

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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JANUARY 1 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

11:00 AM – Fr. Pat (English) – Intention of Kathleen Buzek

1:00 PM – Fr. Rudy - (Spanish)

JANUARY 2 – FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

9:00 AM- Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

11:00 AM – Fr. Pat (English) – Intention of Mary & Beth Barlage

12:30 PM – Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

JANUARY 3 – MONDAY

1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

7:30 AM – Fr. Pat – Intention of Marilyn Warzecha

JANUARY 4 – TUESDAY

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

7:00 PM- Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

JANUARY 5 – WEDNESDAY

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

7:30 AM – Fr. Rudy – Intention of Karen, Rick and the Keller Family

JANUARY 6 - THURSDAY

1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22

7:00 PM- Fr. Rudy-(Spanish)

JANUARY 7 – FRIDAY

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

7:30 AM – Fr. Jim (English) – Jim and Ann Cannon

JANUARY 8 - SATURDAY

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Vigil Readings: See Sunday

4:00 PM–Fr. Jim (English) – Tom Fahey

6:00 PM-Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

JANUARY 9: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

9:00 AM- Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

11:00 AM – Fr. Pat (English) – Intention of Pat Lucas

12:30 PM – Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

Ministry Schedule: January 8-9

Sign-up sheets for Saturday are in the sacristy.

Lectors:

4:00 PM – S. Heidemann 11:00 AM – R. Pennekamp

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

4:00 PM – B. Burns/K. Fahey

11:00 AM – L. Washam/Volunteer

Servers:

4:00 PM – B. Browning 11:00 AM – J. Ruter

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Sunday offering Goal to-date: \$ 200,000

Offerings received to-date: \$ 176,658

Amount needed to catch up: \$ 23,342

Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. *Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.* To take advantage of this convenience, please call 541-1563.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Michael Eilerman (01), Viola Gilkey (03), Connie Nuxoll (04), William Hennies (04), Mark Langer (05), Beth Renick (05), Russell Strotman (07), Andrea Lalley (07), Gail Kelly (08), Robert Paquette (08), Phyllis Williamson (08), Doug Mercer (09).

FOUR GRAND CLUB

Congratulations to Tamara Rutz, Donna St. Clair and Patti O'Neill. They are the winners of the Week 17 drawing and each won \$25.

NOTE FROM OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: A big thank you to all who responded to our request for Christmas donations. Your response was overwhelming. The holidays were made a little brighter for our neighbors in Northside due to your generosity. We are always so grateful to the benefactors who help serve the people in need.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 3. We will resume normal hours on Tuesday, January 4.

FATHER JIM'S DESK: This Feast celebrates another aspect of the Incarnation: Christ's coming into the whole world as light and salvation for all. In the darkness of winter, we can celebrate that our light has come to us. The love of Christ is light for the world's darkness. The familiar story of the three kings following the star to the manger and presenting gifts to the Christ-child signifies that the light of God's love shines on all people. No one is to live in darkness anymore. Where do we still need to "see" Christ in the world today? What part of our lives needs to be "illuminated" by Christ's love? What gifts/talents do we have that we can place before our King in order to celebrate and acknowledge his presence with us through whom the light of Christ's love will shine?

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the blessing of homes has been traditional custom in various ethnic groups and a fine reminder that Christ is incarnate in the love and care we manifest to each other in our ordinary, daily lives. One custom is to trace crosses, the initials of the "kings" and the numerals of the year over the doorway with chalk, 20 +C+M+B +22. Legend names the kings, Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar. However, the initials were long ago reinterpreted by northern European Protestants who love the custom but not the legend. CMB became Christus mansionem benedicat. This is Latin for: "May Christ bless this House." This prayer of blessing for a home is taken from the Book of Blessings, the Roman Ritual, p.685:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live in it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Let us ask the Lord to bless the house that is our parish family! Let us ask the Lord to bless the house that is the universal church. Let us ask the Lord to bless the houses and families of all nations. Let us ask the Lord to bless the house that will become our family of parishes. Amen. Alleluia!

POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Holy Father is asking for as many of the baptized as possible to participate in archdiocese-wide meetings taking place in January and February, 2022, to discuss how we can collectively better advance the message of salvation. Please consider participating in one of the 12 scheduled meetings. As a first step, Pope Francis wants to hear Spirit-led input from all the baptized...Catholic and otherwise. There is a special effort to reach out to those who find themselves on the margins, or those who find themselves unable to remain in the Catholic Church. All are invited to participate. The townhall meeting for our Cathedral deanery will be held on Saturday, January 29th from 9-11 AM, at St Francis Xavier Parish, 611 Sycamore Street in downtown Cincinnati. To learn more and to sign up, please visit www.catholicaoc.org/synod. Scroll down to see a listing of Synod meetings and opportunity to register. Paper registration forms will also be available in your parish. St Francis Xavier is unable to provide parking on Saturday mornings. There are several reasonable pay to park options near the church. You may want to consider carpooling.

THANKS FOR YOUR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY DONATIONS:

Our fellow Catholics, priests, sisters, and catechists in the 1,200 mission dioceses are deeply grateful for your World Mission Sunday (WMS) donations from October 24. As an example, these help Sr. Alphonse Marie and her sisters who serve and teach grade schoolers and handicapped children in Madagascar provide hope for their struggling families. In this pandemic, these sisters also supply medical care as well as the comforting presence of the Lord. So, thank you once again!