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The Epiphany of the Lord

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*To learn anew the Gospel:
The Good News that God loves us—Then to live it and share it.*



From the Deacon's Bench

Brothers and Sisters,

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, and tomorrow we close the Christmas Season with the Baptism of the Lord. So, one last time - Merry Christmas! And one last "thank you" to our decorators, musicians, choir, and cantors, our ushers, lectors, and servers, and all who came to worship—making Christmas the special celebration it was.

We now move into Ordinary Time, and we count the weeks and days leading up to Lent. Lent is only 46 days away. Ash Wednesday is February 22. And the cycle of the Church year continues. The Church goes on.

On Thursday, the funeral Mass of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI was celebrated in Vatican City. It was an historic occasion in that, for the first time in almost 600 years, a reigning pope was celebrating the funeral of his predecessor. As we all know, a new pope is normally elected after the death of the previous pope. The resignation of Pope Benedict XVI in 2013 changed the usual order of things.

So, what can we take from this? The Roman Catholic Church is the oldest institution in the history of humankind. (Institution – not religion. Judaism predates the Church.) Pope Francis is the 266th pope. The Church has had its ups and downs but perseveres with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As we enter into this new year and the season of Ordinary Time, let's continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who lead the Church as well as in our own lives. Come Holy Spirit, Come!

Peace,
Dcn. Kerry

Please remember the following in your prayers...



Lynn Allen (*Vivian Allen's daughter*)
 Vivian Allen
 Fred Arnold
 Thea Barrett
 Phil Bradshaw (*Peggy O'Connor-Campbell's brother-in-law*)
 Eric Burdine (*Stacey Burdine's son*)
 Brenda Chaney
 Morgan Craig (*Diane & Charlie's granddaughter*)
 Mynelle Gardner
 Morris Gardner
 Carla Gerton
 Flossie Hill
 Betty Jones
 Beverley Jones
 Gwendolyn King
 Mary Martin (*Myrle Dulaney & Myrna Martin's sister*)
 Martha Mayes (*Thelma Mayes' mother*)
 Marie Owens
 Ray Owens (*Marie Owens' husband*)
 James Patton (*Karen Martin's father*)
 Adolph Peterson (*Evelyn Peterson's husband*)
 Rita Prince (*Lorenza Prince's sister*)
 Jim (Rookie) Reynolds (*Terri Cuellar's brother*)
 Cheryl Smith (*daughter of Jerria Jones*)
 Stanley Young (*Wanda Barrett's brother*)

Please contact Deacon Kerry if you would like to add or remove someone from the Prayer List.



Epiphany Proclamation 2023

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year are not fixed—the dates move because they are based upon the date on which Easter is set.

Easter changes each year and can fall between March 22 and April 25. In ancient times, before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming dates were "proclaimed" after the Gospel in this way (*and I'll save you from the chanting!*):

Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of His return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation. Let us recall the year's culmination, the **Easter Triduum** of the Lord: His last supper, His crucifixion, His burial, and His rising celebrated between the evening of the Fourteenth day of April and the evening of the Sixth of April, **Easter Sunday** being on the Ninth day of April. Each Easter -- as on each Sunday -- the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy. **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the Twenty-second day of February. **The Ascension** of the Lord will be commemorated on Sunday, the Twenty-first day of May or Thursday, the Eighteen day of May. **Pentecost**, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the Twenty-eighth day of May. And this year, the **First Sunday of Advent** will be on the Third day of December, 2023. Likewise, the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ in the feasts of the Holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed. To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Paul Parish School of Evangelization

The Church exists to evangelize. That's where we come in.

Our weekly School of Evangelization is designed to help ordinary Catholics become extraordinary evangelists in their own communities and everyday lives. The school meets once a week in the evening and includes time for teaching, discussion, small groups, activities, and prayer.

Registration is now open for the 2023 class beginning on Thursday, January 19, 2023. Classes will meet each Thursday from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Our Lady of Greenwood Church (335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, IN 46143). Instructors are Peter Doane and the SPSE team. For additional information or to register, please visit:

www.streetevangelization.com/parish-schools.

New Year's Prayer

Another year is dawning
with the chance to start anew.
May I be kinder, wiser, Lord,
in all I say and do.

Not so caught up in selfish gain
that I would fail to see
the things in life that mean the most
cost not a fancy fee.

The warm, kind word that I can give,
the outstretched hand to help,
the prayers I pray for those in need--
more precious these than wealth.

I know not what may lie ahead
of laughter or of tears;
I only need to know each day
that You are walking near.

I'm thankful for this brand new year
as now I humbly pray,
my hand secure in Yours, dear Lord,
each step along the way.



Schedule of Events**Sunday, January 8**

10:30 am - Mass

Tuesday, January 10

12:00 am - Bible Study

Wednesday, January 11

8:30 am - Communion Service

Sunday, January 15

10:30 am - Mass

Tuesday, January 17

12:00 am - Bible Study

Wednesday, January 18

8:30 am - Communion Service

Ministers in Service - January 15**Ushers:**

Anthony Bell (c), Karen Martin

Lectors:

Deidre Kelly, Diane Murdock

Mass Intentions for the Week**Sunday, January 8**10:30 pm: Eddie R. Stallworth (d)
by Pamela Stallworth**Sunday, January 15**10:30 pm: Margaret Nelson (d)
by Chuck Schisla**“He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and preserve it.” 1 Peter 3:11**

Too often we see peace as merely the absence of conflict, and we think of peacemaking as a passive role. But an effective peacemaker actively pursues peace. He or she builds good relationships, knowing that peace is a by-product of commitment. The peacemaker anticipates problems and deals with them before they occur. When conflicts arise, he or she brings them into the open and deals with them before they grow unmanageable. Making peace can be harder work than waging war, but it results not in death but in life and happiness.

“Truth is not determined by a majority vote.”

— Pope Benedict XVI

“Evil draws its power from indecision and concern for what other people think.”

— Pope Benedict XVI

