



The VINE & BRANCHES

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 7, 2024

The Savior whose nativity we celebrate was long awaited. Israel waited and trusted in God, until from its midst Jesus the Savior was born. People looked to Israel for the fulfillment of that promise. For centuries, Israel was the bearer of the hope of the coming of the Messiah. The magi came looking for the same promise, following not only the light of the star, but the light of the people of Israel: three in particular: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They come looking for the light, they find Him and are enlightened by who they see. So much so that their lives are altered, or as Matthew puts it, "they departed for their country by another way." We can't follow the same old ways once we have seen ourselves and the world by God's light. Once we have been enlightened by the light of Christ, we can't continue to accept violence, coercion, lies or manipulation. The year is very new and there still is light and promise and doubt and clouds on the horizon ... *Continued on p. 2*

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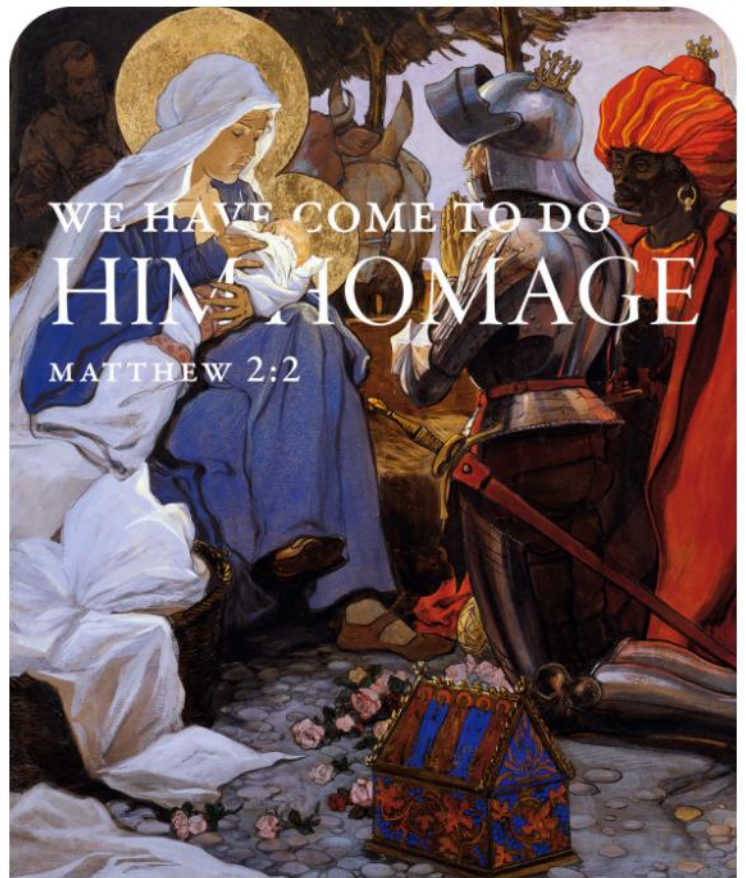
... *Continued* We look at the days and months in front of us and wonder about how we will fare; When will peace rule peoples' hearts? Will our lives return to normal this year? Will we learn to listen to one another and stop arguing? I believe that the answer is "yes", at least we certainly can. We live with the hope that Isaiah and the Magi give us: God will not abandon us, but will shine light on our dark winter days. Will all things get better immediately? Hardly! But the Magi represent those of us following the God-provided light. It shines on the "insiders" and the "outsiders" -- a way has been illumined, a path has been shown us and we must continue to live by the light we have seen.

The Magi did not unload their camels, dismiss their porters and settle down in Bethlehem to continue their homage to the Christ child. They did homage to the child, quickly got up off their knees and then moved on. Maybe they went home to tell their families and friends about their journey and how the star guided them through the nights.

Today is January 7, 2024. Do you know what that means? It means that in five weeks we will be lining up on Ash Wednesday to receive Ashes together. It is truly beautiful to be the church, a people who celebrate the story of our salvation year after year. The story of Jesus birth and his death and resurrection is the light that has been placed into our hearts to share. Do you still have palms in your home? Start making crosses out of them. We'll attach them cards for you to hand to people during Lent to invite people to walk the journey of Lent and Easter with us. (I'm sure there are lots of YouTube videos with instructions on how to turn palms into crosses!)

As we leave church and the crib scene today we will begin a journey toward Ash Wednesday and the cross. We can make this journey with the confidence that no darkness we face can put out the light that burns within us. Hear Isaiah's promise, "Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow." Shall we resolve to continually turn toward the light we have seen, bow down to worship and then carry the light again into the world?

Let's kneel and do homage today to the eternal and holy One who comes to us in the form of a child, but then grows into adulthood to invite us to follow the One we call, the Light of the World.



Mark your calendars!

March 3-6, 2024 is our Family of Parish Lenten Mission. Each night will be from 6-7:30.

March 3 - Sacred Heart

March 4 - St. Joseph

March 5 - St. Roch

March 6 - Our Lady of the Woods

There will be more details to come, but we're happy to have Mary Wilkerson and Fr. Brian Meldrum as two of our speakers!



Go Make of All Disciples

Merry Christmas?

Yes! We're still celebrating the Christmas season! When I was walking through stores right after Christmas, there was already stuff out for Valentine's Day! Oddly enough, Valentine's Day is Ash Wednesday this year. That aside, I mention this because society is over Christmas just as we're starting! Since there isn't much about Jesus' childhood in Scripture, we cover some high points in this season, of course with Jesus' birth, and recognizing the Holy Family (last weekend). Today's very known story is of the 3 wise men following the star and giving gifts to Jesus. Do you know the significance of those gifts?

Gold - because Jesus is King!

Frankincense - because we use incense in worship and we worship only God!

Myrrh - as this was used in preparing a body to be buried and they knew he would die for us!

So when does the Christmas season end?

Oddly enough, this year, the Christmas season ends on a Monday. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is seen as the inauguration of Jesus' public ministry. Just as our own baptism is meant to give us gifts and charisms for service, Jesus needed to be baptized (of course differently than we were) to show the people he was set aside for a particular purpose. So, how do we celebrate this?

There are 3 opportunities for Mass in our Family of Parishes to mark this last day of the Christmas Season - Monday, January 8, 2024: 9 am at Our Lady of the Woods, 9 am at St. Roch, and 12 noon at Sacred Heart. If you're not accustomed to participating in daily Mass, make it a priority this day. Allow for this feast to also make you think of your own baptism and how God has set you apart for a purpose.

God bless,

Sean Calvin

Jesus and the Eucharist: A Small Group Series for Eucharistic Revival

Friends, as we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, we would like to invite you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through the "Jesus and the Eucharist" presentation at Our Lady of the Woods Parish. This study was specifically designed for this Year of Parish Revival, and we will be joining many other parishes throughout the United States in participating in this small group study as we journey together through this three-year National Eucharistic Revival.

Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country as well as small group discussions about each weekly session. This is a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith.

This study will be a special time to grow in community within our parishes as we walk this sacred year together, and we really desire you to join us. To make the series available to as many people as possible we will have presentations on three days of the week and at three different times of the day. Each of the three presentations are once a week for seven weeks and registration will be required.

Presentations will be held on:

Tuesday mornings 10:00 am to Noon, starting January 30th.

Wednesday afternoons 12:30 to 2:30 pm, starting January 31st

Thursday evenings 6:30 to 8:30 pm, starting February 1st.

This is a small group presentation and each session will be limited to a maximum of 10 participants, so register today to assure your spot in a session. Hospitality will be provided, and we hope to see you there!

Email to DiscoveringChrist@OLOW.org or call (734) 942-6818 by January 15, 2024.



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Thank you so much for your support over the years!

We look forward to continuing this support and we are truly grateful for your contributions to this worthy cause.

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In conjunction with the **Grosse Ile Inter-Faith Council**, our participation in this ministry is part of **Sacred Heart's Knights of Columbus** community outreach.

Remember the Homeless

The Sacred Heart Rosary Makers have assembled bags of essentials for the homeless. Please take some from the parish office. Keep them with you, when you encounter someone in need, give them a bag. *"Amen I say to you, whatever you do for the least brothers of mine, you do it for me"* ~ Matthew 25:31-46



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If you have questions about your account or need assistance, please contact **Sue Biedlingmaier** at 734-676-1378.

parish CALENDAR

SUN 7 **10:30am** Family Swag (Parish Hall)
10:30am First Sunday Rosary (Gathering Space)
3:00pm Family Catechesis
4:15pm Confessions
6:30pm Edge

MON 8 **6:45am** Liturgy of the Word w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)
10:30am Mat Makers (Room B)
1:00pm Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament
7:00pm Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)

TUES 9 **6:45am** Liturgy of the Word w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)
8:30am Liturgy of the Word w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)
11:30am Friendship Club (Offsite)
6:30pm Epiphany by Candlelight (Parish Hall)

WED 10 **6:45am** Liturgy of the Word w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)
10:00pm Bridge Club (Room 6)

THUR 11 **6:45am** Liturgy of the Word w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)
8:30am Liturgy of the Word w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)

FRI 12 **6:45am** Liturgy of the Word w/Holy Communion (Chapel)

SAT 13

SUN 14 **11:00am** Groszek Baptism
4:15pm Confessions (Chapel)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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| 12/31 Collection: | \$4,337.00 |
| Electronic: | \$10,355.00 |
| Immaculate Conception: | \$65.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary: | \$265.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$15,022.00 |
| <i>Required to meet Budget:</i> | <i>\$10,038.00</i> |
| Christmas Collection received to date: | \$129,055.00 |
| Christmas Budget: | \$110,000.00 |

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<https://www.sacredheartgi.org/stewardship-finance>



Catholic Services Appeal

Sacred Heart Target: \$89,996.00

Total amount pledged:
\$87,711.13

Balance: \$2,184.87



Year-end Contribution Statements

Sacred Heart Contribution Statements for 2023 will be available by request only after January 10, 2024.

To request your statement, please email **Mary Podczervinski** at maryp@sacredheartgi.com or call the Parish Office at **734-676-1378**. Please let us know if you would prefer to receive your statement by email, mail or pick up at the Parish Office.

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Father Marc and the Staff of Sacred Heart Parish wish all our parishioners a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

God's Blessings on all!



Let Perpetual Light Shine

Allen Delphy

Entered eternal life on 12/28/23

Dr. William Clauss

Entered eternal life on 12/27/2023

Pray For The Sick

Timothy Nawrocki
Frank Marchio
Karen Safavian
Bambang Soedarjatno
Dom
Ronald K.
Joan Haydamacker
Nelson Haydamacker
Karrie Zeilinsk
Fr. Mike Molnar

Barbara Zuccker
Barbara O
Ray Chontos
Connie Valascho
Joan
Anthony Gray
Frank Agosti
Janet
Conrad Ankiel



Please pray for all those who serve in our armed forces.

Names will remain on the list for 30 days. If you have a loved one in need of prayers, please call the parish office.

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Riverview Knights of Columbus Rosary


All are invited to pray the Rosary with the Knights of Columbus after the 9am Mass on Sunday, January 14th.



Walk

AMONG THE


Saints



Experience the lives of the saints with prayer and activities for families!

St. Cyprian Church – January 6 / 7

St. Joseph Church – January 13 / 14



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parish CALENDAR

SUN **10:00am** First Eucharist Prep.

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MON

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TUES **6:00pm** Baptism Prep.

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6:30pm SVDP

WED **7:30pm** AA

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THUR **9:30am** Crafters

11

6:30pm K of C

7:30pm AA

7:30pm AlAnon

FRI

12

SAT

13

SUN **10:00am** Rosary with K of C

14

MAY ALL KINGS
BOW BEFORE HIM,
ALL NATIONS
SERVE HIM

Psalm 72:11

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Sunday 12/24 Collection: | \$4,516.00 |
| YTD Stewardship: | \$216,145.00 |
| Required Stewardship to Meet Budget: | \$230,204.00 |
| YTD Stewardship Defecit | (\$14,059.00) |
| YTD Christmas Collection | \$39,224.00 |

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Catholic Services Appeal

St. Cyprian Target: \$78,252

Total amount pledged:

\$72,515

Balance: \$5,737

of families to make pledge: 233



Daily Mass

While Fr. Marc is away, the daily Mass schedule will be altered.

Daily Mass for Tuesday, January 9 will be at St. Joseph, in Trenton at 8:30am.

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Let Perpetual Light Shine

Virginia Wirth

Entered eternal life on 12-21-2023

Food Pantry

Thank you for your continued support even with these high prices. We are so grateful! We are in need of **cereal, tuna, salmon, soup and kleenex.**

Pray For The Sick

Robert Teeters

Dorothy Withrow

Frank Marchio

Frank Audia

Tom Hoover

Eunice Campbell

Les Withrow

Tom LeClair

Joyce LeClair

Justine Galindo



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Every weekend at Mass, children in our parish have always brought up food for those in need in our community. We are extremely grateful and thankful for how much we receive!

Fr. Marc mentioned not just children bringing up food, but families and adults as well. We would love to implement this right away. Three baskets will be placed at the entrances to put donations in.



Thank you to the many who were involved in making this Christmas Season so wonderful! Liturgical ministers, musicians, singers, decorators, cleaners, greeters - each person added something special to these great celebrations! If this inspires you to get engaged, please let me know by emailing scalvin@stjosephstrenton.com.

God bless, Sean Calvin

Save the Date!

St. Joseph Parish is celebrating our **175th anniversary** in 2024!!

Please put **April 14 at 10:30am** on your calendar!

The Archbishop of Detroit will be there to mark this special moment in the history of our parish!



parish CALENDAR

SUN
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MON 8
9:30am Christian Service
Commission Meeting
6:15pm Faith Formation

TUES
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WED 10
6:30pm Choir

THUR
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FRI
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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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| 12/24/2023 Collection: | \$7,653.00 |
| Holy Days: | |
| Immaculate Conception | \$50.00 |
| Other Offertory: Votives/Energy/SVDP, Votives/Energy/Christmas/Flowers | \$15,061.00 |
| Faith Direct Payments: | \$3,024.00 |
| Total Sunday Collections: | \$10,677.00 |
| Required to meet Budget: | \$12,580.00 |

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| 12/25/2023 Collection: | \$58,199.00 |
| Holy Days: | |
| New Years Day | \$95.00 |
| Other Offertory: Flowers | \$1,100.00 |
| Faith Direct Payments: | \$765.00 |
| Total Sunday Collections: | \$58,964.00 |

THE GLORY OF THE LORD
SHINES UPON YOU
— THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD —

directory SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Services Appeal

St. Joseph Target:

\$88,413.00

Total pledged:

\$86,702.00

Total Paid:

\$81,745.00



Pledges: **140**

Fully paid: **119** Outstanding: **21**

Balance: **\$1,711.00**

Pray For The Sick

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| Michael Kinney, Jr. | Ken Pellend | Gerald Jelsomeno |
| Diane Snow | Leah Smith | C. Randy Hackney |
| Michelle Allen | Jill Tsakiris | Brad Hackney |
| Sherry Dishaw | Jerry Heskett | Antonia Schaefer |
| Edward Gilbert | Randy | Francis Carter |
| Kevin Henninger | Ryan Hackney | Christin Rutkey |
| Carol Krushinski | Rosemary Scafidi | David French |
| Shawn Meloche | Samantha Mihalik | Rose Mary Schmidt |
| Leo Fleszar | Frank Kardos | Jo Livernois |
| Jacob Beck | Larry Ozog | |
| Tom Reno | Nate Crowe | |

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

JANUARY 6 - JANUARY 14

| | SACRED HEART | SAINT CYPRIAN | SAINT JOSEPH | Readings |
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| SAT 6 | | 5:00pm Mass + Art Kacewicz <i>Family</i> | 4:30pm Mass + Tom Neubecker <i>Rosemary Scafidi</i> + Jane Trela and Jonathan Cross <i>Lee Diponio</i> | <i>1 Jn 5:5-13</i> <i>Mk 1:7-11</i> |
| SUN 7 | 11:00am Mass (Sacred Heart Church) + RoseMary Prato <i>Jan Candela</i> + Dr. Stefan Kobiljak <i>Evelyn Archer</i> + Karen Coon <i>Mary Sepe & Lois Brown</i> 5:00pm Mass (Sacred Heart Church) The recently baptized into Christ | 9:00am Mass + Don & Anne Bloomfield <i>Friend</i> | 8:30am Mass For all seminarians 10:30am Mass People of the Parish + Jane Trela <i>Sharlene Datini</i> | <i>Is 60:1-6</i> <i>Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6</i> <i>Mt 2:1-12</i> |
| MON 8 | 12:00pm Mass (Sacred Heart Church) + Stewart Family <i>The Chambers family</i> | | | <i>Is 42:1-4, 6-7</i> <i>Mk 1:7-11</i> |
| TUE 9 | | 9:00am Mass DAILY MASS AT ST. JOSEPH, TRENTON | 8:30am Mass + Fr. Jim Vedro | <i>1Sm 1:9-20</i> <i>Mk 1:21-28</i> |
| WED 10 | 8:30am Mass (St. Anne Chapel) + Marian Bessy <i>Berne & Alane Gismondi</i> | | | <i>1Sm 3:1-10, 19-20</i> <i>Mk 1:29-39</i> |
| THU 11 | | 9:00am Mass For the gift of diversity in the church | | <i>1Sm 4:1-11</i> <i>Mk 1:40-45</i> |
| FRI 12 | | | 8:30am Mass + Andrew Kmetz <i>sisters Pat and Lou</i> | <i>1Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a</i> <i>Mk 2:1-12</i> |
| SAT 13 | | 5:00pm Mass + Virgie Ann O'Connor <i>Jose Cervantes</i> + Kelly Schloff <i>Jose Cervantes</i> + Manuel Cervantes <i>Jose Cervantes</i> + Edwin & Patricia Britz <i>Family</i> + Dr. James & Joanna Breslin <i>Family</i> + John Cenzer <i>Diane Zarosly & Dennis</i> | 4:30pm Mass + Frank and Mary Bislczyk <i>son, John</i> + Jonathan Cross <i>Chirillo Family</i> | <i>1Sm 9:1-4, 17-19:10:1</i> <i>Mk 2:13-17</i> |
| SUN 14 | 8:30am Mass (Sacred Heart Church) + Grace Russ <i>Carolyn Sartor</i> + Jim Seiler <i>Family</i> 5:00pm Mass (Sacred Heart Church) + Dolores Bartoli <i>Monica Adams</i> Special Intentions for Robert Joaquin <i>Joe & Jan Connors</i> | 9:00am Mass + Yolanda & Richard Oslund <i>Anita Kane & Family</i> + David Miles <i>Family</i> | 8:30am Mass For peace in the world 10:30am Mass People of the Parish + Tom Neubecker <i>Sue Neubecker</i> Sanctuary Candle: +Deceased parishioners of St. Joseph | <i>1Sm 3:3b-10, 19</i> <i>1Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20</i> <i>Jn 1:35-42</i> |



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