

The Epiphany of the Lord

Come, let us adore Him.



In the gospel for this weekend we hear about the Magi who travel great distances to bring gifts to the newborn Christ, the King of Peace. With this beautiful reading in mind, I want to invite you into a prayer experience. Imagine for a moment that you are one of the traveling Magi. (While in our faith tradition we often call the Magi the wise men, you'll notice in the gospel today, that their gender is not disclosed, for our purposes in this prayer—they can be wise women or men.) After a long journey, you see that the star has guided you to a stable. What surprises you? Do your companions make any comments? As you enter the stable, what are the smells and the sounds you hear?

When you are ready, approach the manger. This Baby has been waiting for you. Do you say anything to His mother? Or to Joseph? Do they say anything to you?

Take some time to consider what gift you desire to give the Baby. He wants more than anything to be included in your life. Invite the Baby to be present in your life this year, in all of its joys and struggles. Spend some time considering a gift that God has given you, thank God, and then offer the gift to the Baby. Also consider offering a suffering to the Baby, something you're worried about, something that makes you feel embarrassed or ashamed, something that makes you experience isolation.

Christ desires to share every part of our lives with us—the joys and sorrows. Offer both to Him as a gift this year. When you offer these gifts to the Prince of Peace, what is your experience? If possible, share your prayer experience with your spouse, a friend, your children, or another.

Tom Eggleston, Pastoral Associate



En el evangelio de este fin de semana escuchamos de los magos reyes que viajan largas distancias para llevar regalos al Cristo recién nacido, el Rey de la Paz. Con esta hermosa lectura en mente, quiero invitarte a una experiencia de oración. Toma por un momento de oración en que imaginas que eres uno de los reyes magos viajeros. (Si bien en nuestra tradición de fe muchas veces llamamos a los magos como hombres sabios, pero toma en cuenta que en el evangelio de hoy que su género no se revela, para nuestros propósitos en esta oración: pueden ser mujeres u hombres sabios). En tu imaginación, ves que la estrella te ha guiado hasta un establo. ¿Qué te sorprende? ¿Tus compañeros hacen algún comentario? Al entrar al establo, ¿cuáles son los olores y los sonidos que escuchas?

Cuando estés listo, acércate al pesebre. Este bebé te ha estado esperando. ¿Le dices algo a su madre? ¿O a José? ¿Te dicen algo?

Tómate un tiempo para considerar qué regalo deseas darle al bebé. Él quiere más que nada ser incluido en tu vida. Invita al Bebé a estar presente en tu vida este año, en todas sus alegrías y luchas. Dedica un momento a considerar un regalo que Dios te ha dado, dale gracias a Dios y luego ofrécele el regalo al Bebé. Considera también ofrecerle un sufrimiento tuyo al Bebé, algo que te preocupa, algo que te haga sentir vergüenza o pena, algo que te haga experimentar aislamiento.

Cristo desea compartir cada parte de nuestra vida con nosotros: las alegrías y las tristezas. Ofrécele ambos como regalo este año. Cuando le ofrezcas estos regalos al Príncipe de Paz, ¿Cómo es tu experiencia?

Tom Eggleston, Pastoral Associate



From Fr. Richard...

Each Confirmation student is required to attend a retreat as part of their preparation to receive this special sacrament. We have nearly forty young people going through our first and second year Confirmation program.

We are looking to help offset the cost of the retreat for our young people. Would you help by making a contribution? You may use the white envelopes in the pew, write "Confirmation" in the space provided, and place in the collection basket, or you may stop by the parish office to contribute. Thank you for considering this opportunity to ensure each Confirmation student has the means to participate in the retreat.

Parish Closings Due to Weather

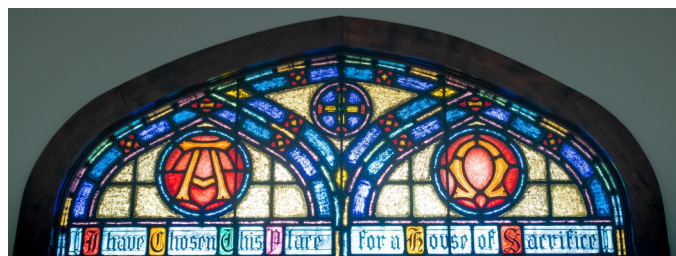
The church will be closed if South Haven Schools are closed due to hazardous road conditions. In the event of a **school delay**, we **delay opening the church** as well. And, if schools are closed, our parish office will also be closed.

If the church is closed, the Mass intention for that day will be moved to the nearest date available unless you contact the office.



The Home Heating Assistance Program began January 4. If you know someone in need of emergency heating assistance, please contact 269-381-9800 or homeheating@ccdok.org. We have many

volunteers throughout the diocese to assist neighbors in need. If you are interested in donating to the assistance fund, please visit <https://ccdok.org/donate-today/>. Thank you!



Mission Statement

Called by Baptism, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to live the Good News of Christ through Worship, Evangelization, Service, Spiritual Formation, and Stewardship.



Scripture Readings for the Week of January 7

Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday	Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17



O God, who willed that your Son be reborn in our hearts, grant that we may recognize your presence just as the Magi found the star leading them to the newborn King.

May our gift of music enlighten the hearts of all we meet just as the gifts brought before the Lord. Let today's story inspire us to seek you earnestly, adore you wholeheartedly, and share the joy of

your revelation with others in song.

This we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Daniel O'Brien, Seminarian and Pastoral Musician
Diocese of Scranton, PA
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Prayer Chain

St. Basil Church has always been happy to pray for the sick and those in need of God's healing. In addition to adding them to our Prayer Chain, managed by Ray Llorens, their names may be added to the bulletin's monthly Prayer List. Names remain in our bulletin Prayer List until we are informed to remove them. We realize that not everyone wishes to have their name be published, so we ask that if you are calling for a friend or relative that you seek their permission first. This simple act will allow us to avoid unnecessary questions, and abide by the need or desire for confidentiality. If you wish to add a loved one please contact Ray Llorens at 637-1418 or email at RlloreJ@aol.com. The prayer chain appears in the bulletin on the first weekend of the month.

Religious Education

1st Year Confirmation

Saturday, January 6 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 20 6:00 p.m.

2nd Year Confirmation

Sunday, January 7 12:15 p.m.
Sunday, January 21 12:15 p.m.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6

5:00 p.m. † Dorothy Verdonk
7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

Sunday, January 7

9:00 a.m. † Helen Zappa
11:00 a.m. † Hildegard Molter

Monday, January 8 No Mass

Tuesday, January 9

9:00 a.m. † Casper Joseph Flickinger

Wednesday, January 10

9:00 a.m. † Andrew "Jack" Butler

Thursday, January 11

9:00 a.m. † Bennett Mills

Friday, January 12

9:00 a.m. † Virginia Patnaude

Saturday, January 13

5:00 p.m. † Bill Verdonk
7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

Sunday, January 14

9:00 a.m. † Catherine Zelasko
11:00 a.m. † Joseph and Victor Consolino

Please Pray For

Tony Brush
Dottie Brzezinski
Tommy & Andrea
Connors Family
Laurie Davidson
Jeff Edwards
Louise Llorens Ford
John Gazi
Roy Hale
Lyle Harrison
Joey Hartmann
Ellie Hoban
Bob Hughes
Jim Kummeth
Doe Leonard
Tim Lewis

Dorothy Lockwood
Bill Mabry
Paul Macyauski
Joe Malbouef
Tony Marr
Richard Morales
Barbara Munn
Dee Pavich
Julian Soroka
Joscelyn Spear
Suella VanDyke
Carol Vissett
Darrin Wabanimkee
Fabian Wabanimkee, Jr.
Patt Welder
Dale Whiteaker
Mark Williams



St. Basil Catholic School



Keep Christ In Christmas Winners

Many of our students took part in the Knights of Columbus poster contest, using their creativity to display the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas."

Our winners in this annual event are:

Kindergarten-2nd grade	1st place	Mia Ontiveras
	2nd place	Nick Fortson
	3rd place	Laiken Spencer
3rd—5th grade	1st place	Oscar Paz
	2nd place	Maddy Hansen
	3rd place	Clara Harris
6th—8th grade	1st place	Abryl Jaimes
	2nd place	Elke Peterson
	3rd place	Evynn VanBrussel

Our thanks to the St. Basil Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this opportunity to showcase student art.



Life Line Screening

Monday, January 15 in the church basement

Register for an appointment by calling 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC.

Grotto Paver Bricks

St. Basil Parish offers you an opportunity to order a grotto paver for installation in the spring. A contribution of \$100 entitles you to a standard 4x8 paver brick engraved with your name, your family name, or a personal message or intention.

Forms are available outside the church office window, or on our website under the Info tab, then Links. You may mail in your form and payment. Call Cecilia at the parish office for more information, 269-637-2404, ext. 1103.



Can You Help?

Food Pantry

Please take non-perishable food items to First Congregational Church, 651 Phoenix Street. They are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. till noon.

Personal Care Pantry/Baby Care

First Assembly of God, 06500 Blue Star Hwy.
Wednesdays 10:00 –1:00

Blessings in a Backpack

We will pack on Thursdays: February 22, March 27, April 25, and May 23. Please arrive at North Shore Elementary School at 10:30. If you can volunteer for about an hour, you can make a big difference for children in need of food over the weekend. Please note that when SHPS are closed, we do not pack. You are welcome to be part of the packing crew for any and all dates.



Movie Night

**This Sunday, January 7
5:00 p.m.**

Upper Level Meeting Room

All are welcome! Bring a snack and enjoy the show!

Online Giving Made Easy



This QR code takes you directly to the online giving page of our parish website. No checks to write, no envelopes to fill, just enter the appropriate information and your contribution goes directly to St. Basil Church.

Stained Glass Booklets

These booklets explain each stained glass window of our church, along with the Bible reference. Pick one up at the parish office for a donation of \$5.



Church Replicas

Also available at the office are the beautiful wooden replicas of our church, \$25 donation. This is a lovely remembrance of our church in celebration of our centennial!





Our Stewardship

December 24

Envelope Offering (133)	\$ 15,719.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 960.00
Loose Offering	\$ 4,034.92
Total Collection	\$ 20,713.92
Weekly Budget Amount	\$13,750.00
Over/Under	\$ 6,963.92

Our Stewardship

December 31

Envelope Offering (66)	\$ 9,159.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 1,615.00
Loose Offering	\$ 1,867.69
Total Collection	\$ 12,641.69
Weekly Budget Amount	\$13,750.00
Over/Under	(\$ 1,108.31)

*We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*

This week's bulletin sponsor

Roberta Otto, CPA, PLC

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.,
7:00 p.m. (en Español)

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, & Friday 9:00 a.m.
No Mass on Monday

- So that we all may be fully present at Mass, please silence your cell phones.
- We ask that you be considerate of others if you are coughing or sick by refraining from the handshake of peace. This is thoughtful consideration for the rest of the parish community.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridayafter morning Mass,
with Benediction at 2:30

Parish Staff

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269-692-5142

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Low-Gluten Hosts

We offer low-gluten hosts at ALL Masses, both weekend and daily. They are available at the front of church (and also in the back on weekends). Simply ask the Eucharistic minister.

Mass In Our Collaborative

St. Peter, Douglas, MI

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:30 a.m.

San Felipe, Fennville, MI

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 12:30 p.m.