

# BULLETIN: JANUARY 2, 2022

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Please pray for the ill & those in need of our continued prayer:** Bob Yoder, Christopher Endicott, Luke Barden, Joe Kranz, Doug Jones, Trang & Ann Treber, Eddy Messer, Scott Weaver, Foster Sauter, Steve Wilmes, Erin Palmer, Keagan Sanders, Rylan Losh, Tara Young, Shirley Schaffer & Tara Clawson

### DAILY EVENTS & MASS INTENTIONS

**Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 8:30 a.m. Mass: Edward & Doris Lawrenson  
 7:00 p.m. Mass: James & Anne Lawrenson

**Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 10:00 a.m. Mass: + Deborah Messer  
 12:00 p.m. Mass: People of Our lady of the Plains  
 4:15 p.m. Confessions  
 5:00 p.m. Mass: Edward & Ruth Brachtenbach

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 8:15 a.m. Confessions  
 9:00 a.m. Mass: James & Anne Lawrenson  
 11:30 a.m. Mass: Melissa Smith  
 6:00 p.m. Mass: Neocatechumenal Way: OPEN

**Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 8:30 a.m. Communion Service  
 9:30 a.m. Lectio Divina

**Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 a.m. Mass: Communion Service

**Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 NO Mass: (Office Closed)

**Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 a.m. Mass: Brian Lawrenson  
 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (Adoration)  
 7:00 p.m. RCIA

**Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:15 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 8:30 a.m. Mass: + Howard Lukassen

**Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 a.m. That Man is You  
 10:00 a.m. Baptism Class  
 4:15 p.m. Confessions  
 5:00 p.m. Mass: Rylan Losh  
 7:30 p.m. Mass: Neocatechumenal Way: OPEN

**Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:15 a.m. Confessions  
 9:00 a.m. Mass: Rylan Losh  
 10:10 a.m. Religious Education (k-8<sup>th</sup>)  
 10:15 a.m. Altar & Rosary Meeting  
 11:30 a.m. Mass: People of Our lady of the Plains

### REFLECTION

#### Readings:

[Isaiah 60:1-6](#)  
[Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13](#)  
[Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6](#)  
[Matthew 2:1-12](#)

An “epiphany” is an appearance. In today’s readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears. Herod, in today’s Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the **Messiah to be from the line of David**, the other predicting “a ruler of Israel” who will “shepherd his flock” and whose “greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth.”

Those promises of Israel’s king ruling the nations resound also in today’s Psalm. The psalm celebrates David’s son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch “to the ends of the earth,” and the world’s kings will pay him homage. That’s the scene too in today’s First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing “gold and frankincense” for Israel’s king. **The Magi’s pilgrimage in today’s Gospel marks the fulfillment of God’s promises.** The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler’s staff over the house of Jacob. Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the “kings of the earth”. Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon. One greater than Solomon is here. He has come to reveal that all peoples are “coheirs” of the royal family of Israel, as today’s Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God’s words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

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### OFFERTORY

**December 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**\$11,683.75**

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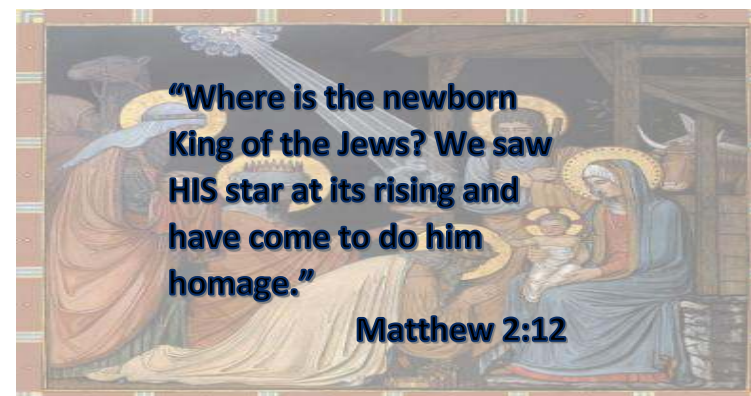
### PARISH UPDATES

❖ **\*\*\*NEW\*\* FLOCKNOTE & WEBSITE:** We are trying to get away from using Facebook, please be sure to check out our website at [www.ourladyoftheplains.org](http://www.ourladyoftheplains.org) and sign up for FLOCKNOTE. Flocknote is used for important updates that come directly from the Pastor. If you haven’t registered yet for FLOCKNOTE, please click the link, it will take you to our website. Then, scroll all the way down to sign up for parish updates today! <http://www.ourladyoftheplains.org>



❖ **\*\*\*NEW\*\* ENDOW REGISTRATION CLOSING 1/2/22:** The leaders of **ENDOW** have extended the registration deadline for you! This study will be every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:30 pm beginning January 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms can be found inside both entrances of the church. Please place your completed form in the designated box which can be found inside the main entrance to the church. This study focus’ on St. Edith Stein, to learn more about her please click the link, <https://watch.formed.org/edith-stein-the-seventh-chamber>. To learn more about **ENDOW** online, please click the link: <https://www.endowgroups.org/study-guide-st-edith-stein-seeker-of-truth/>. If you have any questions, please contact a group leader: **Mona Chase 303.918.9060 Jeanna Doubrava 720.281.5144**

❖ **\*\*\*NEW\*\* 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>:** Elderly religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parish’s—often for little or no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your donation will help provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous. For more information online, click the link below! [\(Online Source, Ways to Give\)](#)



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

❖ **\*\*\*NEW\*\* RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Resumes 1/9/22

❖ **\*\*REMINDER\*\* FORMED.ORG:** Thousands of Catholic resources for FREE. Parish code: CBTNCM

❖ **\*\*\*NEW\*\* FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK:**  
**Pick of the week #1,** “The Epiphany of the Lord (Yr. B)” <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-epiphany-of-the-lord-january-7-2017>  
**Pick of the Week #2,** “Feast of the Epiphany, Daily Reflections” <https://watch.formed.org/formed-daily-reflections/season:14/videos/daily-reflections-feast-of-the-epiphany-january-3-2021>  
**Pick of the Week #3,** “FORMED now, THE MAGI!” <https://watch.formed.org/formed-now-1/season:1/videos/formed-now-the-magi>

❖ **\*\*\* NEW\*\* Children’s Formed pick of the week:** “The Story of Christmas: An Audio Drama About the First Christmas - FORMED” <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-story-of-christmas-an-audio-drama-about-the-first-christmas>

### ALTAR & ROSARY

❖ **\*\*\*NEW\*\* A&R MEETING:** The next A&R meeting is **January 9<sup>th</sup>** in the classroom next to the Knights’ of Columbus glass cases, right after the 9:00 am Mass. All women of our parish are welcome! **Meeting starts at 10:15 am.**

❖ **\*\*REMINDER\*\* SOCK BOX:** You can find the “sock box” in the parish hall. As soon as it is full, Michelle Earl takes them to University Hospital. **The emergency room is also in need of SWEATPANTS SIZES (M-XXL).** Many patients come in with nothing, they have been through something traumatic & pants are a huge need.

### YOUTH GROUP

*No youth group until 2022, Merry Christmas!*

### \*\*\*NEW\*\* CHRISTMAS SEASON ALTAR ADORNMENT:

We want to thank all who helped adorn the church for Christmas, you truly honored our Lord with your time and dedication. For all those who made offerings on behalf of your loved ones, a list is at the entrances of the church for your viewing. The adornment would not have been possible without your generosity. **THANK YOU!**