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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil
Sunday: 9:00 am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 pm
Holy Day: 8:30 am, and 7:00 pm
Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm or
any time by appointment

Baptisms are Sundays at 1:00 pm. Prior scheduling and Parent Preparation Class are required.

Novena to the Sacred Heart is prayed every Friday after the 8:30 am Mass.

Rosary is prayed at 8:05 am Monday-Wednesday-Friday.

Eucharistic Adoration is held on Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction is on the

First Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.

Marriages require a six month preparation period by Diocesan policy. Call one of the parish priests prior to setting a date.

Funerals: Arrangements are to be made at the Parish Office before publication of the death notice.

Ministry to those who are Sick or Shut-In

Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can bring the Eucharist to those parishioners who are ill, recovering from a hospital stay, shut-in, or otherwise unable to attend the Liturgies each Sunday. Please call the Parish Office to be placed on the schedule.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process by which adults are brought into the Catholic Faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The OCIA meets weekly from September through April. Further information can be obtained by calling the Parish Office.

New Parishioners are always welcome. Please stop by the Parish Office to register at your earliest convenience.



**MONDAY, January 8, The Baptism of the Lord**

9:00 am (JP) Parish Family

TUESDAY, January 9, Weekday

8:30 am No Mass

WEDNESDAY, January 10, Weekday

8:30 am (CF) All Souls

THURSDAY, January 11, Weekday

8:30 am No Mass

FRIDAY, January 12, Weekday

8:30 am (CF) Corte & Biagiotti Families

SATURDAY, January 13, Saint Hilary5:00 pm (Fr. Manning) Fran Kosarek (B-Day) &
Deceased of Killian Family**SUNDAY, January 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am (CF) Tom & Barb Stark

**GOD'S WISDOM IS PRESENT EVERY-
WHERE**

The story of the magi and King Herod reminds us of the difference between being "wise" and being "crafty." Though the term "magi" might more literally be translated as "astrologers" (and our word "magician" comes from it), the traditional term "wise men" does capture an aspect of their story. They are wise not simply because they are smart, but because they use their God-given intellectual abilities to seek out God, to read the signs of the times in order to discern what God is doing in the world.

King Herod, in contrast, is not so much wise as he is crafty. Historians agree that Herod was in many ways an effective ruler: rebuilding the Jerusalem temple, maintaining public order, and keeping Roman interference in day-to-day affairs in Palestine to a minimum. They also agree that in large measure his effectiveness, a merciless resolve that shows itself in today's Gospel. He lies to the magi and plots the murder of a child in what seems to him to be an effective scheme to ensure that he remains in power.

But the wise understand something that the crafty do not. The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God's saving power in the world, not in the form of royal splendor but of a humble child born into lowly circumstances. This is a power that Herod, for all his craftiness, cannot even recognize, but which the magi, showing true wisdom, come to adore.

**RECIPE FOR A BLESSED NEW YEAR**

Take 12 whole months.

Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate and jealousy.

Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Cut each month into 28, 30 or 31 different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once.

Prepare one day at a time with these ingredients:

Mix well into each day one-part each of faith, patience, courage and work.

Also add to each day one-part of hope, faithfulness, generosity and kindness.

Blend with one-part prayer, one-part meditation and one good deed.

Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love.

Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile and save with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness.

You're bound to have a Happy New Year.

—Unknown

January*Sparkling winter sunshine,**Faces all aglow**Making resolutions,**And angels in the snow-**Steaming cups of cocoa,**A year that's fresh and new...**All of this is magic-**Unfolding just for you.*



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

In the midst of all the activity that these Christmas days bring with them, I wanted to take the opportunity in today's column to say thank you! It's something that while I always feel it, I don't always remember to say it, so again, thank you!

Thank you to all those who helped to make the days of our Advent & Christmas seasons days of such joyful celebrations of God's presence & love among us, especially this year, with the quick turnaround (about 4 hours or so) between our last celebration of the Advent season & our first celebration of the Christmas season. Rather than starting to name individual people, as I know that I will inevitably & accidentally end up forgetting someone, or I will remember another person who should definitely receive a round of thanks right after the bulletin is submitted & after it will be too late to add them to the list (plus, due to bulletin deadlines I am actually writing this before the decorating/celebrating itself is actually done). A tremendous amount of time & effort goes into making sure everything is ready for our celebrations. Whether it was through helping to decorate or clean the church, or helping to minister at Mass, or helping to make everyone feel welcome, or helping point out to visitors where the restrooms were, or putting a hymnal back in the rack, or anything/everything else, it was all very much appreciated. Again, thank you for all that you did to help worship & celebrate & encounter Christ well!

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, the revelation of Jesus to the nations. In so many ways each & every one of you have been revelations of God's love & presence through your kindness & generosity to so many. Thank you, not just for what you do, but more importantly for who you are!

Have a Blessed Week!

Fr. John



FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH DEVOTION

Please join us for recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy along with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament this Sunday at 3:00 pm. Everyone is urged to participate in this celebration of our Lord's Mercy.

PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR PRAYER BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE

In order to promote the spiritual renewal of the faithful and increase the life of grace, the Holy See has granted a plenary indulgence from December 8, 2023, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to February 2, 2024, Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which may be obtained by visiting the churches run by the Franciscans and stopping in prayer in front of the Nativity scenes set up there. These places are:

Transfiguration Parish, Lakewood
Poor Clare Colettines, Cleveland
St. Peter Parish, Cleveland
St. Paul Shrine, Cleveland
St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Cleveland
Holy Spirit Parish, Garfield Hts.

In addition to the prayer before the Nativity scene, to receive a plenary indulgence, the faithful must have an interior disposition of detachment from all sin, even venial; sacramentally confess their sins; receive Holy Communion; and pray for the intentions of the Pope.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Due to publishing deadlines and the holiday closure of the Parish Office, there will be multiple offertory reports at a later date.

Thank you and God bless you for your continuing generosity to St. Vincent de Paul Church.



2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement detailing your contributions to St. Vincent de Paul Parish please complete this form and return it to the Parish Office via the offertory collection basket at Mass or by mail. Thank you for following these guidelines which will enable us to process your requests more efficiently.

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