

BULLETIN: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 3RD, 2021

DAILY EVENTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 2nd

2:00 p.m. Three Kings Visit
4:15 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass: + Mary Lukkassen

Sunday, January 3rd (Epiphany)

8:15 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass: People of OLP
10:45 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Mass: + Marin Velez

Monday January 4th

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Joe Staab
6:30 p.m. Sophia Institute: Parent Meeting

Tuesday, January 5th

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Mary Lukassen

Wednesday, January 6th

OFFICE CLOSED: ALL DAY

Thursday, January 7th

8:30 a.m. Mass: Clare Curtis Family

Friday, January 8th

8:30 a.m. Mass: Donald Trump

Saturday, January 9th

2:00 p.m. Three Kings Visit
4:15 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass: + Joe Staab

Sunday, January 10th (Baptism of the Lord)

8:15 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass: + Nick Fahey
10:45 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Mass: People of OLP

OFFERTORY

December 27th, 2020

Offertory will be in Next Weeks bulletin.

Please pray for those who are ill & in need of our continued prayer:

Terence Sewald, David Prieur, Bob Yoder, Kaylee Remmich,
Joe Kranz, Brian & Crissy Cobain, Christopher Endicott, Eddy Messer,
Deborah Messer, Erin Palmer, Scott Weaver, Luke Barden,
Foster Sauter, & Steve Wilmes

QUESTION OF THE WEEK/REFLECTION

Epiphany

The *theme of light* dominates the Solemnities of Christmas... The Light of humanity is born. He is the "sun that shall dawn upon us from on high" (Lk 1,78). He is the sun that came into the world to dispel the darkness of evil and flood it with the splendor of divine love. John the Evangelist writes: "*The true light that enlightens every man came into the world*" (Jn 1,9). In becoming flesh, the Son of God was *manifested as light*. He is not just an external light in the history of the world, but *a light within the human person*, in his personal history. He became one of us, giving infinite meaning and immortality to our earthly existence. Thus, with full respect for human freedom, Christ became "*lux mundi - the light of the world*". He is the light that shines in the darkness (cf. Jn 1,5).

On today's Solemnity of the "Epiphany", a word for "manifestation", we are struck by the theme of the light. The Messiah who showed himself in Bethlehem to the lowly shepherds of the region continues to reveal himself as the light of every people of every time and place. To the Magi, coming from the East to adore him, the light of the one "who has been born king of the Jews" appears in the form of a heavenly body, so bright as to attract their attention and guide them to Jerusalem. Thus, he sets them on the trail of the ancient messianic prophecies: "*a star shall come forth from Jacob, and a scepter shall rise from Israel...*" (Nm 24,17).

Who does not feel the need for a "star" to guide him on his earthly journey? Individuals and nations both feel the need. To satisfy the universal yearning for salvation, the Lord himself chose a people to be the guiding star for "all the families of the earth" (Gn 12,3). With the Incarnation of his Son, God then expanded his choice to every people, no matter what their race or culture. Thus, the Church came into being, formed of men and women who, "united in Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, press onwards towards the kingdom of the Father and are bearers of a message of salvation intended for all men."

- Pope St. John Paul II

http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/homilies/2002/documents/hf_jp-ii_hom_20020106_epifania.html





Epiphany

PARISH UPDATES

- ❖ **2nd Collection for Retired Religious:** Make a difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.
- ❖ ****NEW** Child Care/Kid's Ministry:** There will be childcare available this weekend during the 9:00 a.m. mass. The room to drop off your children will be the quiet room.
- ❖ **Food donations:** Please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the black bins in the parish hall. The Knights of Columbus bring those donations to the Strasburg Food Bank throughout the year.

YOUTH EVENTS & UPDATES

- ❖ **SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Classes will resume on: January 10, 2021.
- ❖ **NEXT RCIA & RCIC class:** January 7th: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- ❖ **SOPHIA INSTITUTE:** Our next meeting: Jan. 4th, 2021: 6:30-7:30 pm
- ❖ **ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK FOR KIDS!!!** (for K- 2nd grade)
THIS WEEK ≈ Christmas: <https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-1/season:1/videos/let-s-pray-a-lesson-on-prayer>

Next week: Brother Francis: Born into the Kingdom: The Miracle of Baptism

**If we approach with faith,
we too will see Jesus....;
for the Eucharistic table
takes the place of the crib.
Here, the Body of the Lord is present,
wrapped, not in swaddling clothes
but in the rays of the Holy Spirit.**

*St John Chrysostom (347-407)
Father & Doctor of the Church*



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Pick of the week:

<https://watch.formed.org/what-s-the-best-thing-we-could-want>

WHAT'S THE BEST THING WE COULD WANT?