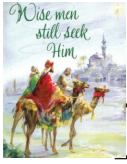


Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 2nd: Epiphany of the Lord

Private (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
8:30 am (SC) Confessions
9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Michael Skapura by
Jonathan and Amy Edwards
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Paul and Mary Naguszewski by Mary
Ann and Jerry Anuszkiewicz

Monday, January 3rd: Holy Name of Jesus

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Frank & Bev Vento

Tuesday, January 4th: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Joseph Visosky, Birthday January 2nd by
Christine Visosky

Wednesday, January 5th: St. John Neumann

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by
Kulig Estate
5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass*: All the Souls in Purgatory by
The Purgatory Society

Thursday, January 6th: St. André Bessette

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Charles Shanta by The Vento Family

First Friday, January 7th: St. Raymond of Penafort

12:05 pm (SA) Halina Roman by Dolores Vollmer Family

Saturday, January 8th: Christmas Weekday

Private (SA) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, January 9th: Baptism of the Lord

Private (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Special Intentions of Kimberly Ann
Angeloff by her husband Dr. Hal Angeloff

Monday, January 10th: Weekday

11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05 pm (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

Tuesday, January 11th: Weekday

11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05 pm (SA) In memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by
JoAnn Calabrese

Wednesday, January 12th: Weekday

11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05 pm (SA) In memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by The
Juchno Family and Rod Showers

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred
Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Rev. Ron Gmerek
2) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Friend

St. Casimir's

1) All Parishioners Living and Deceased
2) Michael Kuhar by Jerry & Denise Sobrowski

FINANCIAL REPORT

Information not available at the time of publication

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged: \$13,741.00

Paid: \$13,151.00

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

2021 Contribution statements will be mailed to everyone who received one last year. If you wish to receive your 2021 contribution statement please call the rectory office at 814-452-4832 and leave a message for Helen. Statements will be mailed to you on or before January 31, 2022. Thank you.



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From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

The Epiphany of the Lord

A very special **thank you** to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas. Your work reflected a true symbol and expression of our joy during this special season in the universal Church. Thanks also to everyone who supported the mass at Holy Family Church last Sunday.

With great sadness we say good-bye to the **Latin Mass** community who will be celebrating their last mass today at St. Casimir church before they move into their new space at St. Hedwig Church. While there is an element of sadness there is also joy in embarking on a new beginning and being able to celebrate the Traditional rite weekly as they have been accustomed to. They have always been a wonderful presence in our parish and brought a fresh sense of vibrancy that we needed. Please pray the Sacred Heart of Jesus will continue to guide and watch over them. We wish everyone the best of luck and success with this important change.

March for Life in Washington, DC is Friday, January 21, 2022. The bus trip will leave Erie, Thursday evening, January 20th at 11:00 PM and will return Saturday morning, January 22nd around 1:30 AM. Make your reservation early as seats are limited. Contact People for Life at 814-882-1333, 814-459-1333 or email office@peopleforlife.org for more information.

What Gift will We Bring?

Today as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, we hear the familiar account from Matthew's Gospel of the Magi. And aren't we all drawn in and captivated by this beautiful story of expectation, wonder, joy and faithful homage? Yet there is something essential to this story that is often overlooked: the Magi were not Jewish. They were Gentiles! They were "foreigners," most likely Persian, whose religious affiliation and actual occupation are still widely speculated by scholars. Yet, they knew about Jesus. And what is also intriguing is that they had the fearlessness to approach the Roman-appointed King of Judea—that is, Herod, then the current "king of the Jews," and ask him: *Where is the newborn king of the Jews?* Asking such a question—essentially implying Herod's successor and perhaps even deposer—could have been inferred as a threat, if not outright treason. But that did not deter the Magi in their quest.

But they persisted and followed a star to a place they did not know and they encountered a king they could not have possibly imagined. They followed this star to arrive at the most unexpected of places, to offer gifts to this child.

Our lives are very much like the magi's epiphany journey. The star beckons all of us no matter who we are—God seeks us out even when we are not seeking him. Many of our life-directing choices may be guided by an unexpected sudden light and insight. We are guided to places that we cannot imagine, as we seek Jesus we overcome many obstacles, and upon finding him we offer homage and give him the very gift of ourselves.

The Magi through their human eyes saw an ordinary child but through the eyes of faith saw so much more. They brought to Christ the gifts they could bring: gold, frankincense and myrrh. What is the most valuable gift that each of us has to offer?

At mass the bread and wine which represent our very lives is offered on the altar as our gift and sacrifice to our Lord. Then what appears through our human eyes of faith becomes returned to us in the gift of Christ's body and blood, making his presence just as substantially real to us as he was to the Magi.

The star is beckoning us, we have heard about the coming of the Messiah and we wish to offer our gifts to him. Like the Magi, are we willing to fearlessly follow the star? If we do there are things we can count on to help us make our way to Jesus: his word; his sacraments; his grace; and the gifts he has given us that we might in turn offer back to him. We are not alone in this endeavor.

And upon finding him may we pay him homage and give him our greatest gift—the best of ourselves, the very treasure of our hearts!