



# ST. ROMUALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

394 N HWY 259 · HARDINSBURG KY 40143

January 6, 2019 - Epiphany of the Lord

## dear Padre

***I'm having an argument with a fundamentalist friend who insists the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I keep saying there's no way it could have. Who is right?***

Catholics believe that each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial fact-telling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there's saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1–12. And there's a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably didn't happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true King, the Light of the World, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path. —Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR

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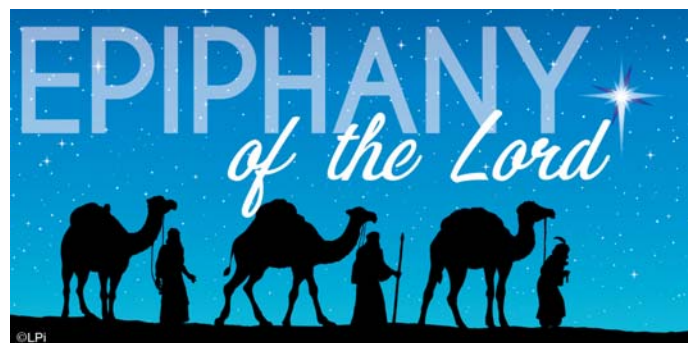
Principal, Rob Cox

### School Board

#### Representatives:

Jamie Barr, Amy Flood,

Jennifer Payne



## Masses for the Week

January 7th - 13th

Mon	8:00 am	Rosemary Hinton
Tues	1:00 pm	Beavin Thornsberry (Extended Care)
Wed	5:00 pm	Brenda Monin
Thur	9:30 am	Danny Gedling (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	Tim Hardesty (JH)
Sat	5:00 pm	Ann Critchelow
Sun	7:00 am	Lorena Bland
	10:00 am	St. Romuald Parishioners

## Stewardship of Finance

### December 22nd & 23rd Collection

Sunday Collection.....	\$9,451.50
Building Fund.....	\$55.00

### Christmas Collection:

Envelopes.....	\$6,617.25
Diocesan Good Works.....	\$241.00

### REGULAR COLLECTION (Envelopes and Loose)

Amount needed Weekly.....\$9,500.00

Year to date Totals thru November 30, 2018

Total All Income.....\$180,720.36

Total All Expenses.....(175,290.97)

Net Income .....\$5,429.39

## Worship and Sacrament

**Anointing of the Sick:** Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with the parish community every first Wednesday at 5:00 pm Mass. Yet, anytime, anointing is available for illness, preparation for surgery or for recovery, by calling Fr Tony.

**Baptism:** Congratulations on the birth of your child! Your Church Family is excited about your family growing and our family growing! We look forward to celebrating your child's baptism! Preparation for new parents or those new to the parish is held by appointment. Call Fr Tony.

**Marriage:** Congratulations on your engagement! Your Church Family wishes to help you fully prepare spiritually and walk with you into this lifetime commitment to each other. In order to allow sufficient time, couples must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the anticipated wedding date.

**Confession/Reconciliation:** Every Wednesday 4:00-4:45 pm; every Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm, every first Saturday after 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by simply asking or calling Fr Tony for appointment.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Please notify Father or the office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital. Often we rely upon word from the family about illnesses of a member. Please call.

**RCIA:** Interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA process is a "spiritual journey" that fully initiates those who are not baptized or who have baptism from another tradition and wish to join fully the Catholic Church. Classes are offered through the year culminating at Easter! Please call the office for details!

**Membership in the Parish:** Welcome to all new families or persons moving into our parish. We are glad that you are joining the parish community. We want to visit with you and help you settle into the church. Please register in the parish office as soon as possible.

## Ministers of the Liturgy - January 12th & 13th

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Rosary Leaders	Music Ministers
5:00 pm	Mary Jo Rankin Bryan O'Reilly	Jennifer O'Reilly Jenny Pile	C-Leroy Henning* C-Jonathan Coleman S-Jeremy Hinton S-Mark Rhodes	Clair O'Donoghue Emily Claycomb	Jamesseta Whitfill	Shannon
7:00 am	Tobias Curran Tiffany Davenport	Patty Curran	C-Leo Wheatley* C-Michael Whitfill S-Mike Whitfill S-Chuck Hardesty	Joseph Curran Andrew Carwile	Margie Wethington	
10:00 am	Sharon Hale Sandra Hinton Rosa Hockenberry Sandy Horsley	Mariah Critchelow Kathy Kiper	C-Greg Hinton* C-Raymond Critchelow S-Ethan O'Donoghue S-Ron O'Donoghue	Brooklyn Critchelow Sean Morton	Minnie Nimmo	P.J./Choir Cantor: Cameron

Radio Minister: Randy Howard

# Parish News and Events



## RCIA Schedule Reminders:

**RCIA Refreshment Team for Jan. 9:** Jean Oelze, Tracy Laslie, Lori Carwile, Melissa Oelze

**RCIA Refreshment Team for Jan. 16:** Janet Board, Tessa/Chloe O'Donoghue, Rita O'Reilly, Denise Hardesty

**Thanks** to Shirley Priest Hale, Donna Aubrey, Sue Duggins and Melissa Allen for providing refreshments for RCIA this past week!

**Thanks** to all willing to help with this ministry! If you are willing to serve on a **RCIA refreshment team *one time*** between March - May 2019, please call Marie Rose at 756-2356 or 270-617-0538 to be placed on the schedule.

Thank you for volunteering for this ministry!



## EPIPHANY

**College Students:** We need the names and addresses of all the college students that belong to St. Romuald Parish. Please call the church office, Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm or drop the information in an envelope in the collection basket. Thank you.

**ATTENTION! ALL old and new Liturgical Minister, One training session is required in order to be scheduled as a minister. Please look at your calendars and be prepared to attend one of these sessions. Thank You.**

**Jan. 7**  
**6:00 pm Eucharistic Ministers**  
**7:00 pm Lectors**  
**8:00 pm Ushers**

**Jan. 12 9:00 am Altar Servers**  
**Jan. 14 6:00 pm Altar Servers**

## This Week at St. Romuald

Mon	8:00 am	Mass
	1:00 pm	Blue Army Rosary
	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Ministers Training
	7:00 pm	Lectors Training
	8:00 pm	Ushers Training
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Tues	1:00 pm	Mass at Extended Care
	4:00 pm	Rosary
	5:00 pm	Altar Society Meeting
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus
Wed	5:00 pm	Mass
	6:00 pm	RCIA
Thur	9:30 am	MASS at Medco
Fri	9:00 am	School Mass
Sat	9:00 am	Altar Servers Training
Sun	8:15 am	K-6 Religious Ed Class
Upcoming		
Jan 14	6:00 pm	Altar Server Training

# Around and About

**Wanted!** Catholic men desiring to join the Knights of Columbus. On 12 Jan 2019 our Council is hosting a First, Second and Third Degree at St Romuald Parish Hall. 1st Degree starts at 9:00 am, 2nd Degree at 10:00 am, and the 3rd Degree at 11:30. Please contact Kevin Oelze 617-1687, George Walz 617-0468 or myself at 617-0754 for more information. Pat O'Reilly, Grand Knight

**The 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Choir**

**Thanks for a job well done. P.J.**



**Pray to end abortion:** Join other Catholics and those from other faiths that gather each Saturday at 2nd and Market in Louisville from 7:00-8:00 am (EST) to pray for families entering the abortion clinic. Many children have been saved and mothers spared future grief by this prayer action and support. With God, all things are possible! Archbishop Kurtz is known to show up and pray with everyone too!

**Abortion Update:** Last week 77 women went into EMW Clinic for abortions at 2nd and Market Street in Louisville. **Please pray to end abortion.**

**Al-Anon Meeting:** Mondays 7:00 pm St Romuald Parish Hall. Come find support and understanding to recover a sense of serenity in your life.

## Readings for the Week

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- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Catholics @ the Capitol: Western Kentucky Gathering:** On behalf of myself and the Catholic Conference of Kentucky I would like to encourage you to take advantage of an upcoming opportunity. Our Diocese is hosting a **Catholics @ the Capitol: Western Kentucky Gathering** that will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 9:30 am till 11:30 am at Immaculate Parish Hall in Owensboro, KY.

This is a unique opportunity only offered every two years around the state to learn about critical issues that are likely to be considered in the next legislative session in Kentucky, reflect on them in light of Catholic Social Teaching and engage with your own legislators close to home.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Most Reverend William F. Medley  
Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro



We are blessed to have a Catholic School in our back yard. We have great support for our Catholic School. We are blessed with 3 members of our parish that is on the school board: Jamie Barr, Amy Flood and Jennifer Payne. All three of these individuals have served for many years and would like to come off of this board. I don't want to replace all three at the same time so I am going to replace Jamie at the start of this new year. Then replace Amy at the beginning of the new school year and then Jennifer at the end of the next school year. With that being said, any male parishioner, who would like to be on the St. Romuald School Board please submit your name to the office.

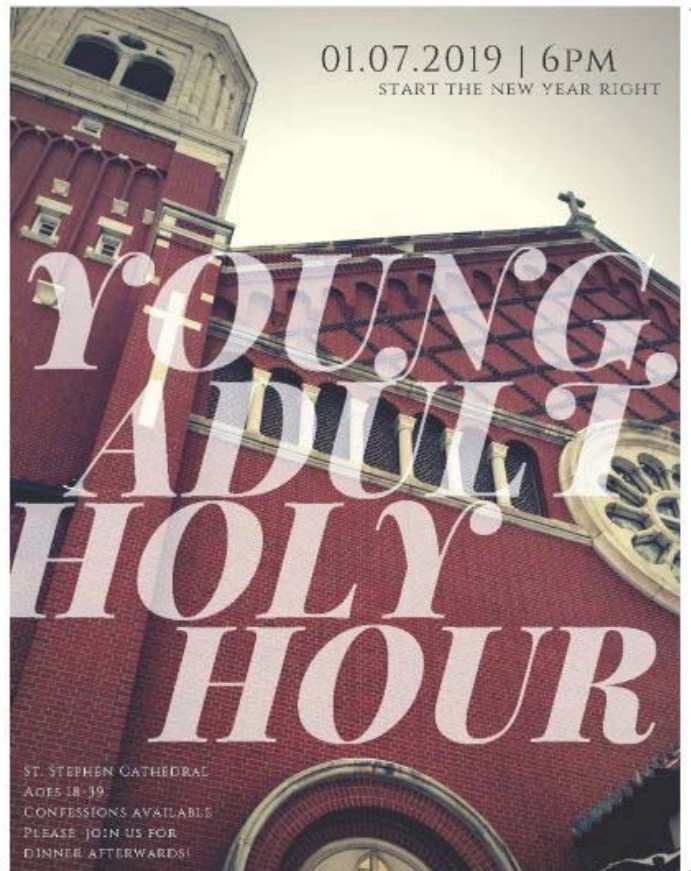
You must be registered and active within the parish. We will pull a name out of the hat, no elections.

Any questions please see Fr. Tony

### **Stress in Your Marriage?**

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even how to communicate this with their spouse. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan 11, 2019 call the Family Life office at 270-683-1545 or visit the web site at

[www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).



**Young Adult Holy Hour**  
**January 7, 2019 at 6:00 pm**  
**St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro**  
**Ages 18-39**  
**Confessions Available**  
**Please join us for dinner afterwards**

**The St. Romuald Altar Society** will meet on January 8 at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All are invited!

*Wishing all a Happy New Year!*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### We Pray For:



Bobbie Adcox, Frank Adkins, Charles Alloway, Keith Androski, Frank Baker, Baby Barr, Glenn Basham, Gene Bennett, Roy Bennett, Pat Bland, Debbie Bowlds, Becky Brown, Ava Bruner, Juanita Burch, Kathy Burns, Mike Clark, Anna Carrico, Elias R. Carter, Ashley Carwile, Robert Chambliss, Donnie Claycomb, H.L. DeJarnette, Pat Driskell, Debbie Dubree, Davye Duggins, Sammy Duggins, Glenda Farris, Tessa Farris, Bonnie Gail Fentress, Lee Ann Flener, Ginny Flood, Don Ford, Dorothy Greenwell, Linda Greenwood, Austin Harris, Kay Harris, JoAnn Henning, Patricia Miller Henning, Sara Hignite, Kitty Himmelhaver, Bill Hinton, Jacqueline Huddleston, Mary Hurt, Robert Jackey, Joe Jarboe, Virginia Jeffries, Mary Ann Johnson, Ashley Jones, Becky Keenan, David Lane, Daniel Lewis, Rebecca Logsdon, Mary Ann Flood Lynch, Mark Masterson, Baby Danica Mattingly, Jim Mattingly, Jude Mattingly, Janie Maysey, Bevan Michael Miller, Joe Miller, Richard Miller, Joe & Sharon Morgan, Anna Christine Mundt, Eddie O'Bryan, Joe Oelze, Patsy Oelze, Janet O'Reilly, Jimmy Payne, Peggy Phillips, Jason Pirtle, Bobby Potts, Joan & Tom Powers, Marilyn Preher, Joe Priest, Mary Jo Rankin, Rita Roach, Shirley Robbins, Kimberly Rolen, Suzanne Rose, Darcy Satterly, Dale Severs, Martha Severs, Max Sharp, Bob Smith, Carressa Smith, Mark Sterett, Deborah Sue Stevens, Casey Sturgeon, Pam Sturgeon, Adalee Taul, Gina Thornsberry, Rufus Tivitt, Donnie Vessels, Pat Watkins, Greg Weise, Raymond Wethington, Charles Whitehead, Diane Whitney, Darrell Whitfill, Leona Whitworth, Madelyn Whitworth, Carolyn Wilcheck, Kevin Wilcheck, David Williams, Tom Winchell, Anne Wolfe, Brandy Young

**Serving in the Armed Forces:** Mandie Adams, Kevin Arnold, Fred Barham, Austin Brown, Timothy Cashen, Ryan Critchelow, Cody Garst, Parker Findlay, James Hanor, Christian Hansen, Charles Kuhlman, Bradford O'Reilly, Jordan Pate, Jeff Smith, Lane D. Taul, Liana Tindle, Chase Upchurch, Garrett Wadsworth

### Disciples Response Fund Update:

550 Families in Parish

100 Families Donated

Target Amount      \$13,070.77

Total Pledged      \$11,262.00

Total Paid          \$ 8,292.50

Total Due            \$ 2,969.50

### Celebration

#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Virginia Bickett, January 9th

Thelma Jarboe, January 9th

**Flags over the Veterans' Memorial** will need to be replaced soon. If you would like to donate a new set in memory of a loved one please contact the church office at 270-756-2356.

## PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### January 6, 2019 The Epiphany of the Lord

"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'" How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!



**Sunday, Jan 06, 2019**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**We bow to a higher authority**

From the first moment of his papacy, Pope Francis impressed the world with his humility. The newly minted pope bowed his head and invited us, the church, to bless him. How rare it is for leaders on the world stage to approach their role with humility and reverence! The typical response to the bestowal of power is a rising spirit of arrogance and aggression. We observe the contrast between the Magi who prostrate themselves before an infant, while King Herod snarls and plots violence with his yes-men. How do we wield the authority we hold in our hands?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20).* "They prostrated themselves and did him homage."

**Monday, Jan 07, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST**

**And for your penance . . .**

What if you went to Confession and for your penance the priest assigned you a book to write? This actually happened to Raymond of Peñafort (1175-1275), who felt that his life as a university teacher had been too soft and easy. When he asked his Dominican superiors to give him a harsh penance in retribution, they asked for a book to guide confessors. Later, in the "creative confessions" department, Raymond found himself the pope's own confessor. He assigned the pope the penance of swiftly hearing and expediting all petitions of the poor! Be creative in repenting, and be sure to do it whenever needed (more often than we like to admit).

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212).* "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

**Tuesday, Jan 08, 2019**

**CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**

**See God and love**

No one, scripture says, has seen God and lived. But of course scripture also tells of numerous encounters with God in which someone came away without being reduced to a pair of smoking sandals. Today it's not impossible to see God either: in other people, who are made in the image and likeness of God and carry God's spirit in them like a temple, to use Saint Paul's metaphor; in the sacraments, which make God present in a special way, especially in the Eucharist; in prayer, where we give expression to our relationship to God. Perhaps the most powerful way to pick up on the presence of God, though, is through love—in particular the kind of self-giving love that God has for creation, that Jesus has for the world. Where there is that kind of love, there God is.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213).* "Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."

**Wednesday, Jan 09, 2019**

**CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**

**Walk on**

The disciples were terrified at the sight of Jesus walking on water. Indeed, God's power as evidenced in Jesus' miracles may seem terrifying, perhaps because the display of mastery over the forces of nature reminds us of our own limitations. None of us would last a minute trying to walk on water—but is that because of our physical limitations or because of our faith limitations? In the gospel story, Peter actually does manage to

take a few steps across the water toward Jesus, until he focuses on his own fears instead of Jesus' invitation. Bad move for Peter—and for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214).* "But immediately Jesus spoke to them, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'"

**Thursday, Jan 10, 2019**

**CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**

**Keep your Christmas present**

You remember Christmas—"May your days be merry and bright" and all that? Often we think of "getting through the holidays" rather than savoring, like fine wine, the implications of "God with us." What Christmas celebrates is nothing less than the most radical moment in human history: the leap from the divine to the human, piercing the veil, God taking root in skin and bone and changing our destiny forever. The lights may be packed away, the gifts exchanged, but that's the small stuff. How have I been changed by these days?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22a (215).* "News of him spread throughout the whole region."

**Friday, Jan 11, 2019**

**CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**

**Count on God's mercy**

Can any of us doubt that Jesus would choose the welfare of suffering people who come to him? Still, we often pray—and live—as if we doubt that God has our best intentions at heart. God's mercy is so clear and tangible, at the crèche and at the cross! If we ever find ourselves wondering if God really cares about the likes of us, we might bow and contemplate Jesus in the straw or nailed to wood.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216).* "The leper bowed and begged Jesus, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.'"

**Saturday, Jan 12, 2019**

**CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**

**Back to the future**

The month of January is named after Janus, the Roman god of portals and doorways, of endings and beginnings. He is traditionally pictured with two faces: one looking back to the past, the other forward to the future. Tomorrow we celebrate the Baptism of the Jesus, which marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of ordinary time. That means today is a good day to look back over the Christmas season now ending and ask ourselves: What were some of the highs and lows? What could I do differently next year? Then look forward into the future: What must I let go of to embrace more fully the present moment? How do I want to live?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217).* "He must increase; I must decrease."

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