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Sacrament of Confession: Before weekend Masses and by request.
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact priest 2 weeks prior to Baptism.
Sacrament of Marriage: Contact priest 6 months in advance.
Sacrament of the Sick: Inform priest about the person to be anointed.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sun. Jan. 07 8:00 am (SJ) Mr. & Mrs. Leo Pulcher by Betty Pulcher
10:00 am (SA) Dorothy Naple Jacobson by The Family
Mon. Jan. 08 No Scheduled Mass
Tues. Jan. 09 8:30 am (SJ) Oliver Rentmeester by The Smith Family
Wed. Jan. 10 8:30 am (SJ) Doris Sengenberger by John Sengenberger
Thu. Jan. 11 8:30 am (SA) Dorothy Naple Jacobson by The Family
Fri. Jan. 12 8:30 am (SJ) The people of St. James/St. Ann Parishes
Sat. Jan. 13 No Scheduled Mass
Sun. Jan. 14 8:00 am (SJ) Fran Gramlich by Kathy Gramlich
10:00 am (SA) Mary Ellen & Ray Benedict by The Family

Collection last week: St. Ann \$ 983.00
St. James \$ 1494.00

Thank you very much for your generosity in response to God's blessing to you and to your beloved family.

Ordinary Time

“Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ himself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time” (Universal Norms, 43).

Ordinary Time begins on Tuesday, 9 January, and continues through Tuesday, 13 February, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, 20 May, the day following Pentecost.

Thanks to St. Ann's Altar Rosary Society

We, the people of St. Ann's Church, Wells, would like to express our deep gratitude to St. Ann's Altar Rosary Society for meeting the entire expense of catering the food for our Christmas Party, 2023. The food was so delicious and plenty for about 35 to 40 people! Thank you very much for your very generous sign of love for our Parish family.

We are in need of Mass intentions.

Whenever a priest celebrates Mass, he has at least two specific intentions. The first intention is to celebrate the Mass according to the rubrics the Church provided for how to say the Mass. The second is to apply the grace of that Mass toward a specific need or intention. This second intention, commonly called “the intention of the Mass,” are special intention offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving in and through the Eucharist. Since the graces of the Mass are infinite, many intentions can be offered up at a single Mass. While a priest may only accept only one intention per offering at a single Mass, he may have many other intentions not attached to an offering. In addition, the faithful may bring their own intentions to the Mass, which they each carry privately and place upon the altar spiritually in prayer.

The suggested donation for Mass intentions in our diocese is \$10. This signifies the sacrificial nature of giving something of yourself. If you would like to donate, please pick up Mass Intention Offering Envelop from the Church and fill it up and place it in the collection basket or mail to the Church. Thank you.

Heating Assistance

Our *Summer Heat Golf Tournament Fund* is available to assist families in need of heating assistance – gas, oil, wood etc. No electric bills. So far, we have helped 10 families. In case, you come across somebody in need of help, please contact the Rectory 518 548 6275 or email: sjcsac@rcdony.org. Thank you.

A new direction in life: Healed and Transformed by Christ

Have you ever sat at the presentation of Gian Carlo Menotti's one-act Opera, Amahl and the Night Visitors? The story is about three Magi who stop on their way to Bethlehem at the hovel of a poor crippled boy named Amahl. When Amahl hears of their mysterious search for a child, he secretly follows behind. He watches in awe as the Magi present their gifts to the child. He is disturbed that he has no suitable gift for the child, until it occurs to him to offer the only thing he possesses – his crutches. As he presents his crutches, he is healed. We, too, when we offer to Christ as our gift something which is still holding us back from coming closer to God, we will be healed.

Healed as we are, we will travel through life by a different route (Mt. 2:12), as the Magi did after adoring Jesus. That is, we will put away the worldly attitudes, values, and goals which we might have thus far held dear, and we will take on those of Christ, proclaiming by word and deed that Jesus is the Savior of the world.

Humor for Henry

A woman starts to wake up after an operation. Still half under the anesthesia, she has an epiphany and sees God. She asks, “Did I die?” God says, “Oh no, you have another thirty years to live.” She thinks, in that case, while I am here in the hospital anyway, I should have some work done. So, she has done some cosmetic surgery. As she is leaving the hospital -*bam!* - she gets hit by an ambulance and ends up in heaven. She asks God, “What happened?” God shrugs his shoulders and says, “I didn't recognize you.”

