



January 7, 2018 • The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah, probably the greatest of the prophets, prophesies extensively on the coming of the savior, the Messiah. His prophecies are so specific it is hard not to believe that he is telling a contemporary story rather than proclaiming the future far in advance.

“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.” This proclamation about the coming of the

Gentiles and all nations to worship the Lord is wonderful news indeed, for it presages our own worship of Jesus the Christ.

Saint Paul says that “the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” We who are Gentiles can rejoice in our loving acceptance by our God.

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THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD
JANUARY 7, 2018

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 5:00 pm	January 6, 2018 †Judy Toepper req. by Kathy & Bruce Clover
Sunday, 9:00 am	January 7, 2019 †Rose Smith req. by Don Smith Family / also Parish Family of St Patrick
Monday, 9:00 am	January 8, 2018 †John & Ann Shields
Tuesday, 6:00 pm	January 9, 2018—NO MASS NO ADORATION
Wednesday,	January 10, 2018 - NO MASS
Thursday, 9:00 am	January 11, 2018 †Al Robbins req. by Phyllis Collins †Rita Robbins req. by the Baskerville Family
Friday, 9:00 am	January 12, 2018 NO MASS - Adoration until 11:00 am
Saturday, 5:00 pm	January 13, 2018 †Eileen Nolan req. by Marilyn & Craig Cieply
Sunday, 9:00 am	January 14, 2018 †Sandy Bahr req. by Dan & Cathy Gesell family /also Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, January 13,- 5:00 pm
Matthew Jasinski, Brent Bieschke
Sunday, January 14, - 9:00 am
Anne Marie Smith, Reganne Price

Lector

Saturday, January 13- 5:00 pm
Linda Cakora
Sunday, January 14 - 9:00 am
Steve Hoehn

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, January 13, - 5:00 pm
Jim Kreske
Sunday, January 14, - 9:00 am
Paul Engler

Usher:

Saturday, January 13- 5:00 pm
Bill Phelan, John Meyer
Sunday, January 14- 9:00 am
Brad Phelps, Bruce Boyle

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Boyle, Kotesa, Phelps

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

Sunday, December 31 \$2,027.00
Christmas \$250.00

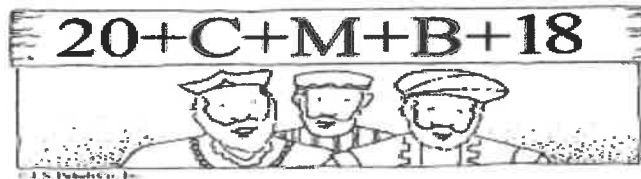
Thank you for your support of our Parish

Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!

Parish Goal: \$ 9,635.00
 Amount Pledged: \$12,615.00
 Amount Paid: \$12,030.00
 2017 Rebate \$ 1,677.00



Thank you for your generous response.



**ON LINE GIVING
 NOW ACCEPTS
 CREDIT CARDS**

Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can choose to do a One Time Gift or a special remembrance, or you can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It's easy and it's convenient! Go to our parish website at stpatrickwilton-center.org. to sign up.

WITH THE WINTER WEATHER UPON US 24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BE CANCELLED FOR JANUARY, FEBURARY AND MARCH FIRST FRIDAY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9:00 AM AND FIRST SATURDAY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9:00 AM

January

January	February	March	April	May	June
1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30
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**2018 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE
 THANK YOU FORSYTHE FUNERAL HOME
 FOR THE DONATIONS OF THESE
 LOVELY CALENDARS.**

The second collection this weekend will be our Maintenance Collection. December was a trying time on the parish; the winds in early December almost toppled the electrical pole on the back on the property between the church and the rectory. It has been braced so it will not fall, but cannot be taken care of until the weather is better- we may have to get a new pole. A few days later we discovered the pressure tank in the church hall rotted out and had to be replaced. The floor was badly damaged, however, we have been able to repair it ourselves. We appreciated your response to our regular monthly Maintenance Collection which helps us to maintain our buildings and property. If you are not prepared to donate to the maintenance collection this week, you can always drop it in any Sunday with your regular donation. As always, Thank you for your continued support.

For The New Year

I am the New Year.

I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living.

I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned during the last twelve months about life.

All that you sought the past year and failed to find is hidden in me;

I am waiting for you to search it out again with more determination.

All the good that you tried to do for others and didn't achieve last year is mine to grant -- providing you have fewer selfish and conflicting desires.

In me lies the potential of all that you have dreamed but didn't dare to do,

all that you hoped but did not perform,

all you prayed for but did not yet experience.

These dreams slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of an enduring purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Christ who said, "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5).

I am the New Year.

(Author unknown)

The 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway!

The Diocese of Joliet is mailing information about the 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) this month to all CMAA donors at St. Patrick Parish. The CMAA supports thirty ministries that benefit every parish in the Diocese, including ours, as well as our friends and neighbors most in need.

Our parish's goal for the 2018 CMAA is \$10,600. If we raise more than this goal, 70% of the amount paid over goal will be returned to us for use. This is a great benefit for our parish! Please review the information you receive and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA.

If you do not receive a mailing from the Diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.

2018 Collection Envelope Boxed Sets are available in the vestibule. If there are any changes in your address or phone number, please contact the parish office. If you are new to the parish and would like envelopes please call the office; also if you have decided to use on-line giving and do not wish the boxed sets let us know. With some families using on-line giving we have had to change a few envelope ID numbers. 2017 Contribution Statements are available upon request; call the parish office if you would like a statement.



The U.S. bishops annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place Thursday, January 18 – Friday, January 26. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

Copies of the 9 days for life novena are on the table in the vestibule

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons. —Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? And these special gifts--gold, frankincense, and myrrh--tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus time to worship God. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. So these gifts remind us of Jesus' kingship, divinity, and his dying for us.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Preston Wilcox; James Drozd; Nancee Long; Brett Burkhalter; Joyce Albers; Jeanne Kuzmitz; Steve Gallagher; Shay Phelan; Michelle Schneider; Barb Flatt; Naomi Theresa; Mary Cole; Torie Jasinski; Loretta Long; Nancy Lawrence; Megan & Lucy Skolasinski; Allison Grskovic; Mike Irlie; Kurt Dobbertin; Grace Niemiec; Cathy Engler; Joe Zeman; Bonnie Hack; Kristin McBee; Marge Flint

Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list should contact the office.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF JANUARY

- That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK January 7, 2018



Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
RESUME THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 7,
AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS

This is My Beloved Son



BAPTISM OF THE LORD
MONDAY, JANUARY 8

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The Magi were determined to follow the star that led them to Christ. Are we as determined as the Magi to follow the way that leads us to Christ? Do we offer back to God from the gifts he has given us, our Time, Talent, and Treasure: Are we prepared to accept hardships and the unknown? Are we committed to the journey to follow Christ?



NATIONS SHALL WALK BY YOUR LIGHT

“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.’ ” These words are joyous news for those through the ages who worship Christ, but bad news to those who, like Herod, selfishly guard their own prominence and kingship. “Herod called the magi secretly . . .” Those who act in secret often have evil motives, and, like Herod, are full of lies—“ . . . that I too may go and do him homage.” Herod has no such intent, but plans to murder the Christ child and, he thinks, protect his own rule. Evil is always at work in the world, but God protects the innocent, in this case sending the magi home by a different route rather than back to Herod.

YOUR HEART SHALL THROB AND OVERFLOW

The magi “were overjoyed at seeing the star.” So many of the words of Isaiah positively glow at the prophecy of the shining light of Israel, Jesus. “Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance . . . Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow.”

Christmas day, with all of its light and glory, has passed, and yet we forget that the Christmas season continues until tomorrow. The glory of the Lord continues to shine and manifest the glory to all nations. We who are members of these nations of the earth should continue to celebrate and rejoice at the coming of the Lord into our lives. We are indeed the Gentiles who have come to worship Christ, and to be saved by his glorious appearance. Blessed be the God who reaches out to us in mercy and love, and may the joy of his coming fill our hearts forever.

Today’s Readings: Is 60:1–6; Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mt 2:1–12

1/7/2018