

# Catholic Community of Saint Peter and Saint Mary and Saint Hedwig



## Parish Office

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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 2, 2022

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday: 9 AM ~ 12 Noon

Tuesday-Friday: 9AM~12PM & 1PM~5PM

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Tuesday & Thursday: 9AM~12PM & 1PM~5PM

Office telephone 315-376-6662

Radio Mass –WLLG-99.3 Sunday 11 am

### Sanctuary Lamp

St. Hedwig's Church ~ In Memory of Benjamin Szalach by Estate

### VIGIL LIGHT IN HONOR OF ST. PETER

In Memory of Benjamin Szalach by Estate

## Celebrating the Eucharist

### Monday, January 3

Daily Scriptures

12:00 pm (SP)

### Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3: 22-4.6/Mt 4: 12-17

All Souls

### Tuesday, January 4

Daily Scriptures

8:00 am (SP)

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 4: 7-10/Mk 6: 34-44

Margaret Baru by Sr. Angelica

### Wednesday, January 5

Daily Scriptures

5:30 pm (SP)

### St. John Neumann

1 Jn 4: 11-18/Mk 6: 45-52

Theresa Logan by Shirley S. Bush

### Thursday, January 6

Daily Scriptures

12:00 pm (SP)

### Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4: 19—5:4/Lk 4: 14-22

Jeremy Mullin by Chuck, Marsha & Cortney Terrillion

### Friday, January 7

Daily Scriptures

12:00 pm (SP)

### Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5: 12-16

Paul Kowalchuk by Family ( 2<sup>nd</sup> ann.)

### Saturday, January 8

Daily Scriptures

4:00 pm (SP)

### Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

1 Jn 5: 14-21/Jn 3: 22-30

Norma wood by Francis & Sheila Yarina

### Sunday, January 9

Daily Scriptures

9:00 am (SP)

11:00 am (SH)

### The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40: 1-5,9-11/Ti2: 11-14,3:4-7/Lk3: 15-16,21-22

Ruth Larabee by Barbara & Tom Fayle & Families

For the People

### Sacrament of Baptism

**Infants:** parents should contact the parish office before or soon after birth.

**Older children/adults:** inquire about the RCIC or RCIA.

### Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM at St. Peter

Saturday 5:00-5:30 PM at St. Mary

Sunday 8:00-8:30 AM at St. Peter

Sunday 10:00- 10:30 AM St. Hedwig

~Anytime by appointment~

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office in advance of surgery or as soon as possible when serious illness has set in.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months before the proposed wedding date in order to begin preparations.



Friends,

I hope you all had a great Christmas celebration with family and loved ones. I hope it was a time of joy and peace for you as we remembered the birth of Jesus into our world.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany, a word that means “manifestation.” Being born of the Virgin Mary, God was made visible to us and in a way unheard of before. And he became visible not to just a select few privileged people, but to all. He wasn’t born in a palace, closed off from the world, but in a place accessible to everyone.

The appearance of the “magi” today makes this even more apparent. They noticed a star from far away in the east, a star that led them to the place where the infant lay. The birth of Jesus is for the whole world, without exception.

We learn something else from the Magi: that coming to Jesus, we ought to bring a gift. The Magi, as we know, brought gold, frankincense and myrrh. But I think the gifts Jesus wants from us are simpler. He came very simply, a baby in a manger. I think this tells us that he simply wants us to come to him with the gift our ourselves and love him.

Bring the gift that you are to Jesus, that is enough for him—

Wishing you all a blessed New Year ahead. May God give you health and joy in knowing his love—

In Him,  
*Fr. Scott*



## **Parish Happenings**

### **Rosary Altar News**

200 Club Winners for week # 9 are Joanne Seymour & Missy Clark.

### **13th of the Month Club**

Luminous Mysteries Special Intentions:

Pray:

- those suffering religious discrimination remain obediently faithful to God
- those suffering religious persecution trust in God’s Will
- our daily conversion of heart uplifts the dignity of religious sufferers
- our spiritual worship recognizes the rights of all our brothers and sisters
- our Eucharistic adoration enhances true human fraternity

Pray these special Luminous Mysteries intentions every Thursday throughout January. Pope Francis’s special intentions include true human fraternity. Remember Our Lady of Fatima requested we pray our rosaries each 13th of the month for world peace.

### **St. Therese's Guild**

The St. Therese’s Guild will not be meeting in January.

### **St Hedwig's News**

A Holy Hour of Adoration with the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be observed the First Sunday of the month, January 2, Epiphany, following the celebration of the 11:00 am Mass. All are welcome.

### **The Word Among Us**

“Word Among Us” for the month of January is available for pick up at the parish office.

### **Parish Book Club**

On Wednesday, January 12, conversation will focus on: *Learning to Pray* by James Martin, SJ. All are invited to join in the conversation that will begin at 6:30 PM following mass in the parish hall.

### **Thank You**

Thank you for your generous gift in our Christmas collection. Like every North Country parish we forward 75% of the collection to the diocese to fund pensions for retired priests. Pension needs for the future as well as obligations for the next year are being met thanks to your generous donation.

### **2021 Tax Report**

If you would like a record of your contributions for 2021, please call the parish office(315-376-6662) for this report. If you have any questions, please call.

### It's Not To Late to Sign Up for

## **THE BIBLE IN A YEAR**

*"If you've struggled to read the Bible,  
this podcast is for you."*

Ascension Press's *Bible in a Year* Podcast, hosted by Father Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes starting January 1st, 2021.

**It's FREE!** <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- two to three scripture readings
- a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.

Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's *Bible in a Year* Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure *Bible Timeline®* learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins. Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word!

### **BROWNBAG SERIES:** **Lunchtime Discussion via Zoom**

The Office of New Evangelization will be running a new Brownbag Chat starting Wednesday, January 5 from noon-1pm via Zoom. We will use the Revive Parishes Series by Bishop Andrew Cozzens on The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church. We anticipate running the series in seven sessions. In each session, we will watch a video together via zoom and then have an informal discussion.  
Description of the Series:

The Eucharist is indeed Jesus Christ, and as Catholics, a gift that requires our response. And what a gift it is! In this groundbreaking new course, Bishop Cozzens breaks open the new document published by the USCCB: "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church." This is the perfect companion resource!

If you would like to join us this series of lunch-time chat discussions, please sign up online at <https://www.rcdony.org/brownbag>. For more information, contact Marika Donders at [mdonders@rcdony.org](mailto:mdonders@rcdony.org)

### Gospel Reflection

Epiphany. The word means manifestation. God is revealing his glory, not with great fanfare or extraordinary signs but in the simple birth of a baby. Yet the Magi, following their star, recognized the sign and did him homage. How often do we look for great signs and symbols to know God's will for us? If only we had a star to follow, if only Jesus would speak to us and make his will clear. Yet, we have been given all the tools we need. We have the teaching of the Church, we have scripture, and we have the sacraments. We have the gift of the Holy Spirit. But like the Wise Men, we need to take time to study, to ponder and to allow God to show his will for us in the little everyday things. We need to take time to pray and to listen and then, we too, will come to recognize Jesus in our midst and will do him homage.



### Suggestion or Question?

Do you have a question or suggestion? Please write it down in the box below and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office and we will address it. If you want to suggest a topic for a homily please feel free to write it down as well. Suggestions or questions may be addressed in a Pastor's Desk column or in a homily. Anyone wishing a direct response should provide their name and phone number. Thanks!

#### Suggestion or Question Box

I would like to suggest or ask the following:

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Name and Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Drop in Collection Basket or at Parish Office

### **Ministers Serving at Mass for Next Weekend, January 8 & 9**

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Altar Server	Visual Presenter
<b>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b> (St. Peter's)	Maggie Martin	Deacon Scheduled	Delores Tuttle William Tuttle	Noah Comet	Kathy Millard
<b>Sunday, 9:00 AM</b> (St. Peter's)	Sherry Beyer	Deacon Scheduled	Shirley Beyer Elizabeth Walter	Devin Mahoney	Sharon Kelly
<b>Sunday, 11:00 AM</b> (St. Hedwig's)	Mindy Meiss	Deacon Scheduled	Jane Gillette		

**We have seen his  
star in the East  
and have come to  
do him homage.**



**What do the Magi bring to the Christmas story?**

### **Once upon a time**

One legend has it that the Magi were three different ages. Gaspar was a young man, Balthazar in his middle years, and Melchior an elderly man. When they reached the cave in Bethlehem, they went in one at a time. Melchior entered first. He found an old man like himself with whom he was quickly at home. They spoke together of memory and gratitude. The middle-aged Balthazar entered next. He encountered a teacher of his own years. They talked passionately of leadership and responsibility. When young Gaspar entered, a young prophet met him with words of reform and promise.

The three met outside the cave and spoke to each other about their encounter with the Christ. They were shocked at each other's stories and marveled that each had gone in to see a newborn child but had met someone of his own years. They gathered their gifts in their arms and entered *together* for a second time. In a manger, on a bed of straw was a baby, 12 days old.

The message of Christ talks to every stage of life. The old hear the call to integrity and wisdom, the middle-aged to generativity and responsibility, and the young to identity and intimacy. This revelation accompanies us on our journey through life. We marvel at its richness and adaptability. To find Christ at any stage in our lives is to find ourselves. Yet no matter where we are in our lives, we are still *children of God*.

### **Faith Formation News**

**Sunday, January 9** - Faith Formation classes resume

**Sunday, January 9** - 11:00 catechists are asked to remain for a short meeting with Father Scott and Deb. Following the meeting, we will be treated to a Lunch Buffet at Jeb's. Invitations have been mailed.

**Sunday, January 16** - No Faith Formation classes.

### **Looking Ahead**

**Saturday, February 5** - First Reconciliation Retreat 9:00 - Noon. All Students and one parent/guardian will need to attend. Details will be sent home closer to the date.

Students will make their First Reconciliation during our Lenten Penance Service - late March or early April.

**Friday, March 4** - Confirmation Retreat 4:00 - 9:00 pm. This is for all 2nd year Confirmation students and will be at St. Cecilia's Church in Adams, NY. Details will be sent home closer to the date.

**"The Magi adored the divine Child and gave symbolic gifts, becoming forerunners of peoples and nations who for centuries have never ceased to seek and meet Christ"**

**Pope John Paul II**

<b>Sunday January 2</b>	♦ No Faith Formation Classes
<b>Saturday January 8</b>	♦ Men's Faith Sharing Group Meets at 7:00 am. All Men of the parish are invited.
<b>Sunday January 9</b>	♦ Faith Formation Classes ♦ Catechist Lunch at Jeb's Restaurant
<b>Wednesday January 12</b>	♦ Book Club meets at 6:30 pm

### **Stewardship:**

Catholic Community of	Collection Christmas / December 26, 2021	Collection Christmas / December 27 2020	Weekly Needs
St. Peter St. Mary St. Hedwig	\$8,966.00 \$7,574.00	\$6,848.00/ \$7,952.00	\$8,863.46

### **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:**

What's on your New Year Resolution list? Is one of them lowering your ecological footprint? Ecological footprint accounting measures the demand on and the supply of nature. It measures the ecological assets that a given population requires to produce the natural resources it consumes and to absorb its wastes, especially carbon emissions. To check out your "ecological footprint,"

For more information go to: [www.footprintnetwork.org](http://www.footprintnetwork.org)

### **Military Prayer List**

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Sarah G. Barrett, WO1 Josh Bastin, PFC. Garrett N. Barney, Kevin Beltowski, Aaron Bibbins, Maj. Kelly Boian, USMC Ian Broome, 2nd Lt Nicholas Carrara, SFC Christopher Casinha, Major Gary Dales, Ryan Dunn, Warrant Officer 3 John M. Griger, Corporal Scott Hamblin, Neal Heaton, PFC Christopher Henning, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Courtney Hill, Adam Huizar, LT Orion Kelly, Tyler Kenealy, Maj. Adam King, Maj. Krista (Hubschmitt) King, Sgt. Stephen Larche, Lt. Colonel Trevor J. Laribee, Eric Lautenshlager, Capt. Amy Lewicki, Chief Aviation Electricians Mate Heather D. Mains, Maj. Mike McCanney, Lt.(JG) David J. Monnat, CSM Oldroyd, Maj. John Ontki, Michael Ozkan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Andrew Patterson, Christopher Shackelford, Joshua C.W. Smith, Maj. Jason Spencer, Benjamin Stanton, Tech Sgt. Nicholas Stanton, Maj. John Sullivan WO 1 Alex Sweredoski, Maj. Danny Thebeau, SFC Blake Wilson, Naamon Wright, Yolanda Wright, SSgt. Eric Yancey, Sgt. Zach Zapotoski

### **Remember in Prayer**

We pray for our loved ones and for all those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in the nursing home. (The sick that wish to be included in this weekly prayer list will only be included if they or a family contacts the office.) Sharon Albuquerque, Erma Andre, Dorothy Armstrong, Linda Aubertine, Ralph Bango, Dyanne Bouchard, Megan Cartier, Dan Ellison, Olin J. Fenton, Mary Gennette, Kathy Gowing, Jana Ingersoll, Tyler Jones, Michael McLaughlin, Viola Marolf, Cheryl Martin, Sally Matuszczak, Lynn Norris, Herb Nortz, Eugene Pomerville, Ray Rhubart, Genevieve Seelman, Dan Taylor, John Terrillion, Mary Ann Kotel VanZandt, Lucy Wawryniak.