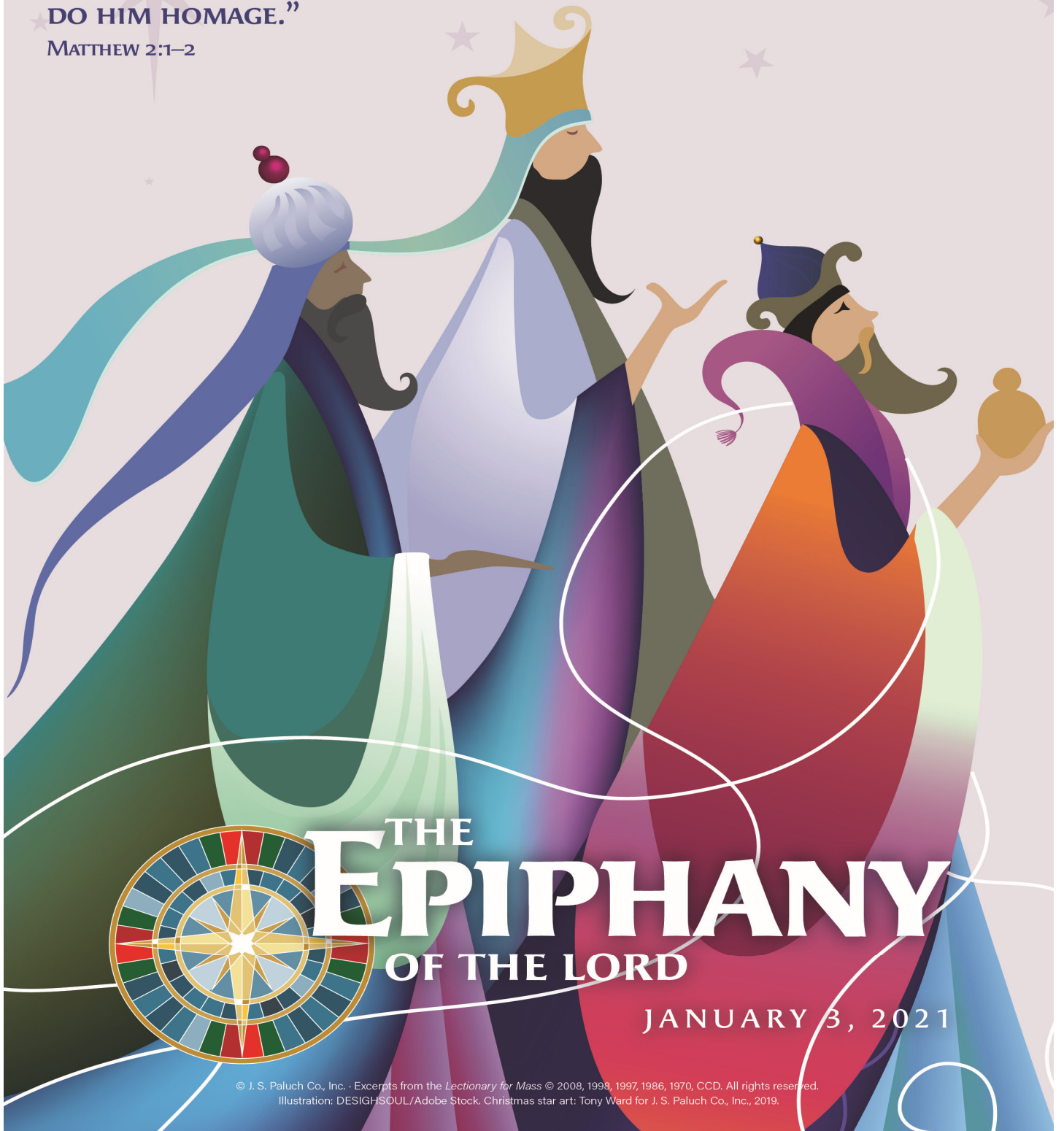


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MAGI FROM THE EAST ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM, SAYING,
“WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS?
WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO
DO HIM HOMAGE.”

MATTHEW 2:1-2



Mass/Service Schedule and Intentions

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>
The City of Kearney Mask Mandate will be followed.		
Mon., Jan. 4	No Mass	Please Pray On Your Own
Tue., Jan. 5	7:30 AM	Anne Sullivan †
Wed., Jan. 6	5:30 PM	Susan Kalis †
Thu., Jan. 7	12:05 PM	Dan Borowski Family Intention
Fri., Jan. 8	7:30 AM	Joan M. Rogers Intention
Sat., Jan. 9	5:00 PM	Paul J. Diessner Intention
Sun., Jan. 10	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ardith Butler † Prince of Peace Parishioners



****The weekday Mass will be cancelled whenever there is a morning funeral.**

Please watch the TV stations & the app for possible cancellations. When the weather is bad Masses may be cancelled for safety purposes.

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome Packets are available at each church entrance. To register, please fill out the green form inside the packet and return it to the parish office. You may also sign up for ministries on the Stewardship form found in the packet.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office hours: 9:00am—5:00pm Monday—Thursday
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RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4-4:30 PM. Extra times are listed on the back page or contact the parish office : 236-9171.

MARRIAGE: See Fr. Paul or Deacon Thomas about marriage and allow at least 6-12 months for preparation.

BAPTISM: Baptism Preparation is offered at 10:00am on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Please call the church office to register.

PASTORAL VISITS: Contact the church office for pastoral visits at home or in the hospital. The hospital may not have called the church.

HELPING HANDS: Helping with our parishioners' needs. Contact Phyllis Stittle: 308-234-3606 or pm.stittle@gmail.com

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

United in the sacraments as the Body of Christ, we the members of Prince of Peace Catholic Parish extend the welcoming arms of Jesus, opening the world to God's presence through works of love, hospitality, mercy and prayer.

Little Drummer Boy

Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? And these special gifts--gold, frankincense, and myrrh--tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus' time to worship God. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. So these gifts remind us of Jesus' kingship, divinity, and his dying for us.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.

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Prayer Concerns

Richard Verbeck (DeAnn Nickel's brother), Pat Morse, Mitch O'Neill, Macala, Patrick Unrein II/Tuey (Tim Unrein's nephew), Delwin Beck (Lillian Kowalski's brother-in-law), Matt Brass and Don Davis (Adell Ryan's cousins), Georgia Vak, Linda Giesler, Karen Warford (Albert Martenson's sister-in-law), Gary Peace (Cal Kelly's nephew), Mary Sahli (Brian Vinton's aunt), Helen Unrein (Tim Unrein's aunt), MaryAnn Wieduwilt, Lorraine Buller (Carolyn Menke's sister), Ann Sucha, Mike Polzin (Dan Kelley's cousin), Carol Torpey (Cathleen Abels' sister-in-law), Carolyn Menke (Carolyn & Jerry Menke's sister-in-law), Rhonda Wadzinski (Lillian Kowalski's niece), Jennifer Wilford & Annette Coon (Ellen Nickel's sisters), Marge & Lynn Gardner, Alexis Pacheco & Blakely Pacheco, Bob Farquhar, Charles Wieduwilt, Paul Liebig, Don Emrick, and all others in need of prayer.



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We are so grateful for the many years of hard work and dedicated service that Jo Ann Hoffman and Heidi LaClair have given to Prince of Peace Parish.

Jo Ann retired at the end of December and moved to Seward to be close to her daughter and family. We will miss her wisdom, knowledge, and the great care she has for the people of our parish. Thank you Jo Ann and God's blessings!

Heidi left Prince of Peace at the end of December as well. We will miss her energy, willingness to do whatever is needed, and informative ways. Thank you Heidi and blessings!

51% of Total Goal!

2020-2021 Appeal Information

Prince of Peace/Kearney Diocese of Grand Island

Parish Goal:	\$77,709	Goal:	\$1,200,000
Total Raised:	\$39,834	Total Raised:	\$ 676,813
Total Received:	\$34,357	Total Received:	\$ 604,683
Donor Goal:	205	Donor Goal:	4,191
Current No. of Donors:	125	Current No. of Donors:	2,329

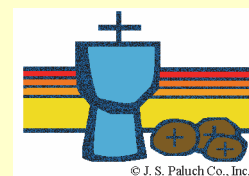
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4-10, 2021

- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11



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January 2/3—2021

The Epiphany of the LORD

Opening: Your Light Will Come, Jerusalem

Refrain: Your light will come, Jerusalem; for on you will dawn the glory of the Lord, and all nations will walk in your light, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Christ is the light of the world, a light dispelling the darkness. May we, his body, reflect that holy light.
2. His light is mercy and peace, a peace surpassing all telling. May we, his body, be instruments of peace.
3. His light is justice and truth, and love which casts out all hatred. May we, his body, prepare the reign of God.

Offertory: The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.
2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Nowell...
3. And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. ...
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took its rest, And thee it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay....

Silent Night

1. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon Virgin Mother and child! Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar; Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born".
3. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

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Communion: What Child is This

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laude, the babe, the son of Mary.
2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. This, this.....
3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this...

Child of the Poor

1. Helpless and hungry, lowly he lies, wrapped in the chill of midwinter; comes now among us, born into poverty's embrace, new life for the world. Who is this who lives with the lowly, sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger? This is Christ, revealed to the world in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.
2. Who is the stranger here in our midst, looking for shelter among us? Who is the outcast? Who do we see amid the poor, the children of God? Who is this...
3. Bring all the thirsty, all who seek peace; bring those with nothing to offer. Strengthen the feeble, say to the frightened heart: "Fear not" here is your God!". Who is this.....

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Dismissal: We Three Kings

1. We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar Field and fountain, Moor and mountain, following yonder star. O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright; Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. O star of wonder...
3. Frankincense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh; Prayer and praising gladly raising, worship him, God on high. O star of wonder...
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb. O star of wonder....
5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; "Alleluia, Alleluia!" Sounds through the earth and skies. O star of wonder.....

January 2-3-2021

The Epiphany of the LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial —Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from 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." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*"

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

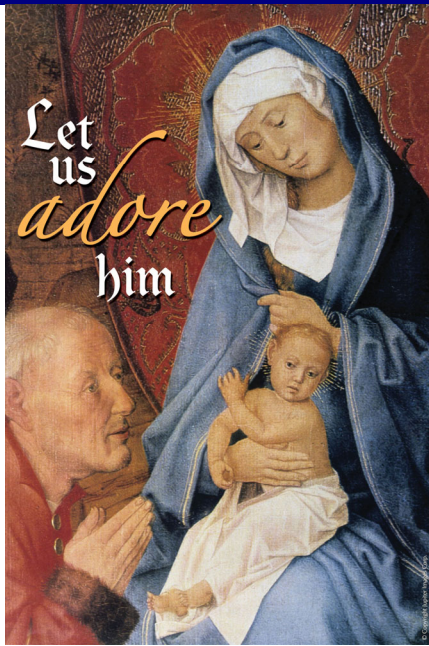
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven.
And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, And became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
And I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

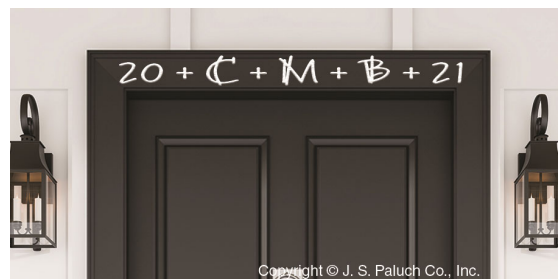


“Chalking the door” is a sign and symbol of asking God’s blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year. In Exodus, the Israelites marked their doors with blood so that the Lord would pass over their homes; but in this service, we mark our doors with chalk as a sign that we have invited God’s presence and blessing into our homes. In Deuteronomy 6:9 God tells the people of Israel: *“These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house... You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”* Chalking the door is a tangible way to honor God in our lives.

Pray: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

+20 C M B 20+

The letters **C M B** come from the traditional names for the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. It is also an abbreviation for “Christus Mansionem Benedicat” which means, “May Christ bless this dwelling!” The first and last numbers simply refer to the current year.



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Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God’s glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God’s fidelity to them, all people shall become God’s children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel.

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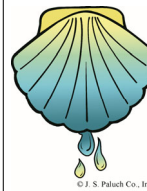
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- ◆ The restrooms are available for you at your own risk. We ask that only one person or one adult & child go at a time. Please use the restroom before you come to church.
- ◆ Use the 6-foot distancing rule; every other pew is used. The pews are marked to allow you to visualize the 6 foot sections. Families may sit together.
- ◆ There are baskets near the doors for your offering or you may take advantage of the on-line giving.
- ◆ If you choose to hold hands during the Our Father, you may do so only with your family.
- ◆ The sign of Peace will be done only with your family. You may give a symbol of peace or wave to those around you if you choose.
- ◆ Please wear a facial covering to receive communion on the hand.

Meetings and Activities

Sun. Jan. 3	No LifeTeen
Tue. Jan. 5	RCIA 7pm Liturgy Committee 7pm
Wed. Jan. 6	No Faith Formation Classes No Edge ASET 6:30pm
Thu. Jan. 7	Adoration 8am-Midnight
Fri. Jan. 8	Adoration 8am-5pm
Sat. Jan. 9	Baptism Preparation 10am
Sun. Jan. 10	Faith Formation Classes 9:20am LifeTeen 7pm
Tue. Jan. 12	Stewardship Committee 6:30pm RCIA 7pm
Wed. Jan. 13	Faith Formation Classes 4pm & 5:30pm Edge 7pm Building & Grounds Committee 7pm
Thu. Jan. 14	Adoration 8am-Midnight
Fri. Jan. 15	Adoration 8am-5pm

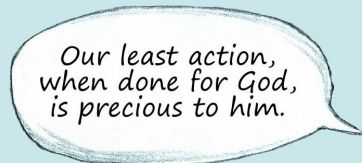


Baptism Preparation is offered the second Saturday of the month at 10 AM. The next session will be January 9th. Please register through the parish office if you plan to attend, 308-236-9171.

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Mother of five children who established an orphanage; the first American-born citizen to be canonized

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January 4



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