

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2023

“They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11b

CALENDAR OF MASSES/EVENTS

Sunday, January 8, 2023 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Adult Study Group
9:30 am Liturgy **For The Parish Community**
10:30 am R.C.I.A.
10:30 am PreK through 6th Grade PRE

Monday, January 9, 2023 – Office Closed

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

10:30 am Weight Loss/Exercise Support Group
NO Ladies Association

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

5:30 pm Open Gym
6:30 pm 6th through 12th Grade PRE

Thursday, January 12, 2023

8:00 am Liturgy + **Jimmy Murphy** by: Bob & Cil Johnson
9:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am Shepherd Center – Holy Spirit
7:00 pm AA & Al Anon

Friday, January 13, 2023

8:00 am Liturgy **Intentions of KK Smith**

Saturday, January 14, 2023

5:30 pm Confession
6:00 pm Liturgy + **Sr. Mary Myles** by: Merritt & Rose Powell

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Adult Study Group
9:30 am Liturgy **For The Parish Community**
10:30 am R.C.I.A.
10:30 am PreK through 6th Grade PRE



SUNDAY OFFERING



PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Weekly for Budget.....	\$ 6,094.81
Offering	\$ 8,923.00
Maintenance Fund Last Wk....	\$ 370.00
Community Services.....	\$ 35.00

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

January 7 – Cathy Powers/January 8 – Barbara N.
January 14 – Kelli Bishop/January 15 – Len Wright

ALTAR LINENS MINISTRY

January – Rose Powell

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

January 8 – Allison Baskin
January 15 – Lucy Holland

**For Your Safety Church doors will be locked
6:00 pm Saturdays and 9:30 am Sundays**

Ministry Schedule

PLEASE REMEMBER:

You are to arrive at least 20 to 30 minutes before Mass is to begin. This is important to be prepared and ready.

Saturday, January 14 – 6:00 pm

Greeter: Bettye Mize/Tijuana Buchanan
Usher: Don Greer/Danny Thomas
Server: Gavin Ellis
Lector: Bob & Judi Veitch
Gift Bearer: Kathy Cunningham/Carmen Kreider
Eucharistic Minister: Chris G./Dn. Ted/Jim B.

Sunday, January 15 - 9:30 am

Greeter: Diane Cullen/LaRae Walgenbach
Usher: Barbara Nickarz/Milton Ferrell
Server: Aubri Donati/Sutton Falatko/Harris Arnell
Lector: Alan Gho/Mark Printup
Gift Bearer: Andre' Family
Eucharistic Minister: Amanda Ready/Barbara Langley/Barbara Nickarz

REMINDER: If you are unable to fulfill your ministry obligation, it is your responsibility to find someone that can serve in your place. Thank you.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Queen of Peace—Monday, Tuesday & 1st Friday at NOON
Christ the King, Southaven—Wednesday (Bilingual Mass)
and Thursday (English Mass) at NOON.

Holy Spirit, Hernando—Thursday and Friday at 8:00 AM

THANK YOU to the many families who have signed up with Parish SOFT Giving. Your gifts and your participation are a blessing to us. When you participate, you can view giving history and pledge progress any time just by logging in.

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/holy545151>



Get More Out of the Mass

Have you ever wondered why we do what we do in the liturgy? The Sunday Adult Study Group is reading *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Understanding What We Say and Do in the Liturgy* by Edward Sri (2011 edition). It is available on Thriftbooks.com. Join us from 8am to 9am every Sunday morning in the little chapel hall. The Mass will mean more to you than ever before. Please join us. Call Mary Griffin at 662-420-0906 for more information.

All of our 6 parishes once again offer the Precious Blood and allow communicants to receive the host on the tongue. As always, the **reception of the Precious Blood is optional** for each communicant.





If you receive a text or email from someone using the name of one of our Priests, Religious, or staff asking you to send gift cards or money to them, immediately delete the text/email message. Our Priests, Religious, and staff would never contact you asking for money or gift cards. **This is a scam.** Do not respond to them in any way. Thank you and God bless you.

Sacrament of the Sick

Facing surgery or serious health tests?


We encourage all parishioners to make an appointment with one of our priests to receive the Sacrament BEFORE an anticipated entrance into the hospital. Please call Holy Spirit at 662-429-7851.

The Catholic Diocese of Jackson and the Office of Family Ministry would like to invite all couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 60th wedding anniversaries to the **Diocesan World Marriage Day** celebration held Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Jackson, Mississippi.



There will be a Mass followed by a reception. To register contact your parish office or go to www.jacksondiocese.org/family-ministry to register yourself. For additional information or questions, please contact Debbie Tubertini at the Office of Family Ministry at 601-960-8487 or email Debbie.tubertini@jacksondiocese.org

Don't Miss a Video!

 **SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CHANNEL**

<https://www.youtube.com/@nwmscatholic>

Sunday homilies are posted now.

Dear Holy Spirit Parish family,

Where do you find words to truly express our love and thanks for each of you that so faithfully prayed, loved, cared and continually responded to our needs over the past years. Our family was continually thankful and humbled to be the recipient of the many cards, memorials, visits, telephone calls, encouragement, food, hugs – the list is quite endless!!

Thanks so much to all who worked so hard preparing for the funeral – it was such a blessing to us all. The wonderful meal that followed – the set up, clean up, serving, food preparation – everything was really above and beyond.

From the bottom of our hearts we sincerely thank each and every one of you for your witness to God's unending Love – we felt that love like never before. God richly bless you all.

In Christ's Love,
Dee Gawel and family

Seriously Sick & Hospitalized

Please Pray For The Sick

Your prayers are requested for the following who are having/recovering from surgery or are seriously ill:

Nancy Kelly (H. Spencer sis), Ed French (bro-n-law), Pam French (daughter-n-law), Barbara Stoduto (J. Tully's sis), Dorie Sarmento (Marking niece), Becky Abernathy, Deanne Greer (B. Dean Niece), Juanita Young, Ruth Ann Casey, Marvin Dixon, Michelle Terry, Bill Warner, Theresa Perez, Treva Whittle (Nix), Bobbie Shell, Ned & Rosemary Sabbatini, Donna Hill (Barbara Dean), Rose Powell, Diana Hill, George Barder (Tully), Dana Marking, Fr. Tony Russo, Don Molloyhan, Christine Sepulveda (Tully), Felicia Hill, Steve Bedsole (Lucy H. bro), Baby Jarnigan (Riggs), Brenda Caruthers, Linda Hicks (nix), Jerry Lemerise (Brasher), Pat Kuehnel, Rebecca Massey, Harold Carmon (Faulkner), Angela Cates (Gonda's sis), Phyllis Pangelina, Jeff Smith, Erica Orive (George's mom), Sharon Bryson (Greer niece), Gwen Savage, Chris Carroll (Sr. Rose Nephew), Sherri Ligon (Pam Hall sis), Danielle Lorson (Lance Nelson niece), Pete Rizzo (B. Caruthers son-in-law), Jan Norris (B. Caruthers cousin), Kathy Eldred, Judy Ferguson (daughter-n-law), Allen Sanders (G. Savage bro), Rosangela Tarverna (C. Bonner mom), Rebecca Baker (LaRae), Donald Grafe (J. Hughes bro), Glenn Donnelly, Bobby Nickarz (brother), Joeng Won Cho (Myong's mother), and Melissa McNary (Kistler). Please notify the Pastor when serious illness occurs or when hospitalization is indicated: we would like to strengthen the ill with the Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing).



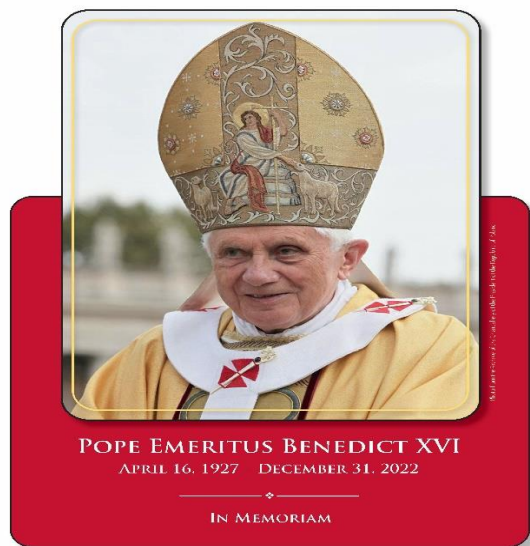
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By creating a login and contributing online you'll always have a report of your giving history available. Signing up is as simple as scanning the QR code and start the process. Thank you for remembering your parish during these difficult times.



For some of you, as we have dived into the book **Holy Moments**, you

are still wondering **what a Holy Moment is**. Well, today, let's pull wisdom, not from holiness but from unholiness. Herod had a chance millions have wished for over the last two millennia. A chance to be with Jesus while he was on earth. A chance to know him, be in his presence, worship him, seek his wisdom, and so on. But so caught up in his ego, and pride, and self-interest, all he could see was a threat to his earthly power.



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Deacon Ted at (662) 342-1073 or nwms.evangelization@gmail.com.



Cocktails and Catholicism- Every second Friday of each month at Sacred Heart School from 7pm until 8:30pm. Please scan the QR code to RSVP for the event or sign up in the Narthex.



This coming Friday, January 13th,

Fr. David Szatkowski, SCJ Pastoral Team Moderator in DeSoto, Marshall, Tunica and Tate counties, will lead the theme **"The real story of angels and demons."**

On February 10th, Fr. Ben Bradshaw, pastor of St. Michael's in Memphis and creator of the podcast Soul Food Priest will discuss two of his favorite topics, faith and food in his talk **"Can we eat alligator on Fridays and other important things to prepare for Lent."**

Online RSVP at <https://forms.gle/urKyIFhAqi13bunD7>



LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

Develop a deep, personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ through Ignatian prayer!

Beginning on **Monday, January 16th at 10:00 am**, Alan Endermann (QP parishioner and trained Ignatian facilitator) will offer an opportunity to deepen your prayer life in the way that St. Ignatius himself introduced people to prayer experienced around Ignatian Spirituality. Weekly sessions are open to all and will be held at **Queen of Peace Catholic Church**.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

1. Take God seriously in your life. In this way your life will become living worship.
2. Know that God loves you, and live accordingly. God made you for a reason, and the world would be poorer without you.
3. Take time for prayer; there is no better conversation or greater consolation anywhere else.
4. Trust God to take care of all your needs, for He knows them far better than you do.
5. God has forgiven you much; forgive others. Grudges and anger will only make you miserable, and in the end you will find yourself a lonely, bitter person.
6. Work at making others happy; this is the true road to self fulfillment.
7. Tell those you love that you love them. There is no greater regret then losing a friend or relative to whom we have not expressed our love.
8. Open your heart, your home and your purse to the poor and needy. It will make you a better person and lay up treasure for you in heaven.
9. Seek consolation and forgiveness through genuine contrition. No one ever stands so straight as one who kneels before God as sinner.
10. Love your religion and be proud of your Christian calling and faith. Teach it to your children and grandchildren. And remember; actions speak louder than words.

Peace and a Happy New Year
by: Fr. Charles E. Yost, SCJ

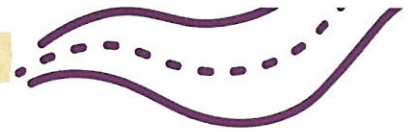




Families in Mission

A Journey of gratitude

Solemnity of the Epiphany
The Great Discovery



1.-Introduction:

Today we celebrate the Magi, also sometimes known as the Wise men or Three Kings. We celebrate the fact that they finally discovered what they had been looking for their whole lives. Imagine their joy after searching and traveling for perhaps months or even years to finally discover the baby Jesus. They were overjoyed because they knew that in Jesus they had discovered the real happiness and meaning in this life. Where are we looking for joy?



Put something in your sacred space that would help you if you were to go looking for someone.

3.-Sharing the Good News:



Read today's Gospel:
MT 2:1-12

2.-Opening Prayer:



Dear Jesus

Our life is a search for you. Sometimes we get lost and discouraged because we make bad choices and take the wrong path. Help us to always come back to you, to follow your light. Like the Magi help us to find good friends to make the journey with us.
Amen.

4.-Reflect Together:

- Share a time when you discovered something after looking for it for a long time? It could be a thing or a place or an idea or a solution.
 - How did you feel afterwards?
- If you were to go on a long journey like the Magi and could take two people with you (who you didn't live with).
 - Who would you take?
 - How come?

5.-Take action as a family:

- Challenge each member of your family to look for (discover) God each day. At the end of the day, perhaps during supper, ask, "Where did you find God today?" If someone didn't find God that day, it's okay. Remember that the Magi searched a long, long time before they found Jesus.
- Use the Epiphany Door Blessing to bless the door of your home.
- Take an Epiphany Family Photo where family members dress up as royalty. Use things you find around the home to make crowns, royal cloaks etc. Post your family photo on social media as an Epiphany greeting
- The Magi came from different corners of the world. Invite someone from another culture/country to an Epiphany celebration at your home.



6.- Closing Prayer:

Gather around your sacred space and share what you are most grateful for this Advent. Then pray together:
Loving God who sent Jesus to be born among us,
Help us always to be grateful for the greatest of all gifts in our lives- Jesus your son. Send your Spirit that we may always make room for Jesus in our lives.
Teach us to remember that the best gift we can give others is to love them like Jesus loves us.



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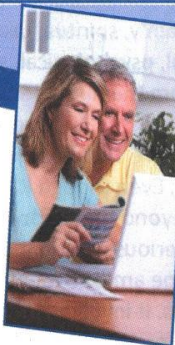
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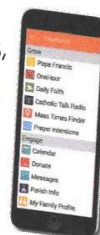
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WHY IS IT?

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