



St. Cecilia Catholic Church

JANUARY 3, 2021

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over
the place where the child was.*

Matthew 2:9



— Mass Times —

Saturday (Vigil): 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am
1st Saturday of Month: 8:00 am
 — Reconciliation —
Monday: 6:00-6:30 pm
Saturday: 3:30-4:00 pm
Anytime by Appointment



This week's intentions:

Saturday, January 2
 8:00am For Deacon Jerry Cato
 4:30pm For St. Cecilia Parish Community
Sunday, January 3
 8:30am For Imelda Foster
 11:00am For Pat Conreaux
Monday, January 4
 6:30pm For The Reform of the Clergy
Tuesday, January 5
 8:00am For Charles Mortensotto
Wednesday, January 6
 8:00am In Honor of the Holy Spirit
Thursday, January 7
 6:30pm For Forrest Friend
Friday, January 8
 9:00am For John Wedel
Saturday, January 9
 4:30pm For Mary Jo Peck
Sunday, January 10
 8:30am For St. Cecilia Parish Community
 11:00am For Robert Sedlacek
 To schedule an intention, call or email the Parish 288.3200
office@stcparish.org

After hours or end of life emergencies, call Fr. Gibbons at 618.946.4518



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IN A NUTSHELL

When I tell a story, I have a friend who prefers the “nutshell version” first. After that she’ll listen to me ramble, but she wants to know the main point right off the bat. When reading and hearing Sunday scriptures one may often find the nutshell by looking at the responsorial psalm or the Gospel acclamation. From Psalm 72 we hear “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.” The verse for the Gospel acclamation is Matthew 2:2 “We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” As a weary world, we need to see the light, to follow with our actions and our words. This is the same hope that is echoed in Isaiah 60:2 “See, darkness covers the earth, / and thick clouds cover the peoples; / but upon you the LORD shines, / and over you appears his glory.” Don’t give up, friends. You must shine!

SEARCHING

In Matthew’s Gospel today we see two extremely different perspectives, two different reasons for searching for Jesus. In some ways, this resembles the polarization of our nation in today’s time. What one group sees as good for the nation, those with opposing views think will wreck the country. The Magi were astrologers who saw a vision in the sky and were trying to find a way to follow it and discover the new king of the Jews. Herod heard about this king, and his reaction was dark and negative. He saw the birth of such a king as a threat to his power as the Roman leader of the country and wanted the Magi to pass on to him what they knew about this Christ child. Similarly, on a more personal level, we can either feel threatened or excited by changes that may come, depending on our perspective.

GIVING HOMAGE

In our minds, it is easy to mix up bits and pieces from Luke’s account of the shepherds coming to see Jesus in the stable and the story of the magi. Clearly, it has taken the magi time to get here, and the reading speaks of them coming to the house where the star led them. Nevertheless, they “prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures . . .”

How do we do this? Do we continue looking for Jesus, even if it takes a while and he is not where we expect to see him? Are we paying attention to the signs showing us the way? What gifts do we have with which to pay him homage? After seeing him, the Magi were warned in a dream not to go back the way they came. But if we have seen the Christ child, how can we go back to where we were? We must continue to respond to God’s call to move forward and grow in our lives. We must seek the right and just path and turn away from the “Herods” and inherent evils in our life.

Nutshell: Seek God. Pay homage. Amen.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1–6
 Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13
 Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6
 Matthew 2:1–12

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Faith Formation



Life-long catechetical formation is needed to prepare us to be disciples of our Lord and stewards of His creation. We offer programs for all ages—please join us!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
9:35 am PSR Adult Study 1:00 pm 1st Reconciliation Class 3:00 pm Confirm/1st Eucharist Class 7:00 pm Adult Study ZOOM	7:00 pm Adult Study	10:30 am Adult Study	10:00 am RENEW	7:00 pm Prayer & Action

Faith Formation Focus

Feast of the Epiphany
Jan. 3, 2021

GOSPEL – The Epiphany.

SAINT – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jan. 4)

PRAYER – Guardian Angel

SERVICE – Souper Bowl

Spend some time during your week
 learning about these items.

Articles, videos, online links & activity pages
 on these topics can be found on STCPARISH.org



Gospel Weeklies
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I... encourage
 Christians regularly to
 visit Christ present in
 the Blessed Sacrament
 of the altar, for we are
 all called to abide in
 the presence of God,
 thanks to him who is
 with us until the end
 of time.
 – Saint John Paul II



Life Question

What do you do each Christmas that celebrates the meaning of the feast for you?
 How do you do homage to God in the presence of the lowly and disadvantaged?

Gospel Question

How is Jesus a gift to humankind?

Adult Study - Watch & discuss episode 7 of SYMBOLON this week on FORMED.org.

**Baptisms & Weddings &
 RCIA**
 (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
 Contact
Fr. Patrick Gibbons 288-3200

**Youth Ministry
 Grades 5-12**
 (5-7 pm on 2nd & 4th Sun.)
 Contact
Joseph Zagorski 288-3200

Continuing Religious Education
 (PSR, Bible Studies, Renew,
 1st Reconciliation, Confirmation, 1st Eucharist)
 Contact
Paula Raffaele: 288-5523



ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Wishing you peace and joy in 2021. Happy New Year!

Open House!

We will be hosting our Open House from 11:10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 31st.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only new families interested in enrolling/seeing SJN will be allowed to enter the building. Masks are required for all visitors. New families enrolling at the Open House will receive one month free tuition, up to \$500!



EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING:

Epiphany is the traditional day to bless our homes. Take a piece of chalk and trace the following on the inside of the door frame of your house:

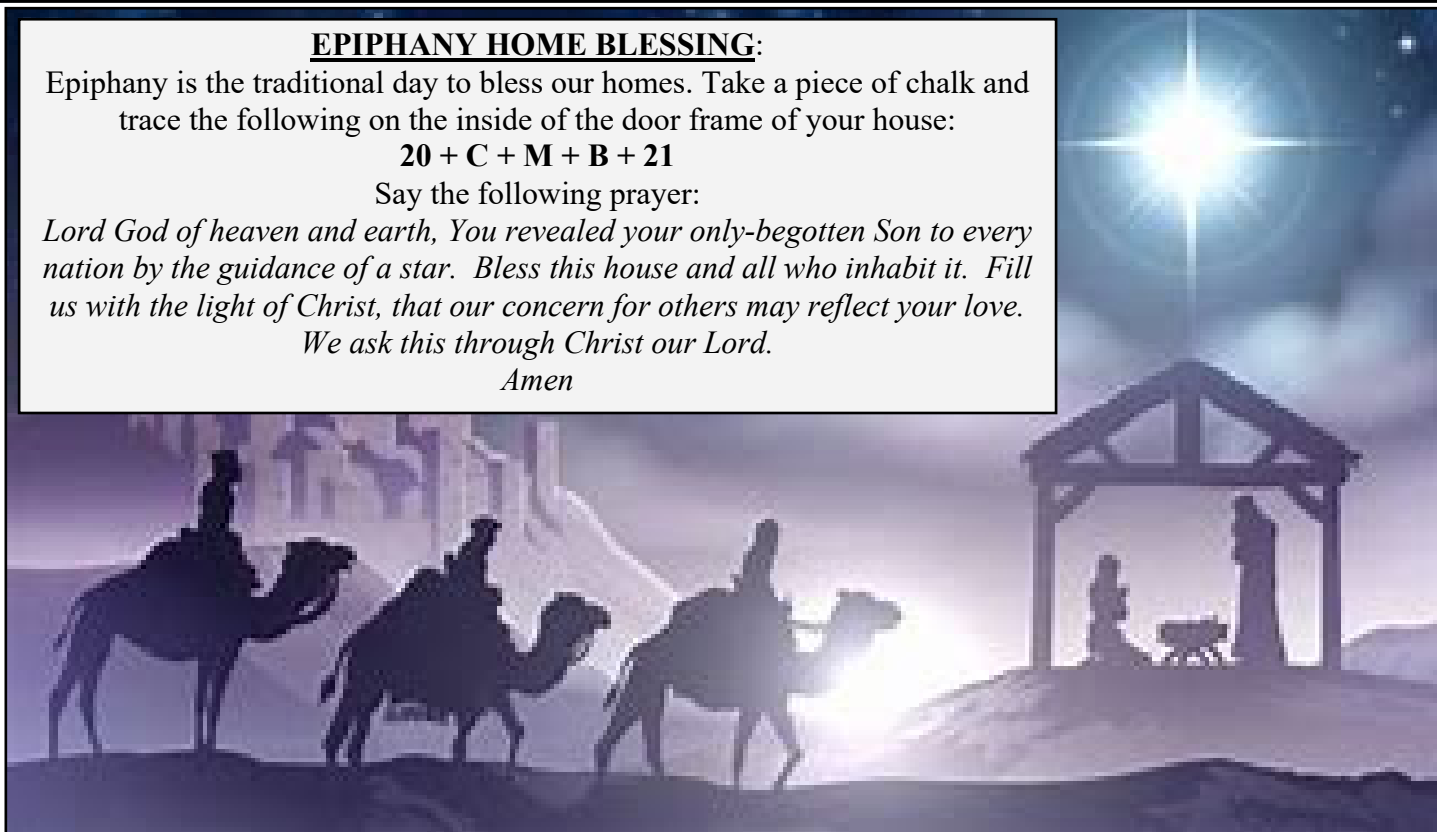
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Say the following prayer:

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 inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



As disciples of Jesus Christ, we actively participate in worship, faith formation, and community outreach.

SAVE THE DATE
JANUARY 30TH & 31ST, 2021



Team 1



Team 2



Team 5?



Team 3



Team 4



Is it I Lord?



Christ Renews His Parish Men's Retreat

Please Join Us

January 30th & 31st, 2021

CHRIST
RENEWS
HIS
PARISH

FOR A WEEKEND OF
SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Frequently asked questions about CRHP retreats

What can I expect on a CRHP weekend retreat?

The substance of the weekend is the presentation of personal stories in which individuals share their faith with you. Group discussion and response are invited following each presentation. It includes opportunities for Scripture reading, Reconciliation, Eucharist and more.

Who conducts the weekend retreat?

The CRHP team is comprised of team of local Catholics who have attended previous weekend retreats.

What are the start and end times?

The weekend begins at 8:00 am Saturday morning and concludes at 4:00 pm Sunday.

Who may attend?

Any parish member, 21 or older, may attend a CRHP weekend.

Where will I sleep?

Sleeping accommodations are in the St. Cecilia Parish offices. You are asked to bring your pillow, blankets or sleeping bag and any toiletries you may require.

What about meals?

Meals and snacks are provided by the CRHP team. If you have a special diet, please let us know when you register so we may prepare for your needs.

What should I wear?

Casual and comfortable clothing is appropriate for the entire weekend.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Any special food needs?

Yes ____ No ____ (Indicate below)



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ST. CECILIA CHURCH—SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

As a Diocese, we are committed to discipleship & stewardship.
We recognize that everything we have comes from God and that He has given
us gifts not just to use for ourselves but also to share with others!

GOOD DEEDS HERE!

ST. CECILIA FOOD PANTRY

As a Parish family we provide direct service to those who are less fortunate. We continue to help families with groceries & utilities each week!



ITEMS NEEDED:

Canned fruit: Peaches, Pears, Mandarin oranges, Apple sauce

Canned vegetables: Baked Beans, Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Carrots

Other: Vegetable Oil, Laundry Soap, Dish Detergent, Shampoo, Conditioner, Tissues, Toilet Paper

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

If you would like to be a Pantry Volunteer, please contact Bernie Guy-Marshall at 618.344.9950 or guymarshall60@yahoo.com

PARISH GENEROSITY REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021)

Weekly Generosity	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD
Nov 30-Dec 13, 2020	\$ 13,634.00	\$ 145,275.57
Online Giving	<u>5,968.00</u>	<u>63,748.87</u>
Total	\$ 19,602.00	\$ 209,024.44
Budget Goal	<u>19,600.00</u>	<u>235,200.00</u>
Difference	\$ 2.00	\$ (26,175.56)

Add'l \$1,619 contributed to Haiti, Dioc Special & Restricted

ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

December 19/20: 4:30=75; 8:30=57; 11=60; Total=192
December 12/13: 4:30=42; 8:30=51; 11=66; Total=159
December 5/6: 4:30=57; 8:30=68; 11=45; Total=170
November 28/29: 4:30=53; 8:30=58; 11=59; Total=170

Go GREEN—Give online @ <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1030>

We are so grateful for your continued support.



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Office of the Bishop

January, 2021

My dear friends in Christ,

Over the past year, the coronavirus pandemic has magnified the importance of communication. Whether it was announcing the closing and then reopening of the public celebration of Mass, updates on Confirmations, how our schools would reopen safely and responsibly, and how we should respond spiritually to the fear and stress of the pandemic, *Catholic Times* was consistently in your mailbox conveying these critical messages to you and the faithful of our diocese. In fact, I have heard numerous people say that despite all the uncertainty, *Catholic Times* was a consistent beacon of normalcy, something people deeply appreciated.

It is all these reasons why I believe that *Catholic Times* should be available to every household in our diocese, either online (ct.dio.org) or by mail. Your \$15 annual subscription will help ensure that it remains an inexpensive source of information on the vital issues I have noted. Please renew your subscription in your *Catholic Times* parish envelope during the weekend of January 9-10.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois
Publisher, *Catholic Times*

St. Cecilia is a fervent community of intentional and dedicated missionary disciples of the Risen Lord.
We serve, especially those in need, with prayer, participation, and charity.

Prayer Requests:



Patricia Aleman, Marissa Banovz, Betty Barton, Brian & Jan Brogan, Maria Carroll, Linda Cato & Family, Sara Cleary, Charles Cook, Teresa Donnay Family, Lisa Frew's friend Rick, Ted Fuehne, Edwin Gajewski, Sandy Gill, Angie & Adalyn Hardesty, Mary Ann Hobbs, Mike Hogan, Cynthia Ann Hunter, Mary Rose Kobler, Marion Konkel, Joseph Martin, Connor McAleenan, Tom Miller, Mary Mucho, Irene Potthoff, Luke Raffaele, Sheila Ridenbark, Doris Robinson, Nathan Rozycki, Luke Ryterski, Weiss Family, Allison Winkler, JD Wynn, Bob Zellerman, St. Cecilia Parish & Anonymous Prayers

If you like to add yourself or a loved one to the bulletin Prayer List, contact LeAnne 618.288.3200 office@stccparish.org

AD ORIENTEM

As the Bishop has recommended, beginning in January 2020, Fr. Gibbons will celebrate every 11:00 Mass *ad orientem*, that is, facing the same direction as the people in the pews – instead of facing towards them.

For more information about this, please read Bishop Thomas John Paprocki's article in the December 13, 2020 edition of the Catholic Times.

ST. CECILIA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!

We are so excited that many St. Cecilia activities and groups are able to once again meet in person (safely social distancing) or online when necessary.

Sunday, January 3

8:00 and 10:30 am Rosary
8:30 am Mass
9:30 am PSR
9:30 am Adult Study
11:00 am Mass
1:00 pm 1st Reconciliation Class
3:00 pm Confirmation/1st Eucharist Class
7:00 pm Adult Study ZOOM

Monday, January 4

6:00 pm Reconciliation
6:30 pm Mass

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, January 6-Epiphany

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Food Pantry
10:00 am RENEW

Thursday, January 7

8:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Prayer & Action

Friday, January 8

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, January 9

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 10

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