

Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021



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MASS SCHEDULE: SATURDAYS 4:00 PM
SUNDAYS: 10:00 AM



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Mass Schedule:
SUNDAY: 8:00 am
Baptisms—By Appointment with Pastor
Reconciliation—Before Mass
Organist: Jim Wagner



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<i>Intentions</i>			
Mon.	04	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tues.	05	8:00 a.m.	Larry O'Neill
Wed.	06	8:00 a.m.	M/M Andrew Vargo
Thur.	07	8:00 a.m.	June Sullivan
Fri.	08	8:00 a.m.	Lorene Layton
Sat.	09	4:00 p.m.	Rosener/Mouser Families
Sun.	10	10:00 a.m.	Parish Family
(SA)		8:00 a.m.	Craig Wibbenmeyer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

ST. JOSEPH	
SATURDAY VIGIL - 4:00 PM <i>January 9, 2021</i>	
Lector	Char Gestring
Altar Servers	Paula Pace
Ushers	Volunteers
ST. JOSEPH	
SUNDAY MASS – 10:00 AM <i>January 10, 2021</i>	
Lector	Chris Willette
Altar Servers	D. & T. Pace
Ushers	Mike Lukachick, Vol.
ST. ANNE	
SUNDAY MASS – 8:00 AM <i>January 10, 2021</i>	
Lector	Maggie Carr
Altar Servers	Patrick McDowell Audrey McDowell MaryKathryn McDowell
Ushers	V. Bender, R. Byington

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! –

The Gospel today is certainly appropriate for our reflections on evangelization. The wise men journey from the East to pay homage to the King of the World. They then return to their homeland. Evangelization follows a similar process. We must give our Lord homage and worship and journey to see Him and know Him better. Only then, after we have spent time in prayer and worship, can we share the fruits of our prayer with others. Evangelization is sharing our experience of Jesus Christ with others and guiding them into relationship of joy with Him as well. Consider how often you share the Good News of Christ with others in simple ways and in more bold ways. Would there be enough evidence in your home that you are Catholic and follow Jesus Christ? archstl.org/dynamic

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Memorial - January 4

At the age of 19, she fell in love and married the wealthy, handsome William Magee Seton. The two had a very happy marriage, raising five children. Ten years after they were married, William's business and health both failed, and Elizabeth was left a poor widow with five children to raise alone. Her love for the Eucharist led her to convert to Catholicism and founded the first order of religious women in America, the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, a religious community based on the Rule of St. Vincent De Paul. She was able to still raise her children, as well as live the life of a sister and found several schools. She became the co-founder of the first free Catholic School in America.



Chicken & Dumpling Dinners Carry-out Only

The Knights of Columbus Chicken & Dumpling Dinners will be available on **Thursday, January 7, 2021**, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm at our meeting hall, 7897 Berry Road. The menu includes: Chicken & Dumplings, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Applesauce and a selection of Desserts. There will be no drinks. Carry-out orders only. Adults: \$7.00 Children: \$3.50 *6 to 10 years*.

St. Anne Church

Church Cleaning Team #4 – Diana and
Deacon Don Kintz

Your Gift to God

December 26 & 27, 2020

	<i>St. Joseph</i>	<i>St. Anne</i>
Envelopes	\$5,384.00	\$1,070.00
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Christmas	710.00	212.00
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Church Restoration	225.00	

2019-20 Budgeted Amounts

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St. Joseph \$3,644 St. Anne \$750
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Pope Francis Proclaims “Year of St Joseph”

With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

“St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all,” he said.

As Mary’s husband and guardian of the son of God, St. Joseph turned “his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home.”

“In every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat,’ like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane,” the pope said. “All this makes it clear that St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood and that, in this way, he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation.”

St. Joseph’s unconditional acceptance of Mary and his decision to protect her “good name, her dignity and her life” also serves as an example for men today, the pope added.

The Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican tribunal that deals with matters of conscience, also issued a decree Dec. 8 stating that plenary indulgences will be granted not only through prayer and penance, but also through acts of justice, charity and piety dedicated to St. Joseph.

Among the conditions for receiving an indulgence are a spirit detached from sin, receiving sacramental confession as soon as possible, receiving Communion as soon as possible and praying for the Holy Father’s intentions.

However, the decree highlighted ways to obtain the indulgence throughout the year, including to those who “meditate on the prayer of the ‘Our Father’ for at least 30 minutes or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.”

“Those who, following the example of St. Joseph, will perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, will also be able to obtain the gift of the plenary indulgence,” it said.

Indulgences will also be granted to families and engaged couples who pray the Rosary together and thus imitate the “same climate of communion, love and prayer lived in the Holy Family. “

During this time of pandemic, the Apostolic Penitentiary also decreed that special indulgences will be granted to the elderly, the sick and all those who “for legitimate reasons are prevented from leaving their home” by “reciting an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph and committed to fulfilling the conditions as soon as possible.” **Vatican News**



Epiphany of the Lord

The Greek word Epiphany (επιφάνεια) means appearance or manifestation or showing forth, and marks Jesus’ first appearance to the Gentiles. “Epiphany” refers to God’s Self-revelation as well as to the revelation of Jesus as His Son. The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealed him to the Magi, who had already received hints of Him from Jewish scriptures. Later, God the Father revealed Jesus’ identity to Israel at His baptism in the Jordan. In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany. Today’s Old Testament reading, Isaiah 60:1-6, is chosen partly because it mentions non-Jews bringing gifts in homage to the God of Israel. The passage also celebrates the Divine Light emanating from Jerusalem and foresees all the nations acknowledging and enjoying that light and walking by it. Today’s Psalm (72), declares that all the kings of the earth will pay homage to and serve the God of Israel and His Messiah. Thus, these two readings express hope for a time when “the people of God” will embrace all nations. As a privileged recipient of divine “epiphany”, Saint Paul reveals God’s “secret plan” that the Gentiles also have a part with the Jews in divine blessings. Hence in the second reading, St. Paul affirms that Jesus extended membership in his Church, making it available to all peoples. Thus, the Jews and the Gentiles have become “coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.” Hence, there are no second class members. Today’s Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts. Since the Magi came with joy in their hearts to visit the Christ Child, God allowed them to see wondrous things. At the same time, today’s Gospel hints at different reactions to the news of Jesus’ birth, foreshadowing his passion and death, as well as the risen Jesus’ mandate to make disciples of all nations. usccb.org

New Church - New Year

The carpet and flooring for the Church has been installed. This is the final chapter of the year-long restoration work in our 105 year old Church. We are deeply grateful for your contributions to our Restoration Fund. We are also very appreciative of the many volunteers who helped with the electrical work, the location and repair of the pews, the deep cleaning and dusting of the Church, and the decoration of our sacred space for this Christmas.

Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion

What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 coronavirus



If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal.

In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

These devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practiced by saints.

How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins".

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins".
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen".
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

How to make a Spiritual Communion

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition.
2. Imagine the sacred words and actions of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri: "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.
6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.

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