

**January 3, 2021  
The Epiphany of the Lord**



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**WEEKEND MASSES:**

*Livestreamed on Facebook at Greg Oligschlaeger*

**Holy Rosary:** Saturday 5:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.

**St. Stephen:** Sunday 8:00 a.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 7:30 a.m.

Friday – 8:20 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Holy Rosary:** Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**St. Stephen:** Sunday 7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

or anytime by appointment

**Mass Intentions**

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| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:30 p.m.            | <b>January 2</b><br>Seth Hays                                                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>8:00 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m. | <b>January 3</b><br>Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen<br>William & Mandy Painter and Family |
| <b>Monday</b>                           | <b>January 4</b><br>No Scripture Service                                                          |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>7:30 a.m.             | <b>January 5</b><br>Mark Saunders                                                                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>7:30 a.m.           | <b>January 6</b><br>Families of Holy Rosary & St. Stephen<br>Living and deceased                  |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>7:30 a.m.            | <b>January 7</b><br>Rink Benson                                                                   |
| <b>Friday</b><br>8:20 a.m.              | <b>January 8</b><br>Seth Hays                                                                     |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:30 p.m.            | <b>January 9</b><br>Matt & Lorene Hays                                                            |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>8:00 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m. | <b>January 10</b><br>Tom and Jack Quinn<br>Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen                |

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**

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| December 6  | \$ 13,299.25 |
| December 13 | \$ 4,329.25  |
| December 20 | \$ 6,050.00  |
| December 27 | \$ 7,548.00  |

**Prayer Intentions for the month of January**

**Intention of Pope Francis:** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**Intention of Bishop McKnight:** For those seeking employment; that through the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker, they may find dignified work in supporting themselves and their family.

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! I pray that your 2021 may be healthy, holy, a time of healing, and filled with God's joy and blessings. **This weekend we celebrate my favorite of the Christmas feasts: The Epiphany.** This solemnity focuses on the visit of the Magi to the infant Christ. Notice that they are not described as kings (as in the familiar carol) but as *Magi*, a word that suggests arcane knowledge. Also note that the gospel of Matthew does not say there are three of them. King Herod is on guard immediately when he learns that these strangers from the East seek "the newborn king of the Jews" (Matt. 2:2).

Herod is frightened, but the Magi are "overjoyed" (Matt 2:10) when the star stops and shines over the stable in Bethlehem. Without hesitation they go in and offer Jesus homage giving Him symbolic gifts of **gold, frankincense and myrrh** (gold for a king, incense for the divine, and myrrh for one who is to die.) The same divine wisdom that has guided them to Bethlehem warns these wise men not to return to Herod. The message for the gospel reader is clear. The scribes and the priests who possess the knowledge (they are able to cite scripture and know exactly where the Messiah will be born) do nothing, while these foreigners wisely hasten with great joy and personal expense to greet the newborn king.

I invite each household to bless their home today. Take some holy water from church (and a piece of chalk if you need it) and use the blessing reprinted below, in this bulletin, from the book Catholic Households and Prayers.

**Wise people still seek Him!** In 2021, may we who have seen the light and have been baptized in the light continue to seek our Savior in the Eucharist and in the grace of all the sacraments, in our daily prayers, and continue to look for Christ every day in the people we meet along our life's journey. Don't forget to look for Him in the places and in the people, we least expect. Wisdom and not knowledge alone help us to find Him. **On April 10, 2021, our 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade parishioners will receive those gifts of the Holy Spirit in a profound way in the Sacrament of Confirmation. These gifts would be wonderful gifts to give back to the Lord wherever we find Him on this Epiphany.** We have been given Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Good Counsel, Fortitude, Reverence and Piety as gifts to determine God's will in our life and to share those gifts with others. These gifts would be wonderful gifts to give back to the Lord wherever we find Him on this Epiphany. The year 2021 will have its challenges for all of us (hopefully not as challenging as 2020). With those challenges comes an excellent opportunity to promote peace, justice and God's selfless love. Have a Blessed New Year!

*F. Greg Oligschlaeger*

A popular custom on Epiphany is to bless homes and inscribe the numerals of the New Year over the main door of one's home using white chalk. The numerals are separated by the letters CMB which represent the legendary names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar **20+C+M+B+21**. This act symbolizes the hospitality offered to guests.

Holy water bottles are available at the Holy Water Font and pieces of chalk are located at the exits.

**BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD**

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 us with the light of Christ,  
That our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### Liturgical Ministries

#### January 9 - 5:30 p.m. Mass

**Rosary:** Leanna Moss, Audrey Fuemmeler  
**Servers:** Aidan Hunter, Keegan Hunter  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dorothy Moss, Dennis Moss, Regina Miskell  
**Lector:** Debbie Watson  
**Ushers:** Kent Bichsel, Ruth Ann Lorenson, Dennis Moss

#### January 10 - 9:30 a.m. Mass

**Rosary:** Phil & Donna Thompson  
**Servers:** Brynn Williams, Kyndal Benson  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dorothy Shively, Jerry Copenhaver, Phyllis Campbell  
**Lector:** Steve DeLaporte  
**Ushers:** Phil Thompson, Mike Bichsel, Jim Jarman

### Readings for January 10, 2021

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 55:1-11** “All who are thirsty, come to the water!...I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.”

**Responsorial Psalm – Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6**  
You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 John 5:1-9** The Spirit, the water and the blood all testify. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came through water and blood. The Spirit is truth.

**Gospel – Mark 1:7-11** When John baptized Jesus, the sky opened and the Spirit descended like a dove. A heavenly voice said, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

### On the Calendar...

**January 4** – Rosary at St. Stephen at 12:00 noon  
**February 13** – Lucky Hearts Banquet

Father, we lift up those today that are fighting disease and ailments, whether in mind or body. When they want to give up, give them fresh strength and courage. Comfort them in times of pain, give them peace in times of fear and bless them with your healing touch. Come Lord Jesus!

Please pray for:

Rusty Adam Regina Hays Tim Quinn P.A. Turnbull  
John Kendrick Bonnie Werner Michael Kellerman  
Deacon Mike Long Trent Zeiger Hazel Smith  
Sue Gilbert Natalee Amos Rosemary Evans  
Deanna Buckman Jackie Ryan Logan Maher  
Mark Leake Daniel Patrick Mudd Troy Ritter  
Kenneth Ryan Bonnie Ess Barbara Kendrick  
Connie Kendrick Nick Mudd William P. Smith  
Teresa Ritter Toland Pete Schuman



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

\*\*\*After January 1st we have a few hours open for someone to commit to on a permanent basis.  
Friday, 2-3pm and 7-8pm

If you would like to commit to taking one of these hours please call Phyllis Campbell 573-795-2290.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue to be on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. until further notice. Everyone is welcome to come at any time during those 12 hours for prayer and adoration.

### Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Parish goal -- \$ 24,500.00  
Amount pledged: \$ 21,006.00  
Diocese goal - \$ 2,450,000.00  
Amount pledged - \$ 2,104,095.01

### School News

- 📖 Classes resume on Monday, January 4. Bus service will not be available on this day.
- 📖 Report cards will be sent home with students on Thursday, January 7.
- 📖 Lucky Hearts Banquet will be held virtually on Saturday, February 13. Tickets for the drawing will be sold, prime rib dinners will be available for *carry-out*. Pick up your meal and watch the drawing in the comfort of your own home! More information will follow. You could be a big winner!
- 📖 Mass at 8:20 on Friday, January 8, will be led by volunteers from various classes.

### Following God's Lead along with Donna

I pray that you be blessed with gifts of love and peace on this Epiphany and every day throughout this new year.

*Blessings to you all, Donna*

**FORMED.org** - FORMED Now! has a wonderful 9-minute podcast of *The Year of St. Joseph* <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-year-of-st-joseph>. As you may know, Pope Francis declared December 8, 2020 through December 8, 2021 **The Year of St. Joseph**. This year is dedicated to the foster father of Jesus, St. Joseph. On December 8, 1870 Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church. This is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that declaration. I encourage you to watch this video. I found it very interesting and plan to learn as much as I can about St. Joseph in the coming year.

### The Bible in a Year – begins January 1, 2021

Fr. Mike Schmitz with Ascension Press is offering **The Bible in a Year**. Each podcast episode is 20-25 minutes long and includes 2-3 scripture readings, a reflection by Fr. Mike Schmitz, and guided prayer. A downloadable reading plan is included. Sign up at <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>. There is no cost for the podcast.

To inquire about faith formation/religious education contact Donna Long anytime at [donnalong.hrss@gmail.com](mailto:donnalong.hrss@gmail.com) or call me at the rectory, 735-4718, my office hours are 8:00 am to Noon, Monday through Friday.

### New Year spiritual habits

- Commit random acts of prayer.* Pick someone to pray for throughout your day.
- See Jesus more often.* Make a weekly appointment to visit Jesus in the tabernacle at church.
- Forget about yourself.* Humility leads to holiness.
- Talk to people no one can see.* Get to know the saint of the day, and ask him or her to pray for you.
- Give away something you love.* It's fine to donate the things you don't use, but occasionally give away a favorite item. It's the difference between Cain and Abel's offerings to God.
- Fast some more.* Take a day to give up something like coffee, wearing jewelry or makeup, going on social media, or whatever.
- Have a no-complaint day.* Dedicate an entire day each week to not complaining. Weather counts.
- Do a house blessing.* Ask a priest to bless your house in 2021.
- Give unexpected gifts.* Release someone from a debt, anonymously give a gift card or money to someone on hard times, or send a pizza or baked goods to a police station or to a nursing home or to hospital employees or to a big family.