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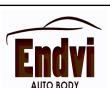
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> January 5, 2025 Epiphany of the Lord

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8 & 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. (bilingual)

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.

Reconciliation Schedule

English: Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. Monday 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

#### **Epiphany**

This Sunday we are celebrating Epiphany. This is the day when the three wise men came in search of Jesus. All the Bible has to say is: "Wise men came from the East to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? We have come to worship him." Other sources from the mystics of the church add additional details...

The Mother of God knew from supernatural enlightenment that on the night of the Nativity, an angel had been sent to announce the birth of the Savior of mankind to three Magi Kings of the East, and she also knew that they would soon come to adore the Infant Jesus in the stable, for which she had developed a real affection. Yet, when St. Joseph suggested that they move to another more comfortable dwelling in Bethlehem, Mary simply answered, without revealing the mystery, "My husband, wherever you wish to go, I will follow with great pleasure." Then the holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel appeared to them both and said, "Divine Providence has ordained that three kings of this world shall come from the East in search of the King of Heaven and shall adore the Word Incarnate in this very place. They are already ten days on the way and will shortly arrive." Joseph and Mary therefore set about preparing the stable for the visit of the kings. During the days of waiting, the Blessed Virgin saw visions of the Magi traveling together across the deserts east of the Holy Land.

The three kings, traditionally named Gaspar, Balthasar, and Melchior, ruled over what is today known known as Iran and Iraq. All three were unusually just and honorable men who were also great scholars of religion. Through their knowledge of the Old Testament prophesies and their own peoples, they believed in the coming of the Savior promised to the Israelites. And because they were kind, generous, and good men, on the night of the Nativity, they earned the privilege of being told by the angels that the long awaited King of the Jews had been born. They left immediately for the land of Israel to adore the divine Child. In a dream, all three of them saw a beautiful mystic star with a Virgin and a Child with a cross who was the King of a heavenly city. At last they arrived at the city of Jerusalem, which they thought was the right place. But in questioning the guards and observing the people, it didn't seem right. There was no joy, no celebration, nothing outside of an ordinary common town. But then Herod's guards, who guestioned the Magi secretly, sent them on their way with instructions to inform Herod so that he too could come and worship.

When they arrived in Bethlehem, they again saw the star with a beam of fiery bright light descending upon the grotto. In the light they saw again the vision of the holy Child. Reverently entering the stable, they saw it was filled with the light from the star and the Holy Mother of God sitting with the Infant Jesus. Both the Mother and the Child were exactly as they had seen in their vision. They were overwhelmed with reverence and admiration, and their hearts overflowed with joyful devotion. By the special permission of God, they also perceived the multitude of angels who were attending the King of Kings. They prostrated themselves on the ground and worshiped the divine Infant, acknowledging Him as their Lord and Master and as the Savior of all mankind. And with silent and fervent prayer, they offered to the Christ Child their kingdoms, their peoples, their families, all their possessions, and their own selves.

As we celebrate this wonderful feast of Epiphany, let us do the same.

–Fr. Tom

## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

## **JANUARY 5, 2025**

# We are one body in Christ!



## The Week Ahead...

AH = Apostles Hall
$\overline{CR}$ = Cornerstone 1
$\overline{SC} = School$

**BC** = Basement Chapel

CH = Church  $\overline{PO}$  = Parish Office VR = Veritas 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 4

4:00 p.m. Lorie Haruska (Barbara Haruska)

#### Sunday, January 5

8:00 a.m. Katie Fox (Dave & Gwen O'Mara) 11:30 a.m. Margaret O'Malley (Mary O'Connor)

#### 1:00 p.m. Misa en español

3:00 p.m. Epiphany Concert (CH)

#### Monday, January 6—St. André Bessette, Religious

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

11:00 a.m. Confessions 12:10 p.m. Ray Dietrich

### Tuesday, January 7—St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 No Mass or Service

#### Wednesday, January 8—Christmas Weekday

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

12:10 p.m. Fr. Mel Fox (Jack & Carole Hausserman)

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (BC)

## Thursday, January 9—Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14-15, 17/Lk 4:14-22 8:00 a.m. Daniel Brown

#### Friday, January 10—Christmas Weekday

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

7:30 a.m. Sister Phyllis

#### Saturday, January 11—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 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-4, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 Saturday, January 11

4:00 p.m. Dennis Finkler

#### Sunday, January 12

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

11:30 a.m. Catherine Verdun 1:00 p.m. Misa en español

## GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS-WEEK OF JANUARY 5

#### **GENERAL CLEANING:**

Maria Cardenas, Teresa Nuñez, Carolina Velasco

**VACUUMING:** 

Ray Korytkowski, Lon MacLachlan

#### Sunday, January 5—The Epiphany of the Lord

OCIA resumes (PO) 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. Faith Formation for K—12 3:00 p.m. Epiphany Concert (CH) "Following Christ" begins (AH) 6:30 p.m.

#### Monday, January 6

School resumes.

6:30 p.m. Monday Night Group (PO)

#### Tuesday, January 7

6:30 p.m. Evangelization Team meeting (PO)

#### Wednesday, January 8

TOPS (VR) 6:30-8 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehéarsal (CH)

#### Thursday, January 9 3:45 p.m.

Life Fit (VR)

#### Friday, January 10

#### Saturday, January 11

Marriage Prep. Session (PO) 9:30-10:30 10:45-12 noon Marriage Prep. Session (PO)

#### Sunday, January 12—The Baptism of the Lord

OCIA (PO) 8:00 a.m.

Faith Formation classes 10:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m. "Following Christ" (AH)



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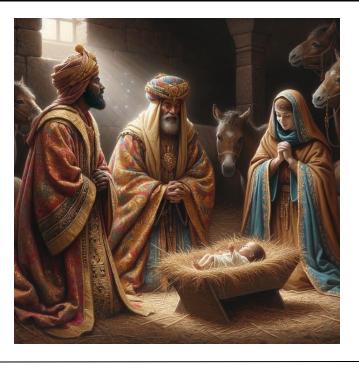
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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



#### **Epiphany Blessing**

God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to yourself: bless us abundantly and dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, that, like the wise men, we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, and return from his presence to live as he has taught, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

—from Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family

#### January 11 & 12, The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 p.m. Lector: Mary Lou Mulick

Altar Servers: Adah & William Drown EMs: Garry Mulick. Phill & Sue Wizorek

Greeters: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Lector: Pete Fox

Altar Servers: Alexis & Kendra Heinlein EMs: Kevin Heinlein, Veronica Meyer,

Laurie Tjalsma Greeters: Julie Bennett 11:30 a.m. Lector: Monica Mabe

Altar Servers: Raelynn Christensen, Shyla Johnson EMs: Shannon Andrews. Theresa Scholtens.

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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.

Jennifer Lewis

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#### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



#### **Knights' Corner**

Ordinarily, we would have our monthly business meeting this Tuesday, January 7th, but that won't be the case this month. Due to a Diocesan Knights of Columbus meeting held that night, we

have moved our meeting back one week to January 14th. We hope to see you there for the rosary at 7:00 and the meeting at 7:30!

#### **Following Christ:** Phase 2 of the *ChristLife* program

Re-gathering Session, Sunday, January 5, 6:30 p.m. in Apostles Hall

Please RSVP to Toni McKay at the SSPP parish office, or email tmckay@ssppcatholic.com.

Following Christ begins on January 5 for all who participated in the first phase of the ChristLife program, Discovering Christ. Please bring your calendars and any notes, questions, and thoughts in regard to the *Discovering Christ* series, as we transition into the next series, Following Christ. We look forward to sharing this phase of our pilgrimage with all of you!

## **Rooted in Christ Pastoral Planning Process Meeting**

Monday, January 13, 6:30 p.m., Apostles Hall As Bishop Walkowiak announced earlier this year, it

has been more than a decade since the Diocese of Grand Rapids underwent a pastoral planning process. It is now time to create an updated plan to assess the needs and resources of our local church, and to explore opportunities for growth and evangelization.

The process involves data collection, parish visits, and dialogue to identify challenges and opportunities facing our parishes, schools, and the diocese.

On Monday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m. we will have a meeting in Apostles Hall for anyone who would like to learn more about how this process will affect our parish. We will present the key findings for the East Deanery and create an understanding of the present reality and projected future. We will also discuss "possibilities for future ministry" and identify those that are priorities for our parish.

The priorities that come out of our parish meeting will be brought back to the diocesan-wide planning committee later in January.

#### **Faith Formation Classes**

Sundays 10:15—11:15 a.m. January 5, 12, 19, & 26

#### **First Reconciliation Reflection**

Saturday, January 25, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Veritas Rm.

#### **Panther Prayer Corner**

Please pray that the staff, students, and families of our school and parish continue to search diligently for Christ so that we may offer him thanksgiving, and praise, just as the three wise men did.

#### **Merry Christmas from the choir loft!**

These are the faces of the beautiful musicians you heard at the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. We hope you enjoyed their enthusiasm and joy as they sang and played our traditional Christmas carols.

-Whitney & Ms. Kylie



Thank you! to the many volunteers who helped set up extra chairs for our 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. What a blessing to need more seating! We would like to reach out to our visitors and thank them for joining us this year. Please let us know if you brought extra family or friends to Mass with you who might appreciate a note of welcome from the parish. You may email vbooth@ssppcatholic.com with the names and addresses of your visitors. Thank you!



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