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#### **Epiphany**

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany. The celebration of this feast brings to a close the Christmas season. I would like to thank

everyone who sent Christmas greetings and for the gifts that I received. We have great bakers in the parish. I wish everyone a very Happy New Year. May you see with the eyes of faith how awesome God works and is present in your life.

We begin a new year with hopes and desires. We do not know what this year will hold for us, however we remain open to the possibilities. Time and time again I remind people that God never intended for us to be miserable, yet sometimes we tend to make ourselves miserable by the choices that we make.

We cannot undo what has already been done, the past is just that: the past. However we can look to the future with hopes and expectations.

We have to have something to do to get us out of bed in the morning. We need someone to love and we need to receive love, that is what human relationships are all about. We also need something to hope for, something to look forward to.

We enter this journey knowing that God loves us and wants us to be happy. He created us for that purpose. Will there be challenges along the way? Of course there will be. It is through our experiences and challenges that we understand what is important in our life.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, it is a tradition in some cultures to bless the family home. Below is a blessing that you can say as a family as you gather in your home:

"Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen." (Book of Blessings).

Bon mot: Yet we do not despair nor lose heart, because we put our trust not in ourselves, but in Him who works in us.

- St. Leo I the Great, Sermon 3,461.

Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony

#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Weekend Masses

4:00pm Saturday 9:00am & 11:30am Sunday

Weekday Masses

7:00pm Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am

**Holy Day Masses** As Announced

Confession

5:30pm Tuesday

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

#### PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, January 9, 2023

1:00pm Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Adoration 5:30pm Confessions 6:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

8:00am Mass

9:30am Needlecrafters 6:00pm Needlecrafters 6:30pm Cantor Rehearsal 7:00pm Lectio Divina (Zoom) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 12, 2023

8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers team #4

10:30am Book Club

K of C Officer's Meeting 6:00pm K of C General Meeting 6:30pm

Friday, January 13, 2023

5:30pm Ushers Board Meeting 6:00pm **Ushers General Meeting** 

Saturday, January 14, 2023

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 15, 2023

9:00am Mass

9:45am K of C Pancake Breakfast 10:00am Grief Support Group

11:30am Mass 12:15pm Baptism

#### That I too may go and do him homage

Matthew 2:8



**Laurie Hall** Pastoral Associate LHall@sifparish.org Ext. 104

#### **Epiphany of the Lord**

The Christmas season is winding down with today's solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord and concluding tomorrow with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Today we celebrate the mystery of God's manifestation to all the ends of the earth. The visitors from the east represent the salvation offered by God to people of all lands, Jew and Gentile, beyond the borders of Israel. The Magi travel from afar, seeking to pay homage to the newborn king of the Jews, offering gifts in honor of Jesus' kingship. Their action to "prostrate themselves" and pay homage to Jesus was not something that was mentioned regarding their visit to King Herod. There must have been a striking contrast between the home of Herod and the stable where Jesus lay and between the gathering of chief priests and scribes surrounding King Herod and the simple carpenter and his wife accompanying Jesus. Yet, despite the humble surroundings and humble parents, the Magi recognized the true king and presented their gifts.

The Magi were changed by their encounter with Jesus. They chose to disobey Herod and not return to him with word of the location of the newborn king. When Matthew writes that the Magi returned by another way, we see that they were enlightened and saw no need to obey Herod's request. They no longer understood things the same way. They changed their plans, their path, and their lives. They recognized a new way, a new king, one who came for all people and all nations.

Looking back at your Advent preparations and Christmas season, how has your encounter with the Lord through these seasons changed you? Do you recognize a need for a new plan, a new path? Where might that new path lead?

#### What Goes Up, Must Come Down - The Week of January 8<sup>th</sup>

The Christmas Season ends with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, tomorrow, January 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking down our decorations during the week. If you have an hour or two to help "undecorate," please call the office and let them know you are willing to help and what time during the week works best for you.

We also ask that parishioners take home a poinsettia after the 11:30am Mass today, January 8<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful to Telly's Greenhouse and Garden Center for the beautiful plants that truly reflected the beauty of the Christmas season!



**Eucharistic Adoration with Recitation of the Divine Praises** 

Please join us in the Chapel on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, anytime from 1:00pm until 6:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration ending with recitation of the Divine Praises at 6:30pm.

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# FAMILY GOSPEL PAGE JANUARY 8, 2023 Matthew 2:1-12, EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

#### REFLECTION

The Magi (Wise Men), remind us that we can use our minds to discover ways of following Jesus. They also demonstrate how important it is to follow Christ at any cost. The Wise Men left their homes and traveled long distances, at great expense, to find and worship Jesus. We should be willing to do whatever is necessary to follow Him, as well.

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

**FIND THE STAR:** Use or create a small star, then hide it somewhere in the house. Have family members hunt for it.

**TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS CHARADES**: Since Epiphany marks the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas, play a game of charades involving the song, acting out one of the lines for family members to guess.

**PAPER CROWNS:** Cut long paper into crown shapes and decorate to become a wearable "crown" for each family member.

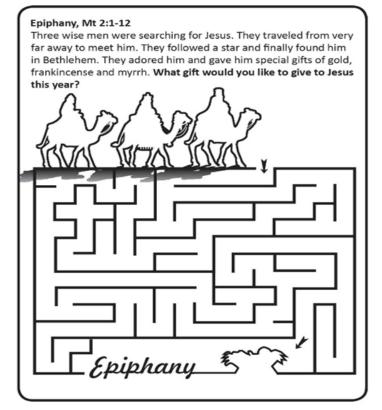
Adapted from: https://ministry-to-children.com/magi-sunday-school-lesson-matthew-2/

#### **SONG**

We Three Kings | Christmas Song | HooplaKidz (YouTube.com)

#### **PRAYER**

We thank you, God, for loving us and sending your son. We ask Jesus to help us in seeking, following, and sharing Him with others. Amen.



# SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF January 8, 2023

#### Sunday

#### 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

#### The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

#### Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

#### Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

#### **Thursday**

Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

#### **Friday**

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

#### Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

#### Sunday

#### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



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Total Offerings: \$9,055.00
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#### Six Week Grief Support Group will return

The St. Jane Frances de Chantal Grief Support Group will return for a six-week session on **Sunday, January 16**<sup>th</sup> **at 10:00am in rooms R & S** in the lower level of the parish offices. Registration is not necessary. You can contact Barb Mezzapelle at (586)350-0335 with any questions.





#### **EUCHRE NIGHT: Happy Valentine's Day**

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm until about 10:00pm.

WHERE: In the Fr. Page Activity Center.

WHO: Whether you are a pro or a beginner join us for a fun night of Euchre!
WHAT: We'll be playing Euchre and having a fun evening together!
The games will be played using rotating partners.

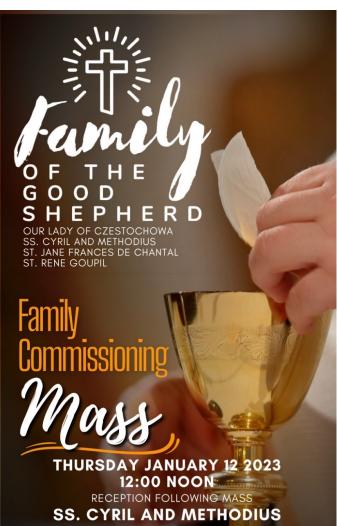
HOW: Sign-up in the Parish Office. The cost is \$15.00 per player and covers the cost of dinner, snacks, dessert, beverages and prizes. We ask that the \$15.00 please be paid by the cut-off date of Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. (No refunds for cancellations received after January 30<sup>th</sup>.)
 Questions: Contact Linda Smith at Lsmith@sjfparish.org or 586-977-8080, ext. 101.

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

	Tuesday Jan. 10, 2023	Wednesday Jan. 11, 2023	Thursday Jan. 12, 2023	Saturday Jan. 14, 2023	Sunday Jan. 15, 2023	
	7:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	8:00am Mass	4:00pm Mass	9:00am Mass	11:30am Mass
Sacristan	Brian Finn	John Martin	Judy Taylor	Janet Sepanik	Selma & Paul Marzec	Jeannemarie Trotta
Lector	Barbara Sadecki	Judy Taylor	Barb Milczynski	Craig Smith Linda Smith	Janice Machusak Kathy Pawlik	Robert Skwara Matthew Pawl

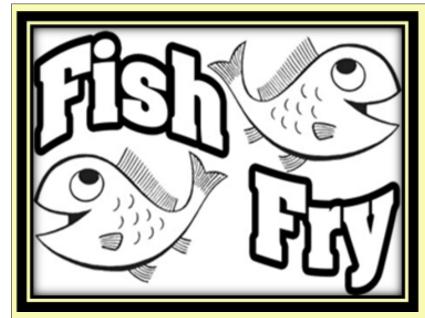
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# THE GLORY OF THE LORD

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



#### **2023 LENTEN FISH FRYS**

We will once again be hosting our Fish Frys on six Fridays in Lent. Proceeds from each Fish Fry will benefit a different ministry effort in our parish. 2-piece or 3-piece fish dinners will be available as well as a la carte items. We will have dine-in and carry-out options. Mark your calendars for the following dates: February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>.

More details will be in future bulletins and on the parish website. If you are interested in volunteering at a Fish Fry event, please contact Linda Smith at: LSmith@sifparish.org or 586-977-8080, ext. 101.

## ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army Nicholas Brosowski, Army

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Shaun Chaplin, Air Force

Michael DeVito, Army Reserve

Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines

**Gregory Hjelle**, Army

Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard

Elijah Kuefler, Navy Carmen LaForest, Navy

Matthew McDowell, Air Force

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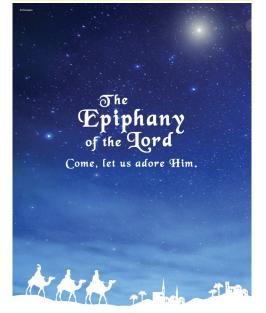
Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy Anthony Trotta, Navy Kyle Wiegand, Army Steven Zurek, Navy

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Christpher J. Darner

Kim Finch Karen Mosher

Names added to the Prayer List remain for four weeks. Please call the Parish Office to request prayers.



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, January 9, 2023 No Mass

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

**7:00pm** For the Parishioners

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

8:00am Dec. Jerry & Christine Ficek (Family)

Thursday, January 12, 2023

**8:00am** For the Parishioners

Friday, January 13, 2023 No Mass

Saturday, January 14, 2023

**4:00pm** Dec. Florentine Camitan (Family)

Dec. Joann Lichocki-5th Anniversary (Husband, Dennis)

Dec. Frances Berthiaume (Joyce)

Dec. Marcy Drozdowicz (Joanne Bergmoser)
Dec. Joan Youngblood (Lisa Skoczylas)
Dec. Lois Polkinghorne (Lisa Skoczylas)

Sunday, January 15, 2023

**9:00am** Dec. Joann Lichocki-5th Anniversary (Husband, Dennis)

Dec. Elizabeth Koczon (Judy Taylor) Liv. Nikoleto Vacaj (Maria Vacaj)

Dec. Aurthur Osiborski (Joe & Lori Nida)

**11:30am** For the Parishioners

Dec. Walter Majka (Annette Mijka)

Dec. Florian Schkrinjar (Lana & Merisa Musemic) Dec. Magdlena Schkrinjar (Lana & Merisa Musemic)



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#### SACRAMENTS

**CHILDREN'S BAPTISM** 

Do you have a child you would like to have baptized? Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Available Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Congratulations! Please contact our Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to begin preparations,

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule one-time or regular visits.

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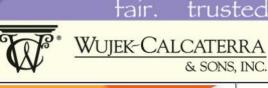
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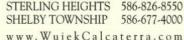


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