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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 4

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. Fernando Riveros +

Sunday, January 5

- Epiphany of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Lena Felger +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, January 6

8:00 a.m. Jim Cole +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, January 7

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. David Thiem +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Wednesday, January 8

5:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Mark Makowski +

Thursday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Trent Patterson +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Valeria Talerico +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, January 11

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. Julie Johnson +

Sunday, January 12

- Baptism of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Nick Wyss +

Pray Daily and Love Always!

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 6 - Christmas Weekday - St. Andre Bassette, Religious - 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/ Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tues., Jan. 7 - Christmas Weekday - St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest - 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Mk 6:34-44

Wed., Jan. 8 - Christmas Weekday - 1 Jn 4:11-18/ Mk 6:45-52

Thurs., Jan. 9 - Christmas Weekday - 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/ Lk 4:14-22

Fri., Jan. 10 - Christmas Weekday - 1 Jn 5:5-13/ Lk 5:12-16

Sat., Jan. 11 - Christmas Weekday - 1 Jn 5:14-21/ Jn 3:22-30

Sun., Jan. 12 - Baptism of the Lord - Is 42:1-4,6-7/ Acts 10:34-38/ Mt 3:13-17

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - January 5, 2020

Today, the Church celebrates the **Epiphany of the Lord**. This celebration falls on the **12th Day of Christmas** and commemorates three different events of Salvation History: **The visitation of the Magi to the Christ Child** (*Matthew 2:1-12*), **the Baptism of the Lord** (*Matthew 3:13-17*), and **the Wedding Feast at Cana** (*John 2:1-11*). Each of these events signify an epiphany, or manifestation, of the second person of the Trinity to the world. In the adoration of the Magi, Jesus is revealed as Savior to the Gentiles; in His Baptism, Jesus is revealed as God's "beloved Son" by the voice from heaven; at the miracle in Cana, Jesus "reveals His glory" and begins His public ministry.

For those who attended the Saturday vigil Mass this weekend, we will have heard our choir proclaim the Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts after the proclamation of the Gospel. This announcement proclaims the major feast days of the Church's liturgical calendar for the remainder of the liturgical year while emphasizing the unity and integrity of the Paschal Mystery. Even though we stretch that mystery across an entire liturgical calendar, **we must not mentally separate the Christ Child from Christ crucified**. Therefore, the Church finds it fitting on this day, this feast of the manifestation of Christ to the world, to proclaim to the world the major events of Christ's saving mystery.

As has become our parish tradition, **Epiphany Chalk** will be blessed and **available in the narthex** after every Mass this weekend. You are invited and encouraged to make use of this sacramental to bless your home for the New Year. Through this prayer, we are inviting God into our homes and placing our families under His constant protection. Please see the prayer sheet included with the Epiphany Chalk for instructions and the bulletin insert for more information regarding this wonderful tradition.

Upcoming Parish Events

This coming Thursday (Jan. 9th), our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Program will be offering a **Teaching Mass**. This will be an opportunity for a detailed walk-through and discussion of the various parts of the Mass, from the vesting prayers prayed by the priest prior to Mass to the final blessing at the end of Mass. This is an **open event** and **all are invited to attend**. If you've desired to gain a deeper understanding of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or have any questions regarding the liturgy, this would be the perfect event to attend. The **Teaching Mass** meet this **Thursday, January 9th, from 5:30—6:30 PM in the Church**. (Note: *To allow for the walk-through and questions, this is not an actual Mass. Our daily Mass on Thursday will be at 8 AM.*)

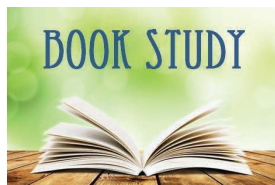
Also this Thursday, we begin our **four week book study** over our Christmas book, Jimmy Akin's *The Bible is a Catholic Book*. We will meet **the next four Thursdays (January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th)** in the **Parish Conference Room from 7:00 - 8:00 PM** as we walk through the book. The book itself is only four chapters long, meaning we will be able to discuss one chapter per week. Join us this Thursday as we start the book and look at **Chapter 1: The Word of God Before the Bible**. In this chapter, we will see how the Old Testament progresses from an oral tradition to the written Scriptures that we know today.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Mary Ann Flowers, Sandy Arnold, Lynn Rickord, Jimmy Robbins, and Jean Steele.

There will be a Book Study of *The Bible is a Catholic Book*, starting Thursday, January 9 from 7-8pm, in the Parish Conference Room and will continue each Thursday of January. Please see Fr. David's article for more information.



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Evelyn Morrissey, mother of Nancy (Larry) Leitz, Mike (Jill) Morrissey, and Janet (Doug) Lehman, who died Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

May God welcome Evelyn home, fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

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

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PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun., Jan. 5 - No Religious Ed. Classes; Christmas Break
- Tues., Jan. 7 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m./ Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., Jan. 7 - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting; 6:40 p.m. recitation of the Holy Rosary in Church/ meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Wed., Jan. 8 - Adoration - 5-7:00 p.m./ Confessions 6-6:45 p.m./ Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 9 - RCIA (Teaching Mass) 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 9 - Book Study 7-8:00 p.m. - *The Bible is a Catholic Book*.
- Sun., Jan. 12 - Religious Education Class resumes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Jan. 14 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m./ Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., Jan. 14 - St. Joseph Women's Group meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Jan. 15 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m./ Confessions 6-6:45 p.m./ Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 16 - Mass at Christian Care - 10:30 a.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 16 - RCIA 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 16 - Book Study 7-8:00 p.m. - *The Bible is a Catholic Book*.
- Sun., Jan. 19 - American Red Cross Blood Drive - 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 19 - Young Adult Gathering - 5-6:00 p.m.
- Tues., Jan. 21 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m./ Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., Jan. 22 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m./ Confessions 6-6:45 p.m./ Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 23 - RCIA 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 23 - Book Study 7-8:00 p.m. - *The Bible is a Catholic Book*.
- Wed., Jan. 29 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m./ Confessions 6-6:45 p.m./ Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 30 - Mass at River Terrace Estates - 10:30 a.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 30 - RCIA 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 30 - Book Study 7-8:00 p.m. - *The Bible is a Catholic Book*.

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 11/12, 2019

CANTORS:

5:00 Leeann Kennerk
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Marita Crawfis

LECTORS:

5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Patti Clark-Johnson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Joe Baur, Kathy Marshall, Michelle Paxton
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle, Margie Huss
10:00 Tammi Helm, Rick Singer, Larisa Sudhoff, Ann Reifsteck, Luisa Sumabat

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
10:00 Mike Painter, Kerry/Tracy Coyne Family

SERVERS:

5:00 Corey/Brooklynn Huss, McKenna McNabb
7:30 Mark/Beth Geisel, Jacqueline Mayer
10:00 Kody Coyne, Catherine Crawfis, Volunteer

Collection for Weekend of December 24/25 & 28/29, 2019

Adult Envelopes- \$3,575.00
Child Envelopes- \$11.00
Loose- \$236.00
Christmas Offering- (Adult, Children & Loose)- \$2,943.37
Religious Ed. Fund- \$0
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$200.00
Solemnity of Mary- \$5.00
Votive Candles- \$154.50
Total- \$7,124.87

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

We are \$5,443.69 ahead of our monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$10.00

Diocesan Special Collections-
Catholic Charities/Christmas- \$1,262.00

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Knights of Columbus monthly meeting Tuesday, January 7, 2020 - 6:40 p.m. recitation of the Holy Rosary in Church/ meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.

We will be hosting the Alpha sessions at Family Centered Services here in Bluffton on Thursdays starting January 16. Alpha is a chance to rediscover Jesus and explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal setting. The program is free to all, with meals and childcare provided.

We hope to have a great representation from our parish. Additionally, if you know of someone who has been away from church or who has questions and is exploring their faith, Alpha is worth a try. A personal ask is the most effective way to welcome those who might consider attending.

The weekly sessions begin at 6:30 pm with the meal, a short video, then discussion. We end at 8:00 pm sharp. If all the Thursday evening sessions don't fit your schedule, just come to the ones you can because each session can be experienced individually.



"This is the wonderful Truth, my dear friends: the Word which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist."

Pope St. John Paul II

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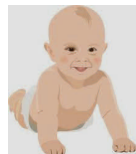


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because it happened.
-Dr. Seuss

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in uniform...
past, present and future,



Thank you and
God Bless You!

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

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-Mother Teresa