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Epiphany of the Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Saturday - 4 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: WE ARE NOT THE CENTER

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching

friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they need do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the

Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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JAN. 1	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	For our parishioners living and deceased
JAN. 2	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Sara Walters† <i>Rosary group</i>
10:00 a.m.	Mary & Carl Jura† <i>Carl A. Jura</i>
JAN. 3	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	Paul McShane <i>The Ward Family</i>
JAN. 4	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	James B. Gardill† <i>Tex & Theresa Reynolds</i>
JAN. 5	WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Dawn Donofe† <i>Patti Warble & Donofe children</i>
JAN. 6	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	Joe Urbanek† <i>Pam Maxwell</i>
JAN. 7	FRIDAY
4:00 p.m.	Semon Prado† <i>Margaret Williams</i>
JAN. 8	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	John Burda Sr. & John Burda Jr.† <i>Linda Burda</i>
JAN. 9	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Philip Patrello† <i>Kitty & Stan Pazyk</i>
10:00 a.m.	Ambrose & Helen Barch† <i>Cecilia Salcines</i>

"As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary."



- Saint Thomas Aquinas

Mary, Mother of God
Solemnity - New Year's Day

Reverse Advent Food Drive Concluding

Those who collected items for our Parish School of Religion New Year's Reverse Advent food drive may drop boxes at the parish beginning this weekend. PSR families may do the same or bring them when classes resume Jan. 8. Students: Be sure to get a photo with your donation boxes!

Second Collection Benefits Victims of Tornadoes



This weekend's special collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities agencies working on the ground after multiple tornados in Kentucky and four other states. The devastating Dec. 10 tornados stretched more than 200 miles. You can also donate at the diocese's website: www.dwc.org/disasterrelief

Prayer REQUESTS

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker.

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Annalyn Liette, Mike Gardill, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Celeste Evans, Ted Scarbin, Debbie Hand, Georgia Pettit.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

CALENDAR

Wednesdays
11:30 a.m.
to
1:30 p.m.

LINE DANCING WITH LOTTIE
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Four Wednesdays Beginning Jan. 5
5:30 p.m.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE
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SYNODAL LISTENING SESSIONS
Sunday, Jan. 16, after 10 a.m. Mass
Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m.

Tuesday Feb. 8
6:30 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Church Hall

SCHEDULES JAN. 8 & 9

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. **A. Wise / M. Taskalines**

8:00 a.m. **R. Hess / J. Hess**

10:00 a.m. **R. Patrone / L. Yoho**

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Xavier Hall	\$35.00
Other Collections	
Retirement for Religious	\$75.00
Pennies for God	\$2.08
Christmas Flowers	\$340.00
Online Giving	\$175.40
Attendance	247

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Report suspected child sexual abuse to law enforcement or Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. Report suspected cases by Diocese personnel at 888-434-6237.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



Laugh more!
Bill Yurisko

Make one person smile everyday

SMILING

I WILL JUST SMILE

Smile at strangers more - Tim

Ayla always smiles

Stop being so worried and nervous—be trusting
Gina Hoops

Be kind to strangers and always smile
Cindy Jackson

Smile and speak to strangers—it can lift spirits - Terri Porter

Only yell when I have to!☺

REFORMING

Listen more—instead of thinking of what I am going to say
Daunel Gump

NOT BE SELF CENTERED
Butch Miller

Be more patient and a better listener with my family and friends
Mary Jean

WHAT ONE THING CAN I DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN 2022?

We hope reading these responses from fellow parishioners brings inspiration for 2022.

Happy New Year everyone!

Become a better person. In turn I will treat people better. This is something so simple but so hard, but by the Grace of God I will become a better person

LISTENING

Be more forgiving
Dave Meyer

I can be more patient with others and find the good instead of focusing on the bad. Look at others with Jesus' eyes.

Encourage a family member to become a better Catholic
Danny Prado

Be more patient with others
Allen Laberde

Try to be a better, kinder person—and pray more
Sonny

Clean litter along the road - Justin Otte

CONNECTING

Take my therapy dog back to nursing homes and hospitals

Love more
Hailey

To be more appreciative of the family I have
Linda Beck

Help the poor and homeless - Heidi

Help more with the ones who live by themselves - Laura Francis

Bring my family closer together
Barb Yost

CARING

Try not to gossip

Pray and do good deeds for others
Colton Menendez

I could help my parents with my little brother Cai
Brynn

Do community service around Moundsville
Cayden Crow

Help people in need and volunteer
Cecilia Blatt

I can be more kind
Do more chores
Help Mommy clean more
Holly

Participate in community events to help others around me - Sienna Miller

Donate to the poor
Riley Nelson

Volunteer in the community and help people by donating items that are needed
Sierra Taylor

Clean up the environment more - Devin Overholt





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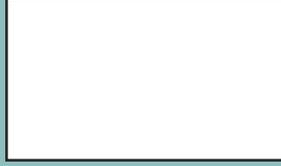
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