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January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord

Pastor: Fr. Tom Brown
 616-527-3610, ext. 12
 616-755-1742 (evening)

Associate Pastor: Fr. Oscar Londoño, mxy
 616-527-3610, ext. 14
 616-755-2279 (cellular)

Parish Office Hours
 Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

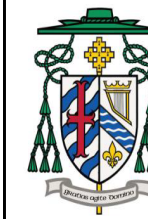
Weekend Mass Schedule
 Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8 & 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. in Spanish

Weekday Mass Schedule
 English: Mon & Wed, Mass at 12:10 p.m.
 Tues, Communion Service at 7:30 a.m.
 Thurs, Mass at 8:00 a.m. (school year)
 Fri, Mass at 7:30 a.m.
 Spanish: Wed, Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Schedule
 English: Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.
 Spanish: Wednesday 6:00-6:45 p.m.

For questions regarding Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, or any other sacrament, please call the parish office: 616-527-3610

Prayer Chain
 If you have a prayer request for immediate need, please call 616-522-0279, or 616-527-0438.



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 Office of the Bishop

December 22, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Nativity of the Lord and the Christmas season is a time when many Catholics come back to Mass. Our priests look forward to seeing you!

In light of rising COVID case numbers and increased attendance at Mass during this season, I am once again strongly encouraging you to wear a mask while attending Mass. Your cooperation in this regard will ensure that we can welcome as many as possible to our upcoming liturgical celebrations.

Our health care providers are pleading for help in fighting this pandemic. Wearing a mask while attending Mass and getting vaccinated are two ways in which we can explicitly show our respect for human life and our commitment to the common good.

The pandemic has changed and challenged us. Its impact continues to be felt. But we are reminded in a special way this week that God is with us and always will be. Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ David J. Walkowiak

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
 Bishop of Grand Rapids

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JANUARY 2, 2022

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**One Lord, One Faith,
One Baptism**



The Week Ahead...

AH = Apostles' Hall **CH** = Church
CR = Cornerstone Room **PO** = Parish Office
SC = School **VR** = Veritas Room
BC = Basement Chapel **UP** = Upper Room

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Saturday, January 1

4:00 p.m. James Nummer

Sunday, January 2

8:00 a.m. Living & deceased of Patrick & Carol Lewis family

11:30 a.m. Sue Swinehart (Mary Foy)

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, January 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7-8, 10-12/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

12:10 p.m. Caron Gardner (Christine Bewell)

Tuesday, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, January 5—St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

12:10 p.m. Octavio Reyes

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, January 6—St. Andre Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14-15, 17/Lk 4:14-22

8:00 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Friday, January 7—St. Raymond Penyafort, Priest

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

7:30 a.m. Thomas Simmons

Saturday, January 8—Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 3:22-30

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

3:00 p.m. Confessions

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Saturday, January 8

4:00 p.m. Intention of Fr. Mel Fox (his birthday)

Sunday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Virginia Ferguson

11:30 a.m. Ralph Thelen

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF JANUARY 2

GENERAL CLEANING:

Kip Geldhof, Terri Nurenberg, Colleen Pierce

VACUUMING:

Ken North, Bruce Sibert

Sunday, January 2—Epiphany of the Lord

9:15 a.m. RCIA Session (PO)

10:15 a.m. Faith Formation classes for K-8

Monday, January 3

School resumes.

Tuesday, January 4

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting (VR)

Wednesday, January 5

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (AH)

Thursday, January 6

9:30 a.m. Parish Staff Meeting (PO)

4 & 5:30 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, January 7

Saturday, January 8

8:30—3:15 Hispanic Leadership Training (VR)

Sunday, January 9—Baptism of the Lord

9—11:30 a.m. Refreshments (AH)

9:15 a.m. RCIA session (PO)

10:15 a.m. Faith Formation classes for K-8

2-4 p.m. Hispanic Cursillo Group (SC)

2-5 p.m. Hispanic Glucose Testing (VR)



OUR PARISH OFFERING - December 25 & 26, 2021

Regular Offertory Collection	\$10,946.94
Electronic Giving	1,547.10
Total	\$12,494.04
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Net Total	\$11,869.34

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,038.46

Surplus for the Week: \$3,455.58

Christmas Baskets \$100.00

Retirement Fund for Religious \$125.00

July 1, 2021-Dec. 26, 2021 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection

Year-to-Date: \$236,169.97

Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$234,999.96

Surplus Year-to-Date: \$1,170.01

Please pray for:

Jan Kammers
Fr. Luis Garcia
Tom Kreft
Sherry North
Ron Speckin
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Denise Cope
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Jacqueline Franz
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SS. Peter & Paul Parish Staff

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Secretary	Cecilia Luke	527-8942
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SS. Peter & Paul Parish - Pastoral Council

Deb Campbell	Tim Martin	Tim Wall
Rick Esparza	Deb Trierweiler	

SS. Peter & Paul Parish - Finance Council

Chris Christensen	Matt Johnson	John Klein
Jane Hemenway	Mike Keast	Dave O'Mara

SS. Peter & Paul School - Board of Education

Angela Anderson	Cara Brownell	Deb Trierweiler
Tracey Bergeron	Lauren Christensen	Tim Wall
Vanessa Booth	Nick Cusack	Kristi Wizorek

We continue to pray for all who need healing. If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the parish office. Be sure you have the consent of the person or a family member. Names will remain on the prayer list for three months. Requests may be renewed.

Lector Schedule for January 1—14

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, Jan. 1	4:00 p.m.	Sue Wizorek
Sunday, Jan. 2	8:00 a.m.	Denise Peabody
Sunday, Jan. 2	11:30 a.m.	Rick Esparza

Monday, Jan. 3	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa
Tuesday, Jan. 4	7:30 a.m. C.S.	Cecilia Luke
Wednesday, Jan. 5	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa
Thursday, Jan. 6	8:00 a.m.	School lector
Friday, Jan. 7	7:30 a.m.	Denise Peabody

Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, Jan. 8	4:00 p.m.	Phill Wizorek
Sunday, Jan. 9	8:00 a.m.	Veronica Meyer
Sunday, Jan. 9	11:30 a.m.	Dan Lower

Monday, Jan. 10	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa
Tuesday, Jan. 11	7:30 a.m. C.S.	Cecilia Luke
Wednesday, Jan. 12	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa
Thursday, Jan. 13	8:00 a.m.	School lector
Friday, Jan. 14	7:30 a.m.	Rick Esparza

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Knights' Corner

We will be having our monthly business meeting this Tuesday, January 4th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Veritas Room. Come early if you can and join us for the Rosary at 7:00!

This is a great week for celebrating saints who, like our founder Fr. Michael McGivney, made their home in North America. We have Elizabeth Ann Seton on January 4, John Neumann on January 5, and Andre Bessette on January 6. With fairly modern saints such as these, we have the benefit of being able to learn a lot about their daily lives, and this is well worth the effort. Elizabeth was a widow with five children who converted to Catholicism. John was an immigrant from what is now the Czech Republic who became a bishop here in the United States. Andre was a humble religious brother who was well-known and loved in Quebec for his powerful prayers and loving spirit. Good people to have as friends!

Adam Rewa, Grand Knight (527-3610)

John R. Seymour +November 23, 2021

We would like to thank everyone for your cards, letters, phone calls, & visits during our loss.

May God bless all of you & your families.

—Marjorie (Marge) Seymour & family



You are invited!

In honor of the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 9 . . .

Please join us in Apostles Hall any-time from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. (between the Sunday morning Masses). Enjoy some special refreshments and reconnect with your fellow parishioners!

Mass Schedules—Christmas Season 2021

Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve – Friday, December 31

Mass in English at 5:30 p.m.
Mass in Spanish at 7:00 p.m.

Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day –Saturday, January 1

Mass in English at 9:00 a.m.
Mass in Spanish at 11:00 a.m.

Epiphany – Saturday & Sunday, January 1 & 2

Regular Mass times resume:

Mass in English at 4:00 p.m.
Mass in English at 8:00 a.m.
Mass in English at 11:30 a.m.
Mass in Spanish at 1:00 p.m.

How do I sign up for Electronic Giving?

Although we have had the option of giving to the offertory electronically since 2005, I know that not everyone knows how easy it can be. We have a very simple form to fill out which asks for your banking information, how often you would like to give (weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly), and how much you would like to contribute. We use this to build our ACH batches through Mercantile Bank, and the funds are transferred automatically at the chosen time. Once you have signed up, your work is done. You can change or halt the process at any time with a phone call to the parish office. This can be a great opportunity to make your giving more intentional and consistent, even when you are not here for Mass. For more information, call Adam at the parish office.

End of Year Statements

This year, instead of printing end-of-year giving statements for every parish household, we will be providing them only to those who ask for one. If you would like your statement, please call the parish office and we will send it to you in early January. Thank you!



Come rest awhile in the Lord's presence.

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Wednesdays 6—7 p.m.
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