

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 8, 2023

The Epiphany Of the Lord



Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72

Ephesians 3:2-6; Matthew 2:1-12

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

Liturgical Assignments – January 14/15	
	Lector
4:30 p.m.	Ashley Kountz
7:00 a.m.	Volunteer needed
9:00 a.m.	Mary Jo Marek
Altar Servers	
4:30 p.m.	Jack Short / Volunteer Needed
9:00 a.m.	Gavin Weiland
Weekday	School Servers
Money Counters	
Rhonda Christie / Nancy Vanover	
Sacrificial Offerings to God – DEC 31 / JAN 1	
Envelopes	17,540.00
Plate	543.65
Votives	108.50
Repair/Utility Fund	1,055.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
TOTAL	19,247.15
Average Weekly Offertory Needed	\$14,360.00

This weekend the second collection will be taken up for the repair/utility fund.

Next weekend the second collection will go to the annual **Catholic Home Missions & Black and Indian Missions.**

Dean Sowell, father of Lori Chappell, passed away on December 22nd. Please pray for the repose of his soul and the consolation of his loved ones.

South Side Food Kitchen

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will represent St. James Parish on Thursday, January 12th. Please contact a St. Vincent member or call the parish office if you can provide a dessert.

Epiphany Home Blessing

On the Epiphany, there is a custom of blessings homes, and, for this purpose, after Mass **chalk** and **water** are blessed. When you get home, sprinkle some Epiphany water (otherwise and afterwards used as regular Holy Water) in the rooms of your house to protect it and bring blessings. This Holy Water recalls the waters of the Jordan, and is a visible reminder of Christ's Divinity, of Jesus's revealing Himself as God at His Baptism, when were heard the words from the Father: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased." This rite of blessing the home -- led by a priest, if possible, or the father of the house if no priest is available -- goes like this:

Antiphon: *From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.*

All: **My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the humility of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is His Name. And His Mercy is from generation unto generations upon them that fear Him. He hath shown might in His arm, He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away. He hath received Israel, His servant, being mindful of His mercy. As He spoke to our Fathers, Abraham and His seed forever. From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.**

Our Father...

Leader: *All they from Saba shall come.*

All: **Bringing gold and frankincense.**

Leader: *O Lord, hear my prayer.*

All: **And let my cry come unto Thee.**

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES

Sunday, January 8	Holy Hour – 8 am to 8:45am Coffee and Donuts – 10 am, MMHall Holy Name Mtg – 10 am, MMHall RCIA – 10:05 am – C. Erk Rm Confirmation – 10:05 am, School CCD – 10:05 am, School
Monday	Confessions – 7:30 am Legion of Mary – 8:45 am, C. Erk Rm Marketing Mtg. – 5:30 pm, C. Erk Rm
Tuesday	Confessions – 5 pm Mass – 5:30 pm
Wednesday	Confessions – 7:30 am
Thursday	NO Mass or Confessions
Friday	Confessions – 7:30 am Office Closed
Saturday	Confessions – 3:30 pm
Sunday, January 15	Holy Hour – 8 am to 8:45am RCIA – 10:05 am – C. Erk Rm Confirmation – 10:05 am, School CCD – 10:05 am, School

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Leader: *Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.*

All: **Amen.**

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee-- Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: **And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.**

Leader: Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, walk through the house and bless each room by sprinkling with Epiphany water and incensing it. Take the blessed chalk and first write the initials of the three Wise Men, connected with Crosses, over the inside of your front door (on the lintel, if possible). Then write the year, breaking up the numbers and the year so that they fall on both sides of the initials. It should look like this, for ex.:

20 C+M+B 23

with the "20" being the millennium and century, the "C" standing for the first Wise Man, Caspar, the "M" standing for Melchior, the "B" standing for Balthasar, and the "23" standing for the decade and year. It is also popularly believed that the Kings' initials also stand for "Christus mansionem benedicat."

Ad Space is Available on the Back of our Bulletin!

Call J.L. Robertson at 816-238-1797 for more information.

St. Joseph Catholic Academy Prayer Breakfast Fundraiser – WED, FEB 1st – 8 am, SFX Parish Center

Guest Speakers – Bishop James Johnston and Dr. Ed Kammerer

To buy tickets or a sponsorship go to

<https://www.stjoecatholicacademy.com>

Annual Catholic Appeal Update for St. James

Households: 47 Current \$9,375.00

60% of our goal

This year's goal for our parish is \$15,750.00.

Please make sure you mark St. James in St. Joseph as your parish when you send in your check or donate online.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 a.m. – *Pro Populo*

9:00 a.m. – *Draga Zuptich +*

Holy Family

11:30 a.m. – Latin

Deceased Members of Legion of Mary +

Monday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

8 a.m. – *Daniel Ramirez +*

Tuesday, January 10

Votive Mass of the Holy Angels

5:30 p.m. – *Robert Kneib +*

Wednesday, January 11

Votive Mass of St. Joseph

8 a.m. – *Rosa & John Sanger +*

Thursday, January 12

8 a.m. – *NO MASS*

Friday, January 13

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8 a.m. – *Rita Andriano +*

Saturday, January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. – *Jesse Chavez, Esperanza Martinez +*

Sunday, January 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. – *Pro Populo*

9:00 a.m. – *Robert Pitts +*

Second Sunday after Epiphany

11:30 a.m. – Latin

Arlen Roach +

(A cross indicates that the Mass intention is for a deceased loved one.)