



January 2, 2022

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FROM OUR PASTOR

Merry Christmas as we enter more deeply the Christmas season! There was so much going on this past weekend liturgically, that we need a season for it to all sink in. Such beautiful celebrations don't happen by accident. THANK YOU so much to everyone who did all the behind the scenes work (from decorations to music) so we could enjoy welcoming Baby Jesus.

This weekend we begin the New Year of 2022. Happy New Year! We pray that there are many blessings for all. At the start of anything there is much optimism. May we count our blessings! Yet we also realize that many are in need of prayer; whether in our family, parish or in the world. So for those who make new year's resolutions, try prayer.

One thing that we do not experience here, but many Christians around the world do, is persecution in many different forms. Christians are being put in jail for speaking about Jesus, driven from their homes and having their churches bulldozed to the grounds by their own governments. In response to those situations, the Knights of Columbus have put together a novena for persecuted Christians. It was meant to have started already and ended on the 1st of the year. But novenas and prayer for others can be said at any time.

The Novena for Persecuted Christians. Offered by the Knights of Columbus. Each of the nine days offer a decade of the Rosary and conclude with the following prayer.

O God of all the nations, the One God who is and was and always will be, in your providence you willed that your Church be united to the suffering of your Son.

Look with mercy on your servants who are persecuted for their faith in you. Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ.

Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples.

May your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will, that we may live in harmony.

Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom, and to always seek your will in our lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

I personally would appreciate your prayers for Fr. Jim and me as we head to Phoenix this week. The traveling part can be hectic but hopefully the retreat center is quiet. See you in a week.

Father John

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays ~ 5 PM
Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

DAILY ROSARY

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

Thursdays at 2:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM
& Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass
Benediction at 4:00 PM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of January 2, 2022

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| Sat. | Jan. 1 | 5:00 PM | For the repose of the soul of <i>Art Vinopal</i> |
| Sun. | Jan. 2 | 8:00 AM | For the repose of the soul of <i>Jack Koca</i> |
| | | 10:00 AM | For our Parishioners |
| Tue. | Jan. 4 | NO MASS | |
| Wed. | Jan. 5 | 8:00 AM | For the Parents <i>of Richard and Natalie Schwab</i> |
| Thu. | Jan. 6 | NO MASS | |
| Fri. | Jan. 7 | 8:00 AM | For the repose of the soul of <i>Jeri Delgado</i> |
| Sat. | Jan. 8 | 5:00 PM | For all Deceased Members of the <i>Howard G. Rose Family</i> |
| Sun. | Jan. 9 | 8:00 AM | For our Parishioners |
| | | 10:00 AM | For the repose of the souls of <i>Mark & Josephine Powers</i> |

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Marty, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Eric, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Emma Boehm and Liz A.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader, Will Post, Adam Field, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson and Ethan Jasinski.

Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Her, O Lord. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Beverly Steiner who passed away this week. May perpetual light shine upon her.

This Friday is First Friday. Please sign up in the Gathering Area for a time of Eucharistic adoration.

Join the diocese Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C., - With two Special Guests! There has never been a more important time to join the March for Life in our nation's capitol, with the Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court and the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned. Plus, our pilgrims will be addressed by two amazing speakers, before and after the March: Terry Beatley, Founder of Hosea Initiative, and Valentyna Pavsukova, Founder of Chalice of Mercy. For the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details, visit diolc.org/M4L.

Bishop's Annual Appeal ~ Thank you to all who have returned their pledge cards so far. Our goal for this year is \$41,140. **We currently have 72 families who have pledged \$30,671.** If you did not receive a pledge card, please give the rectory office a call and we will be happy to send one to you.

**Stewardship Corner ~ December 24th - 26th 2021
(524 Registered Families)**

| | **WKLY BUDGETED GIVING | ACTUAL |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$8,384.62 | \$ 2,363.00 |
| Christmas | | 7,449.00 |
| On-Line Giving | | 2,029.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | 9.61 | 18.00 |
| Loose Offering | 385.00 | 775.00 |
| Total Weekly Offering: | \$ 8,779.23 | \$12,634.00 |

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| Budget Contingency Fund | | \$ 150.00 |
| Year-to-date* budget requirement | | \$228,259.98 |
| Year-to-date amount contributed | | \$235,258.86 |

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to current date

**** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 145,603 for this fiscal year.**

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

Weekly Calendar

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| Tuesday | Jan. 4 | 3:00 PM | Hour of Mercy in Church |
| Wednesday | Jan. 5 | 8:00 PM | Time of Prayer in Church |
| Thursday | Jan. 6 | 12:00 PM | Rosary Makers—RH |
| | | 2:00 PM | Rosary in Church |
| | | 5:15 PM | Catholic Ed. Mtg.—RH |
| Friday | Jan. 7 | 8:45 AM | Friday Folders |

Epiphany means "manifestation." The first Epiphany was the visit of the Magi to adore the Christ Child. The gifts of the Magi reveal this holy Child's identity; gold for Christ's Kingship, incense for His divinity, and myrrh for His sacrifice on the Cross. **The Feast of Epiphany is celebrated this year on Sunday, January 2nd.** The blessing of homes (schools, places of employment, etc.) on Epiphany revives the beautiful custom of making our homes sacramentals. This blessing of the home makes us more mindful, receptive and cooperative with God's grace. This blessing also reminds us that Christ is the One Who enlightens our hearts and homes with His love. He is the source of our hope, our comfort and our joy.

Young Adult's Group: St. Joseph Parish in Adams would like to get a Young Adult Group gathering established in their parish. They are inviting young adults from our parish to join them. This is for those who are in the age range of 20ish-40ish. The first gathering would be on Friday evening, January 21st, starting with adoration and prayer from 6:00—6:30. Following adoration, there will be time for socializing, and refreshments will be served. If you are interested in finding out more about this group or being a part of it, please RSVP by calling the St. Joseph rectory at 608-339-3485.

You are invited! -- Jan. 8: Chalice of Mercy Ukrainian Christmas Dinner ~ Each year, Valentyna Pavsukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy, a pro-life mission to Ukraine, hosts a Ukrainian Christmas Dinner at the Lillydale Event Center in Chippewa Falls. All proceeds from this delicious, multicourse meal served by young people in full Ukrainian garb, go to benefit the work of the mission. To learn more, visit diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy.

January Anniversaries

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|----------|------------|--------------------------|
| 3 years | January 12 | Ryan & Lindsay Ryczek |
| 21 years | January 18 | David & Jennifer Randall |
| 24 years | January 22 | Chris & Andrea Bires |
| 40 years | January 2 | David & Ann Hoffmann |
| 40 years | January 9 | Greg & Donna Ryczek |
| 43 years | January 20 | Richard & Mary Hotchkiss |
| 44 years | January 28 | Randi & Nona Carpenter |
| 45 years | January 7 | James & Anna Vinopal |
| 47 years | January 24 | Steve & Kim Hesprich |
| 49 years | January 20 | Jack & Connie Lobenstein |
| 49 years | January 6 | Tom & Judy Schoettler |
| 49 years | January 6 | Gary & Peggy Van Pee |
| 51 years | January 16 | Jim & Ann Van Pee |
| 53 years | January 30 | Walter & Monica Stock |
| 55 years | January 7 | Rick & Donna Ravenscroft |
| 58 years | January 18 | Bernard & Mary Resch |

January Birthdays

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| January 11 | Helen Siegler |
| January 13 | Karen Fowell |
| January 14 | Mary Ann Strack |
| January 15 | Bob Severson |
| January 16 | Jerry Niles |
| January 19 | Genevieve Cowan |
| January 24 | Lorraine Vodvarka |
| January 25 | Mary Mead |
| January 25 | John Caliguri |
| January 27 | Ed Hamil |
| January 27 | Ralph Hamm |
| January 29 | Rosemary Lehnen |

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The Search // Episode 3 // Why a God?

Today we seem to think we've moved beyond the idea of God, but this secular view of life is a very new and unusual idea to humanity. All through human history man has looked to something outside himself for the answers to life. *Why have we given up on God? Do we think science has disproven Him? Do we think society is better off without him?* We talk with astrophysicists, chemists, Harvard professors, and more to make the case that it's not only reasonable to believe in God, it's essential if you want to have a truly amazing life. Our souls seek their creator, and we'll never be truly happy unless we seek Him out. As St. Augustine famously said, "You have made us for Yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless. until they rest in Thee."

Prayer Opportunities

Hour of Mercy: Tuesdays at 3 PM—time of prayer, litany and chaplet on behalf of our Church and the world. For more information, contact Deacon Juan or Jan Mullenberg.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Time: The church will be open on Wednesday evenings at 8 PM for a time of prayer. Please feel free to join as / when you are able.

Praying the Rosary: Join us on Thursdays at 2 PM in church to pray the rosary. The intention for each week is posted on our parish Facebook page.

Holy Hour: Each Friday we have Holy Hour from 3 PM to 4 PM. On First Fridays, we have Exposition and Adoration following morning Mass until benediction at 4 PM.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of January 1st & 2nd

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Steve Hesprich
Eucharistic Minister: Corrine Kaiser
Servers: Nolan Powers, Ryleigh Vinopal, Gracey Kobylski
Musicians:
Greeters:

Ushers: Matt Schwab, Bill Powers

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Bridget Gunther
Eucharistic Minister:
Servers: Jacob Barnes, Holden Eckerman, Eli Schanke
Musicians:
Greeters: Carol Gross, Amelia Gunther
Ushers: John Walsh, Jeanne Walsh, Jim Allaby & MaryAnn Allaby

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Howard Boppart
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart
Servers: Weston & Garret Pouillie, Warrick Housworth
Musicians: Anna Boppart, Sharon Kelly
Greeters:
Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of January 8th & 9th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm
Servers: Jack Vinopal, Landynn and Theron Miller
Musicians: John and Nancy Noga
Greeters:

Ushers: Matt Schwab, Bill Powers

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Larry Moore
Eucharistic Minister:
Servers: Cody and Blake Komiskey
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey
Ushers: John Walsh, Jeanne Walsh, Jim Allaby & MaryAnn Allaby

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Sue Hollenbeck
Eucharistic Minister: Joelle Curran
Servers: Johann Wolf, Kaden Cook, Cooper Thayer
Musicians: Ann Benz, Sharon Kelly
Greeters: Kris Mazur
Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill

FLOWERS FOR MARY

This week's *Flowers for Mary* are in remembrance of *Aislyn Inez Kathleen Yarroch*. "Some people only dream of Angels—we held one in our arms."

Ronald McDonald House Charities ~ Pull Tab Program—

St. Patrick's School is collecting pull tabs from your aluminum cans to support the Ronald McDonald House. You can drop your tabs off at the school, the rectory office or leave them in the church gathering area. Thank you for supporting this project.

Coca-Cola Rewards Program—If you drink Coke or Coca-Cola products, you can help support our school! Search for St. Patrick School and enter your Coke rewards on <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/>. Or drop your codes off at the rectory office or school and we'll enter them for you. Every bit helps!

2022 Gala—Save the Date! Our 2022 Gala will be held on Saturday, February 19th at The Lodge of Mauston. Social hour begins at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm. Tickets will be available at the rectory office beginning in January.

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