



The Epiphany Of The Lord
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La Epifanía Del Señor
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

The word: "Epiphany" means Divine Manifestation or Enlightenment. It refers to the Feast that we celebrate this weekend and to those moments in life when an individual comes to a certain realization that has a life-changing effect for them. Based upon the testimony of Sacred Scripture, scholars tell us that the Epiphany of Jesus occurred anywhere from the second week after His birth to the second year of His life.

The three kings who came to visit the Babe of Bethlehem are significant by virtue of their names and the gifts that they bring. Casper—also named Gaspar in some translations—whose name means Treasurer, is said to have brought the gift of Gold. Melchior—whose name means King—brought the Frankincense. Balthasar—whose name means God Saves—brought Myrrh (an aromatic oil used for burials, especially among those of the royal class). Again, scholars of Sacred Scripture assure us that there were three kings because there were three gifts. Some claim that there could have been more, or less than three but the gifts presented are of significance: the Gold acclaimed Jesus as King of the Universe; the Frankincense acknowledged Him as both God and Creator since burning it symbolizes the raising of hearts and prayers to the One Who brought us Life; and the Myrrh was in preparation for the Crucifixion—THE reason why

Jesus came among us. After all, even His name proclaims His action—Jesus means "Yahweh saves" and that is exactly what He did for us upon the Cross of Calvary.

Throughout many of the nations of Europe, Christmas gifts are not given on December Twenty-fifth. They are given on January Sixth since that is the day for the celebration of the Epiphany. On Christmas in most European countries, people walk around their town or village and visit the various churches, and the homes of neighbors, to see how the Nativity Scene is set-up for display. Gifting others is reserved for the "Day of the Kings" when the Christ Child was acknowledged by the Magi.

In my adulthood, I have found the Feast of the Epiphany to be an opportunity to reflect upon how well I have used the talents and treasures God has bestowed on my life. It's a good day to spend some time alone with the Lord and prayerfully acknowledge the ways in which I can improve and the thankfulness that I should render to Him for whatever blessings He has bestowed upon my life. May your reflection on this Feast be a source of Prayer and Blessings.

Peace be with you, Monsignor

DESDE EL PASTOR

Queridas hermanas y hermanos en el Señor:

La palabra: "Epifanía" significa Manifestación Divina o Iluminación. Se refiere a la Fiesta que celebramos este fin de semana y a esos momentos de la vida en los que un individuo se da cuenta de que tiene un efecto que le cambia la vida. Basado en el testimonio de la Sagrada Escritura, los estudiosos nos dicen que la Epifanía de Jesús ocurrió en cualquier lugar desde la segunda semana después de su nacimiento hasta el segundo año de su vida.

Los tres reyes que vinieron a visitar al Bebé de Belén son importantes en virtud de sus nombres y los regalos que traen. Se dice que Casper, también llamado Gaspar en algunas traducciones, cuyo nombre significa Tesorero, trajo el regalo de Oro. Melchor, cuyo nombre significa Rey, trajo el incienso. Balthasar, cuyo nombre significa Dios salva, trajo Mirra (un aceite aromático utilizado para entierros, especialmente entre los de la clase real). De nuevo, los estudiosos de la Sagrada Escritura nos aseguran que hubo tres reyes porque había tres dones. Algunos afirman que podría haber habido más o menos de tres, pero los regalos presentados son significativos: el Oro aclamó a Jesús como Rey del Universo; el incienso lo reconoció como Dios y Creador, ya que quemarlo simboliza la elevación de corazones y oraciones a Aquel que nos trajo la Vida; y la mirra se estaba preparando para la crucifixión, la razón por la cual Jesús vino entre nosotros. Después de todo, incluso su nombre proclama su acción: Jesús significa "Jehová salva" y eso es exactamente lo que hizo por nosotros en la Cruz del Calvario.

En muchos países de Europa, los regalos de Navidad no se entregan el 25 de diciembre. Se entregan el 6 de enero ya que ese es el día para la celebración de la Epifanía. En Navidad, en la mayoría de los países europeos, las personas caminan por su ciudad o pueblo y visitan las diversas iglesias y las casas de los vecinos, para ver cómo se organiza el Belén para su exhibición. Regalar a los demás está reservado para el "Día de los Reyes" cuando los Reyes Magos reconocieron al Niño Jesús.

En mi edad adulta, he encontrado que la Fiesta de la Epifanía es una oportunidad para reflexionar sobre qué tan bien he usado los talentos y tesoros que Dios ha otorgado a mi vida. Es un buen día para pasar un tiempo a solas con el Señor y reconocer en oración las formas en que puedo mejorar y el agradecimiento que debo brindarle por las bendiciones que ha otorgado a mi vida. Que tu reflexión sobre esta fiesta sea una fuente de oración y bendiciones.

La paz sea contigo, Monseñor

Parish Information

	Monday 1/6/2019	Tuesday 1/7/2019	Wednesday 1/8/2019	Thursday 1/9/2019	Friday 1/10/2019	Saturday 1/11/2019
St. Mary	8:00 AM JoAnn Gardner	NO MASS	NO MASS	8:00 AM Thomas and Mary Ann Chezem	NO MASS	2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	8:00 AM Thomas Chezem	8:00 AM Margaret Eckert	NO MASS	NO MASS	8:00 AM George Mehling	4:00-5:00 Confessions
Other Locations			St. Vincent Hospital 11:30 AM Dr. William Kopp		10:30 AM Keystone Woods Poor Souls	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

January 11th & 12th	Sat. 4:00 PM St. Mary	Sat. 5:30 PM St. Ambrose	Sun. 7:30 AM St. Mary	Sun. 9:30 AM St. Ambrose	Sun. 11:30 AM St. Mary
Mass Intentions	Agnes Amrine	Pro Populo	Veniero Ippolito	Jesse Backous	Mayra Sierra
Reader	Allen Raver	Mark Loose	Maurene Sparks	Greg Kalisz	Daniel Flores
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Hodson Cheryl Hodson Jan Adams Ron Adams Joetta Allison H	Marvin Coryell H Donna Pine Stephanie Metz	Dave Papai Lea Papai Lora Mueller M. F. Kincaid Tim Kincaid H	Hannah Brownell H Rosie Graybill H Angie Pitts Rick Pitts Barb Pittsford Gerald Pittsford	F. Cazares H R. Maldonado Juana Sanjuan Mayra Sierra M. Rodriguez
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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



Stewardship

St. Ambrose \$ 7,210

YTD \$ 427,383

NTD \$ 676,000

Roofs Matching Fund \$ 147,718

St. Mary \$ 19,039

YTD \$ 516,428

NTD \$ 936,000

Renovation Fund \$ 705 (\$209,584 of \$330 K)

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St. Ambrose—[https:// www.osvonlinegiving.com/272](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/272)

St. Mary—<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/13>

Dates to Remember: January 18th—Community Care Day at Holy Cross North Campus

Welcome To Our Faith Family:

Charlotte Rose Eliason, daughter of Isaac and Stephanie Eliason, baptized December 28th, at St. Ambrose. May God bless her and her family with years of health and happiness amongst us!

Parent Leadership Formation

We are looking for couples that are willing to guide the Parent Leadership Formation Program. Its curriculum provides parents with basic catechetical tools to effectively accompany and support their children's faith formation. This program will be offered at the same time children are attending Religious Education. If you are interested in joining the group of couples who will guide this program, please contact Laura Torres for more information at 765-644-8467 Ext. 323 or ltorres@parish.dol-in.org.



Eucharistic Adoration: St. Mary is on Thursdays from 2:00 to 7:00 PM.

Santa Maria la Adoración es los jueves de 2:00 a 7:00 PM.

Please Pray For ...

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or injured, especially the sick and elderly in our parishes:

The Military: Josh Fisher, son of Gary and Kathy; Pvt. Jalen Lewis US Army, son of Stephanie Akin; Sergeant Joseph Schulten, Matthew Schulten HM3, grandsons of Cathy Thompson; Michael Shane Carter Air Force, grandson of Marllon and Emily Carter; Sgt. Brock Acra stationed in California US Marine Corp. son of Greg and Sonia Acra. First Lt. Sean Scally, 82nd Airborne, grandson of Tom Chezem, United Arab Emirates; Lt. Daniel Perrine, son of Kimberly Lyle-Ippolito and Dan Ippolito.

If you have a family member who is in the service and called to active duty and would like to add their name to a list for special prayers, please call the rectory and give us this information. Let us pray for PEACE World Wide. God Bless us all!

Weekly Scriptures:

Sun. Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12; **Mon.** Jn 3:22-4:6, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25; **Tues.** Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44; **Wed.** Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52; **Thurs.** Jn 4:19-5:4, Lk 4:14-22a; **Fri.** Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16; **Sat.** Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30

“Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.”

(Psalm 72)

OUTREACH

Knights Of Columbus News:

The following is a list of events (dinners) for January and February:

Saturday, Jan. 11th—Chicken Fry

Friday, Feb. 7th —Pizza Night by Francis Robinson

Saturday, Feb. 15th—Chicken Fry

Friday, Feb. 28th—Lenten Fish Fries begin.

Please come and support the Knights with good food, and fellowship.

Save the Date Indiana March for Life

When: January 21st The Vigil For Life at St. John The Evangelist Church Indianapolis.

January 22nd The Solemn Observance Of Roe v. Wade Anniversary Mass at St. John The Evangelist Church Indianapolis 10:30 AM.

Memorial Service For The Unborn at Indiana Convention Center 10:30 AM.

March For Life and Rally at the Indiana Capitol Building steps following Mass and memorial service.

For more information contact Susan Hoefer, Diocesan Respect Life Coordinator at shoefer@dol-in.org/ 765-421-1998.

“We Can Care” - Is a Collaborative Ministry of St. Ambrose and St. Mary Churches in Anderson for St. Vincent de Paul. The boxes will be at the entrances of both Churches to receive your donations. Monetary donations can be placed in the orange boxes.

The collection on January 11/12 will be canned fruit. Your participation will be greatly appreciated by the hungry families of Madison County.

St. Vincent de Paul will be at the church doors to collect you monetary donation next weekend. Please remember the needy in our community.



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Would you like to donate to Holy Cross School using the SGO 50% state tax deduction program? Please see notes below:

- Donations must occur in the tax year for which donors would like to claim it. To make a last minute credit card donation visit www.i4qed.org.
- If donors mail donations (either directly to the Institute for Quality Education—IQE—or to the school), they must take it to the post office during business hours by December 31.
- Mailed donations **must be postmarked no later than December 31st**. NOTE: If it is dropped in a mail collection box on the last day of the year, it may not get postmarked until the first business day of the following year.
- If a donor drops donations off at a school or at IQE's office, be sure that staff is available to accept the donation.

Young Church

Christian Awakening Senior Retreat XXVIII

The Carmel Deanery "Christian Awakening Senior Retreat" is a powerful weekend experience that allows high school seniors to encounter the living God. This weekend provides the chance to develop an authentic Christian community, participate in the Sacraments, develop Catholic faith, and enhance or begin a friendship with Christ. Location: St. Joseph Retreat Center in Tipton, IN Duration: Friday, January 17, 2019, at 6:30 pm through Monday, January 20, 2020, at 6:30 PM. For more information and registration, please contact Laura Torres @ 765-644-8467 Ext 323 or ltorres@parish.dol-in.org.

Destination Jesus 2020

Is a retreat for high school students (9-12 grades) from our diocese. Registration forms and payment should be received by Jan. 17th to avoid extra fees. It will take place at St. Theodore Guerin Catholic H.S. on Feb. 14-16. Cost is \$75 by Jan. 17th; \$85 until Jan. 24th. Please contact Laura Torres for questions at (765) 644-8467 Ext. 323.

Es un retiro para estudiantes de secundaria (grados 9-12) de nuestra diócesis. Los formularios de inscripción y el pago deben recibirse antes del 17 de enero para evitar tarifas adicionales. Tendrá lugar en St. Theodore Guerin Catholic H.S. del 14 al 16 de febrero. El costo es de \$ 75 para el 17 de enero; \$ 85 para el 24 de enero. Póngase en contacto con Laura Torres para preguntas en (765) 644-8467 Ext. 323.
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