

Mass Schedule & Mass Intention
7 January 2023 – 15 January 2023

7 January 2023– First Saturday - Christmas Weekday

8.30 am:

4.30 pm:+Fran Boyd *by Boyd Family*

8 January 2023- SUNDAY– The Epiphany of the Lord

8.30 am:+Damian Luke Calemno *by Frank & Kathleen Geosits*

11.00 am:+For Wellbeing & Health of Gary Cantwell *by Roger Dannie*

9 January 2023-Monday - Baptism of the Lord

8.30 am : Available

10 January 2023–Tuesday - Weekday

8.30 am: Available

11 January 2023- Wednesday - Weekday

8.30 am: No Mass

12 January 2023Thursday - Weekday

8.30 am: Available

13 January 2023– Friday - Weekday

8.30 am: Available

14 January 2023– Saturday - Weekday

4.30 pm:+James J. King *by Anne M.King*

15 January 2023- SUNDAY– Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30 am:+Vincent McCarthy *by Frank & Kathleen Geosits*

11.00 am:

PRAY FOR THE SICK

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, Madeleine Wootan, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche, Marcia Bauer, Frank M Geosits Jr, Shirley Rangaves, Carl Ricca, Rhonda Gillow, Holly Meyer, Jim Heery and all sick &needy.

To submit a name please call the Rectory



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“We saw

His

star

at its

rising



and

have
come
to do

Him
Homage.”

Regular Mass

Weekdays (Mon, Tues, Thurs &Friday): 8.30 am—Holy Cross Church

Saturday: 4.30 pm — Holy Cross Church

Sunday: 8.30 am —St. Patrick's Church

11.00 am —Holy Cross Church

Weekdays: 8 am—Holy Adoration

Confession: Saturday 4.00 pm - Holy Cross Church

“For the Lord is encountered like this: in humility, in silence,
in adoration, in the smallest, and in the poor.” –Pope Francis.

Three Gifts to Baby Jesus

Gold, frankincense and myrrh may be thought of as prophesying Jesus' future. Gold was a gift for Kings; frankincense (an ancient air purifier and perfume), was offered to God in Temple worship (Ex 30:37); and myrrh (an oriental remedy for intestinal worms in infants), was used by the High Priest as an anointing oil (Ex 30:23), and to prepare bodies for burial.

The third lesson is this: Every gift is necessary; every gift is important. The three gifts of the Wise Men were meant to describe the person of Christ. Gold indicated his kingship and authority as our Lord. Frankincense, his divinity as our God. Myrrh, his suffering as our Savior. If any one of those gifts were missing, an incomplete picture of Christ would result. Therefore, each of those gifts had a purpose, and each of those gifts was necessary. In the same way, any gift which God has given to us is necessary. Each person's gift is something that is important. It is only when every gift is used that the fullness of God's kingdom will emerge.



Pope's intention for month of January 2023

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Lectors Schedule - January 2023

| Date | St. Patrick's Church | Holy Cross Church |
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| Jan-1 | Shaun | Pam |
| Jan-8 | Terry | Jerry |
| Jan-15 | Shaun | Pam |
| Jan-22 | Terry | Carol |
| Jan-29 | Diane | Pam |

LITURGY OF WORD

First Reading: Is 60:1-6

Second Reading: Eph: 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel Reading: Mt 2:1-12



The Greek word Epiphany (*ἐπιφάνεια*), which

means *appearance* or *manifestation* or showing forth, is used to describe Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles. Originally, the word Epiphany referred to the visit of a king to the people of his provinces. In the context of Christianity, "Epiphany" refers to God's Self-revelation as well as to the revelation of Jesus as His Son.

Today's Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts and offer their lives to Him. The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah (first reading), prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light, bringing gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 72) verses 10-11 picture kings from foreign lands bringing gifts to pay homage to a just king in Israel. Paul's letter to the Church of Ephesus (today's second reading), expresses God's secret plan in clear terms: "*the Gentiles are...co-heirs ... co-partners in the promise, in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.*" Today's Gospel reminds us that if God brought the Magi – foreigners and pagans – to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that would keep God from bringing us to Jesus.

"Only the person who entrusts himself totally to God finds true freedom, the great, creative immensity of the freedom of good." - Pope Benedict XVI

Stewardship January 1, 2023

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 1923.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary | \$ 396.00 |
| Candles | \$ 37.00 |
| Poor Box | \$ 20.00 |

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With Prayers & Blessings of God the Father

**Fr. John Kennady MMI
Dn. John Lytle
January 8, 2023**

