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THE EAST ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM, SAYING, "WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS? WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE."

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | JANUARY 7, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Making Disciples and Disciple Makers





Typically celebrated on January 6, or the closest Sunday to that date, the feast of Epiphany allows us to truly comprehend what it means that God has brought His only Son into our world. The Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar were the first people outside of the stable to come and pay homage to Jesus.

The Magi were taking a huge risk in following the star to Bethlehem, but they trusted that

God was leading them to something far greater than they could know. This is such a powerful example of how we as Christians should live our lives. Trusting that God knows what is best for us and that His plan, no matter how unattainable things might seem on the journey, will lead us to where we need to be. We should also have the strength to see Jesus in our lives in unexpected ways, and when we do, worship and adore Him.

The Epiphany not only signifies the calling of the chosen few, like the Wise Men, but it also is an invitation to anyone and everyone around the world to follow Christ. For the first time, God was physically present for people on Earth through His Son, no longer just a voice in the wilderness. From the National Shrine of Saint Jude

EPIPHANY DOOR CHALKING

Catholic priests traditionally would bless the house and then use the chalk to write above the main entrance the specific year, separated by the letters C, M, and B (e.g., 20+C+M+B+24, for the 2024 blessing). The inscription is applied as a prayer that Christ will bless homes so marked and that He will stay with those who dwell there throughout the year and with any guest who may cross their threshold. The letters stand for the Latin blessing, "Christus Mansionem Bendicat" (May Christ Bless this House) as well as the legendary names for the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. **Instruction packets with chalk will be available in the Church this weekend for the Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. Join us in the sacred tradition!**



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION Catholic Outreach Ministries (COM) –January 14, 2024

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

Reflection on Matthew 2:1-12

The Prophet Isaiah foresees all the nations of the earth, with their wealth, streaming toward the radiant Jerusalem, which stands as a beacon of God's glory. This pilgrimage of nations begins in the Epiphany story, as the Magi from the East arrive in Jerusalem seeking this radiant glory, this Light, the newborn King of the Jews.

Naturally, the Magi go to the palace, where one expects to find royalty. But instead, as they follow the light of the star, they are led to a humble house. A birth in humble surroundings, a visitation by these exotic foreigners, a frightening flight to Egypt to escape Herod's murderous wrath – these are not the kind of great events one would expect to accompany the arrival of a new King. Yet this is precisely where God's glory and light are revealed.

We see in the Incarnation, and in all the experiences that unfold around the birth of Jesus (as well as in His life, death and Resurrection), God's determined will to bring light to darkness, hope to the oppressed, meaning to suffering, peace to turmoil, new life to death.

~ Fr. Jay



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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 8, 2024

The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 *Weekday*

1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 Weekday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ba 40:2 and 5, 7, 8a, 8b, 9, 10

Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39 **Thursday, January 11, 2024** *Weekday* 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12, 2024 Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13, 2024 Weekday 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

> Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at https://bible.usccb.org

SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

Feast Day: January 12 Patron Saint of: Poverty and Orphans

Born the sixth of 12 children in Troyes, France, Marguerite at the age of 20 believed that she was called to religious life. Her applications to the Carmelites and Poor Clares were unsuccessful. A priest friend suggested that perhaps God had other plans for her.

In 1654, the governor of the French settlement in Canada visited his sister, an Augustinian canoness in Troyes. Marguerite belonged to a sodality connected to that convent. The governor invited her to come to Canada and start a school in Ville-Marie (eventually the city of Montreal). When she arrived, the colony numbered 200 people with a hospital and a Jesuit mission chapel.

Soon after starting a school, she realized her need for coworkers. Returning to Troyes, she recruited a friend, Catherine Crolo, and two other young women. In 1667, they added classes at their school for Indian children. A second trip to France three years later resulted in six more young women and a letter from King Louis XIV, authorizing the school. The Congregation of Notre Dame was established in 1676 but its members did not make formal religious profession until 1698 when their Rule and constitutions were approved.

Marguerite established a school for Indian girls in Montreal. At the age of 69, she walked from Montreal to Quebec in response to the bishop's request to establish a community of her sisters in that city. By the time she died, she was referred to as the "Mother of the Colony." Marguerite was canonized in 1982.

It's easy to become discouraged when plans that we think that God must endorse are frustrated. Marguerite was called not to be a cloistered nun, but to be a foundress and an educator. God had not ignored her after all.

Read the full article: "Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-marguerite-bourgeoys/. (Accessed December 27, 2023).



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

7 Sunday	Feast of The Epiphany1st Communion/Reconciliation Prep Sessions – Classrooms – 9:30-10:45amOCIA Catechumenate Session – Jr. High Classrooms #230/#231– 9:30-10:45amSocial/Welcome Newcomer Sunday – Johnson Hall – 9:30a-1pmConfirmation/Chosen – Murphy Hall – 9:45-10:45amSeeds of Faith – Jr. High Classroom #233 – 9:45-10:45amContemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50amBaptism Prep Class A – St. Francis Room – 12:30-2pmK of C Girls Free Throw Competition – Gym – 2-4pmYouth New Year Kickoff – Altitude Trampoline Center – 6-8pmEucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm
8 monday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Reconciliation – Church – 5-5:45pm Cub Scouts Meeting – Scouts' Room – 5:30-6:30pm WWMIN Core Group – Parish Office – 6:30-8pm Respect Life Monthly Meeting – Johnson Hall – 6:45-9pm
9 Tuesday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Abide Young Adult Men's Group – St. Francis Room – 6:30-8:45pm Soul Sisters Board Meeting – via ZOOM – 7-8pm Fruit of the Vine Prayer Meeting – Johnson Hall – 7-8:30pm
10 wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm School Wednesday Chapel – Church – 2-2:45pm Reconciliation – Church – 5:30-6:15pm Dead Theologians Society – Frassati Room – 7:15-8:30pm
11 Thursday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Single Parents Ministry – St. Francis Room – 6:30-8pm OCIA – via ZOOM – 6:15-8pm Women of St. Francis – Murphy Hall – 7-9pm
12 friday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-11pm Catholic in Recovery – FFC Conf. Room – 7-8pm
13 saturday	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5-8am Men's Parish Retreat - Johnson Hall – 8:30am-3pm Outdoor Adventures Ministry Outing – Offsite – 10am-12pm Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 3:15-4:30pm Reconciliation – Church – 3:45-4:15pm Rosary for Peace – Church – 4:20-4:35pm Alpha Marriage – Murphy Hall – 6-9pm
14 Sunday	1st Communion/Reconciliation Prep Sessions – Classrooms – 9:30-10:45am OCIA Catechumenate Session – Jr. High Classrooms #230/#231– 9:30-10:45am Root/Family Pathways – Johnson Hall – 9:30-10:45am Confirmation/Chosen - Murphy Hall – 9:45-10:45am Seeds of Faith – Jr. High Classroom #233 – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Elevate Middle School Youth Ministry – Gym - 6-8pm Summit High School Youth Ministry – Johnson Hall – 6-8pm Made for More: Mindset for Healthy and Holy Life – Murphy Hall – 6:30-8pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm

SEEDS OF FAITH Scripture Study

Jesus & the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

Sundays between the Masses beginning 1/7

stfrancisparish.net/Register



NEW BEST FRIENDS YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

Have you ever wanted a small group of friends to help you grow in your faith? Are you looking for a group of friends closer to your age who are centered on Christ and faith? On Thursdays, 7-8:30pm beginning 1/18, young adults aged 21-35 are invited to join a 9-week small-group which seeks to build that community. This group will consist of prayer, scripture study, and small group conversations which will build lasting friendships founded on Jesus. This group is open to men and women. Get info and RSVP at stfrancisparish.net/Register.



HEALTH and HOLINESS

Kickstart a healthy and happy new year, starting with your mindset! Catholic Mindset Coach Maggie Wright will lead you on a journey of self-discovery to help you beat the thoughts that have been holding you back from the life that God made you for! Maggie herself has lost over 150 pounds through her own journey and is excited to share tips and tricks with you! Childcare is available with advance registration; RSVP at <u>stfrancisparish.net/Register</u>.



Many St. Francis couples have enjoyed The Alpha Marriage Course so we're offering it again! This is a special opportunity for any couple looking to explore new ways to strengthen their relationship. Each session is definitely a fun date night at a table for two. Registration is limited to 15 couples at a cost of \$60 per couple; a small investment for 7 sessions with each including dinner, dessert, a presentation and fruitful conversation. Childcare is available, too! Confirm your table now at <u>stfrancisparish.net/Register</u>.



GRIEVING

with Great

Hope

something For Our Little Saints

Pick up a Mass Bag at the back of the church for your little one to build their faith during Mass.

Return after Mass and we'll clean it for next weekend.

COME & SEE SESSION

Sunday, 1/21

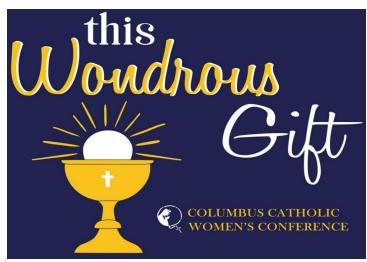
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GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE MONTHLY WORKSHOP Join us for our newest Grief Support Workshop New Series! *The Seven Intentions of Mourning: A Guided Pathway to Healing and Hope* is a new grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. The DVD presenters are John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement apostolate. Come and see the first session Sunday, 1/21 at 12:30pm in Murphy Hall. Subsequent workshops will be held monthly on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Get info and register at <u>stfrancisparish.net/Register</u>.



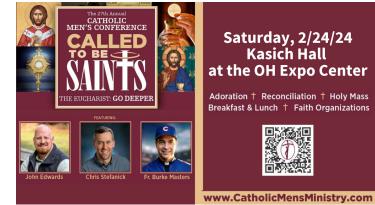
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BOLD? How exactly do we seek the lost? Join other men of our community and find out during this one-day retreat brought to you by our parish's Vanguard Men's Ministry and Faith Formation team! Joe Melendrez has forged a unique path to becoming one of America's most exciting Catholic performers. He has dedicated his life to sharing the Gospel in dynamic and relevant ways around the world and he wants to share with you a few tricks he's learned over the years to capture and leverage the power of the new evangelization to rescue souls for Christ, starting with yours! Register now: stfrancisparish.net/register.



COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Inviting All Women! Please mark your calendar now for the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, 2/17, from 8am to 5pm at the Ohio Expo Center, Kasich Hall. The theme is *This Wonderous Gift*, in honor of the Eucharistic Revival. Register now at <u>columbuscatholicwomen.com</u>. Come ready to rest, refresh, and renew with the Lord. You'll be joined by sisters in Christ from around the diocese and beyond. Don't miss this uplifting, annual event for women to grow in faith, hope, and love.

Just announced, the glove of St. Padre Pio will be displayed for veneration at the upcoming Columbus Catholic Women's Conference in February.





SURRENDERING THE SECRET ABORTION RECOVERY

Led by Catholic women who have themselves experienced abortion, this group endeavors to help others find a path to healing through a

weekly interactive Bible study, meaningful group experiences, and a caring community. Upcoming sessions will meet weekly on Wednesdays beginning 2/14, 6:30-8:45pm. Get info and RSVP at <u>stfrancisparish.net/Register</u>. If you have questions before registering, place a confidential *call or text 740.527.0730* or <u>STSNewark@gmail.com</u>. Again, please don't hesitate to reach out. You are not alone and we're here to help you on the journey to healing.



Join fellow parishioners and 80,000 other faithful Catholics for the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024! Registration NOW will reserve your tickets to the actual Congress events with our group. Total cost for Congress tickets is \$310/person. Your \$100 deposit due at the time of registration is refundable until June 1, 2024. All other expenses: lodging, meals and travel are NOT included. We are working to get a special hotel block and we'll provide you with a link to reserve a room once it is confirmed.

CATHOLIC OUTREACH MINISTRIES (COM)



This year, the St. Francis *Walking With Moms In Need* Ministry will join with our St. Francis *Respect Life Group* for the annual Gifts for Baby Jesus collections which will kick-off this weekend of the Feast of the Epiphany, 1/6-7. We would like to invite everyone to participate in the "Gifts for Baby Jesus" program, which benefits Heartbeats of Licking County.

Throughout this traditional Christmastide, the nativity crèche is left on display in the church sanctuary through the month of January. Parishioners are invited to bring baby items to share with the young babies and their mothers ministered to by Heartbeats. They have expressed a need for newly packaged items such as: baby clothes, bottles, nipples, pacifiers, wipes, diapers, personal hygiene items (e.g., lotion, bath soap/wash, powder, creams, etc.). Of course, any baby items are useful and will be greatly appreciated. We give these items to Jesus in our church and then He gives them (through us) to babies and moms in need in our community. What a wonderful way to extend the joy of Christmas as we encourage young mothers to receive the gift of life with joy! All the items received through this drive will be donated directly to our local Heartbeats pregnancy center.



COMMUNITY NEWS



SANTA'S ATTIC COLLECTION DAYS AT ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH

Santa's Attic at St. Edward Church is taking your gently used Christmas decorations, dishes, Christmas trees and wreaths, candles, and all things Christmas. Items will be accepted on Saturday, 1/13, from 10am to 5pm and Sunday, 1/14, from 9am to 2pm, at 785 Newark-Granville Road.

Drop them off at the shed behind the church in the parking lot the weekend of 1/13 and 1/14 only. Thank you so much!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

LITERATURE PROFESSOR OPENING AT THE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum seminary is seeking to hire a full-time Assistant Professor of Literature in the College of Liberal Arts (rank negotiable), beginning in fall 2024. An ideal candidate will possess a completed doctorate (PhD) in literature or an associated area and exhibit a strong commitment to Catholic higher education and to the mission of the Josephinum to form men for the ordained priesthood. Read more about the position and its necessary qualifications at <u>www.pcj.edu/jobopportunity</u>.

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PARISH MINISTRIES

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: For a medical emergency, call the Parish Office immediately at 740.345.9874, Option 7.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: We offer opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration seven days a week. Please see the Activities of the Week section for Adoration times.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: For Sacramental visits to hospital or home, please call the Parish Office immediately and select option 0. Priests are always available to visit. Please let us know!

PATHWAYS FAMILY FORMATION: Contact: Peggy Vanderhoff, Director, Ext. 220 or <u>pvanderhoff@stfrancisparish.net.</u>

YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES: The Parish conducts weekly events and gatherings for Junior High students and High School teens. Contact: Molly Loy, Director, Ext. 208 or <u>mloy@stfrancisparish.net</u> or Grace Wright, Coordinator, Ext. 207 or <u>gwright@stfrancisparish.net</u>. The Parish also provides Confirmation Preparation each year. Contact: Ben and Mary Beth Lee, Confirmation Coordinators, Ext. 243 or <u>confirmation@stfrancisparish.net</u>.

OCIA: OCIA is an ongoing inquiry process about the Catholic faith. Contact co-directors: David Clay – dclay@stfrancisparish.net (740-345-9874, Ext. 241), Kimberly Sherman – ksherman@stfrancisparish.net (740-345-9874, Ext. 242)

BAPTISMS: Baptism and instruction are offered every other month. To make arrangements, please call the Parish Office and select option 0. Classes may be attended prior to birth.

MARRIAGES: Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding. Contact: Nancy Buchanan, 740.975.9232 or nerkbucks@roadrunner.com.

CATHOLIC OUTREACH MINISTRY (COM): Serving the Poor in our Community. Please call the Parish Office at 740.345.9874, Ext. 260 if assistance is needed. For more information about COM or to volunteer for this ministry, contact Heather Stasel at <u>catholicoutreachministry@gmail.com</u>.

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OFFICE HOURS Sunday, 9:30am-12:30pm

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY ON ACTIVE DUTY OVERSEAS:

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Please keep in prayer also, all state-side military and all military families.

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