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Epiphany of the Lord

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Mass Schedule

K—Saturdays.....4:30 PM
K---Sundays.....7:30 AM & 8:30 AM
P---Sundays.....10:15 AM

Daily Mass and Reconciliation

Please contact Fr. Jim
to schedule time & attendees

Baptisms

Please email Fr. Jim at frjimtrempe@gmail.com
during pregnancy (prior to the birth of your child) to
make arrangements.

Weddings

Arrangements are to be made with Fr. Jim at least
8-MONTHS in advance of your wedding.
You should not set your date until you know
the church and Fr. Jim are available.

Ministry to the Sick

If you or a loved one are hospitalized, in a nursing
home/ in assisted living center or homebound & would
like a pastoral visit from Fr. Jim please
notify him at 715-693-3120

Holy Mass Intentions

Sat Jan 1	†	Joseph Babiak & Ann Walters
Sun Jan 2	†	Joan Gerads
Mon Jan 3	†	Parishioners of SFX & SJB who have passed in the last 5 years
Tue Jan 4	†	Intentions of SFX & SJB Parishioners
Wed Jan 5	†	Richard Fisher
Thu Jan 6	†	All souls in Purgatory
Fri Jan 7	S	Helen Wisz – Birthday
Sat Jan 8	†	Tamara Mews
Sun Jan 9	†	Barbara Wengelski

† - Deceased H -Health S-Special

Appointments

St. Francis Xavier

All ministries, please sign-in upon arrival.

MC

Sat 4:30 PM Jan 8 Hilary Omernik
Sun 8:30 AM Jan 9 Matt Ahles

Lector

Sat 4:30 PM Jan 8 Mary Virant
Sun 7:30 AM Jan 9 Kurstin Kolodziej
Sun 8:30 AM Jan 9 Sara Ahles

Eucharistic Minister

Use of Eucharistic Ministers suspended until further notice.

Youth Server

Sat 4:30 PM Jan 8 Jaymason Mayek, Kaydin Mayek, Ruby Mullins
Sun 8:30 AM Jan 9 George Ahles, Lexie Ahles, Dylan Grezinski

Hospitality

Sat 4:30 PM Jan 8 Jim Olson, Ed Stankowski, Dave Virant
Sun 7:30AM Jan 9 Tom Wengelski
Sun 8:30 AM Jan 9 Carl Belohlavek, Jerry Budnik, Greg Sondelski

Brinks

Wed Jan 5 Carol Ahles, Jerry Budnik, Linda Wiczbecki

Sacrificial Giving

Offerings:

St. Francis Xavier	Dec. 12	\$4,819.05
	Dec. 19	\$6,028.15
St. John the Baptist	Dec. 12	\$ 933.00
	Dec. 19	\$ 640.00

Paper Pulpit

"Some Magi from the East arrived in Bethlehem searching for the newborn king. When they saw the child with his mother Mary, they bowed down and worshipped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to him." Matthew 2:11

Who are the Magi? Are they Kings? Wise men? We'll discuss at Mass this weekend.

We all know that the magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Were Jesus, Mary and Joseph now rich with all the gold? The gifts of the Magi are symbolic. Gold is the "king of metals" and is symbolic of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is used in worship and is symbolic of Jesus' priesthood. Jesus is the one and only Priest. I am a priest in that Jesus established to baptize, marry, bury, forgive sins, offer Mass, and to be a visible sign of His priesthood. Myrrh is used in burials and is symbolic of Jesus' humanity and death on the cross. Jesus is King of Kings, Priest of Priests and Lord of lords.

Epiphany occurs on January 6 (or closest Sunday), which commemorates the "manifestation" of God through Christ to the whole world symbolized by the three Magi (Mt 2:1-12). The image of the three wise men from the East kneeling before the Christ child has been an inspiring symbol of worship for countless generations. It offers the structure for prayers of adoration and song... 'We three kings of orient are .' The story has always fascinated people because it links Jesus to the wider world of the orient and to the mysteries of the heavens. It reminds us that we too must bring our gifts to Christ and kneel before Him and worship Him.

Yet not all are willing to bow down (genuflect) and worship (Mass) Jesus. The word used today for "bow down" is genuflection. As we celebrate the Epiphany we are reminded that we must bow down and worship Jesus and offer Him our gifts. Jesus came over 2000 years ago and He comes at every Mass in the Holy Eucharist. Yet some Catholics choose to not attend Mass weekly (outside covid). Some say I can pray to Jesus in my own way. But that is not what Jesus teaches. Did you know that going all the way back to the beginning of the Bible God demanded people worship? That's why the Church has always taught that missing Mass (even once (outside covid)) is a mortal sin. God demands it. Some have stopped worshipping Jesus altogether. We need to invite them back. We must follow the example of the magi by worshipping Jesus each week at Mass.

Cami and I want to thank you for the many prayers, cards and gifts (Cami got more than I did). You are kind and very generous. I don't think I will have to buy gas or pay for purchases at the "men's mall" and Kwik Trip for many months. Your kindness and generosity are most appreciated.

Have a great and blessed week. Fr. Jim Trempe

Calendar of Events

EVERY TUESDAY Holy Hour 6:00-6:30pm; Mass 6:30pm
 January Choir Practice every Thursday 6:30pm
 January 5 Faith Formation 6:15-7:30
 January 12 Faith Formation 6:15-7:30
 Thu Jan 13 Family Life Meeting 6:30pm
 January 26 Faith Formation with Family Faith and
 Food Night-Serving begins at 5:30PM



I AM THE NEW YEAR

I am the New Year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living.

I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have-these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "I make all things new."

Online Weekly Offering Information

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Click on the Offerings – Online Charitable Giving

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I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord.
 Whoever eats this bread will live forever;
 the bread I shall give is my flesh
 for the life of the world.



John 6:51

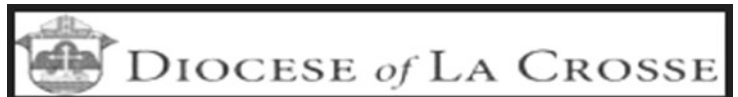
Epiphany of the Lord

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the Magnificat at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (Ceremonial of Bishops). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts.



EPIPHANY BLESSING

O God of light and peace,
 whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem,
 still draws the nations to yourself:
 bless us abundantly
 and dispel the darkness that shrouds our path,
 that, like the wise men, we may come
 to kneel before Christ in true worship,
 offer him our hearts and souls,
 and return from his presence to live as he has taught,
 now and for ever and ever. Amen.

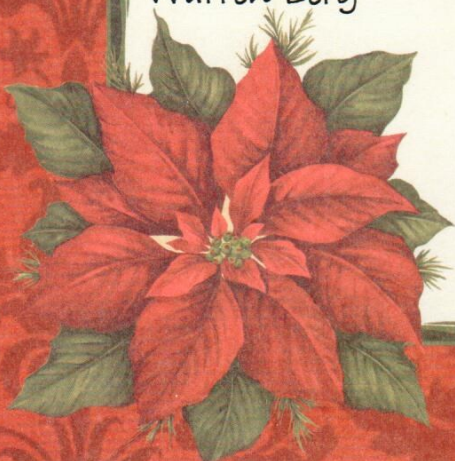


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