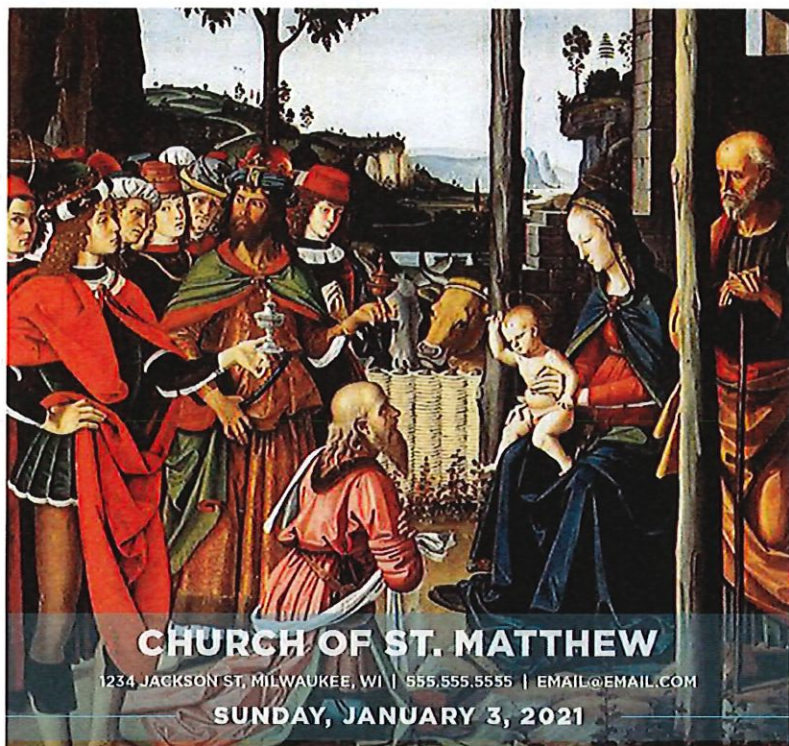


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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:30pm Mass

Sunday

7:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

Weekdays

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

8:00am Mass

Confession Schedule

Saturday | 3:30pm

15 minutes before Daily Masses

Office of Religious Education & Youth Ministry

225-654-5885 | Mon, Tues, Wed



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Mass Schedule

Sunday

9:00am | Mass

Tuesday

6:15pm | Confession

6:30pm | Mass

Daughters of Mary Sisters

Sr. Cielo Pesigan, Sr. Maricel Marpuri,
Sr. Mary Ann Diaz, Sr. Fe Bista "Ping"

LITURGICAL LIFE

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday:

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a
[8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-2

Tuesday:

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf.
11]/Mk 6:34-4

Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
[cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and
15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19
-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and
6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Tuesday:

St. John Neumann, Bishop

Wednesday:

St. André Bessette, Religious

Thursday:

St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Welcome **New**
to the Parish

Jessica Dixon in Jackson
and

Zach & Catherine Zaitzeff and
their children, Margaret Grace
and Natalie Rose, in Clinton

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for! ©LPI

USE THE
Light of God



2021 Calendars are delayed.

The calendars are expected to arrive mid January.

See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MT



SANCTUARY LIGHT:

**JANUARY 2 -
JANUARY 8**

The Sanctuary Light at SJB
will burn in memory of
Arne Christiansen

The Adoration Chapel
will burn in memory of
Mamie & Rebecca Croxton

The Sanctuary Light at OLA
will burn in memory of
Caldwell & Cazedessus Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: 01/02

Kay & Charles Pelletier, Bob Arceneaux,
Wally & Glenn King, Kenneth Wilkewitz,
Gerald Favaron, Joseph Achord, Don Metcalf,
Rebecca Croxton, Mamie Croxton, George
Kelley, LC Riche, Renee Fontenot, Mark
Rioux, Dana Baker Othmer, Bruce Pitre,
Austin Hollingsworth, Luke Everett Fontenot

Sunday: 01/03

7:00 AM: Luke Everett Fontenot, Arne
Christiansen, Bill Ensminger, Clarence
Hotard, Jr., Teddy Hurst, Mary Leger, Ray
Cooper, Brandon Nosacka, Alexander
Neofotistos, Rita O'Bryan, Michael Lachney,
Donald Walker

9:00 AM: Joe Goudeau, Maude Williams,
James Howell, Wildred Quinlan, Dr. John
Piker, Paul Davidson, Jr., Carl Cooper, Joyce
Landry Millard, Little & Davis families

11:00 AM: Henry, Marianne, & Ronnie
Tauzin, Larry Plauche, Johnny Wales, Jim
McGill, Teddy Hurst, Bob Hanchey, Charles
Rissler, Tyler Craig, Joe Anzalone family

Tuesday 01/05 Dr. John Piker, E. B. Little, Jr.,
Sr. Flouserfina, DM, Sr. Reyataza, DM

Wednesday 01/06: Arne Christiansen, Joe
Partin

Thursday 01/07: Luke Everett Fontenot

Friday 01/08: Don Metcalf



Many of our
neighbors are in
dire need.

Unfortunately, our SVDP funds
are very depleted at this time.

Therefore, we will have a
special collection basket in
church January 9-31.



Dr. Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army
Aaron Barr, USAF
James A. Benning, USM
Matthew Boyd, Army
Cody Castello, USMC
Eugene Cazedessus, USMC
Chase Boyd Chandler, Army
Allen Jude Charlet, Army
Daniel Clesi, USAF
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Matthew Charlet Dart, USN
Stephen DiLorenzo, Army
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Nesta Gross, USAF
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Robert Brett Parker, LaNG
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James Rouchon, USMC
David Welch, LaNG
Gordon M. White, USAF
Christopher Williston, USAF

2021 New Guidelines for

MASS INTENTIONS AND SANCTUARY LIGHT

The fee for Mass intentions continues to be \$5.00 per person, married couple or family. Example: \$5.00 per mass for John Doe, John & Jane Doe, or Doe family. Adding the intention of another name is an additional \$5.00. The Sanctuary Light is now **\$20.00** per week per person, married couple, or family.

FAITH FORMATION

Parish Faith Formation



*"The object of a new year
is not that we should have
a new year,
but rather that we should
have a new soul."
G.K. Chesterton*

Edge is this Sunday, Jan. 3rd
K-5 & Life Teen are next Sunday, Jan. 10th

Confirmation Session # 4
Wednesday, Jan. 6th
5:30-7pm in the PAC

GO FORTH

For High School Seniors
Wednesday, Jan. 6th
5:30pm PAC foyer

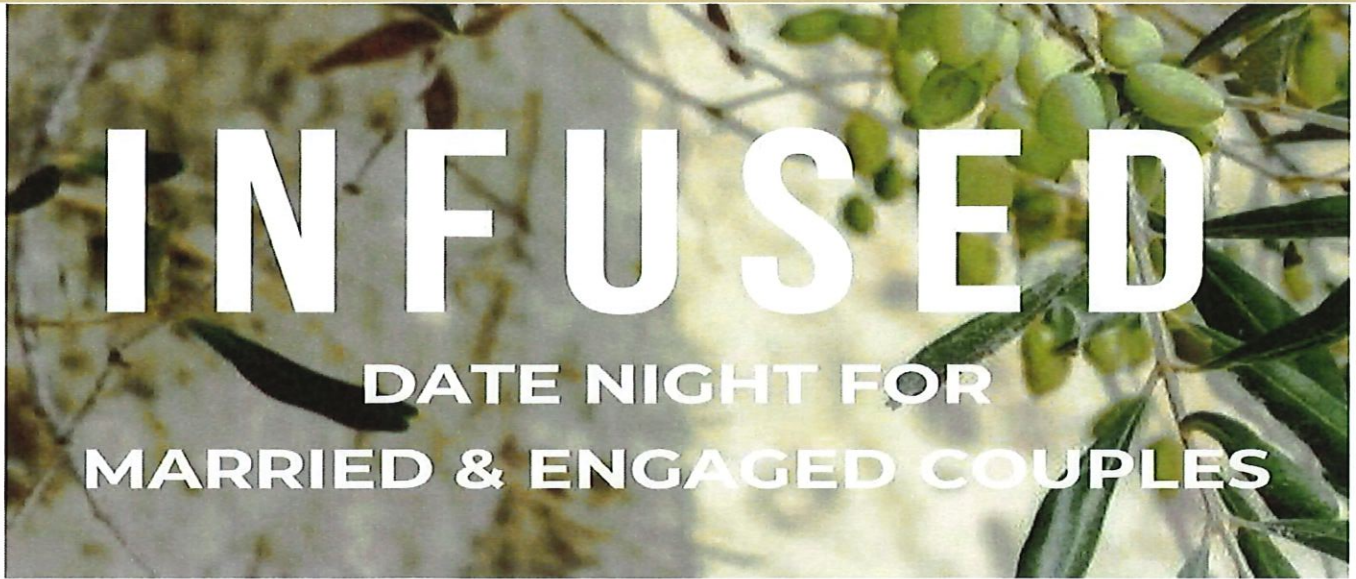
24 hour Adoration
is Monday, January 18th
starting at 8am until Tuesday at 8am.
Please consider signing up
for an hour with our Lord.
Contact the Religious Ed office at
225-654-5885 or religioused@sjb-ola.org

First Reconciliation and Retreat is coming
up on **Saturday, January 23rd**. We will
start at **9am** with the retreat and practice
in the Parish Hall. The children will make
their First Reconciliation immediately
following practice at 11am. Parents will
meet us in the church at 11am and are
invited to make their confession also.

Bible Studies

Bible Timeline will return Mon. Jan. 11th @ 10am & Tues. Jan. 5th
@ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

Emmaus Road will resume Jan. 10th at 9:30am and continue on Sundays
during K-5 Classes, in the Parish Hall



January 30th
FOLLOWING 4:30 PM MASS
IN THE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER

GUEST HOST:
ROUSES' CHEESEMONGER,
SCOTT PAGE

Thoughts shared from the book

*The Catholic Table: Finding Joy
Where Food and Faith Meet*

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Since the inception of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in our Parish in **2015**, we have been able to help over **1,250 families** in crisis situations with basic needs such as housing, food, heat, water, and utilities. We also provided information about existing social services and resources that can provide on-going and longer-term assistance.

Please consider a Donation in January, 2021
Our Funds are Very Low, and Needs are Great



"Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another."

-St. Vincent de Paul

4 Ways to Donate Today

1. Make a one-time or recurring online donation at **sjb-ola.org/SVDP**
2. Add to your existing contributions using **Online Giving** on our website
3. Drop a **check** to St Vincent De Paul in the **Collection Basket** at mass
4. Send or drop off your donation to the **Parish Office**

We pray that God blesses you with the gifts of Hope and Peace throughout the New Year.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO ALL SOCIAL GATHERINGS!



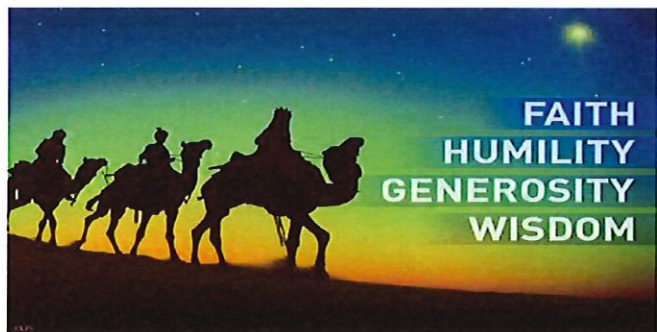
We are now able to offer to the many groups and organizations of SJB the ability to video conference their meetings using ZOOM, thanks to the generosity of one of our parishioners. It is our hope that we can assist the parishioners and organizations of the parish to reconnect and reunify with each other during these difficult times.

The leaders of each organization can call the parish office for the instructions for using ZOOM at their next meeting.



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
Saturday, January 9th at 9:30am
No registration required.

ALTAR SOCIETY -Thursday (Jan. 7) at 10:00am
MINISTRY MEETING -Thursday (Jan. 7) at 5:30pm
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -Sunday (Jan 10) at 8:00am
THAT MAN IS YOU -Sunday (Jan.10) at 4:30pm.



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 3

Epiphany of the Lord

-7:00 am: Mass

-11:00 am: Mass

-4:00 pm: Edge

Monday, January 4

-6:00 pm: Prayer Group / Chapel

Tuesday, January 5

-6:30 pm: Bible Study / Hall

Wednesday, January 6

-8:00 am: Mass

-5:30 pm: Confirmation Session #4

Thursday, January 7

-8:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Altar Society

-5:30 pm: Ministry Meeting

-7:00 pm: R.C.I.A.

Friday, January 8

-8:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy

Saturday, January 9

-9:30 am: Baptismal Seminar

-3:30 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 10

Baptism of the Lord

-6:30 am: Knights of Columbus Rosary

-7:00 am: Mass

-8:00 am: KC Meeting

-9:30 am: K-5 Religious Ed /Emmaus Rd

-11:00 am: Mass

-4:00 pm: Life Teen

-4:30 pm: That Man is You

COLLECTIONS

12/20/2020

Identified	\$	10,928.00
Unidentified Cash	\$	348.16
Building Maintenance	\$	485.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	145.00
Youth Ministry	\$	935.00
Religious Education	\$	125.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	1,865.00
Giving Tree (D.M. Sisters)	\$	4,480.05
Priest Retirement	\$	100.00
Retirement for Religious	\$	75.00
Debt Reduction	\$	3,548.00

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2/3: Debt Reduction

23/24: Church in Latin America

All Month: St. Vincent dePaul

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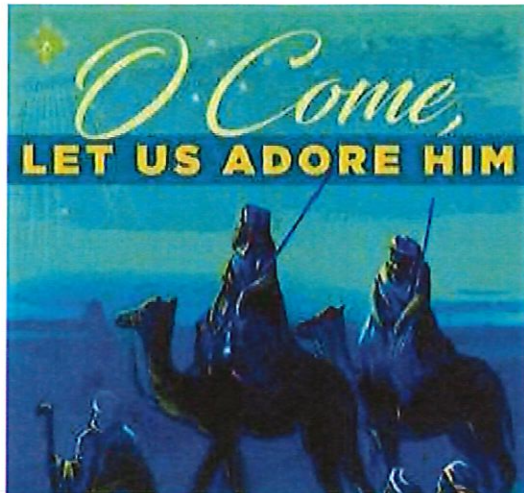
JANUARY 2021

January 10: Class #8 and will include First Reconciliation

Retreat for 2nd grade at 10:00am—noon.

January 12: First Reconciliation at 6:00pm and Mass at 6:30pm

January 24: Class #9 at 10:00am



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 3

Epiphany of the Lord

-6:30 pm: Rosary

-9:00 am: Mass

Tuesday, January 5

-6:15 pm: Confessions

-6:30 pm: Mass

-7:00 pm: Men's Club

Sunday, January 10

Baptism of the Lord

-9:00 am: Mass / Children's Liturgy

-10:00 am: Religious Ed Class #8

-10:00 am—noon: First Reconciliation for Grade 2

COLLECTIONS

12/20/2020

Identified	\$	3,018.00
Unidentified Cash	\$	283.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	40.00
Priest Retirement	\$	100.00
Retirement for Religious	\$	250.00
Capital Campaign	\$	1,618.00
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