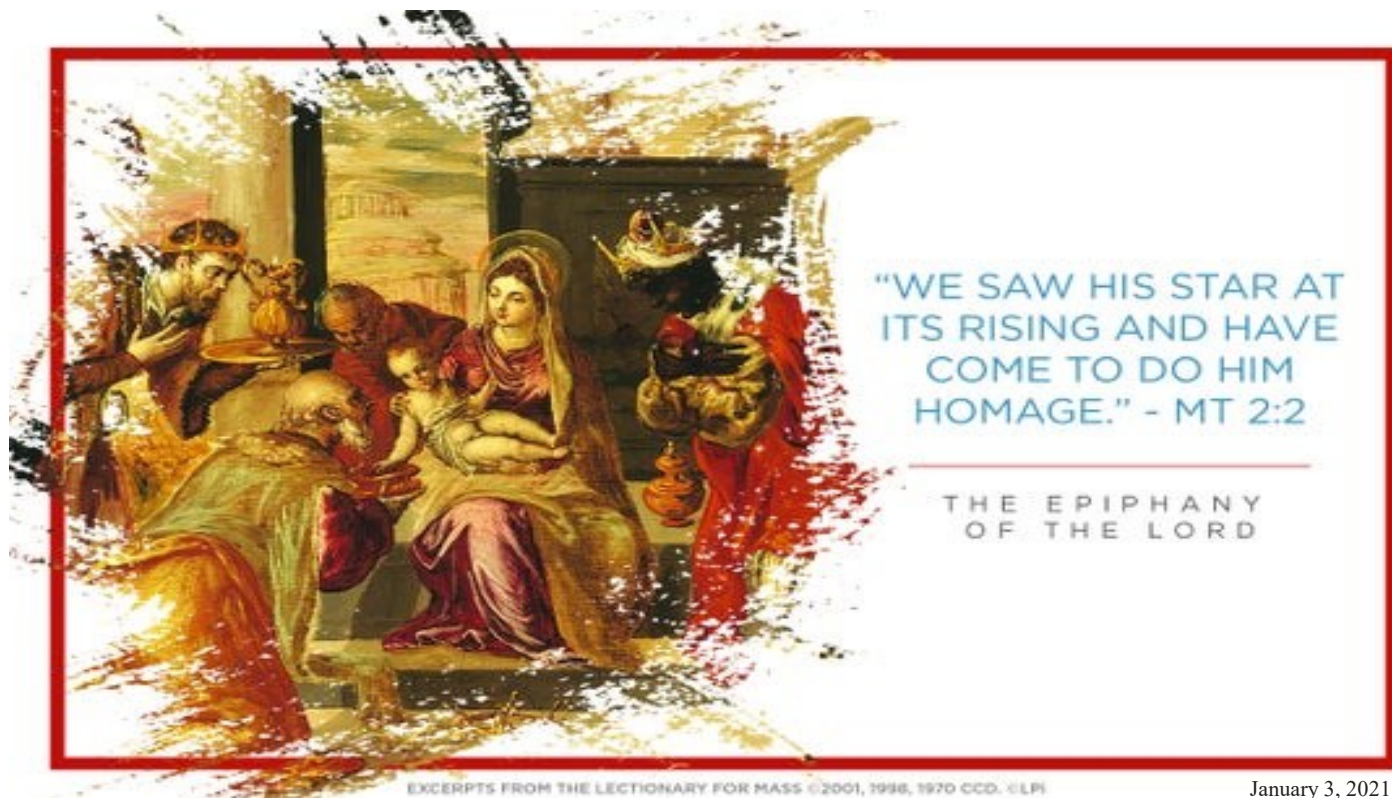


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"WE SAW HIS STAR AT
ITS RISING AND HAVE
COME TO DO HIM
HOMAGE." - MT 2:2

THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD

January 3, 2021

Rev. Jeffery J. Noble, Pastor
Rev. Kevin O. Holland, Asst. Pastor
Chaplain - ECCSS

Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 7:30 & 10:00 am

Confessions
Call for an Appointment
See Bulletin for Additional Times

Parish office hours: Monday thru Thursday - 9 am to 4 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Arrangements are to be made in advance at the parish office. Parents and Godparents attend a Baptismal Preparation Session prior to the baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to marry need to talk to a priest at least six months in advance of the wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call a priest immediately in case of illness. The homebound are urged to have their names placed on the Sunday and First Friday Communion lists.

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Mass Intentions for the

CHRISTMAS WEEK

Monday, January 4th
7:00 AM + Loid Riddle McCoy

Tuesday, January 5th
7:00 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, January 6th
7:00 AM + Margaret & Adolf Kaiser

Thursday, January 7th
7:00 AM + Ada Steinbach

Friday, January 8th
7:00 AM + Jim & Bea Clark

Saturday, January 9th
7:00 AM + Alice & Lewis Nasoni

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

5:15 PM - Sat. Vigil - + Ed Klock

7:30 AM L&D People of the Parish

10:00 AM + Belle Haberberger



THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of
January 3rd burns in memory of
Dean Hansen



The Gift of Family

What a year 2020 was! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should *never* leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is *family*. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As we begin another year, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday's Gospel, Mt 2:1-12

The Epiphany of the Lord - Cycle B

Gospel Summary:

Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

Question of the Week:


When have you found the presence of Christ in an unexpected place? Where and in whom will you look for Jesus this week?



PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Please pray for all the faithful departed in this Christmas Season, including those memorialized through our Christmas flower donations. In particular, please remember Saige O'Dell, Dave Ehrensberger, Alvin Wolfe and Terrance Shannon who passed away recently. *Our Father...Hail Mary... Glory Be... Eternal Rest...*

FAITH FORMATION - LIFE TEEN - YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Mary Lynn Carnovale, Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Kathy Cheate, Elementary Coordinator
Samantha Nedzinski, Middle School Coordinator
Nick Heise, Life Teen, Confirmation Coordinator, and
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FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Grade 1 (CGS) Sunday, Jan. 3 at Sacred Heart - 10:45 am - noon

NEXT CLASS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEVEL is now scheduled for Wednesday, **Jan. 6**, 6 - 7:30 pm at the St. Mary's Church Parish Center, 325 Church St.

NO sessions this week (Jan. 3rd) for:

LIFE TEEN  **On**
MIDDLE SCHOOL  Christmas Break
CONFIRMATION 

Confirmation Retreat: Will be held at Queen of the World on Saturday, January 9th, 8:30 am until 3:00 pm

Note: **Masks must be worn for all classes. Faith Formation will be following CDC guidelines.**



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CANDLE MINISTRY

Have you by chance lit a candle for a special intention or someone special in your life that needs extra prayers? Have you ever noticed how nice our candle stand always looks? So neat and cleaned and restocked with candles? That's because we have a dedicated team of volunteers who take a turn for a week and make sure that the candles are restocked and cleaned.



Do you feel you might be called to the candle ministry? If so, please contact Mary Ann, 834-4701. Because this ministry requires some lifting, this might be a good ministry for men or couples.

When you are contemplating this ministry, also think about maybe chairing to coordinate the volunteers and check stock of candles as well. Remember, though, if you wish to volunteer to take a week of cleaning and restocking - that will be greatly appreciated. Please pray about this and let us know if you are interested. Thank you.

Hope for the New Year

The New Year can often bring a mixed bag of emotions and memories for many of us. The events of 2020 including a pandemic, racial tensions, joblessness, and political battles created an unprecedented time of unrest and anxiety. While some may have just experienced the best year ever and look forward to an even greater one looming ahead, others may have just trudged through one deep struggle after another. The fresh calendar year brings desperate hope for things to be better, with an ache for the still-fresh wounds to slowly begin their process of healing. Praying at the start of the New Year doesn't always bring immediate change at the stroke of midnight, but it begins the opening of our hearts to God's Words of hope and peace.

Whether you've just walked through the greatest year of your life, or are incredibly glad to see this one finally over, one truth still rings clear amidst it all. You are not alone. Not ever. Scripture is filled with prayers of men and women who reached out to God for a fresh start. Praying is the main source of connection to the one who created you and the one who wants you to experience blessings and promises in the future.

Our God is a "with us" God. On the heels of the celebration of the birth of our King, that reminder has the power to carry us right into a fresh, new start. He is Immanuel, God with us. And though things and people around us shift and change, our God never changes. May this New Year prayer fill your heart and mind with powerful proclamations as you step into 2021.

*Dear God, Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for helping us to make it through this difficult year. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us **how much** we need you and rely on your presence every single day. We pray that the Holy Spirit lead us each step of this New Year, guide our decisions and turn our hearts to desire you above all else. We ask for your wisdom and strength to make a difference in this world, for your glory and honor. In Jesus' name, Amen*



PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE —

Being pro-life also means helping the homeless, the hungry and the Disenfranchised!

To help feed the hungry, make a donation to the St. Marys Christian Food Bank!



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BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

Jan. 7, 6:30 pm Queen of the World Church 834-4701



Please call to pre-register, as there is only a limited number of reservations being taken for this session.

VOCATION CALENDAR Please consider joining the Parish 31 Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.

- 4th Rose Ann, Steve & Juliana Silveri
- 5th Ann, Matt & Becky Avery, Rita Peterson
- 6th Mary Hahn, Carol Ehrensberger, Mary Gore, Chrissy & Jason Kuhar
- 7th Mary Ellen Frank, Lillian Haller, Eleanor Newell
- 8th Lisa Lyons, Bonnie Kopp
- 9th Doll Fox, Dick & Leah Dallsen, Dale & Jen Vogt
- 10th Tom Snyder, Anna Mae Mertz, Sally Geyer

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The Gift Shop is open Tuesday thru Friday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Closed: Sundays, Holy Days & Holidays. 834-1353.

While shopping at the Gift Shop, make sure to visit the "Heritage Room" there. The room is full of archives that the Benedictine Sisters of the St. Joseph Monastery shared to help keep their Legacy alive. Open 10 am to 5 pm, Tuesday-Friday.

AREA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

- **Sunday, 01/03: 12:00 noon - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at St. Mary's Church until 9 pm.
- **Monday, 01/04: 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima** Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church. Please remember to maintain Social Distancing. Mass follows at 6:15.
- **Monday thru Saturday: 9 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, St. Mary's Church until 9 pm.
- **Tuesday, 01/05: 11:00 am - Blood Drive** at Penn Highlands Elk until 4 pm.
- **Tuesday, 01/05: 6:30 pm - That Man Is You** meets at Ridgway K of C. For more info, call 772-3135.
- **Wednesday, 01/06: 6:00 pm - Rosary prayed** for Seminarians at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Friday, 01/08: 7:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.
- **Sunday, 01/10: 12:00 noon - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at St. Mary's Church until 9 pm.
- **Tuesday, 01/12: 6:30 pm - Elk Co. Right to Life** Group meets at St. Mary's Parish Annex Bldg.

MASSES STILL AVAILABLE

If you didn't get you QW Mass scheduled for 2021, there are still weekday Masses available and a few sanctuary lamps. You can pickup a Mass selection sheet in Church or call Mary Ann in the parish office to schedule.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS REMEMBRANCES

In loving memory / honor of:

Donated By:

- Diane (Sue) Brawand
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- Jack Snyder
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- Betty & Ron Snyder
- Thomas Piccolo

We graciously acknowledge these donations that added to the beauty of our Christmas decorating in our Church.



The Nativity of Jesus Chapel in the former Convent Building is ready for visits until Jan. 6th, 8 am - 8 pm.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Monday, January 4th**
1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday, January 5th**
1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday, January 6th**
1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday, January 7th**
1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday, January 8th**
1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday, January 9th**
1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday, January 10th**
Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-9,10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11



Dear Parishioners,

Much has been made of the astronomical phenomenon that happened on December 21st, the crossing of Saturn and Jupiter in the sky. As they “met,” they created what looked like one bright star shining in the early night. From earth’s point of view, this only happens about once every 800 years or so. Of course, like most of the East coast, we were clouded out of the vision (imagine that!). But I do have a picture in my phone sent by a friend from South Carolina. I can see how perhaps the Magi experienced this moment, or some other similar God-given sign in the sky, to guide their travels to the Christ Child. Follow the light. And let your light shine. Thank you for sharing the light of your faith with me. It is so evident here, that the faith has been planted and lived deeply. Still, we search for the help of our Savior. We seek, we follow, we share the Light that is Christ Jesus. I want to say a word about our strange and different Christmas. The weather was “frightful.” The pandemic is raging around us. Many of us spent Christmas alone or with limited family members. But it was still beautiful. We were perhaps more able to focus on its meaning, the gift of our Savior. As a parish, your/our response to this difficult time was a true blessing at Christmas. The reservation-style Masses worked well because you cooperated. The liturgies were beautiful, each having its own flavor. The decorations and music added to our great prayer of praise to make it a grace-filled Christmas Eve and Day. Let us continue to live in the Light, even when the skies are gray or there seems to be little to light our way. “*Emmanuel...*” God is with us. “*A people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!*” says the opening line of Isaiah’s prophecy proclaimed on Christmas Eve. As we move along in the Christmas season, in the New Year (thank God!), and beyond the Christmas season, let us pledge to remember, to seek, to follow, and to share...the Light of Christ. - - - fr jeff

EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION

As we have rejoiced at the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so by God’s mercy we announce the joy of the resurrection of our Savior.

On the **17th day of February** will fall Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the fast of the sacred Lenten season.

On the **2nd day of March** some of our children will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance for the first time.

On the **4th day of April** we will celebrate with joy Easter day, the Paschal Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **25th day of April** we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with many of our young adults.

On the **8th day of May** some of our children will celebrate First Holy Communion.

On the **23rd day of May** we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost.

On the **6th day of June** we will celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the **28th day of November** will fall the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

THANK YOU’S

Once again, Fr. Jeff and Fr. Kevin extend their prayerful appreciation to you, our parishioners. So many of you pitched in to make the holidays beautiful. Those who decorated Church and helped with all the liturgical preparations and celebrations; our staff and volunteers; and so many of you who offered prayers, cards, gifts, and goodies. This has been a different Christmas in some ways, yet, as we celebrate, the Lord is with us. And He is with us in and through you! Thank you, God bless you - Christmas joys and Happy New Year!

THE EPIPHANY

Today we celebrate the next feast of Christmas, the Feast of the Epiphany. Just as the Magi discovered the Christ Child, this moment is seen as the first invitation for those who are not of Jewish ancestry to know that He is Savior of all, not just the Chosen People. Some of the major branches of Catholicism and Christianity see this moment in the Infancy story as the most important one for this reason, and celebrate Epiphany like many of us celebrate December 25. Let us enjoy this day and the week to come, still part of the Christmas season, until we come to next Sunday, the final feast of Christmas.

ENDING THE SEASON

Next Sunday we will take down the Christmas decorations in Church. If you can help after the 10 am Mass (January 10th), we would appreciate that. With many hands on deck, it doesn’t take very long. Again, men, we especially need your help.

PARISH CALENDARS

There are still many parish calendars available. Be sure to have one in your home. Even with modern phones and computers keeping our schedules, it is good to have a calendar that reminds us of our feasts and seasons as a Church family. Hopefully it will also remind us to pray that 2021 be a much better year!

THE ETHICAL RECEPTION OF THE COVID 19 VACCINES

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has made a statement regarding the ethical reception of the vaccines that are circulating and those still in production. None used aborted fetal tissue in design or production, but all that we have so far have used some aborted fetal tissue in lab testing. The reasons to accept the vaccine and the lack of choice we have make the decision to take the vaccine morally acceptable. The more complete statement can be found on the diocesan website at www.eriecd.org.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION IN PERSON

This Thursday, Jan. 7th, QW hosts the Baptism Preparation Session for first time parents and those parents for whom it has been more than three years since the baptism of a child. We will accept the first nine registrations, since that is the most we can gather safely. The Session takes place at 6:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Please call 834-4701 to pre-register. All parents and sponsors also have the opportunity to watch a Baptism Preparation Session on line. You can look one up - be sure it is a Catholic one. There are several well done programs available. If you would like a suggestion to find one, please call us.

CONFESSIONS The next scheduled Confessions will take place next Thursday, Jan. 14th at 4 pm.