyfamilymiddletown.com by noon Tuesday.

Hospitalization or Death in the Family - Please notify the pastor as soon as possible by calling the parish office.

Marriages - Couples wishing to be married must set the date with the pastor at least six months in advance.

Nursery - Due to the coronavirus, the 10:30 AM Mass Nursery is temporarily closed.

Parish Religious Education Program - Due to the coronavirus, Sunday Preschool is canceled and Monday K-8th Grade have an in home program. Contact Dee Golembiewski, DRE, with questions.

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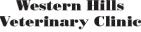
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