

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sat. Jan. 7	5:00 PM	For †Ellarie Glenn
Sun. Jan. 8	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Jan. 9	8:00 AM	For †Jimmy Phanstial
Tue. Jan. 10	8:00 AM	For †Joe Kordenbrock
Wed. Jan. 11	8:00 AM	For †Connie Phanstial
Thur. Jan. 12	8:00 AM	For †Benedict XVI (Adoration & Confessions 6:00-7:00 PM)
Fri. Jan. 13	8:00 AM	For †Roger Colson

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Jan. 14	5:00 PM	For †Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sun. Jan. 15	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Kambie Perkins, Bonita & Jim Happe, Dave Verst, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, Roger High, Rita Funke, Johnathan Briggs, Cheryl Miller, and Missy Fryman.

BIRTHDAYS— Jan. 3-Christine Thorwarth, Jan. 3-Karly Bach, Jan. 4-Caedan Feinauer, Jan.6-Trisha Moore, Jan. 8-Myra Cooper, Jan. 10-Rachel Broering, Jan. 11—John Mills, Jan. 15-Linda Fryman, Jan. 20-Joe Bach, Jan. 23-Jerry Ehlman, Jan. 23-Tim Dickerson, Jan. 29-Maybalee Miller

ANNIVERSARIES— Jan. 17-Christine and Nathan Thorwarth, Jan. 17-Jeanne and Mark Cooper,

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-7:00 PM

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JANUARY 8, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Classes will resume on January 8.

TAX STATEMENTS—Your tax statements are now available to be picked up at the church entrance. Any statements that are not picked up will be mailed on January 16.

EPIPHANY CHALK & BLESSING—You may pick up some blessed chalk and an instruction sheet for the traditional Epiphany blessing of thresholds. This is a wonderful witness to Christ at our homes along with a great protection for our families.

MASS OFFERINGS—Consider having a Mass offered for someone you love, whether living or deceased. The greatest gift we can ever offer is the gift which Christ Himself gave on the Cross and continues to give at every Mass. Traditional donations are \$10, and you can schedule one for any day, especially for a particular occasion such as a birthday or anniversary. Mass cards marking the occasion can be requested from Fr. Straub to be sent out or picked up. Feel free to talk to Father or to fill in an envelope found near the entrance of church and turn it in. Remember your loved ones at Mass!

LECTOR— Jan. 8-Bill Funke

CLEANING— Jan. 2-Genita and Daughters

POPE BENEDICT XVI 1927-2022

Eternal rest grant unto Benedict, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Pope Benedict was buried in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican this past Thursday. Mass this coming Thursday will be offered as part of the continuing call for prayer and remembrance.

From now until the conclusion of the *novem dies* (nine days of mourning after his funeral), please pray an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be for the repose of Pope Benedict's soul.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK—MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD: OVERVIEW

The Christmas season comes to a conclusion today with the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord. This day we normally consider and reflect upon the encounter of the Magi or wise men with the newborn King in Bethlehem, bringing gifts to adore Him. We call this day “Epiphany” from the Greek word meaning “manifestation” or “making present”, which was often applied to the appearance of a god before men. We could also consider two other Epiphanies in the life of Christ: His baptism in the Jordan (which will be liturgically commemorated on Monday) and His first miracle at Cana when He transformed water into wine as recalled in the Gospel of St. John.

These epiphanies or manifestations are far different than what was conceived in the great ancient myths of Greece and Rome. The God who is revealed through these manifestations is not merely a God who acts in a capricious manner, changing His mind and mood to whatever whim befalls Him, but the God who is Love, and by Love has created all things, and desires to recreate them in Himself. It is not a story of man finding God, but God finding man and calling us to Himself.

Our age is one in which God feels quite absent or faraway from us. Too many people either feel that there is no God or that even if God exists, God is a terrible landlord who does not come around to visit us. Yet this is far from the truth. God manifests Himself not just in history but in our own day as well, if only we have eyes to see. I would like to start a series of articles looking in more detail at these various manifestations so that we can understand how we can encounter God today, just as the Magi encountered God in the Christ Child whom they visited.

Let us celebrate this day of manifestation, and ask God to grant us an epiphany in our lives. Be like the Magi, and seek the Child whose star has risen and who shines down upon us still. Rejoice that God is not far from us but close, and offer Him your gifts, that you may be worthy to receive the ultimate gift He desires for you: to see Him face to face forever in Heaven.

Fr. Jacob Straub

