

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## Epiphany Home Blessing

*“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”*

MATTHEW 2:2

After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, the Holy Family was visited by three Magi from the east. They came to worship Christ and bring him gifts of gold (*the gift for a king*), frankincense (*the gift for a priest*), and myrrh (*a burial ointment, the gift for one who would die*).

The Feast of Epiphany is celebrated on the 12th Day of Christmas, January 6th, but in the United States is moved to the Sunday between January 2nd-8th.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, it is traditional for families to bless their homes, remembering the hospitality of the Holy Family to the Wise Men and asking for protection and blessing on their family home and all who enter there.

The home blessing is done by writing on the door or door frame with chalk the symbols 20+C+M+B+22. The 20 and 22 represent the current year, 2022. The + reminds us of the cross on which our Savior died. The C, M, and B stand for the traditional names of the Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, as well as an abbreviation for the Latin phrase “*Christus mansionem benedicat*” which means “Christ bless this house.” Writing on the door also brings to mind the Passover of the Jews during the final plague in Exodus, when the blood of the lamb protected the inhabitants within.

*“In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.”*

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, PARAGRAPH 528

20 + C + M + B + 22

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 1**

- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -

8:00 a.m. Jerri Mowry +

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Norbert Huseman +

**Sunday, January 2**

- Epiphany of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Tom Courtney +

**Monday, January 3**

No Public Mass

**Tuesday, January 4**

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

8:00 a.m. Beatrice Hickert +

8:30 a.m. Confessions

**Wednesday, January 5**

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Jeanette Ault +

**Thursday, January 6**

8:00 a.m. Diann Huss +

**Friday, January 7**

8:30 a.m. Jim Cole +

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00 p.m. Mass

**Saturday, January 8**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Fr. Bernard Evanofski

**Sunday, January 9**

- Baptism of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Raymond 'Bud' Helm +



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., January 3 - Holy Name of Jesus - 1 Jn**

3:22-4:6/ Mt 4:12-17,23-25

**Tues., January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -**

1 Jn 4:7-10/ Mk 6:34-44

**Wed., January 5 - St. John Neumann,**

**Bishop - 1 Jn 4:11-18/ Mk 6:45-52**

**Thur., January 6 - St. Andre Bessett, Reli-**

**gious - 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/ Lk 4:14-22**

**Fri., January 7 - St. Raymond of Penafort,**

**Priest - 1 Jn 5:5-13/ Lk 5:12-16**

**Sat., January 8 - 1 Jn 5:14-21/ Jn 3:22-30**

**Sun., January 9 - Baptism of the Lord - Is**

40:1-5,9-11/ Ti 2:11-14;3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16,21-

22

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 2, 2022

**Happy New Year!** For much of modern history, in using the Gregorian calendar, we would refer to this year as **2022 AD**. **AD** stands for *Anno Domini*, which is Latin for “*In the Year of the Lord*”. May we ask for God’s blessings upon this new year. And, in doing so, may we commit ourselves to cooperate with His grace as we strive to continue growing as His disciples. May this new year truly be, through our lives, a year dedicated to the Lord!

What will such a year look like? When making New Year’s resolutions, we can consider adding a spiritual resolution this year. This could include spending more time reading the Sacred Scriptures each day (perhaps using Fr. Michael Schmitz’s “*The Bible in a Year*”) or committing ourselves to greater daily prayer time. Other ideas could include praying the Rosary daily (especially together as a family), going to confession monthly, attending a weekday Mass, or spending time in adoration.

As we celebrate the **New Year** this weekend (*January 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>*), the Church also celebrates the **Solemnity of the Epiphany**. Though this celebration marks the **12th Day of Christmas** (*January 6<sup>th</sup>*) on our liturgical calendar, in the United States, we celebrate it on the nearest Sunday so that we might more readily enter into this Mystery. This Mystery itself celebrates the three manifestations of Jesus Christ to the world: *The Adoration of the Magi, the Baptism of the Lord, and the Wedding Feast at Cana*.

Focusing on the **Adoration of the Magi**, our Gospel reading (*Matthew 2:1-12*), highlights that the first people to encounter the infant Jesus are the Magi coming from the east. The three Magi bring with them the prayers of the whole human race. With this account, Saint Matthew indicates that God had intended for the Gospel to go beyond its Jewish roots and be spread throughout the entire world. Jesus is the Lord and Savior of all—Jew and Gentile, rich and poor, those who are near and those who are far.

When you leave today, please take home with you the **Epiphany Chalk**. As described in the included instructions and on the front of the bulletin, this chalk is to be used to bless and re-dedicate our homes to the Lord in this New Year. May it serve as a constant spiritual witness, bringing forth much grace, to all who enter and dwell in our homes this year.

In addition to the witness given through our use of the Epiphany Chalk, you are also invited to take the **name of a Saint** from the basket in the back of the Church. Each slip of paper includes the name and basic information of a different Saint. This custom of picking a Saint’s name for the New Year comes from a practice at the convent of St. Faustina Kowalska. We are then challenged to seek out and come to know this “*older brother or sister*” in the Faith better throughout the year.

## CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

Starting this month, you will notice a change in the monthly *Church Offering Envelopes* that you receive. Working with **Our Sunday Visitor**, we’ve reduced the number of special collection envelopes that are included each month. On certain weekends, it wasn’t atypical to have 4-5 envelopes for the collection basket. Moving forward, special collections will be spaced out further apart. Those special collections that are taken up on behalf of the Diocese and support causes outside of our local community may no longer have a physical envelope. In such instances, we will instead tithe a portion of our weekend collection to support these special causes as they arise. As always, **thank you** for your stewardship of our parish and the Church!



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Doreen Ayres, Leanne Lee, Matt McFarren, Ryan Feedback, Dr. Doug Phillips, Gene Keys and Jean Johnson.



**Praise AND  
Worship  
HOLY HOUR**

**Wednesday, January 5  
6:00-7:00 p.m.**



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

**Friday, January 7**

**9:00 a.m. (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass)**

**Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m.**

**Mass at 6:00 p.m.**

**"Spend an Hour with me."- Jesus**

Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

If you are unable to keep the time you signed up for, please call the Parish office, 824-1380, as we need to make sure Jesus is not left alone, exposed on the altar. Thank you.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 4, 2022 -**

**Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
6:40 p.m. in Church, meeting in  
Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- Sat., January 1, 2022 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., January 2 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., January 2 - No Religious Education Class - Christmas Break / Classes resume Sunday, January 9, 2022
- Tues., January 4 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., January 4 - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m. in Church meeting in Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., January 5 - Praise and Worship Holy Hour - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., January 5 - Parish Council - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., January 6 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., January 7 - First Friday Adoration following 8:30 a.m. Mass - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheet may be found in the narthex.
- Sat., January 8, - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., January 9 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., January 9 - Religious Education Class Resumes - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., January 11 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., January 11 - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- Wed., January 12 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., January 13 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., January 15, 2022 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., January 16 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., January 16 - Knights of Columbus Red Cross Blood Drive - 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**WEEKEND OF January 8/9, 2022**



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



**5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker  
**7:30** Geoff Frank  
**LECTORS 10:00** Patti Clark-Johnson



**5:00** Volunteers  
**7:30** Doug/Janet Lehman  
**10:00** Dan/Larisa Sudhoff



**5:00** Alex/Aubrey Mechling or Volunteers  
**7:30** Abby/Adrienne Wagner  
**Altar Servers 10:00** Charlie Andrews, Gracie Haiflich, Gabby Hoffacker

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report  
December 25/26 Weekend**

Adult Envelopes- \$3,840.00

Child Envelopes- \$2.00

Loose- \$279.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-

\$4,230.25

Religious Ed. Fund- \$250.00

Christmas Offering- \$2,156.00

**Total- \$10,757.25**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**  
we are \$11,267.38 ahead of our  
budget for the month of December.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$515.00

*Thank you for your gifts  
to St. Joseph's!*

**osvonlinegiving.com/4741**



**American  
Red Cross**

**Knights of Columbus  
Blood Drive**

**Sunday, January 16, 2022 -7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**Register to donate at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)**

**From Death To New Life**

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Greg Mayer, husband of Louise Mayer, and father of Patrick (LeAnn) Mayer and Matt (Jeannette) Mayer, and grandfather their children, who passed away Thursday, December 23, 2021 and was laid to rest Thursday, December 30, 2021.

May God welcome Greg 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.



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n - is it necessary?  
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