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## JANUARY 2, 2022 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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### ~ PASTOR'S NOTES ~

Dear Parishioners,

**Happy New Year!** I pray that your 2022 may be happy, healing, healthy, holy, and filled with God's blessings.

This weekend we celebrate my favorite of the Christmas feasts: The Epiphany. This solemnity focuses on the visit of the Magi to the infant Christ. Notice that they are not described as kings (as in the familiar carol) but as *Magi*, a word that suggests arcane knowledge. Also note that the gospel of Matthew does not say there are three of them. King Herod is on guard immediately when he learns that these strangers from the East seek "the newborn king of the Jews" (Matt. 2:2). Herod is frightened, but the Magi are "overjoyed" (2:10) when the star stops where Jesus is. Without hesitation they go in and offer Jesus homage giving Him symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh (gold for a king, incense for the divine, and myrrh for one who is to die.) The same wisdom that has guided them to Bethlehem warns these wise men not to return to Herod. The message for the gospel reader is clear. The scribes and the priests who possess the knowledge (they are able to cite scripture and know exactly where the Messiah will be born) do nothing; while these foreigners wisely hasten with great joy and personal expense to greet the newborn king.

I invite each household to bless their home today. Take some holy water from church (and a piece of chalk if you need it) and use the blessing reprinted here in this bulletin from the book of Catholic Households and Prayers.

**Wise people still seek Him!** In 2022, may we who have seen the light and have been baptized in the light continue to seek our Savior in the Eucharist and in the grace of all the sacraments, in our daily prayers, and continue to look for Christ every day in the people we meet along our life's journey. Don't forget to look for Him in the places and in the people we least expect. Wisdom and not knowledge alone help us to find Him. We have been given Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Right Judgment, Courage, Reverence and Wonder and Awe as gifts to determine God's will in our life and to share those gifts with others. These gifts would be wonderful gifts to give back to the Lord wherever we find Him on this Epiphany. **On March 19, 2022 [The Solemnity of St. Joseph], our 7<sup>th</sup> grade parishioners will receive those gifts of the Holy Spirit in a profound way in the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

The year 2022 will have its challenges for all of us. With those challenges comes an excellent opportunity to promote peace, justice and God's selfless love. Merry Christmas and Have a Blessed New Year!

Prayers and Blessings,

*F. Greg Oligschlaeger*

MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. STEPHEN & HOLY ROSARY			
DAY	LOCATION	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday January 2	St. Stephen* Holy Rosary	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary Jerry & Sherry Copenhaver
Tuesday January 3	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Pauline Quinn
Wednesday January 4	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary Living and Deceased
Thursday January 5	Holy Rosary	7:30 AM	Evelyn McCormick
Friday January 6	Holy Rosary Student Mass	8:20 AM	Maurice Shuck
Saturday January 7	Holy Rosary	5:30 PM	Mike & Therese Long Tina Schmitt
Sunday January 8	St. Stephen* Holy Rosary	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Families of St. Stephen & Holy Rosary Matthew & Jannett Long
*Mass will be live streamed on Facebook @ "Greg Oligschlaeger" <a href="https://facebook.com/frgregolig">https://facebook.com/frgregolig</a>			
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>			
4:00-5:00 PM Saturdays at Holy Rosary 7:15-7:45 AM Sundays at St. Stephen or by appointment 735-4718			

### ~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Please disregard the Catholic Missourian envelope** in your box of 2022 offertory envelopes (pink envelope dated 7/3/22). The cost of the Catholic Missourian is assessed in the church's monthly payment to the Diocese. Thank you!
- **The next Finance Council meeting** will be at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at the HR parish office.
- **The next Pastoral Council meeting** will be in the Swinkey gym at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **A Weekly Rosary** is prayed each Monday at 12:00 p.m. at St. Stephen. All are welcome to join and share their intentions, both spoken and unspoken.

### ~ BLESSING OF THE HOME ~

A popular custom on Epiphany is to bless homes by inscribing the numerals of the New Year along with the letters C, M and B over the main door of one's home using chalk and reciting the blessing below. The letters C, M, and B, are for the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, but they are also for the Latin blessing "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," which means "May Christ Bless this House." This act symbolizes the hospitality offered to guests. **Holy water bottles are available at the Holy water font and pieces of chalk are available in the vestibule.**

*Blessing*  
OF THE  
**HOME AND HOUSEHOLD**

**20+C+M+B+22**

Lord God of heaven and earth,  
 You revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation  
 By the guidance of a star.  
 Bless this house and all who inhabit it.  
 Fill us with the light of Christ,  
 That our concern for others may reflect your love.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**~ PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER ~**

*Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your will and know that whatever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.*

David Griffin	Mark Leake	Caitlin Shively
Geoffrey Preckshot	Trent Zeiger	Jeff Thomas
Kayla Benson McAndrews	Bill Smith	Phyllis Taylor
Lakian Lehenbauer	Janice Kendrick	Richard Elliott
Rusty Adam	Regina Hays	Frankie Maddox
Tim Quinn	John Kendrick	Dcn Mike Long
Hazel Smith	Sue Gilbert	Natalee Amos
Rosemary Evans	Deanna Buckman	Jackie Ryan
Logan Maher	Bonnie Ess	Barbara Kendrick
Connie Kendrick	Nick Mudd	Michael Kellerman
Teresa Ritter Toland		

**FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD along with Donna**

Happy New Year and may it come with good health and blessing for us all!

**PSR** – Classes resume for 7-12 PSR on January 9, 2022. Classes resume for K-6 PSR on January 12, 2022. Students not yet enrolled in PSR are welcome to join their class in January.

**RCIA Sessions** – Our next session will be January 5, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Holy Rosary Church basement. Our topic will be *The Sacraments: An Introduction*.

**FORMED.org** – This week we celebrate St. Andre Bessette on January 6. He was a humble doorkeeper to a boys' college and his funeral drew over 1 million people to his funeral. God's Doorkeeper looks at the heart and legacy of Brother Andre as a many of prayer, of hospitality, and of compassion, a man who draws people in to experience a God who is love. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/god-s-doorkeeper-st-andre-of-montreal>

**Next Parish-Wide Study** – I have chosen our next Parish-Wide Study on Mary. There will be more information coming soon. Please watch the bulletin.

**Continue Your Prayers for Confirmation Candidates** - If you wish to send your candidate a card of encouragement, please mail cards to school, 415 S. Locust, or to church, 405 S. Main, and we will make sure the student receives your card.

To inquire about faith formation/religious education contact Donna Long anytime at [donnalng.hrss@gmail.com](mailto:donnalng.hrss@gmail.com) or call me at the rectory at 735-4718, my office hours are 8:00 am to Noon, Monday through Friday.

**~ HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL NEWS ~**

- **Classes will resume** on Monday, January 3, 2022. Bus service will not be available until Thursday, January 6th, as the public school is not in session January 3-5th.
- **Report cards** will be sent home with students on Thursday, January 6th. The 2nd semester of the school year ended on December 21st.
- **The Holy Rosary Sports Banquet** will be held on Monday, January 10th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall. Meat, drinks and tableware will be provided. All families are asked to bring two dishes to share. Grandparents are asked to bring one dish.
- **Lucky Hearts** banquet will be held on Saturday, February 12th. Additional information will soon be available.
- **Mass at 8:20 a.m.** on Friday, January 7th, will be led by students from various classes.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 3 - Classes resume at HRS  
 January 3 - Swinkey Rosary at Noon  
 January 6 - KC Meeting  
 January 10 - HRS Sports Banquet  
 January 11 - First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders  
 January 13 - Finance Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
 January 18 - Swinkey Ladies' Coffee 8:30 a.m.  
 January 31 - Catholic Schools Week / Projects Due  
 February 12 - Lucky Hearts Banquet  
 March 19 - Sacrament of Confirmation Mass  
 March 23 - Family Faith Night

**Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy  
Mother of God**

January 1, 2022



Mother of Christ,  
pray for us.  
 Mother of the Church,  
pray for us.  
 Mother of divine grace,  
pray for us.  
 Mother most pure,  
pray for us.  
 Mother of our Creator,  
pray for us.

**~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~**

The January KC meeting will be held on Thursday, January 6th with the rosary at 7:00 p.m., followed by the meeting. All are welcome to join with the Knights praying the rosary.

**~ JANUARY PRAYER INTENTIONS ~**

**Pope Francis:** "We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family."

**Bishop McKnight:** "As we begin a new year, may the opportunities for the grace to clearly recognize the dignity of life, education and ecumenism allow us to better support our brothers and sisters who need the warmth of Christ's love and our compassion during this winter season."

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 9, 2022**

*The Baptism of the Lord*

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11:* "Comfort, give comfort to my people." Isaiah prophesies that "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it."

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 104:1-4, 25, 27-28, 29-30:* "O bless the Lord, my soul."

**Second Reading:** *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7:* Through the grace of God's appearance, we have been saved "through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit...through Jesus Christ our savior."

**Gospel:** *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22:* When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**Liturgical Assignments**

January 2 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Sacristan	Doug & Julie Orf
Greeter	Donnie & Marie Hays
Rosary	Katie Foster
Music	Debby Quinn & Carol Mudd
Song Leader	Whitney Pfaff
Servers	Michael Spalding & Caitlin Shively
Cross Bearer	Chuck Wunsch
Lector	Nancy Shively
Offertory	Kody & Dahrena Karr
Extraordinary	Julie Orf, Doug Orf, Marie Puroi,
Ministers	Nancy Shively, Amanda Spalding
Counters	Carol Hagan, Shane Spalding

January 9 – The Baptism of the Lord

Sacristan	Kathy Anderson
Greeter	Don & Kay Hays
Rosary	Gares Family
Music	Beth Whelan & Julienne Burns
Song Leader	Lee Anderson
Servers	Avrie Hays & Chloe Puroi
Cross Bearer	Cole Hays
Lector	Amanda Spalding
Offertory	Eric & Beth Keller
Extraordinary	Kay Turnbull, Peggy Spalding, Phil Whelan,
Ministers	Dwayne Williams, Madeline Williams
Counters	Carol Hagan, Kathy Spurgeon

January 16 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan	Doug & Julie Orf
Greeter	David & Julie Hays
Rosary	Maureen Lemongelli
Music	Sr. Sue Walker
Song Leader	Judy Irons
Servers	Sophie Gares & Jacob Anderson
Cross Bearer	Danny Sims
Lector	Shane Spalding
Offertory	Robert Keller
Extraordinary	Beth Whelan, Kathy Anderson, Deanna Buckman,
Ministers	Sally Lemongelli, Rose McNally
Counters	Carol Hagan, Jim & Julienne Burns

Ushers for January

Lee Anderson, Matt Anderson, Dan Bichsel, Glenn Bichsel