



ST. KATERI CATHOLIC CHURCH
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

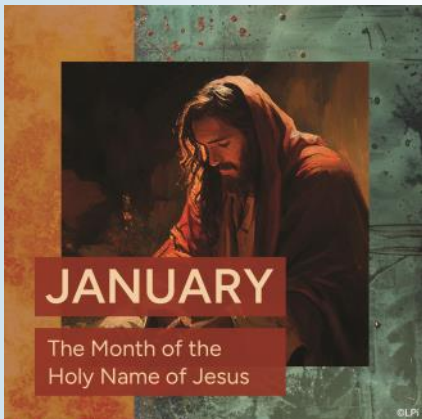
They were overjoyed at seeing the star.
- Mt 2:10



PRAYER LIST

Norma Jean Bak	Marcella Linda
Colleen Barston	Marie Maures
Ana Bautista	Jerry McLean
Kathy Brown	Anne Munir
Kevin Brown	David Munir
Irene Bruen	Sean Munir
Rusty Burrell	Dorothy Nouhan
John Cassar	Patricia Nowak
Lena Castlevetere	Kevin O'Day
Phil Ciavaglia	Victoria Porter
Bob DeSantis	Fe Roland
Janice Dumas	Kim Rzucidlo
Rachele Esper	Stan Sajewski, Jr.
Esther Fonseca	Rose Mary
Delphine Gray	Schimizzi
Taeko Greenwood	Deborah Slowik
Mary Hepler	Kelly Sobon
Emily Hudson	Rob Sobon
Fr. Terry Kerner	Nicholas Stefan
Christine Kowalski	Janice Strimpel
Stan Kozlowicz	Roy Swift
Anthony Kuras	Susan Swift
Patricia Lambert	Lydia Yeghiazarian
Les Langlois	Bernice Zaja
Joan Lewandowski	Chris Zelasko

Through St. Kateri's powerful intercession, we confidently ask You to grant us this special favor we ask in her name for those named above. Share Your healing and peace especially with family, friends and all the sick, whom we commend to Your loving care. We ask this through Your crucified and risen Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word, Who lives with You forever and ever. Amen.



Celebrating January's Super Seniors (80 and over) Birthdays



Wishing you all the best for your special birthday ...and every day you continue to bless this parish.

Elizabeth Amici, Patricia Bozich, Betty DeMilde, Raymond Jakubowicz, Gloria Koss, Lillian Murray,

Joan Powaser, Charles Powell, Agatena Russo, Theresa Taylor, Marie Webb, Shirley Williams, and Bernice Ziaja.



ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING

Another year is dawning
With the chance to start anew.
May I be kinder, wiser, Lord,
In all I say and do.

Not so caught up in selfish gain
That I would fail to see
The things in life that mean the most
Cost not a fancy fee.



The warm, kind word that I can give,
The outstretched hand to help,
The prayers I pray for those in need-
More precious these than wealth.

I know not what may lie ahead
Of laughter or of tears;
I only need to know each day
That You are walking near.

I'm thankful for this brand new year
As now I humbly pray,
My hand secure in Yours, dear Lord,
Each step along the way.

Kay Hoffman

EPIPHANY



2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST (statements will NOT be sent unless requested)

Charitable deductions, as donations to the Church, are legitimate items to be considered when doing your taxes. The parish is happy to provide a written copy of your generosity which would **NOT** include donations to the CSA. The form below **MUST** be filled out and returned in the collection receptacles, or by mail or by calling the office at (313-336-3227).



2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST

Please Print

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ENVELOPE: # _____ **PHONE:** _____

All in the Family

St. Alphonsus-St. Clement, St. Barbara, St. Kateri, St. Maria Goretti

We are sorry to announce the retirement of Rev. Gregory Deters, member of the In Solidum team of priests of St. Alphonsus-St. Clement, St. Barbara, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, & St. Maria Goretti, effective January 1, 2025. Many of you may know Fr. Greg's health has been declining over the past year. He has been a priest for over 37 years, serving in nine parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. Fr. Greg's greatest joy has been ministering to children and building faith-based relationships with countless parishioners & their families. We are immensely grateful for his dedicated service, leadership, and inspiring counsel.

Father Greg will be moving to Marycrest-Trinity Health Senior Community located at 15475 Middlebelt Road in Livonia. May God's grace be with him always. Anne Mancini, sister of Father Greg

Christmas collection reminder...



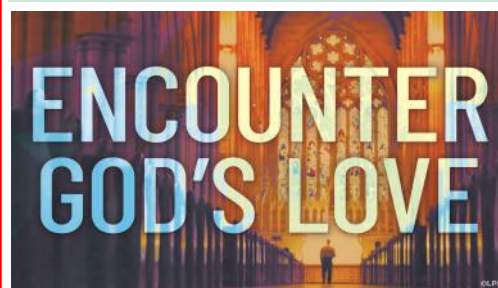
Christmas donations made between December 11th and January 7th will NOT be subject to the Archdiocesan assessment of 7%. 100% of all contributions made two weeks before and two weeks

after December 25th will remain in our parish! Either a check or cash will be fine.

When submitting your Christmas donation, please write "Christmas collection" in the memo section of your check. Cash donations may be placed in an envelope marked "Christmas collection" on the front.

Christmas is a wonderful time to support your parish!

Trivia Answer from page 5:
The Sacred Heart of Jesus.



News from the Food Pantry

Thank you all for your support of our pantry. In the month of December. We have served 171 families in need with 480 family members. Quite a busy month.

We are committed to continuing supporting our Neighbors In Need.

Thank you all for your generous support through the Meijers Simply Give Program. I will give a report as soon as we receive notice from Meijers on what we will receive in food cards.

I know we ask a lot, but our supplies are moving fast and the need is still high. In addition to food donations, monetary & Kroger, Aldi and Dollar Tree Gift cards would be greatly appreciated.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

@St. Maria Goretti

Our needs for January



- Pasta noodles
- Spaghetti noodles
- Box stuffing
- au Gratin potatoes
- Mac and cheese
- Ramin noodles

The Food Pantry also accepts monetary donations.

- For a cash donation, please enclose in an envelope clearly marked for the **SVDP Food Pantry**.
- For a check, make it payable to **St. Maria Goretti-SVDP** and in the memo line **FOOD PANTRY**.

PASTOR

Rev. Terrence D. Kerner

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Tom Leonard

ORGANIST

Kevin Jakubowicz

OFFICE STAFF

Mary Masley & Ellie Sajewski

E-MAIL

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday:
9:00 AM-Noon and 1:00-4:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM-Noon

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 6:40 PM
Wednesday—Friday: 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 PM

ADORATION

Tuesday: 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday at 6:30 PM and
Thursday at 9:00 AM

BOOK & GIFT SHOP

Open weekends before
and after Masses

Welcome New Parishioners!

To register, change an address, or if you moved, please contact the parish office

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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.



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

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

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?

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Gospel Question:
The visit of the magi teaches us about God's desire for the whole world know about his Son, Jesus. **When do you first recall hearing about Jesus?**

1st Reading Question:
Isaiah foresees a time when the people of Jerusalem will be overwhelmed with happiness and prosperity. **What gift could you receive that would bring you great joy?**

2nd Reading Question:
Paul informs the Ephesians that he received a revelation of God's plan to save all people through Christ Jesus. **What do you think makes your friends or relatives open to this idea?**

Prayer of Rejoicing

Fill our hearts, Lord, with rejoicing as we seek & discover You. Your ways are full of wonder, glory, surprise, and joy.

Amen.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 7th
St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
6:40 PM

- † George Escobedo (by Family)
- † Natalie Salazar (by Family)

Wednesday, January 8th
9:00 AM

- † Josephine DeFilippi (by Family)
- † For the Poor Souls in Purgatory (by Paula Goodrich)

Thursday, January 9th
9:00 AM

- † Jeanette Franke (by Carol Uniewski)
- † Joseph Pulford (by Family)

Friday, January 10th
9:00 AM

- † George Dressler (by Wife)
- Dan Bazner, **Special Intention** (by Carol Uniewski)

Saturday, January 11th
4:00 PM

- † Maria & Juan Benitez (by Mary Meyer)
- † Rita Durfy (by Family)
- † William Johns (by Family)
- † Mary Lajza (by Family)
- † Kathryn Syrian (by Family)
- † Pete Syrian (by Family)

Sunday, January 12th
The Baptism of the Lord
9:00 AM

- † John Danaj (by Family)
- † Joe Gasidlo (by Family)
- † Fr. Robert Kurzawa (by Fr. Kerner & Parishioners)

11:00 AM

- † Christine Attard (by Barb Hartman)
- † Nancy & Ron Caretti (by Maria Caretti)
- † Vera Ciavaglia (by Family)
- † Christopher Sassak (by Therese McIntire)
- † Robert Schneider (by Family)
- † Mary, Feliks & Robert Turek (by Family)



Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	Dec. 22	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 4,415.00	\$ 129,926.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>1,070.00</u>	\$ <u>21,795.00</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 5,485.00	\$ 151,721.00
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>	\$ <u>150,000.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ (515.00)	\$ 1,721.00



Lector Schedule

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 11/12

- Saturday, January 11th, 4:00 PM
Frank Bonfiglio
- Sunday, January 12th, 9:00 AM
Margaret Skora
- Sunday, January 12th, 11:00 AM
Gary Lewis

TRIVIA

Question:

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

Answer on page 3

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

EPIPHANY

Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany.

How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Just fill out the form below and submit it to the offertory box, to the office, by mail or simply call 313-334-3227.

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____