



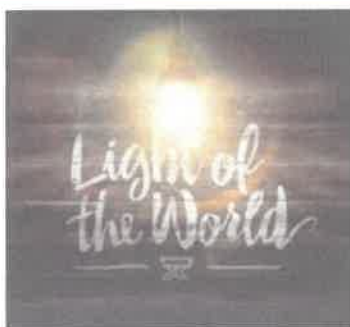
Corpus Christi Catholic Community

Building the Body of Christ

January 5, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday Reflection



We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for them, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?

"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem," the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly *(cont. on p. 3)*

Prayer for Migrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers

Lord Jesus, you call us to welcome your sons and daughters who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war.

Help us by your grace: banish suspicion from our hearts, inspire us to respond with joy and generosity, give us courage to witness your love for all people, and open our eyes to the gifts the stranger brings.

Protect all migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers on their journey. Bring them safely to the place where they long to be. In solidarity, we ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



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Thank you to everyone who helped make our worship space beautiful during the Christmas season - see insert inside for a list of loved ones remembered this year

Corpus Christi Directory

Rev. Patrick Gonyeau, Administrator
313-537-5770

Parish Office Hours:

Mon - Thu, 9:30 am – 8:00 pm, Fri, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Sat, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Sun 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Weekend Masses:

Sat 4 pm, Sun 9 am & 11 am

Daily/ Holy Day Masses:

See next column.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Available on Saturdays from 2:00 to 3:45 pm; by appointment (call the Parish Office); during the parish Advent and Lent penance services.

Sick Calls and Communion Calls: Please call the Parish Office when there is serious illness in your household so that we may place the sick on our prayer list and arrange for the Sacrament of Anointing. We are happy to make home, hospital, and nursing home visits.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Weddings: Please call the Parish Office 6 months before wedding.

Bulletin Copy: Please contact Miriam Hudson by phone or email.

Weekly Schedule at Corpus Christi

Monday, January 6

Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

7:20 am ADORATION

8:30 am MASS

Tuesday, January 7

Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

7:20 am ADORATION

8:30 am MASS

7:00 pm REVIVAL

Wednesday, January 8

7:20 am ADORATION

8:30 am MASS

5:00 pm New Hope Board Meeting

5:15 pm NWDYC Board Meeting

6:00 pm Evangelization Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 9

7:20 am ADORATION

8:30 am MASS

4:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting

6:30 pm Stewardship Commission Meeting

Friday, January 10

Saturday, January 11

9:00 am LENTEN SEASON PLANNING

10:00 am 1st Eucharist Preparation

10:00 am SVDP Food Pantry

10:00 am OPCA Board Meeting

12:00 noon SVDP-Corpus Christi Conference Meeting

1:00 pm Infant Baptism Preparation

2:00 pm CONFESSIONS

2:00 pm Recovery Group

4:00 pm MASS

Sunday, January 12

The Baptism of the Lord

INFANT BAPTISMS

9:00 am MASS

9:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Levels 2/3

9:00 am RCIA Class

10:00 am Knights of Peter Claver Meeting

10:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:45 am Noah's Ark Nursery

11:00 am MASS

11:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1

12:45 pm CHURCH DECORATING

1:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

4:00 pm Better Men Outreach



Facilities and Finances

written by Carolyn Wilson, Director of Operations

Happy New Year! I wish all of you and your families a very healthy and happy 2020!

Safety and Security: Greg Spight and I continue to work on the Parish Response to Emergency Situations (PRES) plan. A key component of this is to assure that we have signage that identifies the location of fire extinguishers and additional 'Exit' signs. Please take a few minutes to locate these signs in the church. For example, you'll find that there is an exit through the Ushers' room with a sign above this door and 'Fire Extinguisher' signs on the walls.

Greg and I also ask that you take a few minutes to locate alternate exits out of the church, other than the one you came in, should the door you entered through be obstructed. These include the two doors behind the altar (Evergreen doors), Pembroke door, Sacristy, and Ushers room, as well as the doors off the parking lot.

Roof Update: Replacement of the parish office roof and wings on the church roof is complete. This work will assure that our church and parish office will be maintained in excellent condition for many years to come as we continue to serve all of you and our community! The air conditioner on the parish office roof was also replaced during the roof work. The leaks that occurred in the last couple of weeks have primarily been due to blocked drains, not poor work on the roof. As a result, Greg will add checking the drains to our preventive maintenance tasks. Thank you very much for your support of this immense capital project!

General Updates: 1) We had a leak in the gym which involved a broken pipe. The water supply has been turned off to that point until we install air conditioning in the gym. 2) Anthony Bronaugh continues to provide snow and ice removal services for the parish and outreach centers, for which we are grateful; he uses a liquid de-icing agent that is more effective and less damaging on our pavement than rock salt.

Fundraising: Our next Millionaire's Party is scheduled for Sunday – Wednesday, March 8-11, 2020. Ken Troupe has graciously agreed to coordinate this event, so please reach out to him if you are interested in volunteering or would like more information. →

Sunday Reflection *(continued from page 1)*

headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answers say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be "overjoyed" at seeing the Light of the World. ©LPi

Young Adult News

EXODUS 90

January 13 - April 11

— Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for young adult men looking to break from old ways of living and habits to experience the freedom Christ made them for. Visit <https://www.aod.org/young-adult-events> for more information and to sign up.

Theology On Tap:

The Journey To Union With God

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 6:30 PM – 8:30 pm
@ Royal Oak Taphouse
714 S Washington, Royal Oak

— Dr. Patricia Cooney Hathaway will present St. Teresa of Avila's teaching on the stages of union with God from acquaintance to beloved. Come at 6:30 pm for food, drinks and time to meet with friends, followed by Dr. Cooney's talk at 7:00 pm. Visit www.facebook.com/events/840754253020780/ for more information and to sign up.

I welcome your thoughts and questions! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Blessings!

— Carolyn



Church of the Home

■ 52 Sundays

52 Sundays is a dynamic guide to help you and your family reclaim the Lord's Day. It offers simple and insightful ways for your family to spend time together each Sunday learning more about the Catholic faith and having fun while you're at it.

For example, this Sunday's content includes "Take Time To Chat" questions: **Why did the Magi pay homage to the baby Jesus? What kind of gifts did they bring to him? What do these gifts symbolize? What gift would you give to the baby Jesus?** To check out all of the content for Sunday, January 5th, visit <https://www.52sundays.com/sundays/january-5-2020>. You may order a copy of 52 Sundays for your family by visiting <https://www.4lpi.com/catholic-store/52-sundays/>. Sign up for weekly email reminders at www.52sundays.com/.

■ Finding Hope in the New Year

With January comes a chance for regrouping after the holidays. This year, instead of feeling letdown after the excitement, start the year by focusing on the virtue of **hope** — the virtue that lets us know as Christians we can trust God's grace and the gift of salvation each and every day.

The season of Ordinary Time is not meant to seem unimportant, but rather is meant for us to grow in habits of discipleship. The text abbreviation H.O.P.E. means "have only positive expectations." What if your family worked on hope as a long-term way to exercise trust in God and joy as Christians with a 4-part H.O.P.E. plan for the year?

HAPPINESS: Jesus taught us the way to be truly happy is to live the beatitudes, 8 "happiness" statements (Matthew 5:3-12) that help us focus on having the right attitude as Christians. As a family, learn one beatitude each week and choose one way to live out that beatitude this year.

OPENNESS: Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us have the strength to follow him. As a family talk about the ways you can see the Holy Spirit guiding you. Once a week, have each family member share all the different ways they have seen the Holy Spirit at work in nature, at church, at school or work, and in other people.

PRAYERFULNESS: Jesus showed us how to pray (the Lord's Prayer), but he also encouraged people to ask God for what they may need as a way to build up trust and reliance on God. Once a week, set aside family time to share needs you have noticed in family, friends, neighbors,



"Choosing The Flame"

All teens currently in the 8th Grade or higher who have not been prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to register now for Corpus Christi's 2019 - 2021 program. For more information, please contact Joe Long at 248-231-8200 or joe@josephelong.com.

MLK Service Day 2020

Saturday, January 18, 9:00 am - 2:45 pm

Corpus Christi youth are invited to participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Everyone will meet at Sacred Heart Church, 3451 Rivard Street, Detroit. Lunch and a t-shirt will be provided. Sign up at the back of church. Contact Mrs. Marilyn Webb at (313) 671-1577 for more information.

or the world at large. Make a list of these petitions and pray for God to help the people involved.

ENTHUSIASM: Jesus encouraged us to live fully as children of God. If we are really living in God and seeing Christ in others, we will have a spirit of God's grace and love when we interact with them. As a family, agree that you will greet new ideas and people with enthusiasm — with a willingness to participate and work together.

■ Everyday Stewardship

God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than candlelight
under the rafters of a barn:

Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay,
And Wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed stable.*

When I was younger, I wrote music to and recorded Thomas Merton's poem, "Epiphany Carol." If you have never read it, search it out on the internet. Merton's words are profound and paint a picture of the awesomeness of Jesus, the newborn King of Kings, lying in a simple straw bed. The shepherds and Wise Men are drawn to pay homage to the One who has been born above all others and brings with him hope for a broken world.

As Merton correctly points out, the gifts *(continued on page7)*



BULLETIN BOARD

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS: Siena Literacy Center, 16888 Trinity Street, Detroit, offers tutoring, books, and computer time at no charge. Tutoring (reading, math, pre-GED prep, and strategies for test-taking) available once a week. Visit www.sienaliteracy.org or call Keah Archie-King at 313-532-8404 ext. 11.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The City of Detroit General Services Department - Parks and Recreation Division is accepting applications for their Recreation Leader and Recreation Instructor positions. Interested and qualified candidates may apply online by visiting www.detroitmi.gov/employment.

NEW HOURS FOR TOILETRY PANTRY: Broadstreet Presbyterian Church, 12065 Broadstreet Avenue, Detroit provides a FREE \$10 bag of toiletry items (bleach, dish detergent, washcloths, toothpaste, toilet paper, female products, etc.) on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 - 11:30 am, beginning December 14, 2019. All are welcome.

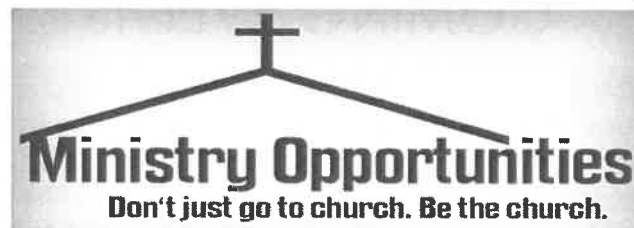
TRAUMA SUPPORT GROUPS: Open Arms provides supportive services, court advocacy, resources, and intervention to crime victims on Wednesdays from 4 pm to 6 pm at Victory Community Church, 14025 Hubbell, Detroit. For more information, call 313-369-5780.

LAUNDRY SERVICE: Parish member will do washing and/or ironing for you. Reasonable rates. Call Marilyn at 586-995-3677 for more information.

RIDE HOME FROM MASS NEEDED: Parishioner living in the 14 Mile Road/Main Street area of Clawson needs ride home after the 11:00 Mass; needs some help with wheelchair; call Beverly at 313-819-8060.

HUSTLE EXERCISE CLASSES: Mondays at 7 pm at Franklin Athletic Club, 29350 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield; cost is \$5/class; no membership required. Contact parishioner Kim Summers at 313-205-2883.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERANS: Volunteers of America Michigan (VOAMI) Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSFV) has funding available to provide assistance to veteran families.



★ Sunday Bus Driver

A volunteer is needed to drive parishioners to and from 11:00 Mass via the church bus approximately every 5 weeks. A valid driver's license, recent driving experience, a background check, and attendance at a Protecting God's Children workshop is required.

★ Greeters and Ushers

Volunteers are needed to create a spirit of warmth and welcome for those attending our weekend masses and special liturgies. Please contact Verna Kelser, Greeter Coordinator, at 248-559-3901 or Gregory Spight, Usher Coordinator at 313-537-5770.

★ Nursery Caregiver

Adult caregivers are needed to provide a loving, safe environment for infants and toddlers while their parents are at the Sunday 11:00 Mass. The nursery is located in the Activities Center (convent building). Commitment is 1 ½ hrs (10:45 am - 12:15 pm) every 6 weeks. On-call caregivers are needed for other parish events (Infant baptism classes, young married couple events, etc.) Parish registration and background check required. Please call 313-537-5770 to volunteer.

★ Coffee/Donuts Volunteer

Volunteers are needed to help with the Coffee/Donut Fundraiser after our 11:00 Mass by serving on one of our teams or serving as a substitute. Tasks include serving donuts, collecting funds, and clean up. We are also in need of volunteers to pick up our donut order once every 5 weeks. Please call 313-537-5770 to sign up or for more information.

★ Cantors for Children

Cantors are needed to lead the gathering song, psalm response, and Gospel acclamation during Liturgy of the Word with Children, offered on Sundays for children in Grades 1 thru 5. Commitment is once a month; must be a registered member; background check required. Call the parish office at 313-537-5770.

COMING EVENTS

Jan 6 Christian Yoga

Come to Manresa Retreat House, 1390 Quarton Road (corner of Woodward), Bloomfield Hills on Monday, January 6 from 5:00 to 6:15 pm for this healthy, healing practice in an atmosphere of prayer, sacred music, and scripture. Cost is \$12; payment may be made by cash or check on the day of the class. Please bring your yoga mat, block, and blanket. Call 248-644-4933 for more information.

Jan 7 Diabetes Workshop

Diabetes PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) is a six-week workshop that provides strategies to help manage diabetes. A Diabetes PATH workshop will be held on Tuesdays, January 7 thru February 11 from 10 am to 12:30 pm at the City of Southfield Parks and Recreation, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. The workshop is free and open to family members and caregivers. Pre-register at 248-849-5752 or visit healthcare.ascension.org/events.

Jan 7-14 Grief Support

1/7	Tuesday	6 - 7:30 pm	Bloomfield Hills
			Hospice of Michigan <i>Living On</i>
			248-334-1323

1/14	Tuesday	1 - 2:30 pm	Dearborn Hts
			Hospice of Michigan <i>Grief 101</i>
			313-578-6328

1/14	Tuesday	10:30 am - 12	Novi
			Ascension At Home <i>Healing The Heart</i>
			586-464-4841

Jan 8 Nicholas Black Elk Kateri Circle

The Nicholas Black Elk Kateri Circle will meet Wednesday, January 8 from 7 to 8:30 pm in the St. Martha Room at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish to explore personal faith, Native American culture, and Catholic spirituality. Sponsored by AOD Native American Ministry. For more information, contact Fr. Charles Morris at 313-273-1100.

Jan 9 Diabetes Prevention Program

A group-based, structured lifestyle change program for people who are at risk for or have pre-diabetes will begin meeting Thursday, January 9 from 10:00 to 11:00 am at the City of Southfield Parks and Recreation at 26000 Evergreen Road. Program includes 16 weekly sessions and 6 monthly follow-up sessions. You must have risk factors or a diagnosis of pre-diabetes to meet the class requirements. You may visit doihaveprediabetes.org to do a self-screening. To register or for more information, call 248-849-5752 or visit healthcare.ascension.org/events.

Retreat Schedule

Fri - Sun, Jan 10 - 12

Retreat Weekend for Men

@ St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit

— Rooms available after 4:30 pm on Friday. Buffet supper opens the retreat at 6:30 pm; orientation at 7:30 pm. Suggested donation is \$215; \$30 non-refundable deposit required. Register online at stpaultretreat.org or call 313-535-9563 to register.

Fri - Sun, Jan 10 - 12

In The World But Not Of The World Silent Retreat

@ St Mary's Retreat House
775 W Drahner Rd, Oxford

— Embracing the message of Jesus, the Gospel culture, is the way to peace, the truth that sets us free, and the life that leads to eternal bliss. Fr. Dennet Jung, OFM will be the retreat director. Cost is \$160 and includes lodging, meals, and program; a deposit of \$40 required. Check-in is 5 - 7 pm; retreat begins at 8 pm. For more information or to sign up, contact Elaine Greenhow at 248-542-9890.

Sun, Jan 12, 2 - 6 pm

Outdoor Meditation — Winter Silence

@ Manresa Jesuit Retreat House
1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills

— Join others at Manresa, outdoors and in, and keep watch with silence, anticipation, prayer, and writing. There will be time for sharing, a light dinner, and quiet time with God and the outdoors. Cost is \$30 prepaid (\$35 day of arrival). Visit www.manresa-sj.org or call 248-644-4933.

Sat, Jan 18, 10 am - 12 noon

Monthly Centering Prayer

@ Visitation North Spirituality Center
7227 Lahser Rd, Bloomfield Hills

— Suggested donation is a free-will offering. Call 248-433-0950 or visit www.visitationnorth.org to register.

Mon, Jan 20, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Women-to-Women

@ Manresa Jesuit Retreat House
1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills

— Coffee, socializing, and lectio divina. Free-will offering.



Stewardship UPDATE



Collection Report

Weekly Budget	\$ 8475.00
Sunday Offerings 12-29-2019	\$ 5764.43
Christmas Offerings 12-22/25-2019	\$ 8863.00
Holy Day Offerings	\$ 75.00
Shortfall for the Budget Year	\$

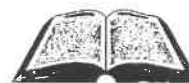
Everyday Stewardship *(continued from page 4)*

we are called to bring to this baby and lay at his feet are our prayers and penances, next to those gifts of worldly wealth. What is it that you have to bring to the stable on this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord? Unless those prayers and penances lead to a new way of living, our gifts will be void of meaning. What we lay before him speaks to the change in us that he has given to us by his birth. Our daily stewardship is resembled in those gifts. If we are to truly echo the kingdom of God in our lives and actions, what we ultimately offer to him is no less than our entire selves. This baby will give his entire self for us, and his work must continue through our hands and feet.

While we unnumbered children of the wicked centuries

Come after with our penances and prayers,
And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay
Beside the wise men's golden jars.*

**Excerpts from "Epiphany Carol" by Thomas Merton
— written by Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPI*



Scriptures for the Week

Readings for the Week of January 5, 2020

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4//Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13//Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



Questions of the Week

First Reading

In the wake of Israel's return from exile in Babylon, Isaiah prophesied the restoration of Jerusalem marked by gifts ranging from the "riches of the sea" to the "wealth of nations." What gifts do you receive from your faith in Jesus?

Second Reading

Paul wrote of the "mystery" that was revealed to him; namely, the Gentiles and the Jews (all believers) were "coheirs, members of the same body" of Jesus Christ. Why might some people resist this message of inclusivity?

Gospel Reading

Matthew tells us that the visit of the magi was wrought with fear, danger, and deception. Why do you think the good news of Jesus Christ remains today a threat to some people in the world?

Please Pray For Our Deceased Loved Ones

Phyllis Raines (11/17), member of the parish
Andrew Vitali IV (12/12), grandson of Eric & Valerie McDonald
Hagar Lucinda Thomas (12/27), mother of Nestor Munis



Please Pray For Those In The Military:

Jared Brooks (Marines), Caija Campbell (Army), Anthony Carson (Army), Anthony Ford (Army), Thomas Dixon (Navy), Anthony Hollins, Jr (Army), Jonah LaTour, Jon LaTour, John Maurer (Air Force), Robbie Mayes (Marines), Christopher Moniere (National Guard), Corey Sullivan (Army), and Lance Walker II (Army).



Mass Intentions January 6 - 12

Monday	8:30 am	For An Increase In Vocations
Tuesday	8:30 am	For Those Who Are Caregivers
Wednesday	8:30 am	For a Special Intention (req by Jane DeHart)
Thursday	8:30 am	For Those In Hospitals and Rehab Centers
Friday		No Mass or Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 pm	+ Delroy Grant Sr & Delroy Grant Jr (req by Yve Nemeth)
Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 pm	For the People of Corpus Christi + Matthew Onwudinjo (req by Clara & Nkem Onwudinjo)

Please call the parish office (313-537-5770) to add or remove a name from our prayer lists.

Please Pray For Our Sick Members:

Tony Baines	Roy Ford	Bob Lindsay	Elyse Ryder	Homebound:	Ruth Hill
Ken Banka	Rosemary Givens	Nancy Loper	Pauline Simpson	Synia Benjamin	Ronald Hills
Doris Billion	Gary Greening	Kathy Montgomery	Bernice Slaughter	Jackie Bodenhorn	Marie Leonard
Paul Billion	Virginia Harkey	Shirley Myles	Donna Storie	Evelyn Brantley	Sharon Lewis
Marcelle Blackmon	Clint Harris	Yve Nemeth	Colletta Sykes	Beverley B-Johnson	Beverly Miller
Wanda Bradley	Sr Stephanie Holub	Shirley Oldenburg	Brendia Thomas	Angeline Butler	Beatrice Neail
Alelia Busby	Irma Horton	Sharon Ortman	Charlotte Turner	Michelle Cagle	Margaret Nielsen
Jefferie Cook Sr	Mary C. Hustoles	Helen Parkman	Adele Waddell	Joseph Cagle Sr	John Onwudinjo
Karen Cook	Edward Hustoles	Vernard Plain	Kathy Wilson	Clairmina Danjou	Sue Padalino
Terrie C-Henderson	Gloria James	Thelma Polley		Felisa Deluna	Evangeline Pruett
Sheri Dargin	John Johnson	Phyllis Raines		Judories Fort	Hulda Reed
Cid Davis	Roswitha Jordan	Sally Rimbart		Margaret Gassoway	Isiah Searls
Kevin DeMatas	Fannie Larkins	Joy Robinson		Ella Goldsmith Sr	Joseph Shelton
David Derouselle Sr	Myrna Leonard	Juanita Robinson		Rachelle Harper	Mary Pat Shelton
Renita Fletcher	Marilyn Lewandowski	Leatrice Robinson		Martha Harris	



Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:

Susan Absher	Elizabeth Downing	Tom Hustoles	Jerry Mercier Jr	Ethel Person	Beverly Sneed
Kelley Adams	Lloyd Earl	Robert Jarey	Robert Miller Jr	Marquon Perry	Tom/Dorothy Sobota
Duncan Alfes	Virginia Etherly	Aliyaa John	Darwin Mills	Matt Phillips	Nicholas Stephens
Cynthia Archer-Gift	Phillip Faucher	Arnim Johnson	Florence Mills	Reginald Phillips	Gus Sternberg
Jim Agnello	Ronald Fletcher	Fred Johnson	Willard Mitchell	Anthony Plain	Rochelle Stewart
Sue Bates	Barbara Ford	El Caleb Jones	James Molloy	Erin Plain	Trevor Sullivan
Marie Beard	Kyle Foster	Dorie Kaiser	Karen Momper	David Remo	Kevin Sweeney
Edward Bejesky	Jerry & Patricia Franks	Bill Kelley	Elizabeth Moore	Sandra Reynolds	Frances Sykes
Katy Bessey	Mavis Frazer	Shirley Kenney	Shirley V Moore	Michael Rice	Patt Taylor-Braxton
Kenneth Black	Barbara Gay	Mary Alice Kenny	Glinda Mooror	Matthew Rich	Rick Thompson
J C Boston	Nestelyn Gay	Kristen Kingzett	Louis Morzynske	Viola Richburge	Carolyn Thrash
James Bryant	Marvis Givens	Katie Lutzto Kissell	Mike Mueller	Dorothy Roberson	Tameka Thurman-Lewis
Bria Brown	Elwood Gneckow	Ed Kmett	Joyce Mulhall	Eugene Rohde	Gerry Tremonti
Linda Brown	Shawn Gore	Erin Knight	Mignon Murray	Alfredo Rojas	Amy Turner
Ron Brown	Marlene Grant	Fred Kolp	Sara Nell-Wallace	Patrick Ryder	Robert Vanden Berg
Auby Bryson	Morty Green	Emilia Kullman	Margaret Nelson	Anthony Salem	Al Victors
F. Chennault-Johnson	Tanya Hamlin-Simmons	Marta Lagos	Ernestine Nimmons	Frank Salem	Alicia Walker
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Scott Clinton	Alfonzo Harris	Antoinette Litzinger	Charlotte, Donna,	Ethel Mae Sanders	Lance Walker
Leah Closson	Millie Harris	Cheryl Lofton	John & Tyler O'Neill	Larry Schneider	Brady Wesley
Perry Conway	Sharon Harris	Anthony Lorenger	Jeff Padalino	Helen Schroeder	Sr Luanne Wilhelm
Ronald Crane	Lisa Harston-LeDoux	Harold Lowe	Patty Page	Mildred Scott	Jamal Williams
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Jerry Douglas	Sullivan Horton	Michael McNeece	James Pefley	Emily Smale	
Chris Downing	Jean Houck	John/Mary Jo Meakin	Alicia Penman	Kathy Smith	

From Fr. Patrick Gonyeau

A word from the heart

Introducing Corpus Christi's First Thematic Goal

Hello Corpus Christi Parish family, I pray your Christmas season has been full of the love and joy of the Lord Jesus! This weekend, I'd like to take a few minutes to share with you about a strategic effort over the next few months at the parish.

Flowing out of Synod 16, the Archbishop has instructed all pastors to form a leadership team at the parish. The leadership team is essentially an extension of the pastor, that works closely with the pastor to assist in areas of leadership and strategy. The importance of the parish council and all the other councils and commissions remains the same as it has been and will continue to be of great value guiding our parish forward. The leadership team is an extra component to the engine of parish life that helps to ensure the parish is taking active steps to pursue accomplishing its goals.

The ultimate goal is for our parish to allow the Holy Spirit to continue to bring the Kingdom of Heaven into our lives and through our lives to the world around. Our parish mission statement says it well, "we strive to radiate the presence of Jesus Christ in our parish and community and to invite others on our journey."

Our current parish goals are 1 – Evangelization 2 – Youth and Young Adults 3 – Parish Unity. These goals were established in 2011. One of the methods recommended for helping a parish to achieve its goals, which in turn assures we are moving in the direction of living out our mission ever more vibrantly, is an approach that utilizes thematic goals.

Thematic goals are short term "smaller goals" that help to achieve the larger goals. Through consultation with the various commissions and councils of the parish, the leadership team would like to share a thematic goal we'll be seeking to accomplish in the next three months (January through February). The thematic goal is: Cultivate the power of intercessory prayer to assist the parish in its mission.

In the Archbishop's pastoral letter, *Unleash the Gospel*, he wrote "Intercession has always been the hidden engine of the Church's mission. It is not by accident that the copatrons of the mission are St. Francis Xavier who traveled as far as Japan to preach the gospel and St. Therese the Little Flower, who spent her entire adult life in a cloistered convent, offering all her prayers and sufferings for missionaries around the world. Intercessory prayer cultivates the soil for the sowing of the word, it can stir up spiritual hunger in a whole city or region so the hearts of even those who are far from God are prepared to hear the gospel when it is preached to them."

The formation of an intercessory prayer team, a preaching series on the power of intercessory prayer, seeking to bolster our ministry to the homebound and asking for their intercessory prayers for the parish are some of the ways we'll go about achieving this goal. Additionally, we'll begin concluding our general intercessions at mass with a special prayer of intercession asking the Lord to bless Corpus Christi in our mission to share the light and love of Jesus in Northwest Detroit and beyond.

We believe accomplishing the goal of cultivating the power of intercessory prayer will effectively bless the parish with an additional surge of power for the mission. Thank you sisters and brothers for your passion for God and people, I'm excited to see what the Lord has in store for us!

Love and blessings — **Fr. Patrick**

Revival

Tuesday, January 7 @ 7 pm

**"Standing on the Shoulders of
Giants: A Celebration of Black
History and Black Catholic History**

Evangelist Richard Lane (a parish member)
will lead the Revival.

Please plan to attend and bring a friend!

LENTEN SEASON PLANNING

Saturday, January 11
9:00 am - 12:15 pm
in the Rainbow Room

Lent

Please save the date and plan to help plan for our Lenten liturgies, activities, church environment, and programs. Everyone, especially members of our liturgical ministries and the Church Environment Committee, is encouraged to attend.

We gather at 9 am for a continental breakfast, followed by opening prayer, Lenten music selections, reflection on Lenten scripture readings, sharing of insights, and discussion of a focus for Lent. No experience is necessary! Your input and insights will benefit the parish and your participation in the Season of Lent!

All are welcome! Bring someone with you!



Generations of Faith

**God's Messengers
Unleash The Gospel**

Registration for our next session of Generations of Faith is now open. Generations of Faith will begin in church **after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, January 26th**, followed by lunch in the gym (for GOF attendees only, please) and will **end at about 3 pm**.

The cost is a **freewill donation** for lunch (children eat free). Sr. Barbara Rund, OP, will be our guest catechist. Sr. Barbara will bring a depth of knowledge and her experience to her Corpus Christi presentation on the **Gospel of Luke**. Sign up soon!



In Remembrance



Thank you to those who helped
to make our worship space so
beautiful this Christmas!

Cleo Johnson-Ellis
Evelyn Johnson-Williams
Ruth Johnson-Kincaid
Maria Dora Patin-Johnson
by Cleo Anthony

Rudolph Pierre • Carl Archer
Cliff Baker Sr
by Hayden Archer

Patricia Benedict • Erick Strand
by Rosemary Burke

Barbara Jean Byrd
by Melvin E Byrd

Walter Carson • Lessie Douglas
by Esme Carson

Geraldine Munroe
by Diane Chapman

M/M Jerome Perry • Andre Perry
M/M Lucius Davis • Inez Petrial Jett
Joseph Cotton • Roderick Carter
by Cid & Brenda Davis

Michel Theoret
by Lolita Davis

Vincent & Rose D'Ambrosio
by Mary & Ben DiPonio

Thomas & Marilyn Snitgen
by Lisa D'Souza

Carla Archer • Michelle Archer
Mable Nelson
by Shirley Drayton

Ollie Mae Gilmore
Sherman Gilmore
Shields Gilmore
by Sheila Finch

Joseph Funni
by Sylvia Funni

Albert, Eleanor, & Nancy Dreis
by Art & Denise Glinz

Nat Black
by Leslie Hansford

Robert & Jean Irvin
by Chimene Irvin

Marion Chitty
by Sheila E Johnson

Yolanda Jennings
by Brian Jennings

Ray & Betty Hall • George Kalman
by Sandy Kalman

Walter Kelser Jr
by Verna Kelser

John Marcou
by Marie Kmett

Dustin Tobias
by Mary Ann McAllister

John Pierce Jr
by Peter Mueller

Tim Nolan • Vivian Vedro
by the Brian Nolan Family

O'Neill, Salem, & Manassah
Families (living & deceased)
by Elaine O'Neill

Muri Pryor • Geraldine Pryor
by Muriel Pryor-Murphy

Ed & Mary Catherine Hustoles
(in honor)

Jack & Florence DiPonio Robinson
(in memory)
by Barbara Robinson

Joanne Grondin • Larry Hanlan
by Janice Tam

Louise & Lucien Moore
by Kenneth Troupe Sr

Bajor, Kisiel, Luszki, Olszowy
& Quinn Families
by Florence Quinn

Weekend Ministries Schedule ■ January 11/12 ■ Baptism of the Lord

	LECTORS	EMES	SERVERS	GREETERS	LITURGY OF WORD W/ CHILDREN	LITURGICAL ASSISTANT
Sat 4 pm	Miriam Hudson John Mueller	Angelita Pierce Sr Heather Stiverson	Chidi Dike Chioma Dike	Gloria James	-----	Renee Walker
Sun 9 am	Laurel Geter Marilyn Lewandowski	Debra McGuire Gertrude Nwaneri	Donald Harris Rayven Harris	Canelita B-Thurman Ernie Buckner	-----	Cleo Anthony
Sun 11 am	Peter Mueller Michael Sands	Team 1 - Shirley Myles + Mary Mathis + Milbra Hill	Ijeoma Osuoha Ugonna Osuoha Ekene Uzosiike Obinna Uzosiike	Christine Phanord Cherry Smith	No Liturgy of the Word w/ Children - Infant Baptisms	Nestor Munis
	SUNDAY BUS DRIVER	NOAH'S ARK NURSERY	COFFEE/DONUTS 9:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00
	Christine Woloszyk	TBD	Women's Society - Katrina Smith	Rosemary Burke Vickie Hodnett	Violet Funwie Elsie Spencer	Anastasia Vinjingsi
CATECHESIS OF GOOD SHEPHERD 1		CATECHESIS OF GOOD SHEPHERD 2/3		RCIA CLASS		RCIA DISMISSAL
TBD		Jinette Chapman Sr Frances Gerhard Carol Sharer		TBD		TBD

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Q Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men...who were they?

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men magoi. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations. ©LPi

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