

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

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Jan. 2, 2022 Epiphany of The Lord

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## MASSES FOR Jan 2 – JAN 9

### Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

St. Agnes Parish Family

+Poor Souls in Purgatory

Justice & Peace

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### St. Mary's

Mon. 8:15 a.m. Rosary Service

Wed. 8:15 a.m.

Fri. 8:15 a.m.

Sun. 8:30 a.m.

### EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, January 2

Tuesday, January 4

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord**

**Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

**The Rosary for Life will be prayed at 8:00 a.m., before 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Feast of The Baptism of The Lord**

Sunday, January 9

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 17

Friday, January 21

Sunday, January 30

**Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot**

**Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

**Catholic Schools Week**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 735.00 Christmas \$83.00 Seminary/Retired Clergy \$646.00**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### READERS

**January 2** Kathy Eck  
9 Cheryl (K) Elbert  
16 Sandy Thorn  
23 Doug Pickering

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#### MONEY COUNTERS

Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz  
James Campbell & Doug Pickering  
Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt  
Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Louise Bellm, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO TO THE FAMILY OF PATRICK WOLFE** who's wife passed away. May she be living with God and may her family feel his peace.

**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

**JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S:** Thomas Adamson, Brenda Campbell, Jared Campbell, John Campbell, Kathy Eck, John Jennett, Lawrence Katzfey, Deloris Nimsick, Michael Nimsick, & Bryan Wagner.

**AFTER YOU COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS,** consider sharing them with the Church. As the spirit of gratitude to God permeates our lives at this time of year, please prayerfully consider including our parish in your giving. Your generosity helps to give others the most precious of gifts—the love of God, and the sacraments and ministries of the Church.

By writing a check to St. Agnes Church by Dec. 31, you can reduce the sting of income taxes if you itemize. Your gifts provide the necessary support for all our parish does. Thank you!

### FAMILY PRAYER

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as you lived God's plan for your family, you changed the shape and design of the human family. Watch over all families today as they struggle to live God's word in the midst of challenge and difficulty. We ask this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## 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!