



## St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD *January 3rd, 2021*

*“And entering into the house, they found the child with Mary his mother, and falling down they adored him; and opening their treasures, they offered him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Mt 12:11*

Dear family:

“Making a pilgrimage means setting out in a particular direction, travelling towards a destination.” (Pope Benedict XVI) The journey of the wisemen from the East by the light of the Star was a pilgrimage to discover the self-revelation of God who came among us as a man.

Pope Benedict reflected on this encounter between the Gentile world and the Jewish Messiah, a babe born of Mary the husband of Joseph, of the House of David: *“The Church of the Gentiles was made possible, because both in the Mediterranean area and in those parts of Asia to which the messengers of Jesus travelled, there were expectant people who were not satisfied by what everyone around them was doing and thinking, but who were seeking the star which could show them the way towards Truth itself, towards the living God.*

*We too need an open and restless heart like theirs. This is what pilgrimage is all about. Today as in the past, it is not enough to be more or less like everyone else and to think like everyone else. Our lives have a deeper purpose.*

*We need God, the God who has shown us his face and opened his heart to us: Jesus Christ. Saint John rightly says of him that only he is God and rests close to the Father's heart (cf. Jn 1:18); thus only He, from deep within God himself, could reveal God to us -- reveal to us who we are, from where we come and where we are going. Certainly, there are many great figures in history who have had beautiful and moving experiences of God. Yet these are still human experiences, and therefore finite. Only He is God and therefore only He is the bridge that truly brings God and man together. So if we Christians call [Jesus] the one universal Mediator of salvation, valid for everyone and, ultimately, needed by everyone, this does not mean that we despise other religions, nor are we arrogantly absolutizing our own ideas; on the contrary, it*

*means that we are gripped by Him who has touched our hearts and lavished gifts upon us, so that we, in turn, can offer gifts to others.*

*In fact, our faith is decisively opposed to the attitude of resignation that considers man incapable of truth -- as if this were more than he could cope with. This attitude of resignation with regard to truth, I am convinced, lies at the heart of the crisis of the West, the crisis of Europe. If truth does not exist for man, then neither can he ultimately distinguish between good and evil. And then the great and wonderful discoveries of science become double-edged: they can open up significant possibilities for good, for the benefit of mankind, but also, as we see only too clearly, they can pose a terrible threat, involving the destruction of man and the world. We need truth... truth prevails not through external force, but it is humble and it yields itself to man only via the inner force of its veracity. Truth proves itself in love. It is never our property, never our product, just as love can never be produced, but only received and handed on as a gift. We need this inner force of truth. As Christians we trust this force of truth. We are its witnesses. We must hand it on as a gift in the same way as we have received it, as it has given itself to us.” (Pope Benedict XVI at Mariazell, 8Sep2007) Come let us adore the Eucharistic Truth!*

*Holy Family, pray for our beloved families,  
Fr. Martin Flum*

The Holy Family invites you to adore the Christ Child! Bring your gifts before Jesus in the Eucharist where our true Treasure lies. I urge you to consider making a commitment to adoration. Join the wise men...

***“The Magi prostrated themselves and did Him homage.” (Mat 2:11)***

**Mondays: 7-8 PM**

**Thursdays: 5-6 PM**

**Fridays: 5-6 PM, 7-8 PM**

**Saturdays: 9-10 AM, 1-2 PM, 3-4 PM, 6-7 PM**

**Sundays: 6-7 PM**

Please consider having one family member in the Church adoring Jesus for an hour each week. If you would like to be on our **substitute list**, call the office (240) 681-3551.

### Poetry and Caroling - Epiphany Party!

Join us on today, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Feast of the Epiphany, for a Christmas poetry recitation and for singing carols together at 2:30 PM in the parish hall. You may bring refreshments.



### YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Dec. 25, 2020

**St. Michael** Offertory Collection \$3646.00  
**St. Dominic** Offertory Collection \$665.00

### YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Dec. 27, 2020

**St. Michael** Offertory Collection \$3736.00  
**St. Dominic** Offertory Collection \$1107.00  
*May God reward your generosity!*

### Prayer to St. Joseph after the Rosary

(This prayer to Saint Joseph was composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, "Quamquam Pluries." He asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary. It may be said after the customary Salve Regina. The prayer is ordinarily enriched with a partial indulgence (Handbook of Indulgences, conc. 19). During the Year of Saint Joseph, however—which lasts from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021—the use of this prayer has been included among those enriched with a plenary indulgence (Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary issued Dec. 8, 2020, section E).)



**To you, O blessed Joseph,** do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

### Please PRAY for our SICK

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Joe Aviles, Christopher Becker, Eddie Bond, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Madison Brady, Keith Brown & Family, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Greg Connick, Mary Connick, Leah Danielson, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, David Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Mr. Maida, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Michael Proctor, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Garland Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Traci Renner, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Savannah Stuart, Tom & Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Belinda Windsor, Beverly Windsor, Caroline Yashinski, Carmelita and Cheryl Young, and Lewis Young. Jesus, heal and console us!

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	01/02/21	5 PM	Amy Zager
Sunday	01/03/21	8 AM	Claude Boswell +
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Sunday	01/03/21	11:30 AM	PARISHIONERS
Monday	01/04/21	7 AM	Ebony Perkins +
Tuesday	01/05/21	8 AM	Felecia Johnson +
Wednesday	01/06/21	7 AM	Stanley Krzywicki +
Thursday	01/07/21	8 AM	Deacon Scott C. Stuart +
Friday	01/08/21	7 AM	Caroline M. Knestout +
Saturday	01/09/21	8 AM	PARISHIONERS (requested by Bear Hugs for Healing)

### Please Pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed

*Clara Thomas*  
*Madeline Edelen*  
*Charles "Pete" Proctor*  
*Deacon James A. Somerville*  
*Deacon Ralph W. Cyrus, Jr.*

*Let Perpetual Light shine upon them.  
May they rest in Peace. Amen.*