

# The Solemnity of Epiphany

January 4, 2026

## Mass Intentions

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| January | 5  | 8:00 AM  | NO MASS  |
| January | 6  | 8:00 AM  | I/O Tonya Sands requested by Rich & Kathy Dubois     |
| January | 7  | 8:00 AM  | I/O Jerry & Karen Kupris requested by Deacon Robinso |
| January | 8  | 8:00 AM  | Mary Requena requested by John & Mary Blair          |
| January | 9  | 8:00 AM  | Justina Brumbaugh                                    |
| January | 10 | 5:00 PM  | Joanna Buck requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris        |
| January | 11 | 8:00 AM  | Joseph Di Eva  |
|         |    | 10:30 AM | People Of The Parish                                 |

## Liturgical Ministries January 10-11

|          | Lectors         | Extraordinary Ministers | Servers                     |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 5:00 PM  | Gary Hilbolt    | Reed Kreider            | Dave Suydam                 |
| 8:00 AM  | Derek Puchalsky | Scott Dunkelberger      | C. Harlan, J. Morrison      |
| 10:30 AM | Jeff Aro        | Olney Innerst           | Robinson Family, N. Aldrich |

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

January 11

Robin & Mike Chiccini

January 18

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 42:14, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Matthew 3:13-17

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,217.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$7,770.00

The Contingency Collection for December amounted to: \$2,353.00

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

## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> (Epiphany of the Lord)**

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

### **Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

### **Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> (Baptism of the Lord)**

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**“We saw His star at its rising  
and have come  
to do Him homage.”**

### **From the Pastor’s Desk:**

Have you ever had a moment where you’ve been so joyful that your heart “throbbed and overflowed”? (Is. 60:5) Perhaps this prompt might call to mind moments we have been chosen or noticed, especially when we otherwise felt sidelined or forgotten. (Imagine expecting to be picked last for the team, only to be someone’s first choice!)



Today’s first reading speaks of a moment like that. While the nations of the earth are shrouded in darkness,

God shines his light and glory on Jerusalem, and all the nations come streaming to her bearing precious tributes. Similarly, our Gospel speaks about how God chose Bethlehem – a seemingly insignificant

town – to be the birthplace of his Son: “And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people.” Like Jerusalem and Bethlehem, we, too, have been chosen by God. As we continue our celebration of Christmas, our hearts are filled to overflowing when we recall that by taking on our flesh, God has chosen to make his home with us for all eternity.

Saint Paul reminds us that God has chosen us, not only for ourselves, but for the sake of others: “You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit.” God gives Paul a special revelation to know the mystery of God so he could preach the Gospel to the Gentiles and to all peoples. We who know the joy of having been chosen to be God’s beloved sons and daughters have the beautiful task of helping others to know that they, too, are chosen by God. Because of this, evangelization is not simply an item on our spiritual to-do list; it is a work of joy – the joy of helping others to discover their own “beloved-ness” as children of God. And of course, this message is for everyone!

One of the best presents we can offer to someone is our presence. Make an effort this week to intentionally spend time with someone who may feel lonely or forgotten, setting aside other tasks to focus entirely on them. The goal is to help them feel special and chosen as a way of giving a glimpse of God’s love that chooses each of us out of the many. May the gift of your presence help them to remember how very loved they are.

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Louise Kline, Emerson Zahn, Virginia Klug, Ron Scheib, Karen Peters, Jeff Galgon, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

**Online Information:** You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website ([www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://www.stbernardsnbpa.org)).

**Deacon Robinson’s Contact Information:** Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or [deacon.robinson@analogyapologetics.com](mailto:deacon.robinson@analogyapologetics.com).

**Parish Contribution Statements** for your church contributions will be available in early January. If you would like to have a statement emailed to you, please contact the parish office (info@stbernardsnbpa.org) and request one. Paper statements will also be available upon request.

**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+26" 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.

**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)

**Thank You:** I am most grateful to the many parishioners who sent cards, notes, cookies, candy, and gifts to celebrate Christmas. Your generosity is a true mark of your Christian spirit, and I am most grateful for your thoughtfulness and kindness. Father Sharman

**Thank you for your Christmas offering to our Parish:**  
Dear Beloved Parishioners and Friends,  
As we celebrate the joyous arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ, my heart overflows with gratitude

and wonder for the immense blessings He bestows upon us, especially through your extraordinary kindness and generosity this Christmas season.

On behalf of our entire parish family, please accept my sincerest thanks for the thoughtful Christmas gifts and your continued dedication to Saint Bernard Parish. Your thoughtful gestures, combined with your invaluable gifts of time, talent, and treasure, truly sustain our ministry and allow us to spread Christ's love and compassion in our community.

Your support isn't just a gift; it's a testament to your faith and a powerful example of living out the Gospel. Because of you, we can continue to extend the Kingdom of Christ in Perry County, teach our youth about the Love of Jesus, reach out to the least ones among us, and bring many to experience Christ guidance and strength through the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist.

As we look toward the New Year, I pray that God blesses you and your families abundantly with health, peace, and joy. May the light of Christ continue to shine brightly in your homes and hearts. Please know you are always in my prayers, and I look forward to journeying with you in faith throughout the coming year.

With deepest appreciation and Christmas blessings, Father Sharman

**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 and faith, we can find the contentment we've been seeking.