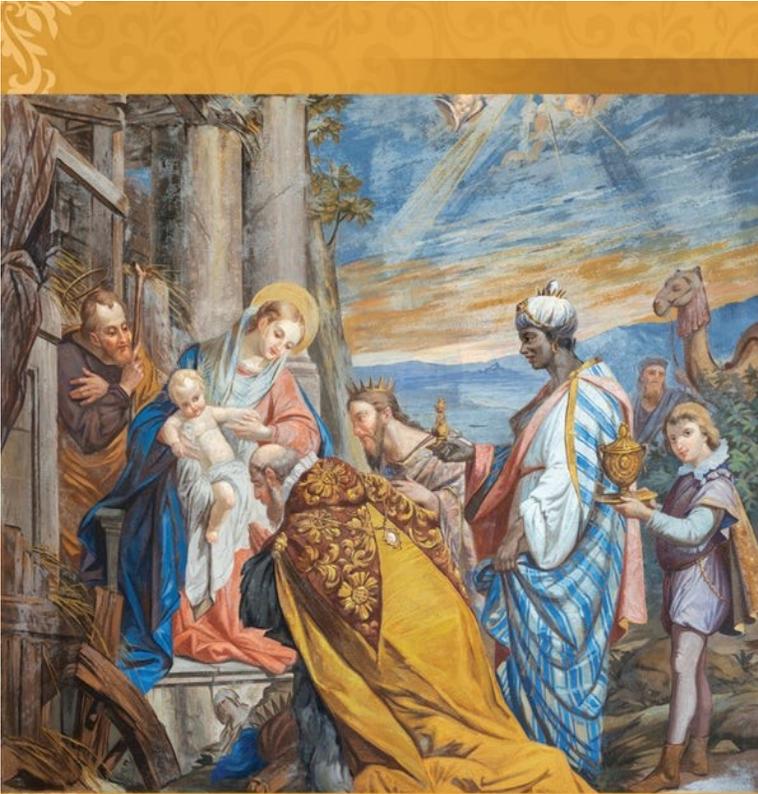


Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

JANUARY 4TH 2026 ~ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

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BAPTISM AT MT. CARMEL CHURCH

Parents must be contributing members, regularly attending weekly Mass, for at least 4 months. In preparation for the sacrament, a one hour class for parents must be completed prior to the baptism, please contact the rectory, 652-7660, at least 2 months in advance.

MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

Should be made with the pastor at least six months to one year before the proposed wedding date. One member of the couple must be a registered, practicing member and contributor of record at Mt. Carmel for at least six months. Couples sharing the same abode will be asked to live separately prior to their marriage .

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 pm until 3:45 pm, Tuesday 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm. When available Fathers Campbell and McDermott will hear confessions before Sunday Masses.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 7:15 am with 7:00 am Morning Prayer, Rosary after Mass.
Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm until 5:30 pm. Mass at 5:45 pm.
Saturday 8:30 am (Latin)
4:00 pm (anticipated Sunday Mass)
Sunday 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm (Latin)

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A Christmas Quiz

Editor's Note: As we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord more than 2,000 years ago, the following quiz should refresh your memories about the coming of Jesus on that first Christmas.

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1. What Gospels tell us about the events surrounding the first Christmas? A. *Matthew*, B. *Mark*, C. *Luke*, D. *John*
2. Who was the Roman emperor who ordered a census of the whole world shortly before the birth of Jesus? A. Julius Caesar, B. Caesar Augustus, C. Nero, D. Constantine
3. In what town did Mary live when an angel appeared to her? A. Bethlehem, B. Cana, C. Nazareth, D. Jerusalem
4. What was the angel's name? A. Michael, B. Gabriel, C. Raphael, D. Ariel
5. What Marian dogma did the angel's words ("Hail, full of grace") foretell? A. Assumption, B. Divine Maternity, C. Immaculate Conception, D. Annunciation
6. What Christological dogma is contained in the angel's appearance? A. Incarnation, B. Resurrection, C. Redemption, D. Ascension
7. What does "betrothed" mean regarding the relationship of Mary and Joseph? A. they were engaged to be married, B. they were already married, C. they were courting, D. they were looking for a house to live in
8. Immediately after the angel's appearance, Mary went to visit a relative named A. Anna, B. Ruth, C. Elizabeth, D. Miriam
9. This relative was married to a man named A. Zechariah, B. Simon, C. Caspar, D. Aaron
10. Mary's relative was pregnant with a son who would be named A. Augustus, B. Zechariah, C. John, D. Peter

had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah? A. Nicodemus, B. Simeon, C. Zechariah, D. Caiaphas

37. What prediction did this man make about the Blessed Mother? A. she would be famous, B. she would not die, C. she would go to Heaven, D. a sword would pierce her heart

38. What was the name of the old woman who was in the Temple that day? A. Anna, B. Judith, C. Elizabeth, D. Rebekah

39. What prediction did she make about Jesus? A. He would die on a cross, B. He would be the deliverance of Jerusalem, C. He would rise from the dead, D. He would be betrayed

40. Why did an angel tell Mary and Joseph that they could return to their own country? A. King Herod had died, B. the Magi had come back, C. they could live with Mary's parents, D. Jesus was old enough to start school

41. In what town did the Holy Family settle? A. Bethlehem, B. Cana, C. Jerusalem, D. Nazareth

42. What do the Gospels tell us about the early years of Jesus' life on earth? A. He was a good kid, B. He was filled with wisdom and grace, C. He performed miracles for His friends, D. He went to Bible camp every summer

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Answers to quiz: 1. A and C - 2. B - 3. C - 4. B - 5. C - 6. A - 7. B - 8. C - 9. A - 10. C - 11. D - 12. B - 13. A - 14. D - 15. C - 16. D - 17. A - 18. B and C - 19. B - 20. A - 21. C - 22. A - 23. D - 24. B - 25. D - 26. A - 27. D - 28. C - 29. A - 30. C - 31. D - 32. B - 33. A - 34. D - 35. C or D - 36. B - 37. D - 38. A - 39. B - 40. A - 41. D - 42. B

A Blessed Christmas to all.

information about the Child? A. to adopt Him, B. to pay homage to Him, C. to visit Him, D. to kill Him

25. What did this king really plan to do to Jesus? A. to adopt Him, B. to pay homage to Him, C. to visit Him, D. to kill Him

26. Where were Joseph and Mary when the three travelers arrived in Bethlehem? A. in a house, B. in a stable, C. in an inn, D. in a cave

27. What gifts did the three travelers bring to the Christ Child? A. baby formula, B. diapers, C. swaddling clothes, D. gold, frankincense, and myrrh

28. Which of the gifts foreshadowed the death of Jesus? A. gold, B. frankincense, C. myrrh

29. After the travelers left, who warned Joseph and Mary to flee to another country? A. an angel, B. a shepherd, C. God, D. the innkeeper

30. To what country did the Holy Family flee? A. Syria, B. Italy, C. Egypt, D. Greece

31. What did the king do when the travelers did not report back to him? A. he stalked, B. he ordered them tracked down, C. he forgot about them, D. he ordered the deaths of all boys in the region of Bethlehem under two years of age

32. What feast in the Church recalls what the king did? A. Epiphany, B. Holy Innocents, C. Christmas, D. Solemnity of Mary

33. What rite did Mary and Joseph have performed on Jesus eight days after His birth? A. circumcision, B. anointing, C. baptism, D. presentation to God

35. What sacrifice did they offer to God in the Temple in Jerusalem? A. money, B. a lamb, C. a pair of turtledoves, D. a pair of pigeons

36. Who was the man in the Temple who

11. Mary's canticle of praise is known as her A. blessing, B. prayer, C. litany, D. Magnificat

12. The first part of what familiar prayer comes from the words of the angel and of Mary's relative? A. Our Father, B. Hail Mary, C. Hail, Holy Queen, D. Magnificat

13. To what town did Mary and Joseph have to travel to register for the Roman census? A. Bethlehem, B. Cana, C. Jericho, D. Jerusalem

14. How far did they have to travel? A. 30 miles, B. 50 miles, C. 70 miles, D. 90 miles

15. Joseph had to go to this town because he was descended from what famous Old Testament king? A. Saul, B. Solomon, C. David, D. Josiah

16. Why was Joseph told to name the Child Jesus? A. It was his father's name, B. It was Mary's father's name, C. It was a popular name at the time, D. It meant that Jesus would save His people from their sins

17. What was the name of Jesus that means "God is with us"? A. Emmanuel, B. Messiah, C. Christ, D. Savior

18. What was the name of Jesus that means "the anointed one"? A. Emmanuel, B. Messiah, C. Christ, D. Savior

19. Who were the first persons to learn of the birth of Jesus? A. angels, B. shepherds, C. soldiers, D. the innkeeper's family

20. Who gave these persons the wonderful news? A. an angel, B. Mary, C. Joseph, D. the innkeeper

21. After the birth of Jesus, who arrived in Jerusalem seeking information about the "newborn King of the Jews"? A. King Herod, B. Caesar Augustus, C. three travelers, D. Fox News

22. What had led them to Jerusalem? A. a star, B. a map, C. an angel, D. GPS

23. What was the name of the king who questioned the travelers about the Child? A. David, B. Saul, C. Josiah, D. Herod

24. Why did this king say he wanted infor-



Change in Saturday Evening Mass time at St. Therese: Mass is now at 5:15pm, with Confessions from 4:15 - 5pm.

Fr. Campbell's Wed 6am

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY via Zoom:

To get the link, email Fr. Campbell at : FrCampbell@olmckenosha.org



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Epiphany Blessing with Chalking of the Doors Explained

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, *Theophany*, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2026 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following inscription *above the entrance of your home*: **20 + C + M + B + 26**.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “25” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors commonly is performed on the traditional Feast of the Epiphany [Jan. 6, the Twelfth Day of Christmas] or whatever day the feast is celebrated, after Epiphany Mass, and can be done at any church, home, or dwelling. Traditionally the blessing is done by either a priest or the father of the family. This blessing can be performed simply by just writing the inscription (see above) with chalk and offering a prayer (see below) with the burning of incense and the sprinkling of holy water (or blessed Epiphany water, which is in the bag with the blessed chalk).

The chalking of the doors of a home reminds us, while daily passing in and out, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us! The **Feast of Epiphany** is traditionally celebrated on the 12th day after Christmas, Jan. 6th, but in the Vatican II Mass it is celebrated on the Sunday between Jan. 2 & Jan. 8 (**this year Sunday Jan. 4**).

PRAYER with EPIPHANY BLESSING & CHALKING of the HOME

Leader (*Priest, if present, or father of the family*): Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

All: 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 Pray: The *Magnificat*: “My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For He has looked with favor on His lowly servant. From this day all generations shall call me blessed: The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name. He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation. He has shown the strength of His arm; He has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the might from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. He has come to the help of His servant Israel, for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.” *During the Magnificat, the room where the prayers of blessing are prayed is sprinkled with holy water and incensed. After this is completed,*

All: From the east came 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.

Leader and others: *Our Father* prayer.

Leader: All they from Saba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.

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 above prayers and blessing are recited, the initials of the Magi are inscribed on the lintel (horizontal beam) at the entrance to the home with the blessed chalk: 20 + C + M + B + 25 as the leader says “Two thousand ... Caspar ... Melchior ... Balthasar ... 26” (As noted above, the initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase “Christus mansionem benedicat” which means “Christ bless this house”). Then each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mount Carmel: Tuesdays 3-5:30 pm. Please come and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! Benediction at 5:30 pm, Mass 5:45 pm.

St. Therese: Fridays at 8:30am-5pm;
1st Fridays adoration continues until 6am Sat.



Please PRAY for the sick in our parish

Jean Wawiorka, Aldo Bosco, Sharon Fair, Dorothy Ramcheck, Tom Komarec, Patricia Cascio, Alan Vittori, Chris Neugebauer, Len Hartnell, Rosann Bartello, Gloria Presta, Richard (Dick) Lesko, Miriam Tetzlaff, and Ann Biondi.

In Swaddling Clothes

By MARK AMOROSE

“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes” — *Luke 2:7.*

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Before His feet walked dry-shod on the waves;
before His hands gave sense to ear and eye;
before His voice called dead men from their graves;
before His wish caused bread to multiply:
the Lord of all was first a speechless child,
deprived of power by His swaddling bands.
How mighty were those tiny feet and hands
when on her helpless God His mother smiled?

Already when the kings came from the East
to greet a greater king upon His birth
and fell down at His feet upon the earth
with gifts for God and sacrifice and priest,
Mary had wrapped up — as with festive bows —
the world's first Christmas gift, in swaddling clothes.

Some of our 4th and 5th grade CCD students recently studied about the Immaculate Conception and the feast's days biblical roots. They followed up by creating ornaments of St. Anne with Mary in her womb.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 3

4:00 pm Benny & Danielle Ann Ricchio
(Ada Ricchio & Family)

Sunday January 4 **The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:00 am Pro-Populo ~ OLMC Parishioners

10:00 am Antonio Tenuta (Emma & Family)

Betty Campbell

(Dr. Michael Thompson & Mary Harms)

12:00 pm For All Lapsed Catholics

(Wanta Family)

Monday January 5

7:15 am Betty Campbell (Walsh Family)

Tuesday January 6

5:45 pm Priest Intention

Wednesday January 7

7:15 am Betty Campbell (Peter & Lori Martin)

Thursday January 8

7:15 am Priest Intention

Friday January 9

7:15 am Priest Intention

Saturday January 10

8:30 am The Living & Deceased members of the Peltier & Schraufnagel Families
(Wanta Family)

4:00 pm Priest Intention

Sunday January 11 **The Baptism of the Lord**

7:00 am Pro-Populo ~ OLMC Parishioners

10:00 am Nino Sustache (Family)

12:00 pm For All the Living & Deceased members of the Wanta

& Woyak Families (Wanta Family)

LECTORS

Saturday January 10 4:00 pm Jo Schneider

Sunday January 12 7:00 am Wes Ricchio

10:00 am Nick Hartnell

ALTARBOYS

Jaxson Anderson, Dominic & Pascal Blome, Domenico Chiappetta, Christopher Doan, Lino Fioravanti, Robert, Peter, Nicholas & Timmy George, Aiden & Eian Granahan, Tony, Richard, Stephen, Paul Hazinski, Samir Khoury, Alex & Blake Martin, Vincent Meyerhofer, Elijah Meyerhofer, Isaac & Jude Purdy, Landen & Sam Traczyk.



Women's Winter Bible Study - Fulfilled Part 2

A 7-week women's Bible study **beginning February 18 and concluding on April 1.** The course, titled “Fulfilled,” is the second part of a two-part series by Ascension Press that examines the biblical foundations of the Catholic faith.

The group will meet on Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:30 am at St. Therese. There will be a cost of \$28 for materials which is due at the first session. **Please call the St. Therese office (262-694-4695) by February 2 to register.**

Please join us **Sunday nights 6pm at St. Therese to pray the Rosary & litany** for our world & personal intentions before Jesus in the Tabernacle.

