

January 3 & 10, 2021
St. John the Baptist Church, Osgood

The Catholic Communities of Osgood and Napoleon, Indiana

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Sacrament of Baptism is scheduled by appointment.

Please call the parish office about sacramental preparation and to schedule your celebration.

Preparation for the Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months.

Call the parish office before setting the date for your wedding.

Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request.

Feast of the Epiphany

January 3, 2021

And behold, the star stopped over the place where the child was.

Old promises now answered in the newborn babe.
The Christ now within all of us, our lives forever joined and altered.
Make us Shining stars to lead all people, all creation, to you.

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Wise Men and Women Return to the World

“...we are like the three Wise Men who journeyed to Jesus. Now, like those Wise Men, we return to the world from which we came, to the everyday life where we will witness to what we have seen.

Indeed it compels us to start out afresh on a new stage of the journey on which we become proclaimers and heralds...The Wise Men were in a sense the first missionaries. Their encounter with Christ did not keep them in Bethlehem, but made them set out anew on the paths of the world.

We need to ‘set out anew from Christ, with the zeal of Pentecost, with renewed enthusiasm. To set out from him above all in a daily commitment to holiness, with an attitude of prayer and listening to his word. To set out from him in order to testify to his Love by living a Christian life marked by communion, charity and witness before the world.”

(Pope John Paul II)

The Magi’s Story – and Ours

The story of the Magi is our story. God has used his supernatural means to draw us unto himself. On one glorious day, when we were exhausted and wearied in our sin, God led us to gaze upon Jesus just as the Magi did. We see our sinfulness and God’s abounding grace offered in the Messiah. We are filled with joy as this grace sinks into our hearts.

We fall down on our knees and confess our need of this Messiah. We worship him and offer up our lives as our greatest offering to him. Then we continue on in our lives, carving the truth about the Messiah.

(Travis Cunningham)

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-12

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Reflection Questions:

Jesus is the light of the whole world and to all peoples—no matter how far away or how lost.

- Do you trust that Jesus wants to and can reach any soul, no matter how far away?

- Will you renew our prayer and gentle testimony to invite those who are still searching?

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Service

In today’s Gospel, we read of the coming of the Magi to adore the newborn Son of God. As the Magi presented the newborn Jesus with gifts, we can also give gifts to Him when we help others. We can offer our time, talents and treasures to Jesus through the Church and those in need.

*For pregnant mothers and their unborn children, as well as young mothers and their newborn children.
We pray to the Lord....*

PRAYER

Lord, your light gives us strength and shows us the way to God. Remove my blindness that I may see the light of goodness, peace and love within myself and others.

*From Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent
And the 12 Days of Christmas
Rev Warren J Savage & Mary Ann McSweeney*

A WORD from POPE FRANCIS

As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship...For worship involves making an exodus from the greatest form of bondage: slavery to oneself. Worship means putting the Lord at the center, not ourselves

Epiphany Homily, January 6, 2020



The Baptism of the Lord *January 10, 2021*

“You are my Beloved Son; with you I am well pleased”

Today's feast calls to mind the day of our own baptism. What stories have you heard about the day you were baptized? In the first reading the servant of the Lord is described as one who will “bring our prisoners from confinement. *Where in your life are you in need of Jesus' freeing touch?*

In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter tells the gathered community, “God shows no partiality.” In your family, faith community or city do you see some individuals or groups receive particular acclaim or census due to their race, gender or religious creed?

John the Baptist proclaims that Jesus will baptize “with the Holy Spirit.” What does this mean to you? *How have you experienced the actions of the Holy Spirit most recently in your life?*

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 55:1-11

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased.

John 5:1-9

He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil.

Mark 1:7-11

John the Baptist proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.”

Bulletin Reflections

Stories connect us, opening the door to understanding each other a little more and a little better.

- Do you tell children you know stories about your life that teach moral lessons?
- Do you look back on your life stories and use lessons learned to draw closer to God?

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

To baptize a child is an act of justice toward them. Why? Because at baptism we offer a treasure, at baptism we offer a pledge: the Holy Spirit. Baptism endows the child with the strength of the Holy

Spirit: the Spirit that will defend and assist each of them throughout life.

*Feast of the Holy Family
December 27, 2015*



PRAYER

Lord, help me to discern my gifts and talents and use them for the common good of all people.

*From Peaceful Meditations for
Every Day In Ordinary Time*

Rev Warren J Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Formation

As baptized Catholics, we are sent on a mission to spread the Good News of the Lord. What is one extra thing you can do this week to spread the Good News to a neighbor, family member or friend?

*For those who will be baptized in our parish
this year.*

We pray to the Lord....

Mass Intentions



For the Month of January

Jan 2 Mary Jane Jansing
Jan 9 Dale Tunny
Jan 16 Emily Mathes
Jan 23 Paul Meister

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Week of December 3 & 10 Mary Jane Jansing
Week of January 17 & 24 Nic Meister



PARISH SUPPORT

December 19 \$ 2,785.00
December 24 \$ 1,815.00
December 26 \$ 1,425.00
Immaculate Con \$ 10.00
Retirement Fund \$ 140.00
Capital Imp \$ 300.00

May You Walk Always in the
Ways of the Lord!

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL HOPE FOR TOMORROW You have reached 75% of your goal thus far. That is wonderful. I feel confident you will reach your goal this year.



Amy Castner	Randal Simon
Paul Fullenkamp	Katie Spreckelson
Jeff Haaft	Glenna Ward
Marlene Jones	

If you have someone you would like to include please contact me (Sharon) Call or text: 513-505-8884 Email: saavoegeli@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 13, at 6:45 PM.

JUNIOR HIGH/ HIGH SCHOOL Your next class will be on Sunday, January 10, 8:30 AM.



WORDS OF GRATITUDE

The goodness of the Lord was made manifest in many ways this Christmas season through the thoughtfulness and goodness of parishioners.

Fr. Bill, Fr. John and I thank you for your cards, prayers and gifts to us.

Thank you to the Miller Family for putting up the nativity scene; to Stephanie Green and Brittany Miller and Ted Wissel for decorating our Church – beautifully done! Thanks to Lana Miller and Billie Sue Ebinger for all the Christmas music. And lastly, we are grateful to Bob and Sharon Voegeli and Jeff Griewe for preparing for Mass and greeting; and for the ladies who have been cleaning the church.

On 2-27-2021 the E6 Catholic Men's Conference

will be held at the All Saints Parish – St Joseph campus in St Leon Indiana. COVID-Compliance will limit attendance but more significantly there is unlimited live-streaming of the conference wherein individuals or groups (families, men's groups or entire parishes) can witness and participate with a single enrollment. Live or Streaming registration begins January 4th (<https://www.e6catholicmensconference.com/registration>)

Feature speakers are [Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers](#), [Jason Evert](#) and [Patrick Coffin](#).

<https://www.e6catholicmensconference.com/>



The Lighter Side

Explanations Can Backfire

One day a little girl was watching her mother do the dishes. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out that contrasted with her brunette locks. With curiosity, she asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?"

Her mother replied, "Well, every time you disobey and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then asked, "Mom, how come ALL of Grandma's hairs are white?"