

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 2, 2022 - Epiphany of The Lord

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JANUARY 1- JANUARY 9

### ST. MARY'S

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| Saturday  | 4:00 p.m. | +Larry & Patty Parrigon                  |
| Sunday    | 8:30 a.m. | +Mary Szydloski                          |
| Monday    | 8:15 a.m. | Rosary & Communion Service               |
| Wednesday | 8:15 a.m. | +Steve Heeter                            |
|           | 7:30 p.m. | +Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus |
| Friday    | 8:15 a.m. | +Poor souls in Purgatory                 |
| Saturday  | 4:00 p.m. | St. Mary's Parish Family                 |
| Sunday    | 8:30 a.m. | +Francis & Mildred Witt                  |

### ST. AGNES

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| Tues.  | 8:30 a.m.  |
| Thurs. | 8:30 a.m.  |
| Sun.   | 10:30 a.m. |

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

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| Sunday, January 2    | Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord                |
| Tuesday, January 4   | Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious     |
| Wednesday, January 5 | Knights of Columbus Meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the C.R. |
| Sunday, January 9    | Feast of the Baptism of The Lord                     |

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Monday, January 10    | 8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service  |
| Wednesday, January 12 | 8:15 a.m. Mass<br>6:30 p.m.<br>St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R. |
| Friday, January 14    | 8:15 a.m. Mass  |

## OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in January:

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00      Last Week's Collection: \$ 2405.00

**TUCKPOINTING PROJECT:** To date our parish has \$44,588.00 toward our \$65,000.00 goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by mailing or putting your pledge in the collection marked tuckpointing. We are still short \$ 20,412.00 of meeting our goal.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Dawnata Hopkins, Louise Bellm, Ester Miller, Charlotte Sloan, Andrea Kristek, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**ROSARY:** The Rosary is said Tuesday-Friday every day at **11:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome to come. Also if you are within 1 mile of the church you can listen to it on the radio station 88.1FM. Please call the parish office and let us know if there is a better time of day for you to join us in praying the Rosary.

**END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTER:** If you would like a copy of your contributions for the 2021 year, please print your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

**CHURCH OFFICE:** The church secretary will be out of the office January 3 through January 17 due to having a knee replacement. Then after the 17 she will be at the office for short periods of time and working from home the rest of the time. She can be reached at anytime by calling the church phone number.

**2022 CALENDARS** are in the back of church.

## APPOINTMENTS

If you are unable to make your appointment, please find a replacement

**Saturday, January 8 4:00 p.m. Mass**

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Ushers: Larry Carver, Leonard Fenske

**Sunday, January 9 8:30 a.m. Mass**

Readers: Mary Abramovitz, Michael Myers

Ushers: Ralph Abramovitz, Jim Barchak

*From a reader:*

# Requests from Our Lady remain unanswered

## Mary's side of the Fatima Story

**O**ur Blessed Mother in the year 1917 requested the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart through the intercession of three children of Fatima, Portugal. She promises the "gift of peace" to the world if this is accomplished. The rules of this act are as follows:

The pope must consecrate Russia, by name, to her Immaculate Heart in union with all of the Catholic bishops of the world, at the same time.

Our Lady then, on July 13, 1917, made a very striking ultimatum to mankind, "If my requests are granted, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If my requests are not granted, Russia will spread her errors throughout the world, rising up wars and persecutions against the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer and various nations will be annihilated."

Fatima has been approved by every pope since 1930, and I would hope that the pope, as well as the bishops of the world, would come together at this time and honor her wishes as that consecration has not been culminated. According to Sr. Lucia, when being questioned by the

## LETTER TO EDITOR

*From Our Reader*

Papal Nuncio in March of 1983, she emphatically said **NO, IT DID NOT!** Because:

1. Russia was not clearly the object of the consecration;
2. The pope consecrated the **World, not Russia;**
3. Each bishop did not arrange a public, solemn ceremony of Russia's consecration in his own cathedral.

Folks, we need to pray for the bishops as well as the popes who have procrastinated in their duties for the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Had this been accomplished we would now be enjoying the peace that she promised 100 years ago. **MARY DOESN'T LIE!**

**Teresa Heeter  
Pierce City, MO**

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

### Monday January 3

1 John 3:22 -- 4: 6  
Ps 2:7bc-8,10-12a  
Matthew 4:12-17,23-25

### Tuesday January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 John 4:7-10  
Ps 72:1-4,7-8  
Mark 6:34-44

### Wednesday January 5 St. John Neumann

1 John 4:11-18  
Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13  
Mark 6:45-52

### Thursday January 6

1 John 4:19 -- 5:4  
Ps 72:1-2,14,15bc,17  
Luke 4:14-22

### Friday January 7

1 John 5:5-13  
Ps 147:12-15,19-20  
Luke 5:12-16

### Saturday January 8

1 John 5:14-21  
Ps 149:1-6a,9b  
John 3:22-30

The Season of Christmas ends with the celebration of the arrival of the magi from the East.

The Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Despite sometimes being translated as "astrologers", their appearance at the manger does not validate astrology. Matthew included the magi in his Gospel account to show that Jesus was born to bring salvation to all:

Gentiles as well as Jews. No one who humbles himself before Jesus, paying homage to his divine-and-human presence, is excluded from the kingdom of God. Christ is the way, the truth and the life. No one can have eternal life without him, but all are welcome.

Contrary to popular legends, the magi were not kings, even though post-biblical writings often referred to them as

kings because of the royal gifts they brought. It's not *their* kingship that the gifts represent; it's the Messianic kingship of Jesus. The magi prophetically testified with these gifts that Jesus was a divine king who would die.

Gold honored Jesus as king, incense honored his divinity, and myrrh, which was used in preparing the dead for burial, honored his death. Eventually, the gifts also came to symbolize our Christian response: gold represents our righteousness, incense our prayers, and myrrh our sufferings for Christ.



The word "epiphany" means a moment of discovery that changes our lives. Did the magi recognize baby Jesus as the world's savior? It was a common belief at the time that all kings were gods living among us until they died. Did the magi have an epiphany about the permanent kingship of Jesus?

Surely after this pilgrimage they never forgot about him and they kept their ears open for news from Jerusalem about him. Surely they learned about the King

of the Jews who was crucified. We know this, because they became very saintly Christians; their relics still exist and have been venerated since very early times.

Without a doubt, the magi worshiped Jesus, even if they didn't fully understand why until later.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. In what ways do you pay homage to Jesus?
2. Reflect on how this assures you of your salvation.
3. Describe an epiphany you had during a time of suffering.
4. How did it increase your righteousness? How did it affect your prayer life? These are your royal gifts for Jesus!