**JANUARY 3, 2021** The Epiphany of the Lord

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#### **Mass Schedule**

Sunday Eucharist Saturday.....5:00 PM Sunday......8:00 & 10:30 AM Weekday (see schedule) Monday......5:30 PM Tuesday ......12:00 PM Wed, Thurs & Friday.....8:00 AM Adoration Wednesday......9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

#### **Sacraments**

#### Reconciliation

By appointment only.

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

Call before hospital stay, if possible.

#### **Infant Baptism**

Call during pregnancy for dates of preparation class and Baptism.

#### Marriage

Allow 10 months for marriage preparation. Please call the Office for an appointment to set

# **Annulment & Marriage Validation**

Please call the Office for more information.

#### **Joining the Catholic Church**

RCIA process begins each September and leads to Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter Vigil.

# **Scripture Readings-Cycle B**

## Week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 [n 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/

Mk 6:34-44

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13

Wednesday: [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and Thursday:

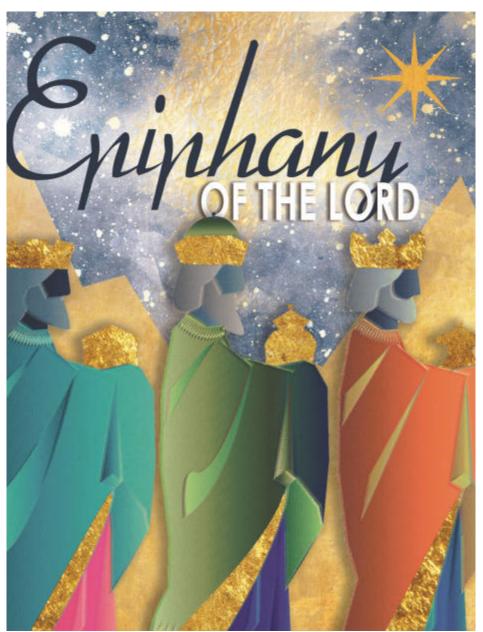
15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, Friday:

19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 In 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and

9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30



#### MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the community of St. Gregory Barbarigo, are called forth in Baptism to follow the mission of Jesus to teach, to love, and to serve." Over 2000 years ago God burst into the world in the remote setting in Bethlehem. God became a part of the universe that He created! It is the most significant moment in the history of humanity, indeed of the cosmos. The question it poses, however, is: Where do we go from here? The feast of Epiphany answers that question, fulfilling hints from the Old Testament prophecies. What does it tell us? It tells us that Christ came for Gentiles as well as Jews, for all of us.

Epiphany refers to the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ (Messiah). There is a series of events in which this is done. One is today's gospel, the manifestation to the magi who represent the Gentiles. Another is the manifestation of Christ in the miracle he performed at the wedding feast of Cana, changing water into wine. The third is the baptism of John where the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus and God the Father spoke. In the readings today, it is the manifestation of Jesus Christ the Messiah to the Gentile magi.

The history of Judaism focuses on how the Jews are God's chosen people from whom the Messiah will come one day. But there are also hints, especially in Isaiah that this Messiah will be for all peoples, not just the Jews. Jews often interpreted those prophecies as implying that Judaism would conquer other civilizations with the Messiah as their leader, just as the Assyrians, Babylonians, and now Romans had conquered them. In their concrete and practical expectations, they missed the fact that the Kingdom of the Messiah would primarily be a spiritual kingdom – as Jesus said, "My Kingdom is not of this world." Today's feast of Epiphany tells us that the Messiah is here not only for the Jews, but also for the Gentiles (the non-Jews): for everyone. The magi represent the Gentiles, as they are foreigners to Israel. They come humbly and in good faith, seeking the Truth which has entered the universe. As many Jews rejected Christ's message, it was then preached to the Gentiles. In Christ's time, we saw Gentiles in the parable of the Good Samaritan, the Samaritan woman at the well, the royal official who asks Jesus to heal his son, the woman who said, "even dogs eat the droppings from the table," and the centurion who testified upon Jesus' death, "Truly this man was the Son of God." In the early Church, we saw of the ministry of St. Paul who became the Apostle to the Gentiles. All these people are represented in today's feast by the magi. Christ's message is for all humanity.

This Christmas is my fourth as your pastor. This past year has been the most challenging of the three and a a half years here, primarily because of the Coronavirus. Ironically, this will be the first Christmas in which I am not losing my voice from whatever virus is going around at the time. I am thankful for your zeal, support, and faithfulness during this very strange and stressful time. May we appreciate the blessings of our bond of community which is being tested by these times. May we emerge stronger for having gone through this together, thankful for each other. It continues to be a great blessing and joy to be your pastor!

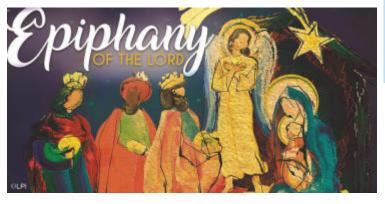
Peace, Father Albert, O.S.B.

# Parish Notes



St Anne's Group is sponsoring "Angels for Seniors". With the rising cost of receiving a nutritional meal we would like to do what we can to help. Simply take an envelope from the board in the back and make whatever donation you

can. Return the envelope to the parish office or put in the collection box by the end of the year. All donations collected will go directly to those Senior Citizens that cannot afford to receive a meal. Thank you for your Kindness.



# REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ST. GREGORY'S PARISH

Ava Blackford, Janet Degase, Coletta Merrigan, Margo Liebing, Arlene O'Riley, Phyllis Napiecek, Fred Schieber, Gary Baumli, John Schroeder, Ron Wilmes, Bill

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#### **Grounds Crew Manager**

Catholic Cemeteries is recruiting to fill a full-time Grounds Crew Manager position, at Mt. Olivet in St. Joseph. This position will manage a crew responsible for ensuring the grounds and facilities are well maintained and that customer service issues are managed well. Includes benefits and paid time off. For more information, go to <a href="https://kcsjcatholic.org/">https://kcsjcatholic.org/</a>.





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Fiscal Year-To-Date Information (27 weeks) Envelope Goal for Fiscal Year-to-Date 2020-2021\$ Envelope Amount Collected 2020-2021\$ Under Budget\$	475,119 441,534 <b>33,585</b>
Weekly Information	
Envelope Weekly Goal\$	17,597
Envelope for Dec 6, 13, 20\$	37,506
Plate for Dec 6,13, 20\$	210
Online Giving\$	23,308
Gifts to Church\$	80
Christmas\$	1,306
Children's\$	6
Dropped Off/Mailed In\$	22,218
Immaculate Conception\$	276
R.E. Trust Fund\$	10
Religious Retirement\$	1,081
Youth Ministry\$	22•

#### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

Each new year, we honor our Blessed Mother, who in her "yes" to God brought our Savior into the world. There is a beautiful spiritual significance in celebrating Mary during the heart of the Christmas season as we renew our adoration for the newborn Prince of Peace. Catholic Charities KCSJ would like to wish the peace of Christ to all of you in this new year. For information about our programs and services please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager at nbutters@ccharities.com or 816-659-8266.

Happy New Year! We hear a lot about new year's resolutions in January. I've never been successful at resolutions. I find that deciding to make a radical change in January usually does not stick by the time February rolls around. One of my all-time favorite memes is "My new year's resolution was to lose 10 pounds, only 15 left to go". I wish I had written that; I certainly identify with it. While resolutions are not my thing, I do find that New Years is a great time to reflect on the previous year and think about the year ahead. I ask myself questions like "is how I spend my time and energy aligned with my priorities and goals?"

If you are a reader of Matthew Kelly's books, you know that striving to be the best version of yourself is a way of life that we cultivate daily. I like to think I am striving enough, but sometimes I get distracted and lose focus. In my self-examination I realized that I have not been putting enough time and energy into connecting with my extended family and dear friends. Being physically separated from loved ones during the pandemic has shined a light on the value of connection. I have been reading and listening to information about the difference between contact and connection. I'm still learning about the distinction, but I realized that while I may not have a lot of contact with people who are special to me, I still feel connected to them. When I do get in contact with them, we pick up right where we left off, as if no time had passed. One of my goals is to reach out more often to the people I care about, especially my siblings, so that our connection stays intact.

My family has not physically attended Mass much since the pandemic started. Sometimes, even when I planned to attend, things came up and we ended up livestreaming instead. Throughout this time, I have discovered that I do still feel connected to the church, but it is harder than when I am physically present at Mass. I need the contact with the physical church to deepen this connection. So, I plan to make coming to Mass a priority, and will devote more time and energy to getting my family to church. I hope all of you are feeling connected to the church, whether or not you are attending Mass. I look forward to the end of the pandemic when we can all attend Mass safely together and without restrictions. I wish you health and happiness in the New Year.

Thank you for sharing your gifts.



Happy New Year! I am so very thankful for our thriving youth group in 2020...all things considered. And am looking forward to 2021! Mark your calendars for our January Dates: Jan 13th, Jan 20th, & Jan 27th. All middle schoolers, 5-8 grades, are welcome to attend Epic. Any questions or to get registered, contact Jenni Jordan jordanjennisg@gmail.com

To receive updates on HS Youth Group follow: Flocknote: High School Youth Twitter: @stgregorysyouth Instagram: stgregorysyouthgroup

# Little Saints

# **Thank You**

I want to send out a big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers that we have this year for Little Saints and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd! It has been a very tough year and we have been blessed with some wonderful catechists, assistants, and substitutes that have helped make it great!

If you would be interested in joining our team, we would love to have more hands on deck. We still need substitute teachers for the weeks our teachers are in quarantine. If you can help sub please email Cari at ramoldcarisg@gmail.com



















# School News

Classes resume on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

# Mass Reading Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Luke 2:1-12

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

Matthew 2:2



# Virtual Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday Mornings After Mass until 10 am Forming Small Faith Sharing Groups

Read: I Heard God

Laugh

Share: Your thoughts about what you've read Deepen: Your faith

& connections

Study Guides Available

# **FORMED**

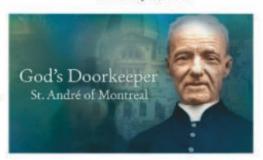
# PICK OF THE WEEK

January 3, 2021

# **NATCH**

#### GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal, Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



# FORMED Now!

#### FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

# RCIA

(Becoming Catholic)
Jan 6 at 6 pm
Topics:
Penance &
Anointing of
the Sick

STEN

# PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



Our parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



Sunday, Jan 3 KofC Canned Goods 4 Food Pantry Monday, Jan 4

No School—No SACC

5:00 pm Manna Curbside/Delivery

Tuesday, Jan 5 6:00 pm Bible Study (PH) Wednesday, Jan 6

9:00 am Adoration until 5pm (CH) 5:30 pm Revelation (RECTORY) 6:00 pm RCIA (SCH) Thursday, Jan 7
5:30 pm PTO Board Meeting (SCH)
Friday, Jan 8
10:00 am Staff Zoom Meeting

Saturday, Jan 9 6:00 am Men's Group

Sunday, Jan 10 No Scheduled Events

# **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, Jan 2

5:00 pm † Alfred Steele

Sunday, Jan 3

8:00 am L&D Members of the Francis &

Julia Stoll Family

10:30 am LaVera Wilson

Monday, Jan 4

 $5:30 \ pm$  L&D Members of the Francis &

Julia Stoll Family

Tuesday, Jan 5

12:05 pm † Gene Spire

Wednesday, Jan 6

8:00 am L&D Members of the Hubert &

**Emma Wilmes Family** 

Thursday, Jan 7

8:00 am † Roy & Pat Seipel

Friday, Jan 8

8:00 am † Mary Ann Willis

Saturday, Jan 9

5:00 pm † Ron Morin

Sunday, Jan 10

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Int of the Herman & Lorine Lager

Family

(† Indicates Mass for deceased person)

#### **EPIPHANY**









(PH)

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or <u>crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org</u>, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocesa of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or <a href="mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org">chastain@diocesekcsj.org</a> for more information

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