**Reflections on Sunday's Readings**

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . . " The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

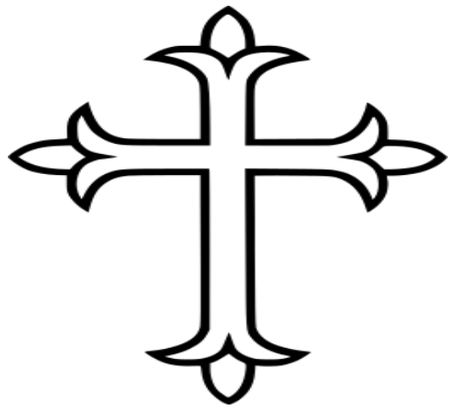
We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

# St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JAN 03, 2021.**



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**Mass Schedule**

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| **Saturday** | 4:00 PM | St. Aloysius |
| **Saturday** | 5:30 PM | Sacred Heart Church |
| | **( July 4th to Labor day)** | |
| **Sunday** | 9:00 AM | St. Aloysius |
| | 11:00 AM | Gate of Heaven |

(Closed after Christmas and be open on palm Sunday)

**Weekday**

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| **M TO S** | 8:15 AM | St. Aloysius |

**Adoration**

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| **M/T/F** | 7:30 to 8:15 AM |
| **Friday** | 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM |

**Holy Day of Obligation**

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| Holy Eve: | 5:30 PM | Gate of Heaven |
| Holy Day: | 9:00 AM | St. Aloysius |
| | 7:00 PM | St. Aloysius |

**Sacraments**

**Confession**: Before all masses.
**Baptism**: Call the rectory to make arrangements.
**Marriage**: Call the rectory to schedule your Wedding and pre-Cana classes
**Pastoral Visitation**
When confined at home, please call the rectory to arrange for a visit and Holy Communion. Please call the rectory if you are facing surgery or hospitalization and would like the Sacrament of the Sick.

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As a parish, we strive to bring our communities of Catholic Christians together, as we have for over 100 years, by loving and serving God and Each other through Worship, education and service.

**MASS INTENTIONS: Jan 02- Jan 10, 2021**

**Saturday, Jan 02**
8.15 AM-
4.PM- Fulton Muller Families
**Mon, Jan 04**
8.15. AM - Tillie Pelagallo(birthday)
**Wed Jan 06**
**8.15 AM-** Carlos & Adriana Padilla(wedding anniversary)
**Thurs, Jan 07**
8.15. A.M- unborn
**Saturday, Jan 09**
8.15 AM-
4.PM- Lee and Yonker Families

**Sunday, Jan 03**
9:00 AM- Jinx Langemak(birthday)
**Tues. Jan 05**
8.15. AM - Madeline O'Brien
**Fri. Jan 08**
8.15. AM- Peace
**Sunday, Jan 10**
9:00 AM -

**NOTE. Free will offering is accepted for the mass offered. There is no fixed stipend.**

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & DECEASED

**For the Sick:** Joni & Vinny Salvatore, Colleen & Jerrilynn O'Neil; Nora Fernandez,; Laurie & William McMichael, Carol Faughn, Christopher Merklin, Robert Ackerly, Sr. Grace, Maureen Connolly, Dave Tucker, Shannon Bruning, Patty Lewis, Lynne Hyzer, Beth Marie Martin, Erma Carlson , Jim Wilbur, Dom Formato, Darren Steele, Jonell Dalton, Easton Gorr. Joe Salvia. Joe & Linda Mchugh, Jerry & Roe Mills, Ken & Arsenia Mchugh, Deniese Harting, Maureen Molloy, Frank Kinsley, Mary Jones, Carl Diane Rafi, Walter Hanewich, David Porter and David, Gina Teipelke.

**For the Deceased**: John Augusta, Max Evans, Mildred Irace, Paula Jordan, Bernard Greenthal, Vivian Kocher, Raimondo Aiello , Maria Sander, Cesaria Rodriguez Vega, Raymond Aiello, Janice Aracci, Msgr. John Ruvo, Carrie Molinari, Joe Wood , Marcella Babich and Joseph F.Mlcoch.

**Collection for Last Week.**
**First Collection: $450**
**Christmas collection:$8657**
Thank you.

**Readings for Next Sunday**
**Isaiah 60:1-6**
**Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**
**Matthew 2:1-12**

**BIBLE STUDY**
Good Soil Bible Study Group will meet this week. 4.00 PM on Tuesday at Rectory.

### Mass Attendance for last week

| Place | Time | Number of people attended |
|---|---|---|
| St.Aloysius Church | 4. PM - Saturday | 22 |
| St.Aloysius Church | 9.AM - Sunday | 20 |
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| | **Total** | **42** |

**Calling rectory is welcome**

If you know someone is sick, alone or homebound needs to receive communion and have prayer, please call the rectory. The parish family will do the needful.

## St. John Neumann

**St. John Neumann**, in full **Saint John Nepomucene Neumann**, (born March 28, 1811, Prachatice, Bohemia [now in Czech Republic]—died January 5, 1860, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.; canonized 1977; feast day January 5), bishop of Philadelphia, a leader in the Roman Catholic parochial school system in the United States. After studies at the University of Prague, Neumann's interest in missions in the United States took him to New York, where he was ordained in 1836. In 1840 he joined the Redemptorists, a religious congregation dedicated to parish and foreign missions, and later became superior of all Redemptorists in the United States. In 1852 Pope Pius IX named him bishop of Philadelphia. Neumann spent the rest of his life building churches, schools, and asylums for his diocese. He was devoted to education and was the first ecclesiastic to organize a diocesan school system in the United States. Neumann was canonized in 1977 as the first U.S. male saint.

John never lost his love and concern for the people -- something that may have bothered the elite of Philadelphia. On one visit to a rural parish, the parish priest picked him up in a manure wagon. Seated on a plank stretched over the wagon's contents, John joked, "Have you ever seen such an entourage for a bishop!". Once on a visit to Germany, he came back to the house he was staying in soaked by rain. When his host suggested he change his shoes, John remarked, "The only way I could change my shoes is by putting the left one on the right foot and the right one on the left foot. This is the only pair I own."