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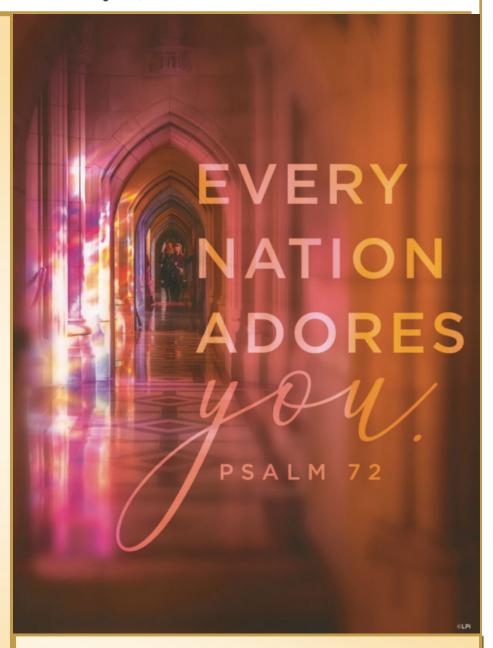
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From the Desk of Fr. Chris

"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. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with



Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Mt. 2:9-11)

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, which is sometimes called "little Christmas". If you noticed over the past few weeks in the Church, our new Nativity set features the three kings, but they have been away from the Nativity. If you pay close attention to this weekend's Gospel from Matthew, it says that the kings "entered the house", which means they arrived at a later point to the Christ child. The Epiphany marks this meeting of world leaders recognizing Christ in their midst. In some cultures, gift-giving wouldn't take place until this day. The three kings, having now arrived to visit the Holy Family, are now at the Nativity in front of the Church.

The Epiphany is also a time when we think about blessings. We think about those who have been blessings to us, but we also think about places that are sacred to us. As Catholics, we're encouraged to make our homes holy. One way that we can do this is through regular family prayer time. We make sure to pray before meals and before bed among other times of the day. This weekend, the head of the household is encouraged to pray (with the family present) the epiphany house blessing prayer. Using blessed chalk (located in our baptistry), there is a special inscription that is written above the inside doorway of the entrance of the house. We are encouraged to arrive home and to leave home as a blessing to our family and to others. The ritual prayer for this Epiphany blessing can be found in this bulletin.

This week our school community will celebrate the Epiphany in a special way by hosting an evening Epiphany/Christmas concert on Monday evening. As we conclude the liturgical Christmas Season this week, it's great to go out by hearing/singing some of our favorite Christmas songs. And if you're anything like me who is looking for as good excuse to leave your Christmas Tree up a tad bit longer, you can always use the *old* liturgical calendar that used to mark the end of Christmas on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Feb. 2nd) aka *Candlemas Day*.

Know of my Prayers for you this Week,

Fr. Chris

† FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 JANUARY 7, 2024



READINGS AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2024

Monday, January 8, 2024 @ 8:30am ~ Bill & Margaret McNally The Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 @ 8:30am ~ Sr. Madonna Dickus, OSU 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 @ 7pm ~ Stephan Anderson 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11, 2024 @ **8:30am** ~ **Mary Kowalski** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12, 2024 @ 8:30am ~ Madeleine Schneider 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13, 2024 @ 4pm ~ Robert Nemunaitis St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 3:3-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



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The Epiphany House Blessing

There is something comforting about returning home after a long day or a long trip. The familiarity of a warm, safe place makes us feel secure. Our homes are sacred places. It is where our families grow and learn in many ways.

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the day that the Holy Family was visited by the Magi. Just as the Sacraments are ways that we physically participate in the spiritual realities of God, the inscription that we place over our doors during the House Blessing is a physical reminder of our asking God's blessing on our homes. It is similar to the way we bless ourselves with Holy Water upon entering a Church to remind us of our Baptism.

The blessing is led by the head of the household. It involves a series of prayers (included in this bulletin!) and blessed chalk, which is provided for all of us at this weekend's Masses. After the prayers are said, the head of the household will take the blessed chalk and inscribe the following on the top of the home's door frame:

20 + C + M + B + 24

The numbers at the beginning and end are the numbers of the year which is beginning. The letters C, M, B have a twofold meaning. Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar are the names of the Magi who visited the Holy Family. The letters also stand for the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" or "May Christ, bless this house."

In this house blessing, we ask for God to send His Spirit to dwell with us in our homes, to sanctify, or make holy, all that we think, say, and do in our homes, and to keep us and all of those who enter our homes safe in the coming year.

Be sure to grab your blessed chalk on your way home today!

Eternal Kest grant unto them, & Lord...

David Kluk Rosetta Sapanaro

Please pray for our deceased brothers and sisters.



Notes from Sister Noel

We remember the coming of the Magi as we celebrate the Epiphany. Jesus was available to all in the simple stable for those who followed the Star. Those who came followed the Star knowing of the Promise that the Messiah would come someday. Others came out of curiosity knowing that the Star was a



sign that the Messiah had come. Whatever the original reason that drew them onward was, the journey itself may have eventually touched their hearts, filling them with hope.

The three foreign visitors came bearing gifts so we know they recognized the presence of royalty and came to honor Him. Did they know much about His kingdom to come? Were they still living when Jesus began His public ministry? Did they in time follow Him as they learned of Jesus, the preacher, healer and possibly Savior? We know nothing about that but it does make us wonder were these three visitors changed by their visit to the Holy Family in such an unexpected place, a stable.

Scripture tells us the three visitors returned another way. Herod knew of their journey to find an infant king. He had told them to let him know the location so he could also visit the babe. As we continue reading the Scriptures, we know that soon after Jesus birth, soldiers were sent out by Herod to find and kill any male infants. These were the Holy Innocents, in the hopes that among them would be the infant king. Herod's concern was to remain the only imperial leader. Had the three visitors sensed Herod's evil desires? They provided safety for the Holy Family by finding an alternative route, circumventing Herod's palace.

How does each of us seek Jesus today? Do we seek Jesus in church in his Real Presence in a time of quiet (Adoration)? Do we visit Jesus at Mass? Do we welcome Jesus at the moment of the Consecration and later in reception of the Eucharist? Do we then visit Jesus hidden in our vulnerable family members and neighbors? Jesus calls us to look for Him in the unexpected. Jesus calls us then to respond in His ways and in His words bringing Good News to all. He has told us, "where two or three are gathered I am in their midst". Jesus is always near. If we sense His absence, do you ever wonder, who moved?

Sister Nacl Marra 054.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Baptishs

December 30, 2023

Francesca Mae Ianiro



ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME!





Jan 10th, 5:30p, to 7:00pm Jan 24th, 5:30p, to 7:00pm Feb 7th, 5:30p, to 7:00pm Feb 21st, 5:30p, to 7:00pm

Questions? Contact Brandan bbizzi@stanselm.org or 440-729-9575



Ages 18 to 39



Location: Hospitality Room in the Parish Office

Calendar of EVENTS

Sunday, January 7

No RCIA

10:00 a.m.Coffee SocialKelly Hall11:00 a.m.Children's Coir MassChurch12:00 p.m.Children's Choir PracticeChurch7:00 p.m.PSR Grades 6-8School

Monday, January 8

1:15 p.m. Epiphany Concert Practice Church 6:30 p.m. Epiphany Concert Church

Tuesday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Adoration Church 11:30 a.m. Benediction Church

Wednesday, January 10

5:30 p.m. Young Adult Event Hospitality Rm. 7:00 p.m. FHC Mass & Meeting Church

Thursday, January 11

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study Pentecost Rm

Friday, January 12

4:00 p.m. Youth Group Event Hospitality Rm.

Saturday, January 13 ***NO PSR Grades 1-5***

2:30 p.m. Confession Church

Youth Group Schedule

Jan 12th, 4:00pm, to 5:30pm Jan 26th, 4:00pm, to 5:30pm Feb 9th, 4:00pm, to 5:30pm Feb 23rd, 4:00pm, to 5:30pm

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Men!

2024 is here and is full of promise and choices. And we hope you use one of your choices to join us for a Men's Retreat (adults and teens) on **Saturday February 10**th.

It will be at St. Mary Chardon and starts with Mass at 8:00 a.m.

It will end about 2:00 p.m. Both breakfast and lunch are provided and a freewill offering of \$15 is suggested.

The theme is "**BE HOLY**!" Sounds like a good choice for the New Year!

To register, email Gary Burling at garyWburling@gmail.com.



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Next Meeting: Thursday, January 11th, 2024 1-3 PM

TOPIC: HOW TO FORGIVE YOURSELF GUEST SPEAKER: FR. MAX COLE

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Loved ones with dementia are welcome and meet separately.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL JOANN FARIELLO COMPANIONS@HOLYANGELSCHURCH.COM

Articles for the January 21st bulletin must be received by Thursday, January 11th.

Email to Rebecca at bulletin@stanselm.org

Annual Epiphany House Blessing

<u>Leader:</u> In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. <u>ALL:</u> Amen.

<u>Leader:</u> Peace be with this house and to all who dwell here.

ALL: Blessed be God for ever.

Leader: Today, we gather in this holy place to recognize that Christ dwells here. As the three kings followed the light of the star, we too follow the light of Christ to be a place of welcome, a people of generosity, and a dwelling place for God. The home is called the 'domestic church'. It is where we first learn to pray and search for Christ, to forgive and receive forgiveness, to offer our gifts, and to bless each other. Let us then ask God to open our hearts so that, as the doors of this home are opened to neighbor and traveler, this family may be a source of welcome for all in need and a place where Christ is found.

Reading of the Word of God

(A leader may slowly read each line of the following sacred Scripture text taken from John 1:13-14 as the inscription is written above the front door. A different member of the household could write each character that makes up the inscription.)

In the beginning was the Word, (inscribe 2) and the Word was with God, (inscribe 0) and the Word was God. (inscribe +)
He was in the beginning with God. (inscribe C)
All things came to be through Him, (inscribe +)
And without Him nothing came to be. (inscribe M)
And the Word became flesh (inscribe +)
and made His dwelling among us, (inscribe B)
and we saw His glory, (inscribe +)
the glory as of the Father's only Son, (inscribe 2)
full of grace and truth. (inscribe 4)
The Gospel of the Lord.

<u>ALL</u>: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<u>Leader:</u> May all who come to our home this year, rejoice to find Christ living among us. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and faithfulness to do His will. And may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus Who is our Incarnate Word, now and forever.

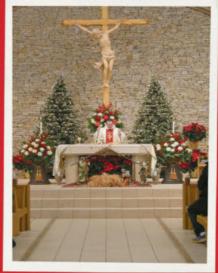
ALL: Amen.

























SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We beg you to have compassion on all those mentioned below. Amen

U.S. Active Military U.S. Veterans Patricia Adamik Peter Amato David & LuAnn Anderson Mark Andres Tina Arnold Kevin Austin Daniel Ayala, Sr. Don Bear Agnes Blackley Julian Blaha Thomas Bolt Barb Borelle Nancy Boutellier Sally Bovineing Karen Bowlus Daneen Brickmann Bridgette Bright Fran & Charlie Brooks Charlene Brown James Buehner Haley Burgman **Bob Carlson** Amy Caprez Children/St.Jude's Hosp.

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Please remember in your daily prayers these individuals, who have been and are called to the priesthood.

Sunday, January 7 ~ Pray for Pope Francis Seminarians at Borromeo/St. Mary Monday, January 8 ~ Miguel Estrada Tuesday, January 9 ~ Dan Jordan

Wednesday, January 10 ~ Nathan Menkhaus Thursday, January 11 ~ Zachary Smith Friday, January 12 ~ Steven Vasko Saturday, January 13 ~ Matthew Wasinski



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