



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Jan 5th & 6th

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD -- WHEN THE STAR FADES...

"We observed His star at its rising..." Matthew 2:2

In their homeland, the Magi saw a great star at its rising. Greatly impressed, they set out on their journey to follow the star to greet the newborn King at Whom they believed the star pointed. After they had traveled for a time, they could no longer see the star. They were past the point of no return, and were not sure where God was now leading them. But the Magi did not give up on God's leading; they did not quit and return back home. Instead, they did the reasonable thing; they consulted the nearby leader, King Herod of Israel. Though Herod harbored ill will, he unwittingly sent them to the right place, Bethlehem, when his advisors consulted the Hebrew Scriptures. As the Magi set out in blind faith for Bethlehem, suddenly the star re-appeared. It's no wonder the Magi "were overjoyed at seeing the star" (Mt 2:10). God's guidance for their journey had resumed.

Have you ever started on a journey of faith in response to the clear prompting of God? You commit yourself to the journey, burn your bridges behind you (see 1 Kgs 19:19-21), and then it seems like God's divine guidance completely vanishes. This is a pattern that many have experienced in their lives of faith. This might be a test from God, "the Tester of our Hearts" (1 Thes 2:4).

If you're in this situation, the Magi are a model for you. Persevere in trust, as they did, and believe that God will guide you in the proper time. "Walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor 5:7). "Commit to the Lord your way; trust in Him, and He will act" (Ps 37:5). Prayer: Jesus, like the Magi, I give You the gift of my life. I will follow You wherever You lead. "In my life, Lord, be glorified."

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
 Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
 Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
 Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
 First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.
 COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, Jan 06 - 8.30 a.m. +Phillip Hermesmeyer By Mike & Marla Britten
 Monday, Jan 07 - 7:30 a.m. +Phillip Hermesmeyer By Mike & Marla Britten
 Wednesday, Jan 09 - 6:00p.m. +Buddy Weller By Charleen Weller
 Thursday, Jan 10 - 7:30a.m. +Buddy Weller By Charleen Weller
 Friday, Jan 11 -7:30a.m. +Buddy Weller By Charleen Weller
 Saturday, January 12 - 5:30p.m. +Buddy Weller By Charleen Weller

Church Cleaning for January

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Vanessa Eugea, Krista Johnson, Marissa Clement, Melanie King Britten, Lucita Hinson, and Dayna Britten

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Schellon Major, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Pam Bouse, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Johnny Brumley, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Dylan Stafford, and Lynita Brown

Family Chalice Program

Jan 5/6 Loretta Britten
 Jan 12/13 Vanessa Eugea Family
 Jan 19/20 Kay & Cobb Britten
 Jan 26/27 Mike and Marla Britten
 Feb 2/3 Ron Kuehler Family
 Feb 9/10 Nick Weinheimer Family

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan 6th Ron Kuehler
 Jan 7th Bunny York

A - Jan 12th Larry & Karen Brown
 Gary & Sharon Britten

Stewardship Reports

12/30/18, 12/31/18, 01/01/19	
Individual	\$3,420.00
Loose	\$ 581.80
Children	\$ 0.00
Total	\$4,000.80

12/30-31/18 & 01/01/19 Building Fund	
Individual & Total	\$ 7,840.00

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Jan 5th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Owen and Hugh

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

Sunday, Jan 6th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Derek and Trace

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Barbara

Homer, Joannie Kling

Saturday, Jan 12th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Saffron and Phineas

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

Sunday, Jan 13th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Madison and Ali

Lectors: TYM

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten, Marla

Britten and Melanie K. Britten

Saturday, Jan 19th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Damon and Stephen

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, Jan 20th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Jackson and Kate

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nichole Kuehler, Sandie

Hickey, and Tabitha Eggemeyer

Saturday, Jan 26th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Zady and Braxton

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten

Sunday, Jan 27th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Maci

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Barbara

Homer, and Joannie Kling

Announcements:

Second Collection:

Christian Mothers Meetings:

Jan 14th in the Church Hall @ 6:30

Christian Mothers oversee the Groom Snak Pak for kids program for students need a little help over the weekend with food in their homes. So, instead of Christ Child gifts that we have done in the past, we are asking for money donations to send to our Groom Snak Pak account. It is hard to imagine a student without food for the weekend. There will be a boot in the South foyer. Please comment on your check donation for the Groom Snak Pak account. Thanks in advance

Faith Formation:

Jan 6: Epiphany and Children's Nativity Play.
Mass will begin @ 11:00 followed by the Children's Nativity program and a Parish Pot luck meal.

Announcements:

History of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

Key Dates in the History of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: ca. 1740 – In Scotland, a pentecostal movement with North American links includes prayer for and with all churches in its revivalist message. 1820 – The Rev'd James Haldane Stewart publishes "Hints for the General Union of Christians for the Outpouring of the Spirit." 1840 – The Rev'd Ignatius Spencer, a convert to Roman Catholicism, suggests a "Union of Prayer for Unity." 1867 – The First Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops emphasizes prayer for unity in the Preamble to its Resolutions. 1894 – Pope Leo XIII encourages the practice of a Prayer Octave for Unity in the context of Pentecost. 1908 – The observance of the "Church Unity Octave" is initiated by the Rev'd Paul Wattson. 1926 – The Faith and Order movement begins publishing "Suggestions for an Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity." 1935 – Abbé Paul Couturier of France advocates the "Universal Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" on the inclusive basis of prayer for "the unity Christ wills by the means he wills." 1958 – Unité Chrétienne (Lyons, France) and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches begin co-operative preparation of materials for the Week of Prayer. 1963 - Father Irénée Beaubien, SJ, OC, founds the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism and encourages the observance of the Week of Prayer. 1964 – The "Decree on Ecumenism" of Vatican II emphasizes that prayer is the soul of the ecumenical movement and encourages observance of the Week of Prayer. 1964 – In Jerusalem, Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras I prayed together Jesus' prayer "that they all may be one" (John 17). 1966 – The Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity (now known as the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity) begin official joint preparation of the Week of Prayer text. 1968 – First official use of Week of Prayer materials prepared jointly by Faith and Order and the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity (now known as the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity). 1968 – A joint committee of The Canadian Council of Churches and the Canadian Catholic Conference (now the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops) begins to rewrite the international materials for Canadian use. 1969 to 1983 - Father Irénée Beaubien, SJ, OC (Canadian Centre for Ecumenism) was a member of the national committee charged with preparing and promoting the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. 1975 – First use of Week of Prayer materials based on a text prepared by a local ecumenical group of Christians in Australia. 1994 – The Commission on Faith and Witness of The Canadian Council of Churches adapts and expands the Week of Prayer text to create a larger resource. 2004 – Agreement reached that resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity be jointly published and produced in the same format by Faith and Order (WCC) and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (Catholic Church). As Pope Francis said, "The search for unity among Christians is an urgent task," from Orthodox and Byzantine sects to Lutherans, Methodists and Anglicans.

