

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Epiphany of the Lord
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JANUARY 4th – JANUARY 12th

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+John Gripka
	6:30 p.m.	For the Health of Jerry Gasser
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 & Virginia Jasumback

ST. AGNES

Tuesday	8:30 a.m.
Thursday	8:30 a.m.
Sunday	10:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Wednesday, January 8

PSR Classes will resume. Class will be from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 13

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Wednesday, January 15

8:15 a.m. Mass

St. Mary's Home & School Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the school

Friday, January 17

8:15 a.m. Mass

Sunday, January 19

Taking down Christmas decorations after Mass. Anyone able to stay and help it would be greatly appreciated.

Free Throw Contest for ages 9-14. The gym will open at 12 noon and contest will begin at 1:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

YOUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in January: Bonnie Parrigon and Charlotte Sloan

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4120.00

Seminary Collection: \$ 1376.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTER: If you would like a copy of your contributions for the 2019 year, please print your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The school is looking for a part time janitor to handle the cleaning duties of the school. If interested please contact Jason Kramer at 417-476-2824.

Thanks, Jason

APPOINTMENTS

If you are unable to make your appointment, please find a replacement
Please note that E.M.: Stands for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday, January 11th 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Garrett Schmidt, Beverly Miller

E.M.: Debbie Parrigon, Jim Parrigon, Shelly Stellwagen

Servers: Layla Jones, Lincoln Jones, Maggie Jones

Ushers: Larry Gasser, Doug Sloan, Michael Sloan, Bryan Stellwagen

Sunday, January 12th 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Rachele Brown, Jennifer Eaton

E.M.: Rachele Brown, Mellanie Carder, Jennifer Eaton, Debbie Seufert

Servers: Evy Eckhart, Marina Masri, Bronwyn Masri

Ushers: Richard Cochran, Jimmy Conley, Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper

Monthly appointments will run in the bulletin once a month. Then we will run them weekly as we have done in the past.

The monthly list will also be on the bulletin board in the back of church

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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

Monday January 6

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

Tuesday January 7

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

Wednesday January 8

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

Thursday January 9

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

Friday January 10

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

Saturday January 11

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

Let's consider the humble adoration of the magi for the Christ child. The magi were Gentiles, and the Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Despite sometimes being translated as "astrologers", their visit to the manger does not validate astrology.

Because they were not Jews, their determination to meet the Jewish savior says much about what the word "epiphany" means. The magi are good examples of believing in the importance of Jesus even without understanding what it would mean to them personally or to the rest of the world.

They worshiped Jesus as a King-Messiah before they knew how he would become king or how his kingship would save the world from evil. As scientific scholars, they had studied religious writings from beyond the

scope of their own culture. Then, they acted on faith in response to the Spirit of God who activated them, and it changed their lives.

Only the Spirit of God can move someone to have faith, because faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 12). The word "epiphany" means discovery, a revelation that changes our lives. Epiphanies are gifts from God as he collaborates with our desire for new growth.

We can imagine how the magi felt when they experienced an epiphany in the presence of the Christ child.



Although they did not understand how this baby from a poor family could become king, they remembered him for the rest of their lives and listened for news from the land of Israel about Jesus. We know that they heard about his crucifixion and learned what his followers were teaching about it, for they became Christians – their relics have been venerated since very early times.

Reflect & Discuss:

† What sign from God, like the star that the magi followed, are you waiting to see?

† What signs is God already showing you?

† What epiphany – new understanding – is Jesus giving you about what God is doing in your life?

† God has given you faith to believe in Jesus as the Messiah. How do you act on this faith? And how do these actions evangelize non-believers?