

The EPIPHANY of the Lord

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Mt 2: 1-2



FROM OUR PASTOR

MY DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Today we continue the Christmas celebration as we visit the Holy Family of Bethlehem as the Magi from the East arrive. The Kings travel from afar to do homage to the New Born King of the Jews. As they paid him homage they brought him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This New Born King is manifested before them as God made Man. A time to celebrate once again that God sent his Son into the world, born of a woman, like us, in all things but sin. We continue to celebrate His presence in our world. As the Kings searched for the Lord, we too must search each day for the Lord in our lives. As the Kings brought him gifts, so must we present Him with gifts each day – the gift of our very self. As we prepare to begin a new year let us strive to give our self to God each day. Let us truly show God our love for Him through our love for one another.

As we end this year 2020 – Thank You, Jesus! — I would like to say Thank You to everyone who made the celebration of the Christmas Masses so special. To Jessica and her musicians, to Mary for helping us Live-Stream the Christmas Masses into Annunciation Hall, to Roger for working with the Ushers to accommodate our additional Christmas needs, to Calla for keeping the office running smoothly, the Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Servers, Sacristans, Greeters, Hand Sanitizers, and the Arts & Environment Committee. Everything was beautiful. Even though we were not able to sing the night was beautiful. Thank you to everyone.

A little update of my health, as I continue on with dialysis I am doing great. I am getting stronger each day. Thank you for all of the prayers and cards, notes and gifts you have sent to me. Plus, Thank you to everyone for all the Christmas cards, goodies, prayers, Masses, gift cards, gifts, and money. Everyone is so kind and generous. I do really appreciate all your friendship, love, and support. Please keep the prayers coming.

As we approach the New Year I ask you to continue to PLEASE wear your masks, wash your hands often, and remember to maintain social distancing. Let us all work together for the health of the whole.

Sending Blessings and Prayers for the Family of St. Mary's.

Have a Blessed New Year!
Fr. Bob



ANNOUNCEMENTS



CCD NEWS & UPDATES

FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

Change in CCD Schedule

Due to the rising number of cases of the virus in our area, please refer to the following new CCD class schedule:

January 3: Classes resume Today

EPIPHANY BLESSING

20 + C + M + B + 21

This year we invite you to participate in an old tradition known as “chalking the door” to celebrate the Epiphany and to call down God’s blessing on your home and those who dwell and visit there. There is a bag for each family on the table by St. Anthony that contains a piece of chalk and the instructions for the blessing. All CCD families will receive a bag at dismissal today.

PRO-LIFE NEWS**SIGNATURE AD:**

January 22, 2021 marks the 48th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand for the entire nine months of pregnancy. Since then, more than 61 million unborn children have been kicked by abortion in America.

Right to Life of Michiana is sponsoring an opportunity to express your opposition to Roe v. Wade by signing the ad, which will appear in the SB Tribune and Elkhart Truth on Jan 24th.

Next week’s bulletin will have an insert with a Pro-Life Signature slip that you can sign and return to the RTL of Michiana office. The signature sheet and payment **MUST** be returned by Jan. 15, 2021.

You can also sign up your name by going to: www.prolifemichiana.org/ad

For more information contact RTL of Michiana @ (574)232-5433

MORE PRO-LIFE NEWS

Do you know that the Whole Woman’s Health Alliance (the UN-LICENSED South Bend Abortion Clinic) has accused the RTL of Michiana of “extreme” tactics and that we have “continuously plagued” their patients?

What are the “extreme” tactics and “continuous plaguing” that RTL is accused of? Every weekend we pray before the clinic and our trained counselors are there to encourage these women not to abort their children. No screaming, no hollering, just prayers. In Oct. 2020, the WWHA sent RTL of Michiana a cease-and-desist letter promising legal action if they did not stop their door-to-door outreach information program. The WWHA has also joined a lawsuit to overturn the current abortion law in Indiana. If we are going to win this battle for life, you must keep yourself informed as to what is happening in the Michiana area.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DISCIPLE COURSE

Monday's beginning January 18 | 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m. | Zoom
Join Deacon Fred Everett for a 10-session course over Zoom to help committed Christians in putting Jesus more at the center of their lives and daily decisions. Each session will look at a different aspect of discipleship as well as practical guidance in building up a life of prayer. Daily homework assignments of 15 minutes will make use of selected scripture readings and time for personal prayer. Meetings will be held on Mondays beginning January 18 through March 22 from 7:30-9 p.m.

Visit: diocesefwsb.org/disciple
for more information and to register.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS SEASON HOURS

The Office will be open at the following times:

December 21 & 22: 9:30a.m. - 5:00p.m.

December 23: 9:30a.m. - Noon

CLOSED: December 24 & 25

January 28-30: 9:30a.m. - 5:00p.m.

CLOSED: December 31 & January 1

Normal Office hours will resume on January 4, 2021!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Mary's is seeking a Full Time Maintenance Person.

Hours: Monday - Friday / 34 hours a week.

Benefits are available. Starting pay is \$14/hr.

Please contact Fr. Bob in the Parish Office for more information.



BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE

If you have information for the Bulletin for a Parish Event or Meeting, please submit all pertinent information to Jessica Springer in the Parish Office no later than **Noon on Sunday** in order to ensure publication in the upcoming weekend bulletin. Submissions may be made in person at the Office or email to: stmarybristolmusic@gmail.com

STAY CONNECTED TO ST. MARY'S!



You can stay in touch with your St. Mary's parish family by logging in to our Website:

www.stmarysbristol.com



Alternatively, visit our Facebook Pages by searching and "Liking":

St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

Find announcements, links to our 11:00a.m. Live-Stream of the Mass, or other parish events and information.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER IN OUR PARISH

SCHEDULE OF MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

4:30 p.m.

VIGIL: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

+ Marie Lidy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

8:30 a.m.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

+ Barney Simon

11:00 a.m.

For the People

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 a.m.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

+ Ralph & Patricia Cortas

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN

+ Art & Pat Decio

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 a.m.

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

+ Charlotte Keller

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 a.m.

ST. RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT

+ Barbara Cloud

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

+ Buddy Downs

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 a.m.

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+ Martha Gödden

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

4:30 p.m.

VIGIL: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

+ Deceased members of the Berkey & Kleckner Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30 a.m.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

+ John Weaver II, John Weaver III, & Matthew Weaver

11:00 a.m.

For the People



PAPAL INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Spark Corner

Around the dinner table one night this week, put your phones away and spark a conversation with the following topic:

**Check back when CCD
Resumes in January
for more Spark Corners!**