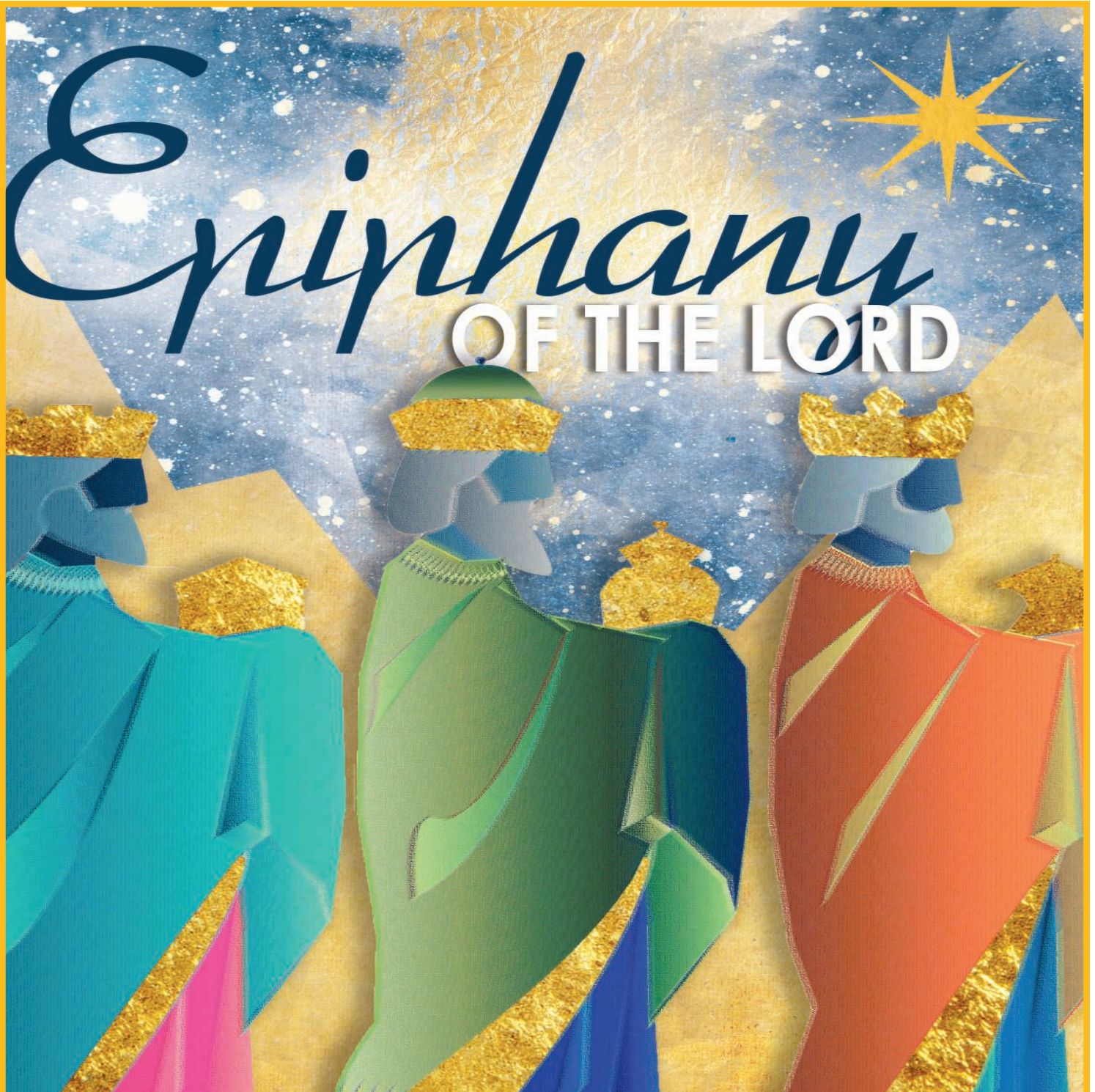




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**The PULSE**

January 7, 2018

Detroit, Michigan



**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY FOLLOWING 10 A.M. MASS**  
*Beverages, Breakfast Treats, Fellowship*



## Readings for the Week of January 7, 2018

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38  
or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/  
Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd  
[cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/  
1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20  
and 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9,  
10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/  
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/  
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
[2a]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a,  
9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

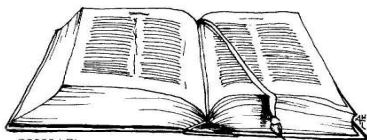
### The Epiphany of the Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God's word, spoken through the prophet Micah: "And you, Bethlehem ... from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel" (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to "prostrate themselves" and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother.

The generosity of these three "kings" is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death.

Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country "by another way." Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves.



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### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The Magi in today's Gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid or media stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

### Besides the Wise Men, What is Significant about the Epiphany?

Epiphany means "manifestation" or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

*Dear Jesus,  
though a newborn, the wise men knew your greatness.  
On a hint from the heavens,  
they traveled far from their places of comfort  
so that they could honor you.  
From their belief in your divinity,  
they gave amazing gifts, offerings that symbolized  
your life, power, and even your death.  
And because of a dream in the night,  
they altered their well-laid plans to return home  
in order to protect you.  
May we be so willing to honor, sacrifice, and obey,  
all for love of you,  
as we meditate on the meaning of this day.  
Amen.*



### Christmas Flower Offerings

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Joseph Leone, courtesy of Elizabeth Leone

Thanks to all of you who remembered your special loved ones and also to all of you who donated to the Christmas Flower Fund in the total amount of **\$670**. Your generosity helped to make our altar very beautiful during the Christmas Season.

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Sunday, January 7** - following the 10 am Mass, Hospitality Sunday, Church Auditorium

**Wednesday, January 10, 7 pm** - RCIA Candidates Meeting, Father Duane, Instructor, St. Clare of Montefalco Assembly Room

**Sunday, January 14, 9:15 am** - St. Matthew Choir Rehearsal with Rick Cucchi, Choir Loft



Many thanks to those who took time from their work, their families, their Christmas preparations to help decorate St. Matthew Church this Christmas season. We often say that many hands make light work, and this is so true of this seasonal effort that makes our church uniquely beautiful. We appreciate and bless ~

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*Theresa Zuerblis and Mary Adams*

*Derek Smith*

*Ed Comiskey and Dennis Herman*

*Jeff Smith*

*Mary Jo and Keith Arcicovich*

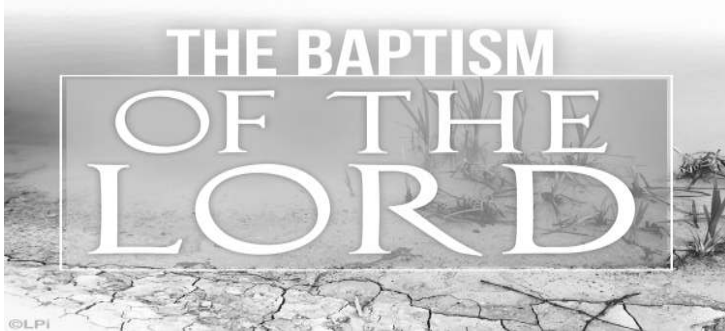
*Debbie and Joe Nieddu*

*Bob Lavoy and Jerry Mielke*

*Bev and Dick Goll*

*Aurora Guinto*

*and most especially, Father Duane!*



**Monday, January 8, 2018**

**It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.**

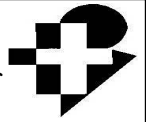
**On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.**

**And a voice came from the heavens,**

**"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."**

*Mk 1:9-11*

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



**Youth Ministry** - The Archdiocese of Detroit is inviting the "Young Church" to the 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, to take place from Detroit's Sacred Heart Parish Saturday, January 13.

The service day will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude with a prayer service and rally at 2:45 p.m. Participants will receive lunch and a T-shirt.

Your gifts to the CSA make possible events like this, which keep our youth engaged and active in their faith. Youth ministry is coordinated through the Department of Evangelization, catechesis and Schools, along with young adult and campus ministry.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [www.aod.org](http://www.aod.org).

### Did You Know?

#### National Migration Week

*Pope Francis said this about the international emergency of migrants: "A change of attitude towards migrants and refugees is needed on the part of everyone, moving away from attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalization, all typical of a throwaway culture, towards attitudes based on a culture of encounter, the only culture capable of building a better, more just and fraternal world."*

*The plight of migrants is not just a national concern but also an international concern. As we mark National Migration Week here in the US, let us begin to realize that we all need to open our hearts and doors to those who leave their homes in search of a better life. Let us pray this prayer of the Holy Father from his Message for the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees:*

*"Dear migrants and refugees! You have a special place in the heart of the Church, and you help her to enlarge her heart and to manifest her motherhood towards the entire human family. Do not lose your faith and hope! Let us think of the Holy Family during the flight in Egypt: Just as the maternal heart of the Blessed Virgin and the kind heart of Saint Joseph kept alive the confidence that God would never abandon them, so in you may the same hope in the Lord never be wanting."*

#### Annual Bocce with the Brothers

On Friday, January 26, at 6 pm, enjoy an evening getting to know the Capuchin friars at Villa Penna, 43985 Hayes Road, Sterling Heights. Tickets are \$50 person and include a buffet dinner, cash bar, live and silent auctions, live music and dancing, and unlimited bocce ball.

Also featured will be Frank Krause's Uptown Sound, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen Choir, Piano by Noelle and Friends, and speed painter Dave Santia. 100% of the proceeds will benefit the Detroit Capuchin ministries and is sponsored by Shelving, Inc. Call 313-579-2100, ext 153, for tickets or visit [www.TheCapuchins.org](http://www.TheCapuchins.org).

**"...there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was." *Matthew 3:9***

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### WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation	By Appointment
Holydays	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

## In your prayers...

*Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.*

Chuck Schuster  
Bienvenido Fajardo  
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Rita Moroni  
Albert Fajardo  
Virginia Fajardo  
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Saturday, January 13, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn  
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Michael Holster  
Kristen Stark

Bryan Jones

Kiley Dulapa  
Mary Pocius  
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Sunday, January 14, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 6th - Vigil: Feast of the Epiphany

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, The People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, January 7th - Feast of the Epiphany

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Zilinski Family, Judy Stark

Monday, January 8th - The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday, January 9th -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Wednesday, January 10th -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Thursday, January 11th -

Friday, January 12th -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Saturday, January 13th - Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Sunday, January 14th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Peppino Moroni, Judy Stark,  
Annette Laige, Gaetano and Lucia Cottone,  
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