



The Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2020



After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened for Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased." – Mt 3:13-17

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Mon. - Jan. 13 7:30 am † Patty Wilson, Anniv.
Tues. - Jan. 14 7:30 am † Vincent Stanek
Wed. - Jan. 15 7:30 am † Rick Charney, Anniv.
Thurs. - Jan. 16 7:30 am † Patricia Freeman, Anniv.
Fri. - Jan. 17 7:30 am † Clement & Agnes Litzinger
Sat. - Jan. 18 7:30 am † Elizabeth Bobby
Sat. - Jan. 18 5:00 pm † John Kenny
Sun. - Jan. 19 7:00 am Parish Mass
Sun. - Jan. 19 9:00 am † Brian Skupine, Anniv.
High Mass, Latin 11:00 am † Steve Risley
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4 – 4:45 PM, or anytime by appointment



The Sanctuary Lamps burn
In Memory of
Leona McConnell, the week of
January 12 – January 18

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 18

5 PM Amanda Price & Kylie Karlheim

Sunday, January 19

9 AM Lydia, Colin, Mallory Sherry

LECTORS

Saturday, January 18

5 PM Joe McNulty

Sunday, January 19

9 AM Abby Allenbaugh

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Under a directive from the Bishop, the distribution of Precious Blood is suspended until further notice, as is bodily contact during the Sign of Peace...

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Families using Sunday Envelopes:

	NUMBER	PERCENT
January 5, 2020	127	43%

January 5, 2020, weekly / monthly - \$6,367.00

Repair Fund, January 5, 2020 - \$24.00

Fuel Fund, January 5, 2020 - \$237.00

St. Vincent de Paul, January 5, 2020 - \$12.00

† SVDP Conference - \$0

† SVDP Food Pantry - \$12.00

Initial Offering, January 1, 2020 - \$268.00

Mary, Mother of God - \$944.00

Parish Breakfast, January 5, 2020 - \$1,443.00

Ash Wednesday, Mandeville Collection - \$5.00

Additional Christmas Collection - \$140.00

(To date \$10,679.00)

Additional Christmas Flowers - \$100.00

Thank you...

Epiphany is the day that gifts/cards are opened at the Rectory and this year it took some doin'!!!

Thank you for your many kindnesses in word and deed. They are priceless – more so than gold, frankincense or myrrh. For this I am most grateful and humbled...

May God reward you...

Benedictions,



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Gary Moschgat** (Husband of Lori) and **Theresa M. Dumm**. May flights of angels wing them to Paradise, and may their souls and the souls of all the Faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace...Amen

PARISH PRAYER LIST – We entrust to the care of Christ the Divine Physician, those members of our Parish Family in need of Healing in Body, Mind, or Spirit especially **Dolores Shatrosky, Nicole Fleming, Renee Pellas, Lincoln Dignan, Marianna Carthew, Rita Yahner, Steve & Vicki Doughty, Alvin Spacht, Leona Hoover, George Yuknavich, Dorothy Sheehan, Dorothy Boyle, Bernard Caber, Kara Vozniak, Dick Anna, Rose Moxley, and Derek Miller.** May they embrace their trials in union with the Crucified Christ for the salvation of souls, and the remission of sins.

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**HOLY CONVERSATION** – For weeks we have rejoiced in the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Can you imagine being there? Can you imagine the joy of the Shepherds as they ran to see the Newborn King? A short film, “The Shepherd” will be shown in the Queen of Peace Spiritual Resource Room (lower level of the Parish Center) on **Wednesday, January 15** after morning Mass (8:30 AM.) All are welcome to join in the Holy Conversation!

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CHICKEN DINNERS – **Sunday, January 19** – 11 AM until sold out in the upper level of the Parish Center. Dinners are \$8 and are available for takeout only. No phone orders taken and we appreciate your support.

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**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY** – The Queen of Peace **SVDP Conference** would like to extend our gratitude to all for your contributions this past year. Your generous donations assisted families in our area with needed heating fuel, help with electric bills, rent, and clothing among other necessities. Through your kindnesses, we assisted approximately 75 families this past year. **In addition;** on a monthly basis the **SVDP Food Pantry** is assisting approximately 200 families! It is through your generous donations that we are able to help these families with access to food. Thank you for your financial support, food and volunteer time to make our mission successful and with this we are most grateful. God bless you and thank you!

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ST. MARY / ST. GEORGE CEMETERY is in need of more parishioners to be on the Cemetery Committee. We have very few on the committee now, which obviously is **not** enough. We are in need of more people (ladies you can help out too) that will help with advice, and get involved with our cemetery. This is not a hard job, and certainly not one that you will need to tend to on a daily basis. Please pray about this, and if you can help us out, we need you! Call the Parish Office (674-8983) if you are willing to lend a hand. Thank you...

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**TODAY IS THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** – After Jesus was baptized, He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard, “*This is My Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased.*” As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. **As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words, “you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased.”**

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BLESSING OF THE EPIPHANY WATER AND HOMES

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the threefold manifestation of the divinity of Our Lord to the whole world; the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan; and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. The Magi in seeking the Christ Child to adore Him foreshadow the spread of the faith to the Gentiles.

The Blessing of the Epiphany Water begins with the *Litany of the Saints*, the *Agnus Dei* and psalms, after which, the priest chants a powerful exorcism against Satan and his legions. An antiphon extols the fruits of the baptism of Our Lord and references the wedding feast at Cana, and then the exorcism of salt and water begins. After the salt is added to the water, the *Te Deum* is sung, and a simple, but profound prayer beseeching God’s mercy ends the ceremony.

The exorcisms are unique to the Epiphany water and make it a powerful sacramental against attacks of Satan so that “wherever this water and salt is sprinkled it may turn aside every attack of the unclean spirit”. The water is poured into the Holy Water tank and is used in the blessings of the homes during the Octave of the Epiphany.

The home is blessed on the Feast of the Epiphany or during the Octave by a priest or senior member of the household. The purpose of the blessing is to witness to the Faith and to beseech salvific benefits and protection from evil. If a priest is present, incense is used. Holy water is sprinkled throughout the home and, using blessed chalk, the lintel of each exterior-leading door is marked with the year and initials of the three kings, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The initials also for the first letters of the Latin prayer, *Christus mansionem benedicat* [May God bless this house], and serve as a reminder of the date and purpose of the blessing.