

Father Ben celebrated Mass for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph at 4:00 PM December 30, 2023. There were 57 in attendance. Mass Celebrating the Solemnity of Mary was celebrated on Monday, January 1st at 11:00 AM There were 24 in attendance.

Contributions received in December:

Offertory Collection:	\$	7,799
Other:	\$	1,528
Building Fund:	\$	
Monthly Budgeted:	\$	5,083
		4,244

Monday January 8
Jesus and Coffee meets 10 AM
at McCarty Center

January 13, 2024
Parish carry-in dinner
5:00 PM

Tuesday January 16
Red Cross Blood Drive
12:00 – 5:00 pm

Wednesday January 17
Parish Council Meets 2:30
Miller Hall

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 14, 2024

3:30 pm - Rosary
3:40 pm – 3:55 Sacrament of
Reconciliation
4:00pm – Eucharist

***WILMA SEATON**

Please pray for our Parishioners residing in Hermitage Nursing & Rehabilitation Center: Sally Fleenor and Franz Hallatschek.



JANUARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Dave and Diana Robinson, Kathi Kessinger, Phil Rotert, Mary Berry, Roger Riley, Ed Camp, Jimmie Lee Farmer, Rodney Schaefer, Cliff Brooks, and Eric Steuve.

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN HARMS WAY




Matthew Bialek, Alex Eisinger, Logan Eldred, Mark Holm, Michael Greenleaf, David Murphy, Houston Noah, Caitlin Schaefer, Addi Schaefer and Faith Schaefer.

The Jan.-Feb. 2024 issue of “Word Among Us” is available in the basket in Miller Hall. Please pick yours up and consider picking one up for our homebound members.

Bishop McKnight’s January prayer intention for our Local Church

For the gift of patience; may we embrace poverty of spirit when suffering the shortcomings of others and ourselves.






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An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you, the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
to whom be glory for ever.

(Frank Colquhoun)



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 6TH AT 4:00 PM

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, & Thurs, 8:30a.m.– 1:30p.m.
Wed. By Appointment
Pastor: Father Benjamin Nwosu
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:40 – 3:55 p.m.
Rosary: 3:30 p.m. Eucharist: 4:00 p.m.
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CHARITY WHERE WE PRAY, GROW, LOVE,
AND LEARN TO LIVE LIKE JESUS CHRIST



The Parish Council will be hosting the January carry-in dinner on

January 13th immediately after Mass. We will also be celebrating the 100th Birthday of Evalena Samborski that evening. The Council will be providing Chili, Pud Webb is bringing in a big pot of Wild Rice and Chicken Soup and Mary Kay is Baking a Birthday Cake. Please bring a side dish to share and join us for a great evening of good food, fellowship and celebration.

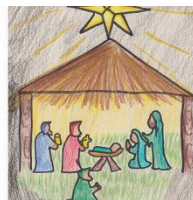
"First, we listen, then, in silence, we appropriate what we have heard, reflect on it, interpret it, and only then are we ready to offer a response. Prayer teaches us how to do this, for it expands the heart, overturns our egocentrism, shows us how to listen to others and awakens in us the quiet of contemplation. Let us learn contemplation in our prayer, as we kneel before the Lord, not only with our legs but also with our hearts!"

Pope Francis

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:10-11

Christ reveals himself to us in the Eucharist. May we always see Christ in our hearts and let us be Christ to others.



Please extend a warm welcome to Rev. Paul J Clark from Jefferson City who is officiating the Mass today. Father Clark comes to us from the Chancery and has many work assignments. Ordained in 2017, Father Clark serves as the Diocesan Vocation Director; Director of Seminarians; Chaplain at Helias Catholic High School; and Moderator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.



BE THE LIFELINE PATIENTS NEED. Mark your Calendars for our next community Blood Drive. Tuesday January 16, 2024, 12:00 to 5:00 pm. Sign-up at redcrossblood.org and use the zip code of 65668. Or call 1-800-red-cross.

*St. Bernadette
Pray for us!*



Reflection for Matthew 2:1-12

They Saw the Star: Today's solemnity of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God's unfolding plan that all people would know and come to Christ. The magi were wise men, astrologers, and the first Gentiles to recognize Jesus. They were led to him by a star. Nevertheless, for the final directions, the magi needed to rely on Herod, who then turned to the chief priests and scribes for help in finding Jesus. Today, it is not uncommon to hear people say that they are spiritual but not religious or that they find God in nature. They haven't quite zeroed in on where to find Christ. They've only taken a first step and might need further help from us. We can pray that our Lord continues to work in the hearts of our family and friends who make these or similar statements, that they will come to follow the Light out of the shadows and into the glory of his radiance. Then, we can be ready to answer their

questions and encourage them on their journey.

Where Is He?: Just as the magi had to ask for directions, so we, too, need to attune ourselves to revelation and look for "directions." The culmination of God's revelation of himself is in Christ, and we come to know the fullness of his revelation in Scripture and tradition. We turn to Scripture daily, pondering how the Lord is speaking to us today through his word. Similarly, we take time to grow in our understanding of the faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is an invaluable tool for reference, and it also provides an important resource for reflection on the truths of the faith and how we live them in our personal lives.

They Offered Gifts: The gifts offered—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—were precious. They indicated the high esteem in which the magi held Jesus. In the song "The Little Drummer Boy," the child laments that he has nothing of value to bring Jesus until he realizes that he can share his talent with the baby. He gives of himself. Likewise, we can offer precious gifts of self to Our Lord. We can offer all that we are through our sacrifices of self-will and preferences, and by embracing the sufferings that God allows in our lives. We offer ourselves through prayer, worship, and adoration. We can offer ourselves in service, putting our particular gifts and talents to work to build Christ's Kingdom.