

# Holy Rosary Church



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Monday - Friday 8-4

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## WEEKEND MASSES

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

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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

**St. Stephen:** Sunday 7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

or anytime by appointment

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 1</b>
9:30 a.m.	Jenine Zeiger
5:30 p.m.	Joe Paul Williams- <b>Feast of the Epiphany</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 2</b>
8:00 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen
9:30 a.m.	Jerry & Sherry Copenhaver
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 3</b>
	No Scripture Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 4</b>
7:30 a.m.	Pauline Quinn
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 5</b>
7:30 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary & St. Stephen Living and Deceased
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 6</b>
7:30 a.m.	Evelyn McCormick
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 7</b>
8:20 a.m.	Maurice Shuck
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 8</b>
5:30 p.m.	Mike & Therese Long Tina Schmitt
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 9</b>
8:00 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen
9:30 a.m.	Matthew & Jannett Long

## Daily Mass Servers: January 4-7

Tommy Pugh, Keegan Hunter

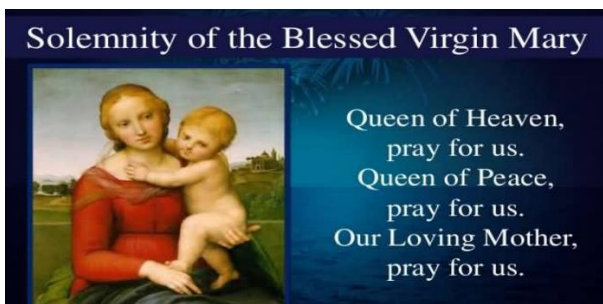
## Your Gifts to God and Parish

December 5	\$ 7,436.59
December 12	\$ 5,141.25
December 19	\$ 6,424.25
December 26	\$ 17,099.75

## Intention of Pope Francis: For true human fraternity:

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**Intention of Bishop McKnight:** As we begin a new year, may the opportunities for the grace to clearly recognize the dignity of life, education and ecumenism allow us to better support our brothers and sisters who need the warmth of Christ's love and our compassion during this winter season.



## January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Parishioners,

**Happy New Year!** I pray that your 2022 may be happy, healing, healthy, holy, and filled with God's 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 where Jesus is. 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 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 here in this bulletin from the book *Catholic Households and Prayers*.

**Wise people still seek Him!** In 2022, 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. We have been given Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Right Judgment, Courage, Reverence and Wonder and Awe 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. **On March 19, 2022 [The Solemnity of St. Joseph], our 7th grade parishioners will receive those gifts of the Holy Spirit in a profound way in the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

The year 2022 will have its challenges for all of us. With those challenges comes an excellent opportunity to promote peace, justice and God's selfless love. Merry Christmas and have a Blessed New Year!

*Fr. 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 letters C, M, and B, are for the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, but they are also for the Latin blessing *May Christ Bless this House, "Christus Mansionem Benedicat."* This act symbolizes the hospitality offered to guests.

**20+C+M+B+22**

## 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.

### On the Calendar...

**January 3** – Rosary at St. Stephen at 12:00 noon  
**January 11** - First reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders  
**January 31** – Catholic Schools Week  
**February 5** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Rosary at 10:00 a.m.  
**February 12** – Lucky Hearts Banquet  
**March 19** – Sacrament of Confirmation Mass  
**March 23** – Family Faith Night

### Liturgical Ministries

#### January 8 - 5:30 p.m. Mass

**Rosary:** Audrey Fuemmeler  
**Servers:** Blaize Kauble, Zach Smith  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Courtney Smith, Dennis Moss, Dorothy Moss, Ruth Ann Lorensen, Gina Carroll, Betty Yager, Gary Yager  
**Lector:** Dorothy Ritter  
**Ushers:** John Ritter, Kent Bichsel, Kevin Bichsel  
**Cross Bearer:** Regina Miskell  
**Gift Bearer:** Ron & Kathy Dean  
**Greeters:** Joe & Linda Gass

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

**Rosary:** Mike Bichsel  
**Servers:** Marlee Benson, Kyndal Benson  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Steve DeLaporte, David Little, Marie Little, Zachary Jones, Jennifer Richardson, Howard Willard, Linda Willard, Dennis Long, Jerry Copenhagen  
**Lector:** Carl Thompson  
**Ushers:** Mike Bichsel, Mike Hunter, Bill Schneider  
**Cross Bearer:** Alston Richardson  
**Gift Bearer:** Aaron & Courtney Benson  
**Greeters:** Aaron & Courtney Benson

### Readings for January 9, 2022

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11** “Comfort, give comfort to my people.” Isaiah prophesies that “the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.”

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 104:1-4, 25, 27-28, 29-30**  
 O bless the Lord, my soul.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7** Through the grace of God’s appearance, we have been saved “through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.... through Jesus Christ our savior.”

**Gospel – Luke 3:15-16, 21-22** When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened and a voice said, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”



**Catholic**  
 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

**Parish Goal:** \$ 24,900  
**Pledged:** \$ 22,780  
**Collected:** \$ 17,011

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** - The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again." This gift is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of His death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through His sacrifice.



With a joyful heart, we welcome Aamira Josephine Miles to our Holy Rosary parish family. Aamira is the daughter of Hillari Miles and great-granddaughter of Marilyn Miles.



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:

David Griffin	Mark Leake	Caitlin Shively
Geoffrey Preckshot	Trent Zeiger	Jeff Thomas
Kayla Benson McAndrews		Phyllis Taylor
Lakian Lehenbauer	Janice Kendrick	Richard Elliott
Rusty Adam	Regina Hays	Frankie Maddox
Tim Quinn	John Kendrick	Deacon Mike Long
Hazel Smith	Sue Gilbert	Natalee Amos
Rosemary Evans	Deanna Buckman	Jackie Ryan
Logan Maher	Bonnie Ess	Barbara Kendrick
Connie Kendrick	Nick Mudd	Michael Kellerman
Bill Smith	Teresa Ritter Toland	

### School News

- Classes will resume on Monday, January 3. Bus service will not be available as the RI schools are not in session.
- The second semester of the school year ended on December 21. Report cards will be sent home with students on Thursday, January 6.
- The Holy Rosary Sports Banquet will be held on Monday, January 10, beginning at 6:00 at the K of C Hall. Meat, drinks and tableware will be provided. All families are asked to bring two dishes to share. Grandparents are asked to bring one dish.
- Lucky Hearts Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 12. Additional information will soon be available.
- Mass at 8:20 on Friday, January 7, will be led by students volunteers.

### Following God's Lead along with Donna

Happy New Year and may it come with good health and blessing for us all!

**PSR** – PSR classes resume for 7-12 PSR on January 9, 2022. PSR classes resume for K-6 PSR on January 12, 2022. Students not yet enrolled in PSR are welcome to join their class in January.

**RCIA Sessions** – Our next session will be January 5, 2022 at 6:30 pm at Holy Rosary Church basement. Our topic will be The Sacraments: An Introduction.

**FORMED.org** – This week we celebrate St. Andre Bessette on January 6. He was a humble doorkeeper to a boys' college and his funeral drew over 1 million people to his funeral. God's Doorkeeper looks at the heart and legacy of Brother Andre as a man of prayer, of hospitality, and of compassion, a man who draws people in to experience a God who is love.  
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/god-s-doorkeeper-st-andre-of-montreal>

**Next Parish-Wide Study** – I have chosen our next Parish-Wide Study on Mary. Please watch the bulletin for more information in upcoming weeks.

**Continue your prayers** for confirmation candidates. Please send your cards of encouragement to school, 415 S. Locust, or to church, 405 S. Main, and we will make sure the student receives your card of encouragement.

**Youth Ministry- Your support is needed!** –If you would like to help our Youth Ministry by providing food or funds, please contact the following:

- 7-12 PSR Breakfast on Sundays – Jane Vollrath, (573)406-8889
- Chosen HS Youth Group/Wednesday evenings – Sally Lemongelli, (573)231-6980
- SEC MS Youth Group/Thursday evenings – Nancy Shively (573)248-9752