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Epiphany of the Lord



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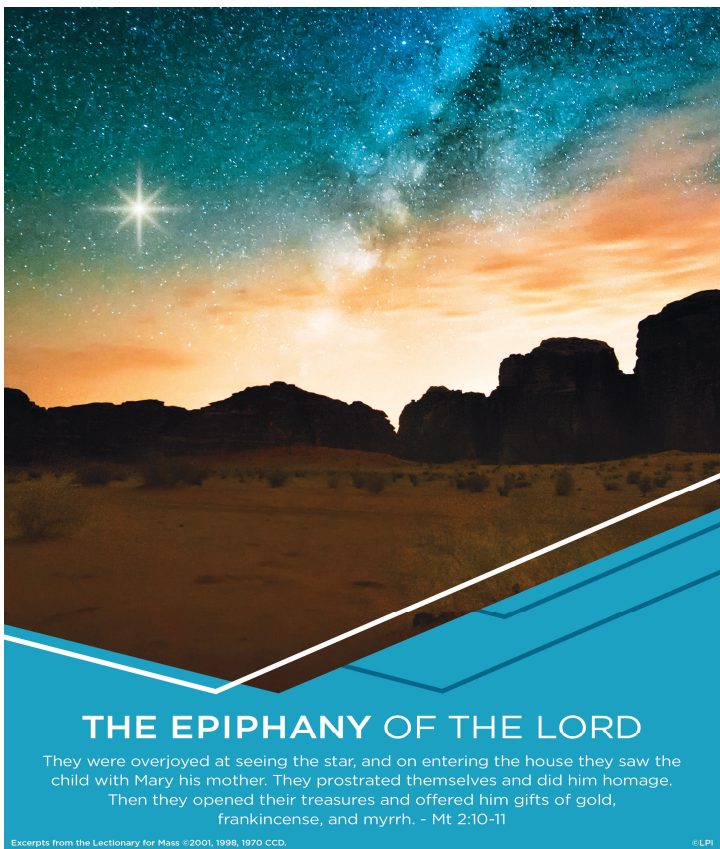
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sacred Heart Worship Site
SATURDAY 7:30 - 8:00 AM & 4:00 - 4:45 PM

CONFESSION

(English & Polish)

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

6:30 - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

4:00 - 4:50 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 10:00AM to 3:00PM.
Office closed on Fridays. Saturdays and Evenings: By Appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 6 (Poniedziałek) - Andre Bessette
8:00AM †Mieczyslaw Werynski r/o wnuczki, Klaudia
11:00AM †Irene Porchik

Tuesday, January 7 (Wtorek) - Raymond of Penafort
8:00AM †Danuta Olearczyk r/o Karnas Family
11:00AM †Irene Porchik
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, January 8 (Środa)
11:00AM †Irene Porchik
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, January 9 (Czwartek)
8:00AM †Irene Porchik
11:00AM †Jennie T. Leone r/o Goydish Family

Friday, January 10 (Piątek)
11:00AM †Antonia Petrone r/o family
7:00PM †Irene Porchik

Saturday, January 11 (Sobota)
8:00AM †Olga Szustakowska r/o rodziny Gnap
11:00AM †Irene Porchik
5:00PM †James, Agnes-Marie, Robert, Paul, Francis,
Anthony, Shirley & Ellizabeth Marsicano r/o family

Sunday, January 12 (Niedziela) - Baptism of the Lord
7:00AM †Irene Porchik
9:00AM †Jerry Seigler r/o Cebula Family
†Jan Koscielny r/o son, Waldek
†Nati Rosalie Botante r/o Cordova Family
†Irene Lewandowski r/o daughter
†John Mroz r/o Maribeth & Ryan Thomaszfski
†Nunzie Terzino r/o Fregoelle Family
†Rosemarie Charneski r/o Lukacs Family
For the People of the Parish
10:30AM †Jadwiga Karpinska r/o rodziny Gnap

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the souls of **Zdzislaw & Boleslaw Kochan** at the request of **Malgorzata Woloszyn**

The Altar Bread & Wine is consecrated this week for the health of **Stanley Jelski** at the request of the Christ the Redeemer Adult



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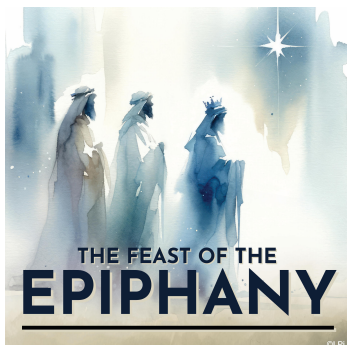
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Have you ever wondered *why* the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— Father John Muir



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To be a community of love, a family that joyfully proclaims and bears witness to the Gospel, and which serves the poor and one another.



TODAY, JANUARY 5

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 5:00PM - Sacred Heart Church. Admission is FREE.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

GUITAR CLASSES FOR CHILDREN - 5:15PM followed by Children's Polish Choir at 6PM.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - Christ the King School - 5:30 - 6:45PM.

NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 11 & 12

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for the Together in Charity. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

NIEDZALA, 5 GRUDZIEŃ

KONCERT KOŁĘD - 5:00pm. Wstęp wolny.

WTOREK, 7 STYCZEŃ

KATECHEZA – Christ the King School – 5:30-6:45PM.

NIEDZALA, 12 GRUDZIEŃ

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Together in Charity. Prosimy o ofiarność!

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Epiphany Blessing - January 5, 2024

Epiphany Blessing, Explained

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is Christ often depicted pointing to when portrayed in Christian artwork?

Answer: The Sacred Heart of Jesus.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: The journey of the magi would have been treacherous and uncomfortable. Imagine the peace in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was. It was an epiphany for them. It can be the same for us.

The Answer

Have you ever had an epiphany?

I'll confess that I've never spent much time reflecting on the term "epiphany." In my head, there has always been a strict separation of church and state when it comes to this word. I think of the religious feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the magi's encounter with the Christ Child, as totally distinct from our modern understanding of the ancient Greek word *epipháneia*, which means "manifestation" or "appearance."

"I've had an epiphany," I have said many times before, and what I mean is that I have come to a long-awaited realization. I have received the answer to a question which has perplexed me, perhaps troubled me. I now know what course of action I must take.

"Today is the Epiphany," I say to my children when we make a king cake and bring the little magi figures to our Nativity beneath the Christmas tree (which will, after today, be put back into storage, for the Christmas season has come to its fulfillment).

And I've always thought I meant I was saying two very different things.

But today, I ponder the journey of the magi, one that must have often been treacherous and uncomfortable. I think about their meeting with Herod, a situation that certainly was fraught with tension and fear. And I imagine the feeling in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. I think of the peace they must have felt. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was. It was an epiphany for them — a discovery of truth. An answer. It should be the same for us.

Please visit our parish website:

www.ctrmanville.com

up-to-date information, schedules, church bulletins, pictures from parish events and much more...

Be sure to check out our video reflections on the Sunday Readings each week. This week Caz & Diane Bielen will be presenting the reflections and next week Ann Marie Zolandz will be the presenter.

Have the parish newsletter delivered to your email. Sign up for our newsletter on the website.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Lee Rawaich
Monday: John Tardy
Tuesday: Barbara Faist; 3rd Grade CCD Class
Wednesday: Roberta Caswell; Elizabeth Janlonski
Thursday: John & Magdalena Daus
Friday: Susan Klein
Saturday: Suzanne Runyon



Pierogi, Cooked Onions are available for sale in the parish office.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The news of the Messiah unsettled Herod. We see his anxiety clearly in today's Gospel. This is what Christ has come to do, after all. He has come to shake things up. Are we ready to be unsettled?

We are looking for 2 counters to help count the weekend collections. This would entail a few hours on Sunday every 6 weeks. If you are interested please call the parish office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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 72:1-2, 3-4, 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 and 15bc, 17/
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and
9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,
27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16,
21-22

The daily Scripture references are printed here. If you find it helpful and have internet access, you can find the complete Daily Scripture Readings at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.



If any of the following items pertain to you or your family, please check the appropriate box in front of the listed item. This information will be a great help to us. You may tear off the form and deposit in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Fr. Stan

- New in Parish and would like to register
- Change of address
- Request Collection Envelopes
- Moving out of Parish
- Need Information – Please CALL
- New Telephone Number: _____
- Family Member (Name: _____) is ill:
 - At Home
 - In the Hospital: Room #: _____
 - Would like to receive Holy Communion

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____



Pray For...

We ask you for your prayers for the health of those in need, especially: Toni Antonelli, Evelyn Appenzeller, Cheryl Argento, John Bartley, Thelma Bartus, Andrew Bartushak, Frank Batula, Elizabeth Bednarczyk, Claire Biagini, Keith Bielanski, Pat Bohar, Harold Bok, Bishop Paul Bootkoski, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Sofia Chantel, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, John Clougher, Allison Collins, Bill Corson, Jean Courtney, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill Davison, Marge Demski, Malcolm Ferraira, Maureen Femiano, Lou Fischer, Barbara Forbes, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Joe & Mirella Gazo, Fred Genovese, Helen Gilmore, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Ingot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McClure, Waclaw & Stanley Jasinski, Stanislaw Jelski, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Ken Lake, Rita Lagasse, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Judy Lentzsch, Cheyenne Liccardi, William McGlinchey, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczo, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Antoni Niecikowski, Joyce Nipps, Robert Oliver, Celeste Onka, James O'Reilly Jr., Susan, Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perna, Barbara Perone, Rosemary Phillips, Steven Pirello, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Marcelle Reed, Peg Reilly, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slight, Charlotte Snow, Jim Spinola, Albert Stanski, Steve Szabo, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David & Robert Urban, Carol Vinchur, Mark & Veronica Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronica Wolenski, Brett Wood, Patrick & Michael Zamorsky, Julia Zarbetski Kemmett, Celia Zelinski, Mark Zujkowski, Maria Zurawiecki and Regina Zydalis.

God of all consolation give life and health to our sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.



Our Men and Women in the Service

Please pray for all of our men and women serving in the Armed forces, especially

*Airman Thomas Caswell
SPC Christopher Elsen*

*Lieutenant Colonel James A. Jablonski Jr.
Master Sergeant Kimberly Kaminski USAF*

*Airman Michael Edward Kassick III
Master Sergeant Michael John Lamonica USAF*

Captain John Limyansky USAF

*Specialist Allison Okurowski, Combat Medic
Airman Jason Pikula USAF*

*SR Jerry Lee Rogalski
PFC Steven Ubry*

Technical Sergeant Lindsay Zaccardi USAF

Let us know if you have a family member who is serving in the military and we will acknowledge them in our weekly bulletin. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!

**The Knights of Columbus
Saint Jude Council # 6573**



Council Meeting: Council Meetings are held monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm; Saint John Neumann Center

Recruiting: Catholic men 18+ are invited to reach out to Chester Makowski

(chester.makowski@gmail.com) or approach any of the brother knights.

Bible Study: All are welcome to join us in the Little Red Schoolhouse, (the Saint John Neumann Center) next to the Rectory on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

Clothing Drive - March 8th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **January 19th at 9:00AM.** **Please join us for the PARISH ROSARY OF THE MONTH AT 8:30AM.**

The next **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima will take place on **February 1st at 11:30AM.**



**Caritas
MANVILLE**

God's Love in Action

The Christ The Redeemer Caritas Food Pantry depends on both monetary and grocery donations to keep its shelves stocked.

As the holidays approach the Food Pantry shelves have begun to empty & your food pantry is in need of a great many items.

Please help us help those less fortunate. When going shopping please consider picking up something extra. Food items can be dropped off in the red containers in the church vestibule or at the parish office. Monetary donations can be made through on-line giving.

The Food Pantry is currently most in need of the following items:

- Rice.**
- Body Wash, Shampoo.**
- Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent.**
- Juice (64 oz.).**
- Toilet paper & paper towels.**

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of December 22, 2024

Offertory	\$	6,525.00
Mail-Ins	\$	6,065.00
Children's Donations	\$	13.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	2,493.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,229.00
Total	\$	17,325.00

Diocesan Assessment	\$	2,435.00
Christmas	\$	23,159.00

Thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you. Fr. Stan

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

- let my friend borrow scissors. Stella
- emptied the dishwasher. Alexander
- gave a veteran a lucky penny. Paisley
- cleaned my room. Brian
- helped clean the house. Ingrid
- helped my dad shovel the snow and bring in the groceries. Landon
- helped my cousin get snow off her car and spent time with my cousins. Logan
- Read a book to my brother & sister & helped mommy clean the house. Brooke-Lynn

Don't forget to put your first & last name on your envelope.

Devotions, Explained
Epiphany Blessing

Mini Explanation

The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God’s blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

“The Story of the Other Wise Man” by Henry Van Dyke was first published in 1895. It tells the fictional story of Artaban, a fourth wise man who began a journey to visit Jesus, the newborn King. Unlike his fellow Magi, he failed to make it there for the birth of Jesus because he kept pausing to help various people in need. In fact, it took him about 33 years of searching before his quest comes to an abrupt end when he is hit in the head with a falling roof shingle. His final breath takes place in Jerusalem near the place where Jesus is being crucified. As he lies dying, he hears the voice of Jesus telling him that the gifts he has given all along the way to “the least of these” he has actually given to Jesus himself.

If you have never read this story or seen the made-for-television movie based on the tale, you really should seek it out. It is a story that reminds us of a profound truth: Jesus himself rests in the lives of all those around us in need. In the story, it was the wise man’s constant response to a stewardship call that prevented him from getting where he wanted to go. In the end, where he needed to go was more significant than where he thought he should go.

If we live lives of generosity and graciousness, we may find ourselves on constant detours from the road on which we are traveling. It is in the detours and the unexpected circumstances of our journey that often times we find our true purpose in life. We think God is somewhere we must travel to, when in reality, God is closer than we think in the least likely of places.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

SAINT OF THE WEEK
EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. John Neumann | January 5

St. John Neumann, patron saint of educators, immigrants, and sick children, was the first male saint to be canonized from the USA. An immigrant himself, he expanded Catholic education in his region from 2 schools to 100 & ministered in 6 different languages!



Track Your Giving in 2025

Have you considered using online giving? By creating a login and contributing online you’ll always have a report of your giving history available. You can access your report easily and securely via the web, and your information will always be up-to-date with your latest contributions. You can find the online giving link on www.ctrmanville.com.