

SAINT FRANCIS BORGLIA



Welcome Visitors & New Parishioners

Reaffirming our own faith in
Jesus, the Christ, we gladly
welcome you into this
community of faith, enfolding
you with our love and
committing ourselves to your care.

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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 3, 2020

*Saint Francis Borgia was dedicated on September 30, 1952 by the
Most Reverend Francis R. Cotton, D.D. Bishop of Owensboro, Ky.*

FAITH, FAMILY & FRIENDS

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION

Sunday 8:00 AM - 8:30 Anytime by appointment

Wednesday & Friday following Mass

BAPTISM

Preparation Classes required for parents.

Call the office for more details.

HOLY COMMUNION

Contact Fr. John or the church office

HOLY MATRIMONY

Contact Fr. John at least 6 months prior to the proposed
wedding date.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Contact the parish office for anyone in need.

Parish Council Members

Debby Riddell.....270-285-3785

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

We have a number of St. Francis Parishioners that are dealing with
Some very serious health issues.

Please lift our church family up in prayer this week, especially those who are
in immediate need of healing.

Loving and Merciful God, lift up this church family in your healing hands.

Give us strength and courage to help one another.

Give us humility to ask for help if needed.

In Your Precious Name we pray! AMEN!



<u>WEEKLY TITHE</u>	
DECEMBER 27	
Attendance 60	
Tithe	\$ 1280.00
Votive Candles	\$ 2.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 00
Music	\$ 00
Hall Painting	\$ 120.00
Diocese Collection	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 1422.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Kate Britto	Marie Heriges	Dylan O’Nan	Mary Thornsbury	SEMINARIANS :
Christine Bryant	Darrel Jones	Eddie Owen	Denise Timmons	Stephen Than
Dorris & Joyce Collins	Mary Kampf	Jamie Payton	Rick Turner	Corey Bruns
Marcie Convitt	Angie Kurzendoerfer	Lita Pfingston	Jeanette Willett	Chris Kight
Dylan Davis	JoAnn Kurzendoerfer	Bill Puckett	Kathy & Leroy Willett	Martin Ling
Morgan Day	Vickie LaRue	Carol & Kelly Rhodes	Mary Smith Willett	Christopher Grief
Jim Fortman	Anne Laughlin	Gilbert Rudd	Joyce Whitehead	Martin Mikulcik
Heather Green	Richard Litchfield	Peggy & Cletus Russelburg	Emma Wright	Doug Payne
Billy Greenwell	Steve Little	Sharron Russelburg	Pope Francis	Flynn Mudd
Bob & Faye Greenwell	Austin Lott	Jessica Shelton	Donald Trump	
Dan Haas	Gloria Mendoza	George Smith		
Fleetie Haas	Kim Mosley			

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Our life is a journey. Every human person will find meaning in life by being open to God. The Three kings of this Sunday's Gospel narrative were men who were left unsatisfied by their possessions of fame, wealth, and power. They searched for the only One who can satisfy the deepest aspirations of the human heart. They longed to find the very meaning of their existence. After a long and difficult search they discovered the place where HE lay, and they encountered the One who came to redeem us and fulfill our intense longings. The three kings saw the child with Mary, His mother, and they fell and worshiped Him. Outwardly, their journey was now over. They reached their goal, but at this point a new journey began for them, an inner pilgrimage which changed their whole lives.

It started at the very moment when they knelt before this child and recognized Him as the promised King. They had to change their ideas about power, about God. Now they were able to see that God's power is not like that of the powerful of this world. God's ways are not as we imagine them or as we might wish them to be. God does not enter competition with earthly powers in this world. He does not marshal His divisions alongside other divisions. God did not send 12 legions of angels to assist Jesus in the Garden of Olives.

God is different: this is what they now come to realize. And it means that they themselves must now become different; they must learn God's ways. Ideologies and politics do not save the world, but only a return to the living God, our Creator. True revolution consists in simply turning to God who is the measure of what is right and who at the same time is everlasting love.

God called the three kings through the appearance of the star. And under the guidance of that star, they left their homeland so that they could seek the Lord of Light, Jesus Christ. This tells us that the Feast of the Epiphany does not only mean God seeks us out, but it also means, we are seeking out God who has become like us. Our search for God is manifested in the journey of the three kings. Their journey tells us about a way of living or lifestyle. As the Gospel tells us, the three kings left their homeland, their place of comfort and security, to travel to a land they did not know so they could find the true source of comfort and security, Jesus Christ.

As such the journey of the three kings from the east to the Holy Land reflects to us a change of lifestyle, a turning away from the old life toward the new life brought about by Jesus in our lives. This is the kind of journey that God is asking from us today, a journey of conversion and self-renewal. Just as we make a New Year's resolution this year, we must make a spiritual promise on this Feast of the Epiphany: to lift ourselves up from being imperfect to perfect. Indeed, today is a day for us to move forward in our lives, to look positively to our future, and to take advantage of the opportunity that God is giving us, here and now, to change and dedicate our lives to Him.

But just like any journey in our lives, this will be hard. We will experience ups and downs. Yes, we will discover new landscapes and new progress in our lives. We will also encounter rough roads and new challenges, but this is the beauty of our journey. Our journey of faith is not all about the success or the fulfilment of our goals; it is all about the perseverance that make us better amid the challenges before us. The success of our journey is not all about reaching our goal but our progress toward it. It's how we journey together as an individual and as a community that truly matters and what truly counts.

After visiting and offering gifts to the newborn King, the three kings went back on a different way. Anyone who encounters Jesus in their life will never return to their old sinful way of life. They will live as transformed human beings. We will never walk in the path of greed, injustice, hypocrisy, etc. The celebration of Epiphany must make us truly better persons. If Christmas is about God coming in search of human beings, Epiphany is about Man going out in search of God. The real Epiphany takes place at this meeting of God and Man, where the human being is transformed, and we return home as transformed persons.

And so, my dear brothers and sisters, let us find encouragement in the example of the three kings who have given up the comfort of their homes so they could find the real comfort they were longing for in their lives: Jesus Christ. Let us not be discouraged by some challenges or setbacks in our lives. Let us, instead, hold on to the progress that we are making. It is the little successes in daily life that could truly lead us to real spiritual growth in our lives.

Let us pray for a real Epiphany. May we have a very Happy Feast of Epiphany.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU.....

TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN USHERING, LECTURING AND SETTING UP
FOR MASS AT EVERY MASS THIS PAST YEAR!

SHERRY COLLINS, CECILIA CURTIS, BARBARA WELLS . MARK GREER
KEN FARR, BILL COLLINS, BRADLEY JAMES, JESSIE JAMES, DAVID CONN
MICHAEL MENDOZA, CHARLIE MENDOZA, DEBBY RIDDELL

We hope to have a ministry calendar again by spring!

BULLETIN BITE JANUARY 3

“Magi came from the east.

The prostrated themselves and did him homage”

An epiphany is the sudden realization or comprehension of the essence or meaning of something. The magi came from the east, probably present day Iran, to search for a newly born child that they believed would be the Messiah promised to the Israelites. They obviously had read the Torah and the prophets. They understood the essence or the meaning of the signs in the skies. They made a very arduous and dangerous trip through a hostile desert just to see the child; to prostrate themselves and pay him homage and give him valuable gifts. The child that they saw we now believe is Jesus, Son of Mary, who lived, died, and rose from the dead for our salvation and to give us an example of how to live in relation to our God. How far are we willing to travel to pay homage to Jesus? What inconveniences, difficulties and risk are we willing to endure to demonstrate our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. The magi were truly “wise men.”

Are we an equally wise People of God?

January Anniversaries

Don Edd & Miki Wright	01/13 52 years
Billy & Kathy Brown	01/22 38 years
Jerry & Brenda Stevens	01/24 54 years



January Birthdays

Scott Moore	01-19
Cletus Russelburg	01/20
Roseanne Thornsby	01/20
Ali Davis	01/21
Barb Gorman	01/28

