

St. John, St. Mary, Visitation Churches

***Mass Schedule for January 2<sup>nd</sup> – January 10<sup>th</sup>***

Sat. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 5:00 p.m.	Brantley Bo Groh (Visn) (DD)
Sun. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7:45 a.m.	Dave Jones (SM) (DD)
Sun. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9:45 a.m.	Gilbert Plute (SJ) (GV)
Sun. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 11:30 a.m.	Parishioners (Visn) (DD)
Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Melvin Wohlfrom (Visn)
Tues. 5 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Intention of Mary White (Visn)
Wed. 6 <sup>th</sup> 12 noon	Priests, religious & Pope Francis (Visn)
Wed. 6 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.	Living & deceased of the Van Oss family (Visn)
Thurs. 7 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Intention of Kim Lehman (Visn)
Fri. 8 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased of the Copenhaver family (Visn)
Sat. 9 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.	Parishioners (Visn) (DD)
Sun. 10 <sup>th</sup> 7:45 a.m.	Pinky Broermann (SM) (DD)
Sun. 10 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9:45 a.m.	Ruth Flieman (SJ) (DD)
Sun. 10 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.	Intention of Dan & Kim Schmidt family (Visn) (GV)

***Confessions Saturday 4:00 – 4:30pm Visitation  
Wednesday 5:00-6:00pm Visitation***

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joe Cost** and for his family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

***Thank you for your continued support of our parishes through your donations.***  
Offertory December 20, 2020  
Visitation \$2490.00 St. John \$1156.00  
St. Mary \$1022.00

***Thank you for your continued support of our second collections through your donations.***  
Additional Retirement Fund for Religious Visitation \$1120.00 St. John \$360.00

We will have a ***second collection for the Holy Father’s Peter’s Pence collection*** (re-scheduled from June 2020) the weekend of January 9 – 10.

**January Meetings/Activities**  
**Parish Council meetings**  
*January 4 Visitation 7p.m.*  
*January 11 St. Mary 7:30p.m.*  
*January 18 St. John 7p.m.*  
**Holy Hours**  
*January 7 Visitation 7p.m.*  
*January 14 St. Mary 7p.m.*  
*January 21 St. John 7p.m.*

Do you know someone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith, maybe someone who is interested in joining the Church? The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** classes will begin on Sunday, January 3, at 10a.m. in the Visitation hall. If you’re interested or know someone who might be, please call Dianna Metzger at 937-839-5735.

***NEW BULLETIN DEADLINE for SUBMISSIONS***  
**Want to have something included in the bulletin?** You must submit your item at least 2 weeks before the bulletin date, earlier if possible. Items must be submitted **in writing**, preferably by emailing the item to [bulletins@preblecountycatholics.org](mailto:bulletins@preblecountycatholics.org).

# The Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Friends in Christ,

A New Year brings new things. Never in probably our living history has an entire world wanted for 2020 to end. We have survived, we pray for all those who have died, and together at the Eucharist - The Bread of Eternal Life, we journey forward into a new year. The feast of the Epiphany marks the glorious account of the “magi” visiting the infant Jesus. They are so enveloped with the star leading them to this child that they even bring him gifts. We are reminded to bring our own gifts to the altar of the Lord at every Mass. Even beginning this new year by reverently bending our own knee to the mystery of this Child, who is God and man. The gifts we bring are always a response to the greater gift of God’s love made incarnate in Jesus Christ. Yet, the Lord is always pleased with our response whether it be like the widow’s mite or from an abundance of blessings and strengths. If we do anything, if we learn anything new this year, if we have hope restored in our hearts this new year of 2021, let it first be found in the knowledge that God has loved us first, is loving us right now, and will love us no matter the obstacles we face if only we give him the praise and glory all throughout this new year.

God Love You,  
Fr. David Doseck

## **Annual Items to Pick Up at/near Church Doors**

All parishioners and new members are asked to pick up the following items:

1. **Collection Envelopes for 2021** Please fill out an index card including the Box “#number” so that we can have accurate records for tax purposes.
2. **FREE 2021 Calendars**  
Beautiful images and a calendar connected to our Catholic faith.

## **20 + C + M + B + 21**

The Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2021 — is simple: (1) take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + M + B + 21. (Maybe write on a chalk-painted board and hang it near your entrance.) The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar— who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “21” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is a request for Christ to bless our homes this year of 2021. If you want Fr. David to come and bless your home and “chalk the doors” of your house, please call (937) 683-1201 to schedule it.

**Angels and Crosses:** For those who purchased angels and crosses from St. Anne’s of Visitation this year in memory of your loved ones, you can pick up your items in the Visitation hall after January 6. Questions? Call Alice at 937-456-1088. Thank you and God bless!

The weekend of January 30-31, Fr. John Fischer of **Cross Catholic Outreach** will visit our parishes to share about the abject poverty being endured by the least of our brothers and sisters in the countries served by Cross Catholic Outreach. There is no second collection taken during his visit.

**Beacons of Light: Pastoral Planning for Our Third Century:** If you would like to receive monthly updates about Beacons of Light, you can sign up to receive a free monthly newsletter at <https://catholicaoc.org/beacons#newsletter>. The newsletter will contain monthly prayers, reflections and planning process updates