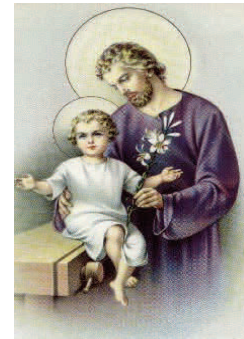


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The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019



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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.

Thank you for worshipping with us! Again Welcome, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto, Willkommen, Nno-nu, Byenveni!

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

[] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 5

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention

8:30 a.m. Rosary

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mark Makowski +

Sunday, January 6

- The Epiphany of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Gordon Schaefer +

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Jim Cole +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, January 8

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration

8:00 a.m. Leonard Smythe +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Wednesday, January 9

5:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/
Adoration

6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction

7:00 p.m. John Hickert +

Thursday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Valeria Talerico +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, January 11

8:00 a.m. Stephen Hickert +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, January 12

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention

8:30 a.m. Rosary

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Dennis Heyne +

Sunday, January 13

- The Baptism of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Marcella Quinn

Let all that you do be done with love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 7 - Christmas Weekday - St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest - 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/ Mk 4:12-17,23-35

Tues., Jan. 8 - Christmas Weekday - 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Mk 6:34-44

Wed., Jan. 9 - Christmas Weekday - 1 Jn 4:11-18/ Mk 6:45-52

Thurs., Jan. 10 - Christmas Weekday - 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4/ Lk 4:14-22

Fri., Jan. 11 - Christmas Weekday - 1 Jn 5:5-13/ Lk 5:12-16

Sat., Jan. 12 - Christmas Weekday - 1 Jn 5:14-21/ Jn 3:22-30

Sun., Jan. 13 - The Baptism of the Lord - Is 40:1-5,9-11/ Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16,21-22

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 6, 2019 - Year C

As we begin the twelfth day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. On this day, we continue to commemorate the manifestation of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Saviour of the whole world. This manifestation of Jesus Christ is reflected through our readings, most especially from the familiar story of the Magi from the Gospel of St. Matthew. With the Magi's adoration of the Christ-child, we find the whole world, Jew (the Shepherds) and Gentile (the Magi) alike, coming before and recognizing the Lord. In His Incarnation, the good news of salvation has been manifested to the world.

As Jesus Christ is revealed and manifested to us in the Christmas season, we, as His followers, are called to manifest Him and His Church to the whole world at all times. And, just as the Magi sought out to welcome the Christ-child, we are called to welcome Him into our lives and our homes. The practice of the **Epiphany Home Blessing** is a chance for us to both invite Christ into our homes and to serve as a form of evangelization to every person that crosses the threshold of our homes.

At the end of each Mass this weekend, Epiphany Chalk will be blessed and available to take home in the back of the church. I invite and encourage you to make use of this sacramental to bless your home, as detailed in the instructions included with the Epiphany Chalk. The chalk is used to mark your door frame with this inscription: "20 + C + M + B + 19". The "2019" marks the new year, the crosses "+" remind us of the saving cross of our Lord, and the "CMB" stands for both the traditional name associated with the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) as well as serving as an abbreviation for the Latin prayer of *Christus mansionem benedicat*, or "May Christ bless this house." May this marking serve as a constant remind both to ourselves and to every guest that we, as Catholic, entrust our homes and our families to God.

In our first reading (Isaiah 60:1-6), we hear of how Israel will be an instrument for the Lord with the coming of the Messiah. As God's chosen people, they will be exalted as a shining example of God's grace for all to see. And, with their glory made prominent, Israel is meant to draw all nations to follow after God. This passage serves as a beacon of hope to an Israel that is itself under foreign rulers and is struggling to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple after return from the Babylonian exile. St. Matthew alludes to these very verses in our Gospel today (Matthew 2:1-12) as being fulfilled in the adoration of the Magi as these foreigners come bearing gifts.

With the coming of the Magi, the salvific message of God breaks forth to the entire world. Their prostration and worship to the Christ-child shows that the Magi understood that Jesus was not simply the ruler of the nation of Israel, but someone greater. As St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, reaffirms in our second reading (Ephesians 3:2-6), Jesus Christ as saviour of the world has been revealed to us. As followers of Christ, we minister as members of His body here on earth. May we take this message out to all the world so that all people may know our joy.

A true joy of the priesthood is that every time a priest moves to a parish, his family grows. Each parishioner is a member of that family. Several parishioners have recently asked me about the best way to invite me over to their homes. The chance to visit with each of you and to spend time with you and your families is one of the greatest blessings of my life. As such, I always try to accept invitations when offered and, if I have a previous engagement, will always work with you to find a time that will work. The best way to find a time when we would be able to visit is to either call the parish office or email me at frdavidvioli@gmail.com. - Fr. David



SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS - The most beautiful gift one can give to another person is a Spiritual Bouquet of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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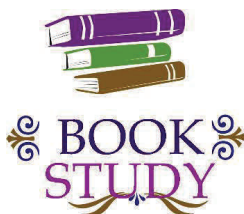
Our Love & Prayers Go Out To... Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Betty Anderson, John R. Smith, and Carol Leitner.

ALPHA— Deepen Your Faith and Fall in Love with Jesus
Alpha begins Monday, January 28, 6:30-8:00 p.m. and for the next eleven Mondays in a row, with the last meeting on Monday, April 8 in the social hall. Come and enjoy a nice dinner with friendly conversation, watch a video about some of the fundamentals of our Christian faith and engage in conversation about what you saw in the video and what it means to you. **Alpha** is free to everyone so bring a friend or invite a fallen-away-Catholic to attend the meetings with you. We hope to see you there.



BOOK STUDY

Please consider joining our **book study** beginning Monday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the **Parish Conference Room**. The book study will be on your Christmas gift from the Parish, Matthew Kelly's newest book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*.



Join Fr. Lawrence Tetch of Fort Wayne for a **Holy Land Pilgrimage!!** - Aug 27 - Sept 5, 2019

Have you ever wanted to walk in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus? To pray the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa? To visit the room in which Jesus celebrated His Last Supper and instituted the Holy Eucharist? To "watch with our Lord" for one hour in the Garden of Olives? To stand in the spot where the Blessed Mother watched her Son give His life on the Cross for us? \$3849 per person. For more info or to join, contact Maggie McDaniel at [419-290-8782](tel:419-290-8782) or maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com or visit "Open Pilgrim-ages" CatholicFaithJourneys.com



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Ty Daniel Long, grandson of JoAnn Dustman who died Thursday, December 27, 2018

May God welcome Ty home, fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.


Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2019


- Sun., Jan. 6 - Religious Education Classes resume- 8:30-9:45a.m.
- Mon., Jan. 7 - Book Study; Matthew Kelly's newest book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*- 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. Extra copies of the book may be found in the narthex.
- Tues., Jan. 8 - Knights of Columbus meeting- recitation of the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church/ meeting in social hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Jan. 8 - St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room- Chapter 2 of *Beyond Sunday*.
- Sun., Jan. 20 - Knights of Columbus American Red Cross Blood Drive - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - see bulletin for details.
- Sun., Jan. 20 - Juice and Donuts after 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Masses served by St. Joseph Youth Group.
- Mon., Jan. 28 - Alpha 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the social hall.

WEEKEND OF January 12/13, 2019


CANTORS:

 **5:00** Marita Crawfis
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Jay Crisp


LECTORS:

 **5:00** Stacey Coulardot
7:30 Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Dan Geimer


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Linda Huseman, Joe Baur, Janette Minch
7:30 Dave/Margie Huss, Jill Morrissey
10:00 Ann Reifsteck, Jeff Miller, Tammi Helm, Monica Harris, Volunteer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Volunteers
7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
10:00 Brad/Susan Poper, Mike Painter, Kerry Coyne

SERVERS:

 **5:00** Corey/Brooklynn Huss, Catherine Crawfis
7:30 Brendan/Spencer McCorkle, Abby Wagner
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Grant Reifsteck, Volunteer

Collection for Weekend of December 22/23, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$5,825.00
 Child Envelopes-\$20.60
 Loose- \$252.00
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$475.00
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$225.00
 Christmas Offering- \$10.00
Total- \$6,807.60

*Thank you for your gifts
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The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40.

We are \$1,418.47 ahead of our monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul- \$510.00

Diocesan Special Collections:

Catholic Charities- \$10.00
 Religious Retirement- \$20.00

Collection for Weekend of December 29/30, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$4,508.00
 Child Envelopes-\$28.17
 Loose- \$372.92
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$0
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$50.00
 Christmas Offering- \$2,406.00
 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- \$10.00
 Votive Candles- \$84.10
Total- \$7,459.19

The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40.

We are \$3,761.26 ahead of our monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish:

Bolivian Mission- \$300.00

Diocesan Special Collections:

Catholic Charities- \$1,199.00

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i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?