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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7 PM

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS:

TUESDAY: 8:30-9 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-6:45 PM

SATURDAY: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 3-3:45 PM

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

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**“THE STAR WHICH
APPEARED TO
THE MAGI
SHOWED THEM
OUTWARDLY
WHAT GOD WAS
WORKING
INWARDLY IN
THEIR HEARTS.”**

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
HOMILIES ON THE GOSPELS, HOMILY 10



Saturday, January 3

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Emily Butler +

Sunday, January 4

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Lawrence Robinson +

Monday, January 5

No Public Mass

Tuesday, January 6

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

8:00 a.m. Ralph & Connie Nichter
Family

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, January 7

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

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Agnes & Rosie Herr

Thursday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Sue Meyer +

Friday, January 9

8:30 a.m. Lugene Keys +

Saturday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Evelyn & Dale Morrissey +

Sunday, January 11

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Tom Cincotta +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 5 - St. John Neumann, Bishop
- 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 / Ps 2:7b-8, 10-12a / Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tues., Jan. 6 - Christmas Weekday - St. Andre Bessette, Religious - 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 / Mk 6:34-44

Wed., Jan. 7 - Christmas Weekday - St. Raymond of Penyafort - 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 / Mk 6:45-52

Thurs., Jan. 8 - Christmas Weekday - 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 / Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 / Lk 4:14-22a

Fri., Jan. 9 - Christmas Weekday - 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 / Lk 5:12-16

Sat., Jan 10 - Christmas Weekday - 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Ps 149:1-6a, 9b / Jn 3:22-30

Sun., Jan. 11 - The Baptism of the Lord - Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 / Acts 10:34-38 / Mt 3:13-17

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 4, 2026

Happy New Year! This weekend (January 3rd/4th), the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord!** Following the **Christmas Octave**, we move from the intimate setting of the creche to the wide horizon of the world. What was first revealed quietly to Mary and Joseph and exalted to the shepherds in the field is now made manifest to all nations. The very word “*epiphany*” originally meant “*manifestation*” or “*to be made known*.”

In the visit of the Magi, we find the fulfillment of God’s promise: Christ is willing to go out to the furthest corners of the earth for every heart that seeks Him. The Magi, guided by a star and coming from afar, remind us that faith is always a journey. It is a journey that only finds its fulfillment in true worship, which begins when we, like the Magi, are willing to place our gifts, our lives, and our very selves before the King who has come to save us.

Having encountered Christ, the Magi do not return home the same way they came. They “*departed for their country by another way*.” An epiphany always demands a response: From the Magi, and also now from us. We are invited this week to seek Christ intentionally through prayer and to go forth by making His presence known, through acts of charity, words of faith, and extending invitations to those who are searching for the King.

TEACHING MASS—THURSDAY, JAN. 8TH AT 6:30 PM

Join us on **Thursday, Jan. 8th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Social Hall for a “Teaching Mass.”** Though not an actual Mass, this event is a walk-through of the liturgy itself that highlights and explores the rich meaning behind the various elements, both prayers and liturgical items, used throughout the Mass. This special event offers an opportunity to deepen both our understanding and appreciation of the Mass.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Mass, please invite them to join us as well. In the words of Scott Hahn: “*The liturgy is where heaven and earth meet, and we encounter the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world*.” There is no more beautiful experience to introduce someone to the Faith than the Mass itself! All are welcome—come with questions and an open heart!

DIOCESE SYNOD—OPENING PRAYER AND PARISH INVOLVEMENT

Prior to our parish gathering for the **Diocesan Synod**, we will begin in the way the Church has always begun moments of discernment: *In prayer*. In preparation for the Synod, we will pray the Synodal Prayer before the final blessing at all Masses beginning the weekend of Jan. 24th/25th. This moment of communal prayer will lead us into our **Opening Prayer Session** for the Synod on **Monday, January 26th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Social Hall**.

At our **Opening Prayer Session**, we will gather for the Mass, the greatest prayer that the Church can offer together. In the homily, I hope to share with you both what exactly a Synod is and my own experiences from participating in the Synod session for priests this past October. Following our **Opening Prayer Session**, we will share the Synodal Prayerbook with all attendees so that they might prayerful prepare to participate in our Synod session.

On **Monday, February 9th from 6:00—8:00 PM**, we will host our **Synod session** in the Parish Gym. Participants will be divided into small groups, each led by a table facilitator and assisted by a notetaker. Each participant will be given a brief opportunity to share their thoughts in response to the questions asked, which will be recorded by the notetaker. At the end of the session, all notes will be gathered and compiled into one final document to be submitted to Bishop Rhoades in anticipation of the Diocesan Synod in November 2026.

A special “Thank You!” to all those who have both made our Christmastide beautiful, from our Parish Staff to our Choirs to our Decorating Committee, and our transition to our temporary places of worship so smooth and seamless. May the Lord reward your good works done in His name! ~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, Richard Payne and Matt Norris.



Knights of Columbus—Tuesday, January 6th
 Join the *Knights of Columbus* in praying
 the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Parish
 Social Hall. Their January meeting will
 take place in the gym at 7:00 PM
All men in the Parish are welcome!



**The Parish Office will be closed
 Monday, January 5, 2026
 and will reopen on
 Tuesday, January 6th at 9:00 a.m.**



**Thurs., Jan. 8th from 6:30-8:00 PM
 in the Parish Social Hall**



DIocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

SYNOD 2026

SPREADING THE FIRE OF GOD'S LOVE

OPENING PARISH PRAYER SESSION

Monday, January 26th from 6:00 –7:00 PM

PARISH SYNOD—LISTENING SESSION

Monday February 9th from 6:00 –8:00 PM

*Note: Childcare Provided for Listening Session
 Location: Parish Social Hall / Temporary Church*

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Jan. 3** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 4** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 4** - Religious Ed. Classes Resume 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Jan. 6** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Jan. 6** - Knights of Columbus meeting - Holy Rosary at 6:40 in Parish Social Hall and meeting in the Gym at 7:00.
- **Wed., Jan. 7** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 7** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m. in the 8th Grade classroom.
- **Thurs., Jan. 8** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Jan. 8** - *Teaching Mass* - 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Jan. 9** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Jan. 10** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Jan. 10** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 11** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 11** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 10TH & 11TH



MASS Cantors
 5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser
 7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey
 10:00 a.m. Jay Crisp



Lectors
 5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus
 7:30 a.m. Christie Felger
 10:00 a.m. John Vanderkolk



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 5:00 p.m. Laurisa Roper
 7:30 a.m. None needed
 10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson, Rick Singer



Servers
 5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus
 7:30 a.m. Charlene/AnnaLynn/Jackson Felber
 10:00 a.m. Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for Christmas and the

Weekend of Dec. 27th / 28th

Adult Envelopes - \$4,711.00

Loose - \$553.00

Repair / Rainy Day - \$379.99

Religious Ed. Fund- \$150.00

Holy Day Offerings- \$3,572.00

Christmas Flowers- \$5.00

Cookbooks- \$415.00

Total- \$9,785.99

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$7,790.13 ahead of
 our budget for the month
 of December 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund -
 \$175.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph
 are greatly appreciated.*

Thank you!

To set up Online Giving

through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit:

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or

Scan the QR Code on the right.



G.I.R.L.'s Night Out

5th Annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser

Saturday, February 14th

6:00-9:30 PM

Tickets \$25

On sale Jan. 10th/11th Weekend

Proceeds to benefit:

Our Youth at Damascus Summer Camp

Grace and Mercy

Wells County Food Bank.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the
 soul of Randy Young, son-in-law of Rich and Karen
 Fonte, who passed away December 27, 2025.



*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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Before you speak....

THINK!

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

Saint Joseph

"Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."
- St. John Paul II