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MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD LEAD YOU THROUGH THE NEW YEAR

WORSHIP IN OUR PARISH

Liturgical Calendar

Tuesday, January 4 7:00pm Mass

†John and Genevieve Mayeski offered by Irene Tota

Wednesday, January 5 8:30am Mass

†Beatrice Silva offered by Horacio Silva

Thursday, January 6 8:30am Mass

†Jessebel Antong Campos offered by Rosalinda Forten

Friday, January 7 8:30am Mass

†Stan Drozd offered by Donna Walsweer

Saturday, January 8 5:00pm Mass

†To the Deceased in the Osztrovics Family offered by Violet Osztrovics

Sunday, January 9
The Baptism of the Lord
9:30am Mass

†Jim Buday offered by Julia Buday

Pre-Authorized Giving: Starting in January, due to changes in our banking agreements, **all Pre-Authorized Giving** will be debited on or near the 15th day of each month. If you would like to make any changes or sign up for this convenient service, please contact the parish office. Thank you to all for your continuing support and generosity.



Happy Birthday Fr. Peter! Our Pastor will be turning 51 on January 4, 2022. As Fr. Peter reaches this milestone, may the Lord continue to bless him with good health and his ministry among us. At a later date when we can gather again, we will offer a special Mass of Thanksgiving for our Pastor.

We Are Stewards

Weekend Contributions	\$ 4,855.00
Christmas Contributions	\$ 930.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 160.00
Building Fund	\$ 705.00

PARISH NEWS





Liturgical Calendar Sunday, January 9 11:30am Mass

The Baptism of the Lord
For All Our Parishioners

New Missals 2022: Adult, \$5 and Youth Missal \$10.

Sunday Offerings \$ 2,261.00

CWL Wine and Cheese Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 4^{th} at 1:30.

All are welcome!

January is the month to renew your CWL membership. Hope to see you then.



Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us!



Dear Parishioners:

Below is a little summary of the background, spirituality and theology of the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord which we celebrate this weekend.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It comes from Greek roots that mean "to show, to display" (*phainein*) and "on, to" (*epi*-).

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

The magi arrived in Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews; they seek in Israel the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.

What about the star? In the ancient world, the heavenly bodies were regarded as divine powers, determining men's fate. The planets bear the names of deities. The story of the wise men's star is not so much about the power of the star but the sign that God uses to draw the attention of these ancient seers. Ultimately, the star is Christ himself directing our journey towards God.

God bless and Happy New Year! Fr. Peter Ciallella



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