

January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord

* **Reflection on the Readings for the Feast of Epiphany** *

* Here on epiphany Sunday, our readings paint a glorious
* picture of God's kingdom. We begin in the first reading with
* Isaiah proclaiming the glory of the Lord, who will deliver
* Jerusalem from darkness. The Psalm then will sing this
* same hope and joy that the king has come. And finally, our
* second reading will usher in the gentiles, welcoming all that
* have faith to the table of plenty.

* The promises of God are great; why are we stuck so far
* from them? Our world is marked by terrible suffering. War
* and genocide are used to maintain power and control. The
* helpless and innocent are most at risk and in great need of
* protection. People are hungry, lonely, grieving, and lost. We
* seem to have strayed quite far from the kingdom we have
* been promised. But are we lost, perhaps, not because the
* king is absent, but because we are trying to hold onto all
* power and control rather than being open to the ways in
* which we might be called to serve?

* While our readings throughout the Christmas season
* remind us of the humility of the Holy Family and the sanctity
* of this infant child, are we really attuned to what his coming
* means? Are we ready for what this might ask of us?

* This year, when I read of Herod's worries and the magi's
* gratitude in response to the Holy Family's vulnerability, I
* wonder what our world might look like if we acted more like
* the magi and less like Herod. What if we worked diligently to
* search for the sacred? What if we approached the meek with
* great gifts of honor and praise? What if we refused to bend
* to power and violence, and instead fought ardently for the
* protection of the innocent?

* I hope that this Epiphany, we might recognize anew that
* our God is one who calls us to compassionate action and
* that we might join in the process of making the kingdom of
* God more present in our world. Faith in the power of
* surrender is essential for the peace we so desperately need.

* I pray we might find the way of the magi in our world and that
* in humility and gratitude we will renew this partnership with
* the divine, as we work together for the salvation of the world.

* —Reflection by Emily Davis, at <https://uscatholic.org>

**Breakfast and Birthday Cake this
Sunday, Jan. 7, after 8:30 a.m. Mass**
to celebrate the birthdays of Jan.

Breakfast and Birthday Cake are served
on the **first Sunday of each month.**

Visitors Welcome!

The **Next Eucharistic Study** is based on
“**Beautiful Eucharist**”

(please pick up a **study guide** for this study
group in the vestibule)

**Tuesdays at 6 p.m., beginning Jan. 9th,
for 4 weeks**

“*Beautiful Eucharist*” is a book of collections
of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly
present in the Eucharist and wonderfully
present in our lives.

**Mary & Martha (M&M) Society
Meeting**

Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 6:00 p.m.

A Special Activity in addition to the
meeting — A Lesson in Making Eggrolls by
Raul and Rosalina!

**Please Join Us for the Dinner Meeting—as
the women of the parish share and enjoy
fellowship, while serving the altar society
ministry of Holy Cross.**

Hostesses: Sherri M. & Patty C.

Happy Birthday, Fr. Leo!
Jan. 13th

Weekly Reflection on the Eucharist

How many things Jesus tells us in our heart
when we stand at his feet, if we are careful to
listen to his voice!

Bl. Giovanni Maria Boccardo

Vatican International Exhibition

**“Eucharistic Miracles of the World”
Experience/Display**

**Coming to Holy Cross & St Vincent de Paul
Jan. 19-21**

There have been over 126 recorded Eucharistic
Miracles across the world. Bl. Carlo Acutis dedicated
himself to documenting these miracles to help people
understand the importance of the Eucharist and thanks
to Bl. Carlo, we have access to dozens of displays,
including scientific and medical records.

This exhibit showcases some of the principal
Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages
in various countries of the world and which have been
recognized by the Church. The exhibit is interactive, and
by means of the panels, one can “virtually visit” the
places where the miracles took place.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for

JANUARY

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize
the gift of different charisms within the Christian
community and to discover the richness of different
traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 18 @ 6 p.m.

Contact a Parish Council member, if you
have a suggestion/concern to be addressed
by the council.

*Are you or do you know of someone that is
considering joining the church? Or are you or
someone you know Catholic and want to return to or
learn more about the Catholic faith?*

OCIA (formerly RCIA) Classes
Each Thursday from 5-6:15 p.m.

Questions? Contact Dcn Jim (retired) at
jandsruyle@gmail.com, 918-638-0605, for more
information and to register.

Day of Reflection

**"Discerning the Body: Holy Eucharistic and
Sacred Assembly"**

Presenter: Fr. Simeon Spitz, O.S.B.

Saturday, Jan. 27, 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.

St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee

Cost is \$30 (lunch included). To register, call
(405) 878-5656 or e-mail retreats@monksok.org
or online www.monksok.org

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a
stronghold in times of trouble. Those who
know your name trust in you, for you, Lord,
have never forsaken those who seek you.
(Psalm 9:9-10)

Mass Ministers

	Ushers	Eucharistic Min	Reader	Servers
Epiphany				
Sat 1/6—5 pm (Vigil)	Kay Rodriguez	Charlie Moe	Laura Rodriguez	Matthew Higginbottom
	Mary Feichtinger	Sherri Moe		
Sun 1/7-8:30 am	Isaac Ervin	Mike Hickman	Elizabeth Sullivan	Carlos, Kaygan,
(Youth Ministers)	Abby Higginbottom	Bille Cummings	Aceah Stuart	Liam & Makenna
Sat 1/13—5 pm (Vigil)	Sherry Ruyle	Dorene McMahan	Karol Watson	Larry Chekofsky
	Carolyn Greer	Mike McMahan		Matthew Higginbottom
Sat 1/14—8:30 am	Heather Jordan	Mike Hickman	Rosemary Kotas	Carlos, Liam, Aceah,
	Eric Jordan	Bille Cummings		& Makenna

Happy Birthday!

Jessica Soto 1/2 Fr. Leo 1/13
Parker Sullivan 1/4 Richard Steinheil 1/13
Seth Yoder 1/5 Sean Schmidgall 1/20
James Harris 1/7 Kerie Harris 1/24
Joshua Yoder 1/8 Julie Ash 1/25
Maxis Herndon 1/10
John Hall 1/11
Peter Linz 1/11



With prayer, we seek God's power to heal the scourge of abortion in our city and world.

Offerings from Dec 30-Jan 1

General Weekend Collections **\$1,753.00**
Capital Improvement **130.00**
TOTAL \$1,883.00
Poinsettias **20.00**

Daily Mass Readings—Jan 7-13*

Sunday	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday	Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:

www.holycross-wagoner.org

To place information in the bulletin or on the church website, contact Karol Watson, karol_watson@yahoo.com or 918-640-5819

For issues/help with Flocknotes, contact Kay Rodriguez, msrod@sbcglobal.net or 405-659-0507

FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker
Judy Wright, parishioner
Becky Harding, parishioner
Hope Watson, parishioner
Lucille Dickinson, parishioner
John Spieker, husband of Jackie Spieker



WE PRAY TO THE LORD

Holy Cross Mission Statement/Prayer

Almighty God, the mission of Holy Cross Parish is to bring the love of Jesus Christ to our community and to the world. As your disciples, help us love others, pray for all souls, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and bring all people into the fullness of your Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen!

	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>
<i>Jan</i>	Dorene McMahan	Poinsettias Bille Cummings
<i>Feb</i>	Mary Feichtinger	Lent — No Flowers

**Stay Connected — Stay Informed
with your Catholic Faith & your Holy Cross Family**

*Daily Readings, Daily Prayer of the Day, Bulletins,
Catholic & Holy Cross News/Events*

**www.holycross-wagoner.org,
Holy Cross Catholic Church - Wagoner OK (FB) &
[https://holycrosscatholicchurch5.flocknote.com/
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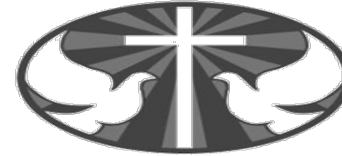
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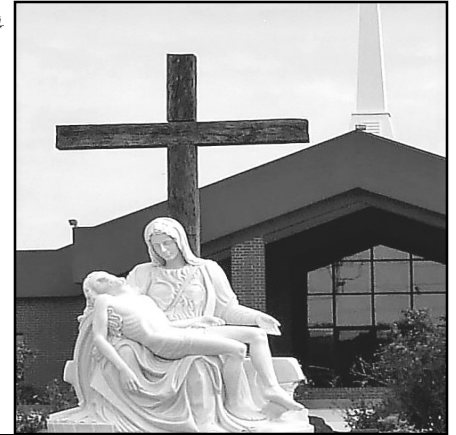
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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 p.m.

Sunday — 8:30 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays (Latin) — 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday & Friday — 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday — 8:30 a.m.

First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 a.m.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Fridays following 5:00 p.m. Mass

1st Wed. of the Month — 6:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before weekend Masses

Or by appointment/request

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**Breaking Bread Book
Pages 57-58**

**Vatican II Hymnal
Pages 404-405**

