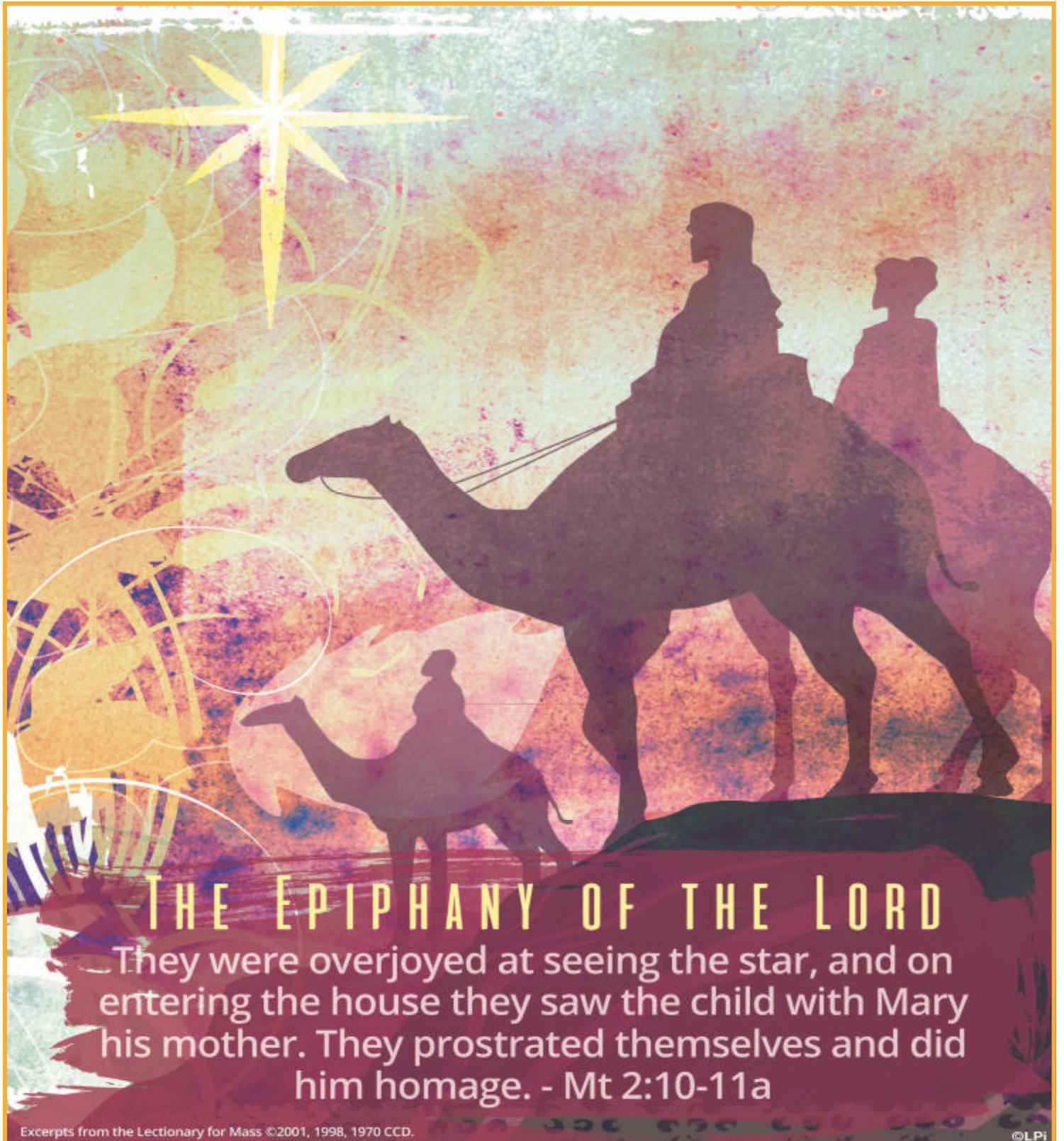




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

January 5, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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. - Mt 2:10-11a

Readings for the week of January 5, 2020

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: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/
Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17
[cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
[12a]/
Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and
9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



The Epiphany of the Lord

We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for *them*, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice

condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?

"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem," the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answer say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be "overjoyed" at seeing the Light of the World.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!

Christmas Journeying

The Three Wise Men travel from Persia, Arabia, and Ethiopia to follow a star brighter than any other and that moved by itself among the stars. This is the first Christmas journeying that wonderfully impacts the Nativity of Christ. In the weeks before Christ's birth, the Virgin Mary, great with child, with her espoused husband, St. Joseph, also journeyed to go from Nazareth to Bethlehem, the City of David, because St. Joseph was of the house of David. This was in order to be taxed that year by the Roman authorities. This is the second Christmas journeying that so wonderfully impacts the Nativity of Christ.

And on the night that Christ is born, the shepherds in the fields of the nearby country-side were watching over their flocks when an Angel of the Lord from Heaven came to say, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.....You will find Him wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of Heavenly Host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Are we on a journey? Are we willing to be awake in vigil, or drawing near to Bethlehem with our hearts and minds away from the bustle and tinsel of the world. To come to Christ means that we must be awake, aware, yearning and traveling towards Him; and small as we may be, we will be welcome to see Him in the cave, in the manger, and in our hearts, for then Christ will truly be born in us.



The Twelve Days of Christmas

In England in the Middle Ages, the time between Christmas Day and the Epiphany was a period of continuous feasting and merrymaking which climaxed on the Twelfth Night, the traditional end of the Christmas Season. In Tudor England, Twelfth Night itself was forever solidified in popular culture when William Shakespeare used it as a setting for one of his most famous plays, which was titled "Twelfth Night." And often a Lord of Misrule was chosen to lead the Christmas revelry.

Some traditions were adapted from the older pagan customs, including the Roman Saturnalia and the German Yuletide.

The early North American colonists brought their version of the Twelve Days over from England, and adapted them to their new country, adding their own variations. The modern Christmas wreath may have originated with these colonists as they fashioned home-made wreaths of greenery adding fruits and ribbons. They would remain hung on each home's front door beginning on Christmas Night, the first night of Christmas, through the Twelfth Night or Epiphany morning. As was the tradition in their native England, all decorations would be taken down by Epiphany morning and the remainder of the feasting dinner would be consumed. A special cake, the king cake, was also baked then for celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

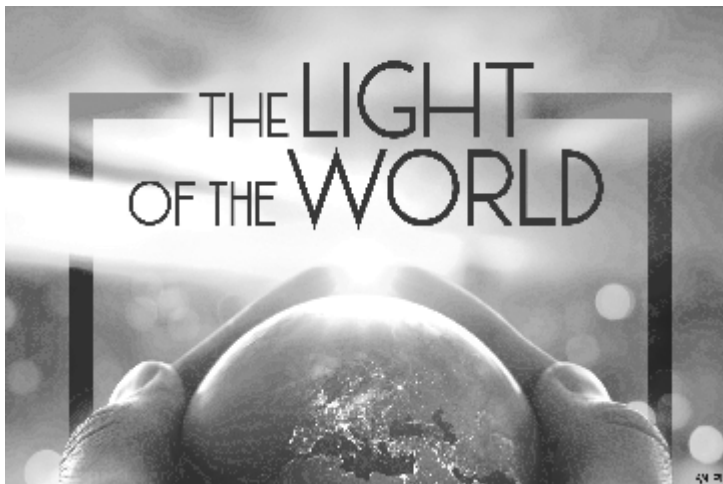
Sunday, January 5, following the 10 am Mass - Hospitality Sunday

Tuesday, January 7, 6 pm - Finance Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room (Tentative)

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

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| Bill, Theresa, and Julia Zuerblis | |
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- Under the Direction of Father Duane Novelly

THE CHURCH WAS BEAUTIFUL AND WELCOMING TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS!



FAITH

The Good News proclaimed by the angels one holy night in Bethlehem continues to bring hope and light.

May we be witnesses of this hope and light as we walk in unwavering faith.

Together, we join those who have gone before us following the Christmas star.

For even when we cannot see, we will walk by faith, unafraid of the darkness.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Permanent Diaconate - Men discerning a call to the permanent diaconate can attend an information night at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit on Tuesday, January 7.

Permanent deacons play an important role in the life of the church and in parishes across the Archdiocese of Detroit. Attendees will learn about the application process and requirements for entering formation for the permanent diaconate.

The CSA supports men studying for the permanent diaconate at Sacred Heart Major Seminary and funds the work of the archdiocesan Office for Clergy and Consecrated Life and the Permanent Deacon Formation Team, which coordinate diaconal ministry and formation.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to aod.org.



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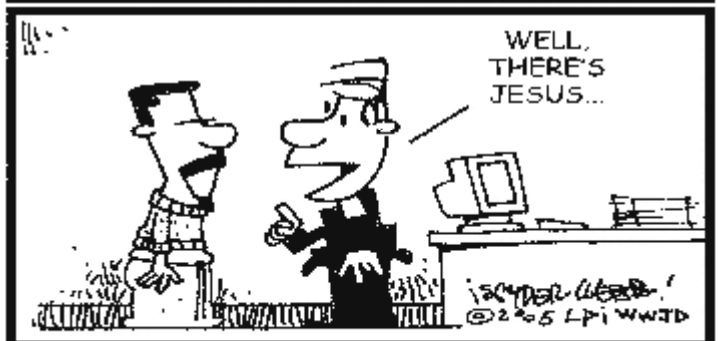
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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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	Michelle Harter
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Saturday, January 11, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman

Julie Smith

Lauren Smith

Sunday, January 12, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn

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Veronica Obianwu

Greg Redman

Jean Solomon

Kristen Stark

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 4 - Vigil: Feast of the Epiphany

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, January 5 - Feast of the Epiphany

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Mary Noreen Kaminski, George Kaminski, Veronica Kaminski, Casimir Kleinsmith, Domenico D'Anna

Monday, January 6 - St. Andre Bessette, Religious

Tuesday, January 7 - St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

Wednesday, January 8 -

9:00 a.m. - For Military Families

Thursday, January 9 -

Friday, January 10 -

9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday, January 11 - Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, Baptism of the Lord

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, The Zilinski Family

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