

The Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord

January 2, 2022

Mass Intentions

January	3	8:00 AM	Joan Mathews requested by Patti Gravante
January	4	8:00 AM	Crit Charlton requested by The Fordyce Family
January	5	8:00 AM	Rose LaVia requested by John & Mary Blair
January	6	8:00 AM	Crystal Groff requested by John & Mary Blair
January	7	8:00 AM	Mark Whitmoyer requested by John & Mary Blair
January	8	5:00 PM	Mary Requena requested by John & Mary Blair
January	9	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Robert Charlton requested by Kateri Robinson

Liturgical Ministries January 9-10

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Yvonne DePaulis	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Dunkelberger	Dominic Failor
10:30 AM	Bill Davies	Nancy Stanton	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

January 9

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

January 16

Robin Chiccini & Bill Seymore

Next Sunday's Readings

Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,979.80

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,676.00

The Christmas Collection amounted to: \$6,104.95

December Parish Contingency Offering amounted to: 1,173.05

May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 2nd

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

No CCD

Monday, January 3rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, January 4th

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30PM

Wednesday, January 5th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, January 6th

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:00PM

Holy Hour in Honor of Sacred Heart, 7:00PM

Friday, January 7th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, January 8th

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, January 9th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

“The Magi were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary His mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage.”

From the Pastor's Desk

We live in a society that rushes everything. Everything seems to be so fast-paced and no one seems to stop, smell the roses, and reflect on the meaning of life. Hearing about the journey of the Magi, however, reminds us to pause, look, and reflect. Just as they saw the star rising and followed it to Jesus, we, too, can seek God in our surroundings,



our relationships, and the beauty of creation – the next step is to follow where God leads us. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, the Magi represent “the journeying of humanity toward Christ.” (Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives) We may falter from the path from time to time, but Isaiah’s prophesy reminds us of our destination: “You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow.”

The Epiphany is early this year, falling right on the heels of New Year’s Day. If we haven’t made our New Year’s resolutions yet, now is a good time to do so. In addition to typical resolutions such as reducing clutter or getting fit, we can set some spiritual goals as well. The definition of epiphany (lower case) is “a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way.” As we reflect on today’s readings, let us ask the Holy Spirit to provide us an epiphany – into how we can grow closer to Jesus during this year ahead. Just as their encounter with the infant Jesus caused the Magi to be transformed from outsiders to faithful believers, and to take a different route home, our encounter with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is meant to transform all of us, and set us on a new path to light and life.

New Year’s resolutions are great! Why not add a couple of spiritual resolutions to the list – perhaps to pray the rosary more often, spend time in Eucharistic adoration, or go on that retreat you have been meaning to attend. Ask the Holy Spirit for inspiration and see where it leads.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Sharon Ford, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Cathy Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Judy Rich, Jeff Martzal, Jeanette Fasick, Jan Oakley, Ellen White and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

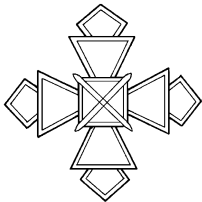
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Online Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org

March for Life January 2022: The St. Bernard Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring and subsidizing a bus down to Washington DC for the annual March for Life. This year's march will be on Friday, January 21st. As in prior years, we will have Mass at 7:15 AM and then board the bus to depart St. Bernard by 8 AM. Please feel free to invite all pro-life people you know to join us on the large 59 passenger bus. Let's fill the bus! Those not attending Mass should plan to arrive by 7:45 AM. The cost this year is again \$20 per adult, and \$10 per youth 16 and under. Youth must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, January 10th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. If you have any commendations or recommendations for the life of our parish to share with the Council, please call Bill Davies or place them in the Suggestions Box in the narthex.

Epiphany Home Blessings are available in the narthex. These blessings are affixed to the top of your front door after asking God to bless your home in the New Year so you may welcome all guests as if they were Christ. May all visitors find in your home



the warmth and friendship characteristic of Christian homes! This tradition started in Germany where children at each house would paint the letters "20+C+M+B+16" above the door frame which are for the Latin *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (Christ bless this house). At the same time the letters are the first letters of the names of the wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar.

Are you a star gazer? Where are you seeking your guidance? Is it in the horoscope section of the paper? Perhaps you go to your counselor every week? Or maybe it's the bartender at the lounge where you stop after work. Matthew 2: 1-12 tells



the story of three men who followed their star. When they saw the star, they dropped everything

and followed it. As a result, they found the place at the manger of Jesus they had been seeking all their lives, and returned home with new hearts. God gives each of us a "star" as well, if only we can recognize it. This week, this year, step back from the false guides around you and see His star clearly once more. In its shining light of Love, we can find the contentment we've been seeking.

Eucharistic Reflection: "The Church in the course of centuries has introduced various forms of the Blessed Sacrament publicly exposed. To be stressed is that this is not a merely passing devotional practice. It is founded on divinely revealed truth." "This practice of adoration is based on strong and solid reasons. For the Eucharist is at once a sacrifice and a sacrament; but It differs from the other sacraments in that they only produce grace, but the Holy Eucharist contains in a permanent manner the Author of Grace Himself."
(Venerable Pope Pius XII)



Be Considerate of Others: In consideration of parishioners listening to the readings from Sacred Scripture or to the homily, or if people are kneeling during the consecration of the Mass, please wait until the congregation stands to seat yourself. Walking down the aisle while everyone is seated and listening is very distracting. You may arrive late for Mass or leave early, so please take or leave your seat only when the congregation is standing. This will help eliminate distractions during Mass for parishioners and the celebrant.

Pro Life: A new year brings thoughts of new life. What better place to start than at the beginning – with the human embryo? "Embryonic human beings, no less than human beings at the other development stages, should be treated as subjects of moral respect and human rights, not as objects that may be damaged or destroyed for the benefit of others." Let us continue to pray for those who cannot see the preciousness of each God-given life and work in this New Year to protect all life from conception to natural death.

