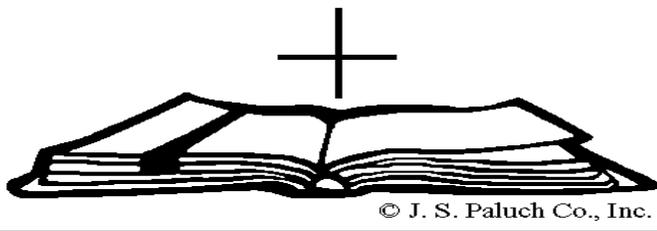


The Epiphany of the Lord
 January 3, 2021
 All kings shall pay him homage,
 all nations shall serve him.
 — Psalm 72:11

PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

Mass Intentions



- Sat., 4:30 p.m. Jan. 02 Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Nick Sita, Mary Emma Funti, Garby Schaefer and for the living: Special Intention, Karge Family, Fr. Vincent Phan, Deacon Jeff and Janelle Stein, and Annette and Anthony Centanni
- Sun. Jan. 03, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri, Margaret Mary Mule', Edward Arndt, Edna Carlin, Ruthi Olson, Frank Minyard, Frederick J. Addotto Sr., Audrey Arceneaux, Al Satches, Debbie J. Latino, and for the living; Jon Craig, Robert Carlin, Wayne Delaune Family, Margaret Waguespack, Jason Stein and Jon and Kathy Craig
- Sun., Jan. 03, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners
- Sun., Jan. 03, 11:00 a.m. Fr. Michael Dobbins
- Mon., Jan. 04, 8:00 a.m. Charlie Armstrong
- Tues., Jan. 05 NO MASS
- Wed., Jan. 06, 8:00 a.m. Al Stumph
- Thurs., Jan. 08, 8:00 a.m. Allen Armstrong
- Fri., Jan. 09 9:00 a.m. Katherine Stahel

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| Kenneth Vicari | Yolanda Bourgeois |
| Roy M. Piazza | LeLe Kopfler |
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| Debra Vandendorre | Walter Boroughs |
| Jason Stein | Ryan Ware |
| Catherine Atkins | |



Envelopes	\$ 1,827.00
Loose	\$ 881.71
Bldg. and Pres. Fund	\$ 425.00
E-giving	\$ 1,025.00
Christmas	\$ 5,008.00

Thank you to all for the continued contributions. If you wish to give online, please go to:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary:	Jason Stein
Blessed Mother:	Garby Schaefer
St. Joseph:	Audrey Maracich
St. Ann:	Barbara Phillips

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle please call 796-3806.

POPE FRANCIS'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION
 Human Fraternity; May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

The Altar Society would like to thank everyone who donated towards the Christmas flowers. Because of your support, we can enhance the celebrations of the Holidays.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS LET US PRAY,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power, and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. **AMEN**

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

Take a Fascinating tour of the Mass in this 5-part DVD study beginning Tuesday, January 12th from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. or Wednesday, January 13th from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Dr. Edward Sri explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass like never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. Come join us in Odilo Hall for the DVD presentations and discussions.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES/STATEMENTS

We still have several boxes of issues envelopes that have not yet been picked up. We will mail the 2021 contribution statements in the coming weeks. If You would like to begin using envelopes, changed address or P. O. Box, please call 796-3806.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We welcome all newcomers to St. John's Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Please complete a "Parishioner Form" located in back of church and drop it in the collection basket. A member of St. John's Church will contact you to assist you with registration.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The 2021 Sanctuary Flowers Book is now open for reservations. If you would like to memorialize or honor a loved one in 2021 with sanctuary flowers, please stop by the Church Office, or call, to make a reservation. The cost of a flower arrangement continues to be \$50.00. Thank you for your continued support of the Altar Society in its efforts to beautify our church and weekend place of worship.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Liturgy of Emmanuel

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act in persona Christi, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but "Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice" (USCCB, Sing to the Lord, 14).

REMINDERS

PSR Classes, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 a.m., Jonathan Hall and Office Classrooms

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs, Jan. 14th 7 p.m.

Weekly Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday night Adoration will continue after Advent. The new time slot will be 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Church.

On Monday, January 4th at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will continue our study of the time period, Weak Leaders and Schism, by exploring the life of St. Catherine of Siena. When human weakness leads the Church on a downward spiral, God's response is to raise up great saints like Catherine, whose holiness and boldness redirects the Church back to its mission.