



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

*St. Kateri Catholic Church*

*January 3, 2021*

# January

## PRAYER LIST

Virginia Alfano  
Tom Aloiso  
Norma Bak  
Frances Baranowski  
Stella Barszcz  
George Bell  
Lea Berta  
Gerald Blaskie  
Angela Burger  
Vera Ciavaglia  
Rachel Clark  
Maryann Condon  
Elsie Criseobal  
Simon Croke  
Rosemary Dantzer  
Kara Erickson  
Stephen Farkas  
Bob Fulkerson  
Bradley Golm  
Gerald Goodrich  
Mary Hepler  
Dolores Hines  
Dolores Hnot  
Mary Hodak  
Jon Homorogran  
Emily Hudson  
Marshall Hyman  
Rachel Karlson  
Stan Kozlowicz  
Fran LaMacchia  
Pat Mazzola  
Mary Valentine Merrell  
Perla Moss  
Perla Navarro  
Hedwig Nelson  
Tim Nolan  
Ethel O'Day  
John O'Neill  
Jim Pazdro  
Catherine Potok  
Jehad Salman  
Bill Stachulski  
Diane Victor  
Hugh Victor  
Maria Viramontez  
Michael Ward  
Jim Weeks  
Jeff Worrall

*Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love!  
In Jesus' name, Amen!*

## THE GIVING TREE 2020

As with most things this year due to the pandemic, our Giving Tree will be a little "different". To start with, there will be NO TREE OR TAGS to select. This is being done to decrease the possible spread of the Coronavirus. Our recipient, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan has requested contributions to The Wayne County Jail Chaplaincy program. Donations can be made in the following means:

- Cash
- Meijer Gift Cards (Any denominations)
- Checks: Made out to Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, with Wayne County Jail Chaplaincy written on the memo line.

All donations should be placed in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" and dropped in the collection baskets in the church, dropped off at the parish office, or mailed to the parish office. **All donations should be in the parish office by Monday, January 18th.** If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. God bless you and thank you so much for your continued support in our parish outreach programs.



## RCIA Sponsor Volunteers

Thank you to all of the people who offered to be a sponsor for our RCIA participants this year. Your willingness to share your faith and provide support to the men and women journeying the road to the discernment regarding the Catholic faith has been amazing. At this time, all of our participants have been matched with sponsors. Please continue to pray for our participants, their sponsors and those guiding them on this journey.

## St. Kateri Gift Shop

The Gift and Book Shop volunteers wish you and your families a very healthy and blessed Christmas and New Year!

Thanks so much for your support during 2020, despite all the complications and closures. Proceeds from the Gift Shop go to St. Kateri Parish and the Red Cloud Indian School.

The shop will be closed on the weekend of January 2-3. Please feel free to contact Barb Cataldo (313-402-6890) or Pat Urban (313-359-0461) if you are in need of an item during the times that we are closed.

### We aim to serve!



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

## LATE RETURNS 2020 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

### IN MEMORY OF:

BOBBY M. BROWN  
MARY MIETLA BROWN  
KONEFAL FAMILY  
EMMA PUGLIESE  
GAETAMO PUGLIESE





## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where

the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.



But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every

human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

## WISE MEN SEE GOD IN THE SIMPLE THINGS

If you’re on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: *“God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace.”* There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God’s and Herod’s. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn’t entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn’t say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I’ll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod’s charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it’s enough to remember this: God’s plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let’s have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

### First Reading:

In late 6<sup>th</sup> century BC, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed an unimaginable future of glory for Israel in the wake of their return from seventy years of captivity in Babylon. **What message of hope does our nation need today?**

### Second Reading:

Paul speaks of God’s “revelation” to include Gentiles as “coheirs” and “copartners” with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. **How welcoming are you to those you consider outsiders?**

### Gospel:

The magi’s visit to discover the “newborn king of the Jews” caused great anxiety for the religious leaders of Jerusalem, including King Herod. **Why do you think some people are not open to the good news of Jesus Christ?**

## Blessed Stanley Rother

Stanley Francis Rother was born March 27, 1935, in Okarche, Oklahoma. The oldest of the children born to Franz and Gertrude Rother, he grew up on a farm and attended Holy Trinity Catholic Church and School. He worked hard doing required chores, attended school, played sports, was an altar server and enjoyed the activities associated with growing up in a small town.



While in high school, he began to discern the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood. He was accepted as a seminarian and was sent to Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, Texas. He completed his studies at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and was ordained a priest on May 25, 1963. Father Rother served as an associate pastor for five years in Oklahoma.

He sought and received permission to join the staff at the Oklahoma diocese's mission in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala. He served the native tribe of the Tz'utujil, who are descendants of the Mayans. Although he struggled with Latin in the seminary, Father Rother learned Spanish and the Tz'utujil language in Guatemala. He celebrated Mass in their language and helped translate the New Testament.

Father Rother was surrounded by extreme poverty among the Tz'utujil, who were living in one-room huts growing what they could on their small plots of land. He ministered to his parishioners in their homes; eating with them, visiting the sick and aiding them with medical issues. He even put his farming skills to use by helping them in the fields, bringing in different crops, and building an irrigation system.

While he served in Guatemala, a civil war raged between the militarist government forces and the guerrillas. The Catholic Church was caught in the middle due to its insistence on catechizing and educating the people. During this conflict, thousands of Catholics were killed. Eventually, Father Rother's name appeared on a death list. For his safety and that of his associate, Father Rother returned home to Oklahoma. He didn't stay long, though, as he was determined to give his life completely to his people, stating that "the shepherd cannot run." He returned to Santiago Atitlan to continue the work of the mission.

Within a few months, three men entered the rectory around 1 a.m. on July 28, 1981, fought with Father Rother and then executed him. His death shocked the Catholic world. No one was ever held responsible. The people of Santiago Atitlan mourned the loss of their leader and friend. They requested that Father Rother's heart be kept in Guatemala where it remains enshrined today.

In 2007, his Cause for Canonization was opened. In June 2015, the Vatican in Rome voted to formally recognize Oklahoma's Father Stanley Rother a martyr. The determination of martyrdom was a critical step in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City's Cause to have Father Rother beatified, the final stage before canonization as a saint.

On Dec. 1, 2016, Pope Francis officially recognized Father Rother as a martyr for the faith. He is the first martyr from the United States and the first U.S.-born priest to be beatified. The Rite of Beatification was held on Sept. 23, 2017, in downtown Oklahoma City – an event attended by more than 20,000 people from around the world.

<https://archokc.org/stanleyrother>

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

St. John Neumann, Bishop

6:40 PM

- † Josephine DeFilippi (by Family)
- † Emma Escobedo  
(by Maria Cunningham)

**Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

St. André Bessette, Religious

9:00 AM

- † Antionette Boutt  
(by Boettger Family)
- † Theresa Bazner  
(by Chris & Bob Mickiewicz)

**Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM

St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

- † Helen Wexel  
(by Jacqueline & Ed Delekta)

**Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM

- Mary Masley, Special Intention  
(by Friend)
- Edgardo E. Anasco, Birthday  
Blessings (by Nora Anasco)

**Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 PM

- † Irene Przybyla  
(by Nephew & Nieces)
- † Carmen & Paul Saliba  
(by Family)
- † Danny Garbinski  
(by The 1980 Edsel Ford Girls)

**Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 AM

- /+ Living & Deceased Members of  
the Schneider Family  
(by Ev Schneider)
- † Paul Sullivan (by Kathy Sullivan)
- † Tony Perrow  
(by Mary & Matt Masley)

11:00 AM

- † George Escobedo  
(by Maria Cunningham)
- † Robert Schneider (by Neva)
- † John Zombeck  
(by Kathy & Rick Neveu)



STEWARDSHIP

December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Week 25	
	Current	Year to Date
Budget	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 167,500.00
Current	\$ 4,442.00	\$ 141,448.00
Variance	\$ (2,258.00)	\$ (26,052.00)

We appreciate all those who continue to support our parish. Your envelope can be mailed, put in the offertory, or dropped off at the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP

December 27 <sup>th</sup>	Week 26	
	Current	Year to Date
Budget	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 174,200.00
Current	\$ 2,790.00	\$ 144,238.00
Variance	\$ (3,910.00)	\$ (29,962.00)

## Attention LECTORS!!

The new Lector Workbooks are available for pick-up in the Church vestibule closet.



Thanks, Deacon Tom

St. Vincent de Paul

## Food Pantry

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Chili Beans
- Chunky Soup
- Cake Mixes and Frosting
- Sugar

Thank you and may God's blessings keep you and your families safe. We are open with a drive-up service on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00 noon till 2:00. All of us here at St. Sebastian's want to send out our best wishes to all for the year 2021. I know we are all praying for a better and healthier New Year. God's blessings to all.

## Rest in Peace

LENORE CHURGAY

ROSY SICA

Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon them. May the souls  
of all the faithful departed, through  
the mercy of God, rest in peace

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

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

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

**Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/

## SAINT JOHN NEUMANN



John Nepomucene Neumann CSSR was a Catholic priest from Bohemia. He immigrated to the United States in 1836, where he was ordained and later joined the Redemptorist order and became the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. He is the first United States bishop to be canonized.

## PRAYER FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless act they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen

### U. S. Air Force

Diamond Knight  
Kathleen Lyons  
Teresa Lyons  
Timothy Lyons  
Raymond J. Palowski  
Connor Plate

### U. S. Army

Nick Calvas  
Dalton Evans  
Adam Schneider

### U. S. Marines

Anthony P. Alfano  
Louis J. Bardel  
Lukas Boudreau  
Connor Danaher  
Mitchell Kaczmarek  
Haley Valentine  
Joseph R. Walker

### U. S. Navy

Brendan Burns  
Conor Burns  
James Donahue  
Perry W. Edgell  
Ben LePage  
James Smith

## TO ALL WHO ARE VISITING TODAY

## Welcome

No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color, and no matter what your self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church.

## NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

To become a member please drop this completed form in the offertory basket.