

St Andrew Catholic Church

January 3, 2021

The
Epiphany
of the Lord

Come, let us adore Him.



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St. Andrew Staff Directory, Councils & Commissions

Weekend

Masses: Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm

Weekday

Masses: 9:00 am
Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Rosary:

Reconciliation: By Appointment

Anointing of the Sick

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On the Christmas Journey into the New Year

+It's kind of difficult to think that the new year is "2021;" I'm just having a hard time wrapping my brain around that big of a number! But because of everything that has happened over the past year, with the world pandemic; national unrest and elections, I am glad to "move on" from the year 2020 and prepare for a brand new year - with a special hope for an end to the pandemic and a return to great health for so many of our family, friends and parishioners! So as I wish you **HAPPY NEW YEAR**, know that it is filled with thoughts and prayers for a safe, happy, and healthy new beginning for us all!

This long weekend is filled with celebrations – for the feast of Mary, Mother of God on January 1st, and then the feast of the Epiphany celebrated at the weekend liturgies.

Mary's feast marks the end of one calendar year and the beginning of another. It is fitting that we celebrate the Holy Mother this day, for in her giving birth to Jesus she brought forth into humanity the One who would end the reign of sin and establish God's kingdom on earth. As Paul writes to the Galatians in the second reading of the feast day, Jesus was born of a woman and a womb just as we were, like us in all things but sin. As sons and daughters of God by adoption, not only are we able to call God "Abba" ("Father"), we may also rightly refer to the Blessed Mother as our mother as well. As we begin this new year, and contemplate our resolutions, let us be resolved to imitate Mary in faith and devotion. In that way, the Lord will bless us, making his face to shine upon us and give us his peace.

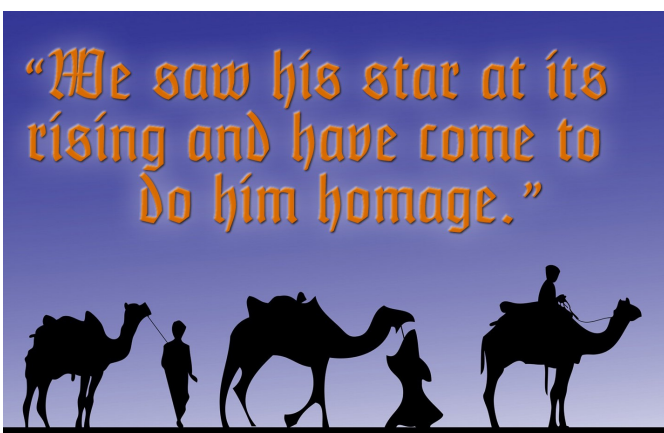
The feast of the Epiphany is a major event in Jesus' life story, and in our own salvation history. The magi, men from the east – that is, not from the Israelite people – followed the star to find...*the newborn king of the Jews*. What a startling thing. They knew something profound had happened in the world, even if it had not been part of their heritage to expect such a thing. Yet they were *overjoyed at seeing the star*, and upon finding Jesus, *they prostrated themselves and did him homage*. To this baby they offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and we see the connection to what is foretold in today's first reading. *Rise up in splendor! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you...all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.*

The feast of the Epiphany reminds us that the glory of the Lord indeed shines upon us in our present day. Jesus has come into the world. We should all do Him praise by the way we live our lives!

+Thanks to everyone for their generosity with the Christmas tithe this year, and with all the recent support of the parish with your offertory tithe, our 2020 CSA, and the Christmas Giving Tree. Your generosity is so appreciated, especially in light of the pandemic (and our building loan!). Your gift at Christmas can still be accepted for the next week or two; the benefit of donating at this time is that the parish is not obligated to pay the diocesan "tax" of 7% on these offerings. (The date on any checks should be for "2020" as we cannot otherwise count them on your parish statement for tax purposes.)

Special thanks to everyone who helped out with such an "unusual" Christmas celebration of liturgies due to pandemic requirements. Nikki, Stephan, Chris, Paul, Gayle, Anne, and the maintenance team worked particularly hard with getting things organized (never do I want us to have to issue 'tickets' for a Christmas mass again!!), the decorations, the music, traffic flow, live-streaming efforts and the sanitizing/cleaning of the building.

+Finally, I want to **personally thank everyone** who remembered me with cards and gifts and cookies and other "goodies" at this time of Christmas! Your generosity is warmly appreciated, not just at this time, but during this past year of my recovery at the rectory from my time in the hospital. Your support with the "dinner meal service" earlier in 2020 was an unbelievable help, and I will be forever grateful to those who graciously and repeatedly helped in this ministry to me/us at the rectory. Know that all of you have been prayed for DAILY for the "gifts" **you** have been to me! **Thank you, thank you, thank you!!**



+May the glow of this season continue to shine in our hearts and in our lives – not just for these holiday weeks, but throughout the coming new year! May we strive to deepen our relationship with Christ and in doing so, take on the tasks of "*Unleashing the Gospel*" and forming our "*Family of Parishes*" with our neighboring communities of St. Mary of the Hills and St. Irenaeus. God bless us all!

Monsignor Mike



Epiphany Home Blessing on January 3, 2021

From the east come the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh as a symbol of His burial. The blessing of the home, and the inscription of the initials of the three Magi at each entrance door, is an old Epiphany custom that is still practiced by some today. Using specially blessed chalk, many families mark above the entrance door of their homes with the year and with the inscription CMB, the initials of the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar (example: 20+C+M+B+21). The inscription really stands for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “Christ, bless this house.”

Use the chalk to write above the entrance to your home:

20 + C + M + B + 21

As you are writing pray the following:

O Lord, God Almighty, we ask Your blessing on this home and all who dwell within. Grant that if it be Your will, we may enjoy physical and mental health and Your spiritual protection. May all who visit our home this year rejoice to find You dwelling among us. May we seek to serve You forever and ever, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Chalk is available at the exits.

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 - January 25, 2021

The theme for the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is “Abide in My Love...You Shall Bear Much Fruit.” It was discerned by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland and finds its origins in the Gospel of John (cf. John 15:5-9).

In choosing the 2021 theme, the Community of Grandchamp desired to share the experience and wisdom of their contemplative life abiding in the love of God and keeping his commandment of “loving one another as He has loved us.” They remind Christians worldwide about the importance of praying for the fruits of closer communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ and greater solidarity with the whole of creation.

“In these days of the Coronavirus threat, our world has become smaller,” said Fr. James Loughran, SA. “We are one in our response. More than ever, we need to appreciate the value of Christian unity.”

The traditional period in the northern hemisphere for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18-25. Those dates were proposed by Servant of God, Fr. Paul Wattson, SA, founder of the Society of the Atonement, who initiated observance of the first “Church Unity Octave” in 1908, to cover the original days of the feasts of the Chair of St. Peter (Jan. 18) and the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25), and therefore have a symbolic significance.

Each year, Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute adapts the texts chosen and prepared by representatives of the Vatican and the World Council of Churches and publishes materials and resources for use in celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in the U.S.

Watch for more information regarding resources for the week of Christian Unity in the coming weeks.

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Time: 7 - 8:30 pm

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Epiphany

Today, in St. Matthew's Gospel, the evangelist retells the story of the Magi visiting the Christ-child, the newborn King. In this initial meeting, they are overwhelmed, and in response, venerate our Lord by prostrating themselves, face down. The Magi open their treasures and offer Jesus gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts foreshadow Christ's royalty, divinity, and suffering. The Scripture passages from Isaiah and St. Paul further convey that the Good News of salvation is to be proclaimed to all people. Do we, as faithful stewards strive to follow the Magi's example of offering adoration, praise, and glory to God? Do we, in thanksgiving, embrace the Good News, deepening our personal relationship in Christ? Then, in turn, spread His joy, peace, and message of hope and salvation to all those we meet? To encounter Christ, plan to attend Alpha or a similar evangelization event offered at your parish.



Epiphany

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" is a beloved carol. It sings of the Christmas season, which begins the day after Christmas and ends on Jan. 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.

One definition of "epiphany" is to make known or reveal. Many revelations took place at the time of Jesus' birth. Angels revealed the Good News to the shepherds. And a bright star revealed the way for the Magi. Their journey was long and difficult, but filled with faith as they search for the divine child. Their gift of gold symbolized kings, frankincense was used in worship, and myrrh pointed to the humanness of Jesus. (It is thought that Joseph used the gifts to fund the Holy Family's trip to Egypt.)

The shepherds and Magi left the stable sharing the good news and glorifying God. Our theme in Faith Formation this year, "Jesus, Light in the Darkness," reminds us that we are to take the light of Jesus out into the world, too. In this new year, we have reason to hope. Hope for health, hope for meeting in person, hope to return to school and activities. Continue to follow your faith throughout this new year, as the Wise Men did. Be open to what God may reveal to you. May your new year be full of Epiphanies.

Blessings, Maureen Schreffler
Director of Faith Formation



IMPORTANT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Virtual Faith Formation will continue for the remainder of the school year. We hope you have been enjoying the videos. We look forward to meeting in person next fall. Thank you for all your patience and feedback.

First Reconciliation Preparation

The Virtual Preparation Session for First Reconciliation can be viewed beginning Jan. 6 on our parish website. Please click on the Eucharist box on the home page. Thank you.



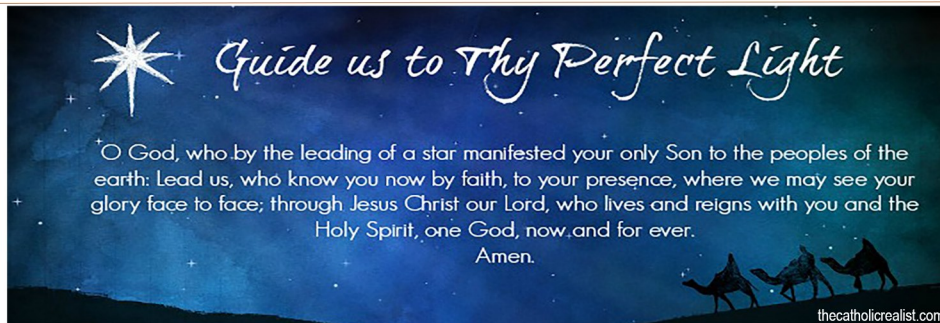
52 Sundays is a dynamic guide to help you and your family reclaim the Lord's Day with prayer, activities, food, and more! It offers simple and insightful ways for your family to spend time together each Sunday learning more about the Catholic faith and having fun while you're it. Sign up to receive weekly content or download a digital copy at www.52sunday.com.



A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time,
many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise
Your glorious name.
- Author Unknown

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Epiphany

Stars cross the sky, wise men journey from pagan lands, earth receives its saviour in a cave. Let there be no one without a gift to offer, no one without gratitude as we celebrate the salvation of the world, the birthday of the human race. Now it is no longer, "dust you are and to dust you shall return", but, "you are joined to heaven and into heaven you shall be taken up".

Basil the Great (AD 330 - 379)

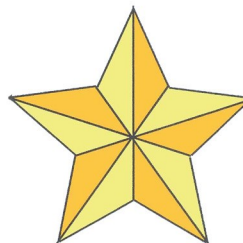
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An Activity to do with your family on the 12th day of Christmas

Prayer Star

Supplies needed:

- 2 sheets of construction paper (yellow and any other color)
- 5-point star pattern
- scissors
- pen or markers
- small brass fastener.



Direction:

Trace the star pattern on a sheet of 8-1/2 x 11 yellow construction paper. In the center of the star, write the words "Jesus, Our Light, Has Come!" In each of the five points, write "Family and Friends," "Church," "Community," "Country," "World." Make a small hole in the center of the star and fasten it to another sheet of construction paper. Along the top of the background sheet, write "We Remember to Pray For"

Using the star for your daily prayer and devotion, turn the star so that one of the points is directed to the top of the page and use what is written in the point as the focus. Turn the star each day so that all five points have been used throughout the week. At the end of your prayer and devotion time, invite a member of your household to read Psalm 72:18,19. At the end of the reading, invite everyone to respond: ARISE, SHINE! OUR LIGHT HAS COME!

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Know that I am here for your teen and your family. Please reach out with prayer requests, concerns, just to say Hi! or to share funny stories. Praying for your whole family!

Blessings, Margaret Kozak

"YOUTH NIGHT"

6 pm to 8 pm

In the Activities Building unless otherwise noted

Come join us for Food, Fellowship and Fun. Friends are always Welcome! For more information please contact me.

MARGARETK@STANDREWCHURCH.ORG

OR

TEXT THIS MESSAGE @STAY2020 TO NUMBER 81010

CALENDAR ~ Youth Nights

January 10

January 17

January 24

January 31

Youth Nights!

"Why Be Catholic"

PLEASE BRING
your Mask & a Chair!

Events may change or others may be added. Sign up for REMIND to get the most up to date information

LOOKING FOR SERVICE IDEAS

Ushers & Greeters Needed
for Saturday & Sunday 5 pm Masses

(Perfect opportunity to do individually, with your family or your sponsor)

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
for a list of service opportunities or ideas please contact me.

Check out our Youth Ministry Website

STANDREWCHURCH.ORG/
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For activities to do with your family, our calendar and much more.

Don't forget to take photos while doing the activities and send them in

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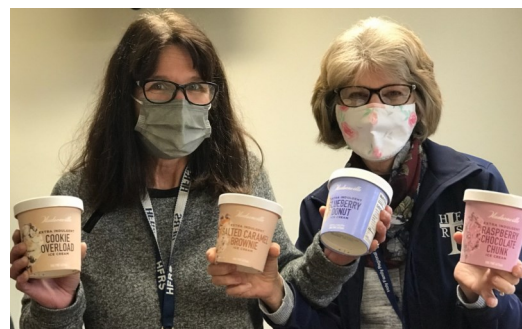
EPIPHANY

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die. - St. Peter Chrysologus



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Middle School Students of the Month! Sixth Grade: Sienna M. and Cian C. Seventh Grade: Lauren T. and James M. Eighth Grade: Mary L. and Mateo B. Students are chosen by mutual selection of teachers and meet overall school goal of academic excellence, strong character and consistent effort. These students are great role models for others, we are very proud of them!

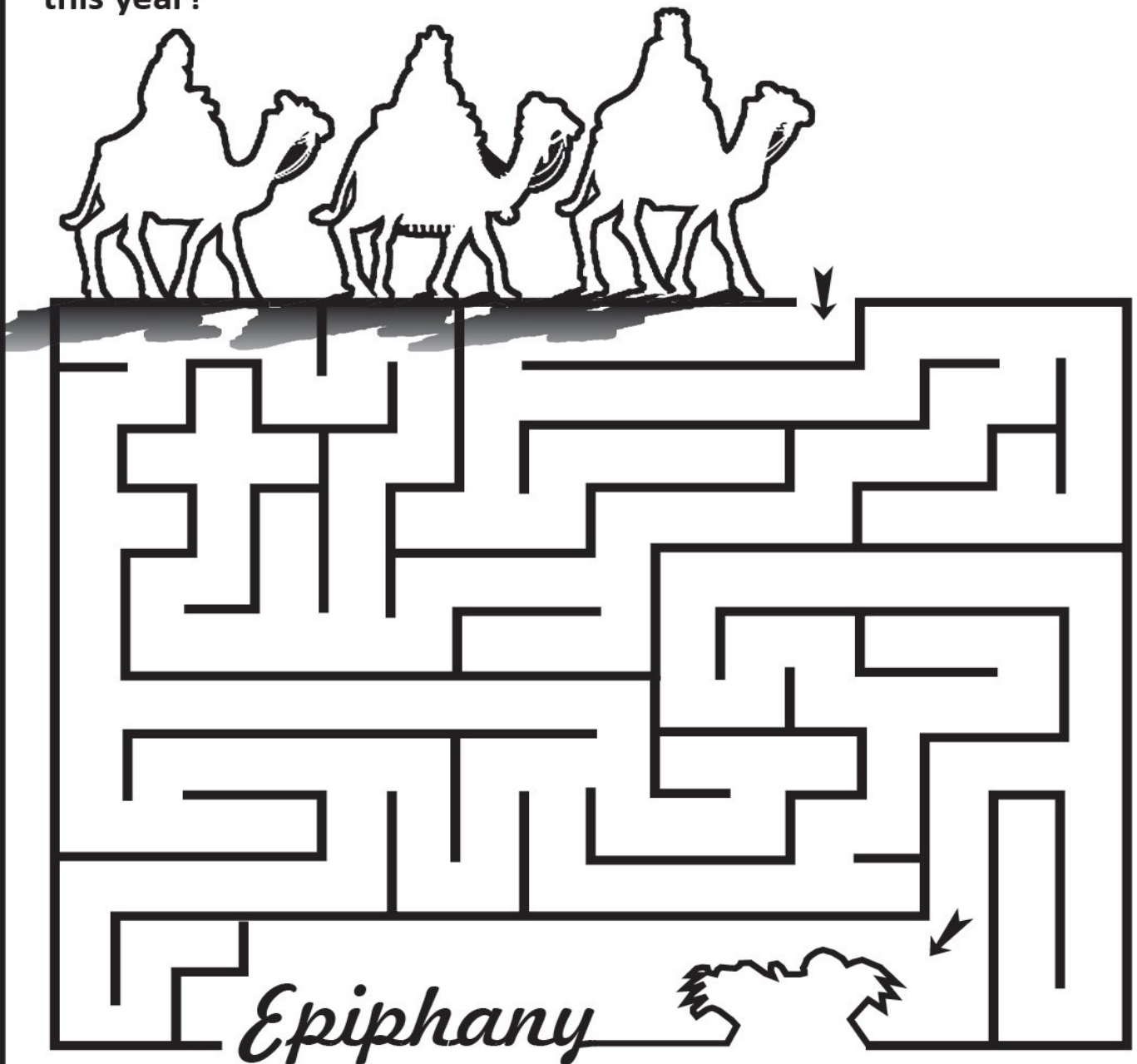


SWEET TREAT

Congratulations to Mrs. Carla Vandercruyssen, our North Campus Assistant Principal. She won some delicious Hudsonville Ice Cream and was honored for going above and beyond at HFRS! These well deserved Random Acts of Ice Cream were sent because Mrs. Bronikowski, HFRS Teacher, wrote an essay nominating Mrs. Vandercruyssen!

Epiphany, Mt 2:1-12

Three wise men were searching for Jesus. They traveled from very far away to meet him. They followed a star and finally found him in Bethlehem. They adored him and gave him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **What gift would you like to give to Jesus this year?**



DECEMBER BAPTISMS

December 13, 2020
Deacon Marc Gemallaro

LUCY LUELLA DOYLE
 Daughter of Jeffrey and Jacqueline Doyle

JAMES SCOTT McNURLEN
 Son of Scott and Mary McNurlen

**FAMILIES of
PARISHES PRAYER**

Father in Heaven,
 renew your wonders in our time,
 as though by a New Pentecost.

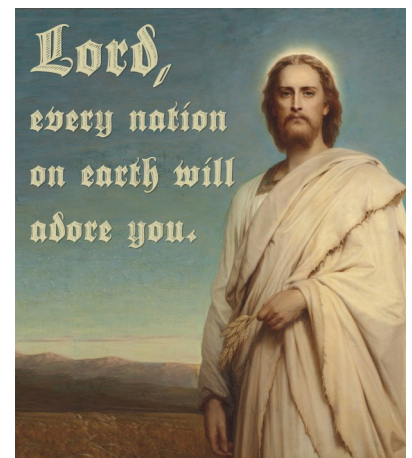
Holy Spirit, increase your gifts in us to
 move boldly into Families of Parishes
 with confidence.

Deepen our desire for every person
 to encounter Jesus anew,
 grow daily as his disciples and
 give witness to his love and mercy.
 This is our mission!
 And we embrace it anew.

Grant that your Holy Church in Detroit,
 praying perseveringly and insistently
 with one mind, together with
 Mary, the mother of Jesus, and
 guided by St. Joseph, St. Anne and
 Bl. Solanus Casey,
 may increase the reign of
 the Divine Savior,
 the reign of truth and justice,
 the reign of love and peace.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

AMEN



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UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

Limited 250

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

9:00 am

Public & Livestream

Weekend

Saturday

5:00 pm

Public & Livestream

Sunday
8:00 am, 12:00 noon,
5:00 pm

**Mass on weekends
will be by reservations.
Link available on
Wednesday before.**

**Remember, space is limited
to 250**

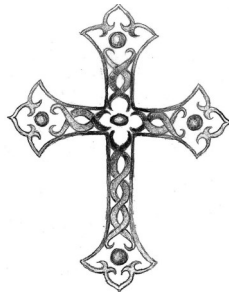
**Walter Gieselman, Jr, 85**

Died on

December 12, 2020

Buried on

December 21, 2020

**Larry Morello, 78**

Died on

December 9, 2020

Buried on

December 22, 2020

**Delbert Mills, 91**

Died on

December 16, 2020

Buried on

December 23, 2020

**Readings for the
Week of January 4****January 4**

St Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 John 3:22 - 4:6

Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

January 5

St John Neumann

1 John 4:7-10

Mark 6:34-44

January 6

St Andre Bessette

1 John 4:11-18

Mark 6:45-52

January 7

St Raymond of Penyafort

1 John 4:19 - 5:4

Luke 4:14-22a

January 8

1 John 5:5-13

Luke 5:12-16

January 9

1 John 5:14-21

John 3:22-30

January 10

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or

Isaiah 55:1-11

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-38 or

1 John 5:1-9

Mark 1:7-11



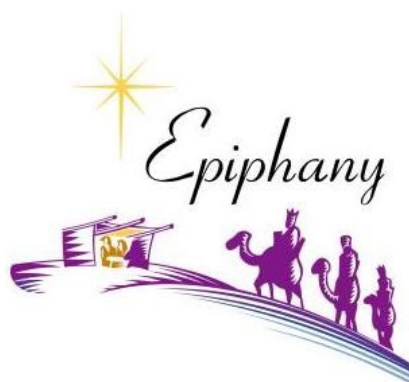
12 Prayer Requests & Mass Intentions

Prayer Requests

All men & women in the military
& family members
Bill Zandi
Valentina Carlesimo
Jenny Markko
Mike Helms
Jerry Griffin
Jim Fisher
David Peaper
Paul Adesko
Cache Giacalone
Frank Chaffee
Tom Bomek
Norman Bomek
Msgr. Mike
Noreen Finn
Tom Maas
Laurie Hasselwander
Karen Ahearn
Laura Keilman
Jack Waters
Mike Peters
Scott Holland
Sandra Brogger
John Thompson
Jack Hretz
Angie Sultana
Richard Mikutis
Catherine Hornung
Helen Hawley
Caterina Basile
Kristin Sutter
Deborah Giacalone
Cheryl Labes
Michael Rea
Susan Metz
Paul Jacque
Tracy Jacque
Lisa Miller Ruskin
Mark Wiemels
Diane Franey
Debbie Psotka
Karen Young
Dave Felicelli
Dan Brusstar
Mary Jo Dinha
Tom Donoughe
Mary Macke
Mike McDermott
Judy Cote
Robert Clemens

Mass Intentions for the Week of January 3

SUNDAY	January 3, 2021	
8:00 am	For the People of St Andrew	
12:00 pm	✦ Paul Foster	Ann Foster
	✦ Kelli Williams	A Friend
	✦ Carol D'Amico	Cousin, Donna
5:00 pm	✦ For All Those Buried at Guardian Angel Cemetery During the Last Month	
MONDAY	January 4, 2021	
9:00 am	For the Poor	Iafaa Alrais
	✦ Margarte & Robert Russell	Kangas Family
	✦ Vito Saracino	Family
TUESDAY	January 5, 2021	
9:00 am	Caterina Basile	
WEDNESDAY	January 6, 2021	
9:00 am	✦ All Souls in Purgatory	Chacko & Shimol P.
	✦ Jesse Stuart	Jan Klemm
THURSDAY	January 7, 2021	
9:00 am	For the People of St Andrew	
FRIDAY	January 8, 2021	
9:00 am	For the People of St Andrew	
SATURDAY	January 9, 2021	
5:00 pm	✦ John & Dorothy Dettloff	Family
	✦ Mike & Erica Szydlowski	Loving Family
	Pete & Mary Kanan	Rosemary Schaller
SUNDAY	January 10, 2021	
8:00 am	For the People of St Andrew	
12:00 pm	✦ Mary Margaret Balistreri	Friends
	✦ Angela Chirco	Sue Vittorini & Family
	✦ Joseph Marheineke & Howard Umloff	Wife, June
5:00 pm	For the People of the Pontiac Area Vicariate	



PANDEMIC PRAYER (from catholiccompany.com)

O clement, O loving,
O sweet Mother Mary,
We, your children of every nation
Turn to you in this pandemic.
Our troubles are numerous;
our fears are great.
Grant that we might deposit them
at your feet.

Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,
And timely help in all our needs.
You are our Mother.
Pray for us to your Son.