



CELEBRATE THE LORD’S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE January 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord	
Monday, January 3 at St. John’s	10:00a.m....Joe & Janet Smith
Tuesday, January 4	5:30p.m....No Mass
Wednesday, January 5 at St. John’s	12:00noon....Molly Jo May
Thursday, January 6 at St. Mary’s	5:30p.m....Intentions of Fr. Hurley
Friday, January 7 at Holy Family	9:00a.m....Alice Fiely
Saturday, January 8	5:00p.m....Parishioners of St. Mary’s, St. John’s, and Holy Family at St. Mary’s
	6:30p.m....Dave & Peg Wilson at St. John’s
Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord	9:00a.m....Jim & Nancy Shorey at St. John’s
	11:00a.m....Edgar & Betty Poe at Holy Family

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS
FOR JANUARY:**

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



THANK YOU! Thanks for all of our staff, musicians, volunteers, parishioners, and visitors that made the start of our Christmas season so special both for myself and hopefully for all of you as well. Thanks as well to all those who sent me gifts, prayers, mass intentions, and cards. I will be remembering you all in a special mass intention during the Christmas season. Now, it was a great honor to celebrate the nativity of Christ’s birth on earth as well as our patronal feasts days of Holy Family and St. John the Evangelist with all of you both those present and those who were away. More importantly, I look forward to celebrating these feasts again next year and continue to build on the work we did with Jesus and His Church.

With that being said, it is officially a new temporal year, and we do have some work to get ready for it. We must avoid the temptation that ensnared King Herod who was unable to perceive the new King of the World, who laid in a manger literally just miles away from him. King though he was, Herod was locked in the prison of his mind, unlike the wise magi who allowed themselves to be guided by the stars created by God to find real truth and beauty here on earth. Let us challenge ourselves to search for the beauty and truth of a real relationship with Jesus and His Church in this new year and do our best to share this with as many people possible as well. We all must be guided by the promises of this new birth that brings heaven and earth into union with each other and that ultimately brings true happiness and joy to all people throughout the world. Let us see Jesus in our lives and the lives of all that we meet this year, announcing the Gospel of the Lord to everyone that we meet.

In Christ,

Fr. Hurley

House Blessing Script

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this household and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your live. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany [holy] water and incensed [optional]. The initials of the Magi are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase “Christus mansionem benedicat” which means “Christ bless this house”.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 3: [Holy Name of Jesus] 1 Jn 3: 22—4: 6; Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25
Jan. 4: [St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious] 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Mk 6: 34-44
Jan. 5: [St. John Neumann, bishop] 1 Jn 4: 11-18; Mk 6: 45-52
Jan. 6: [St. Andre’ Bessette, religious] 1 Jn 4: 19—5: 4; Lk 4: 14-22
Jan. 7: [St. Raymond of Penafort, priest] 1 Jn 5: 5-13; Lk 5: 12-16
Jan. 8: 1 Jn 5: 14-21; Jn 3: 22-30
Jan. 9: [Baptism of the Lord] Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7; Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

I will serve you with gladness, O God and find something to smile about today.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **January 7, 2022**, begins after 9 AM Mass with closing at 9 PM to be held at Holy Family Church, Gas City.

The side chapel at St. John’s will be open from 10am-2pm on Friday for private adoration.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary’s

Sunday Collection: \$385.00

Christmas: \$723.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John’s

Sunday Collection: \$3,402.00

Christmas: \$1,962.00

Advent Tree: \$40.00

Haiti: \$188.00

Food Pantry: \$100.00

Building: \$100.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$1,363.00

Christmas: \$39.00

Votive: \$67.00

Pregnancy Care Center: \$140.00

Sharing Cupboard: \$39.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

The three kings in today’s Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Ruth Ann Coulter, wife of LaVerne Coulter, parishioner of Holy Family, who passed to eternal life this past week. May her family be comforted by your prayers.



RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

Elderly religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to next Sunday's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous, envelopes can be found in your packets.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

IS 60: 1-6; PS 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13; EPH 3: 2-3A, 5-6; MT 2: 1-12

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, "O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light."

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Friday, Jan. 7: Reconciliation 8:30am at Holy Family

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am-9pm at Holy Family

Sunday, Jan. 9: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

WE ARE HIRING...VOLUNTEERS!

St. John's New-To-You Shop is in need of volunteers through the winter months. Anyone from our pastorate is welcome to help out for a 3-hour shift on Thursdays, Fridays, or Saturdays. Call the office at 348-3889 if interested.

SEASON OF CHANGE

Thank you for your donations of \$306 which Holy Family Church matched making our gift to The Pregnancy Help Center in Marion \$612 which in turn was matched by the Right-to-Life for a grand total of \$1,224.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 3, 2022

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass. May God continue to bless you and your new little one.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as:
St. Mary, 5-5:30pm each Thursday; 4-4:30pm each Saturday
St. John, 8-8:45am each Sunday prior to Mass
Holy Family, 12noon-1pm each Sunday; 8:30-8:55am each Friday.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. Please contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Hurley is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades K-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

St. Mary, Dunkirk

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Holy Family, Gas City

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information