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MASSES: SAT EVENING 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
TU, WED, FRI: 8:00 A.M.
THURSDAY: 6:00 P.M.
ADORATION: FRIDAYS, 8:30 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
TUES, WEDS, FRI: 7:30-7:45 A.M.
THURSDAY: 5:00-5:45 P.M.
SATURDAY: 3:45-4:45 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS: TUES-FRI 8:30-NOON & 1:00-4:00
CLOSED ON MONDAYS

WELCOME! WE EXTEND OUR HANDS AND HEARTS TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE WITH US, WHETHER LONGTIME RESIDENT OR NEWLY ARRIVED IN THE PARISH. WE THANK GOD THAT YOU ARE WITH US

The Week Ahead

Saturday, January 8, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Lector: Tom Andreas
Eucharistic Ministers: Danielle Smethers,
 Leanna Andreas
Acolytes: Colby & Evan Leatherman
Ministers of Hospitality: Vance & Dillon Reed

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:00 a.m.

Lector: Rob Muratori
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeremy Swonger
Acolytes: Chris & John Morgan
Ministers of Hospitality: Matt Beery & Steve Schmitt

Sunday, January 9, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Lector: Mike McClain
Eucharistic Ministers: Anita Senesac, Ingrid McClain
Acolytes: Smith family
Ministers of Hospitality: Volunteers

Collections for December 25, 2021

Christmas Offering Envelopes	\$ 2373.00
Loose	792.01
Repair	25.00
Candles	9.00
Reg. adult envelopes	500.00
Total in pew	\$ 2,606.01
Catholic Charities	\$496.00

Collections for December 26, 2021

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 3,066.00
Loose	394.00
Christmas Offering Envelopes	1093.00
Repair	1071.00
Candles	19.00
Flowers	25.00
Religious Ed	75.00
Total in pew	\$5,743.00
Sisters Retirement (Religious)	100.00
Catholic Charities	\$205.00

ONLINE COLLECTION (Dec 20-26

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 2,043.00
Repair	\$ 217.00
Total Online:	\$ 2,260.00



January 1- 2 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:00 p.m. † Virginia Andreas
 8:00 a.m. † Joyce Pawlak
 10:30 a.m. Parishioners
 (rosary ½ hour before each Mass)
 (Adoration one hour before Saturday Mass and Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass)

January 3 Monday: Christmas Weekday
 No Mass

January 4 Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 8:00 a.m. No Mass

January 5 Wednesday: St. John Neumann
 8:00 a.m. No Mass

January 6 Thursday: Christmas Weekday
 8:00 a.m. No Mass

January 7 Friday: Christmas Weekday
 8:00 a.m. No Mass

January 9 Sunday: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 8th 5:00 p.m.: † Linda Muratori
 Confession: 3:45-4:45
 8:00 a.m.: † Dick Miller
 10:30 a.m. : Parishioners
 (rosary ½ hour before each Mass)
(Confessions are in the Chapel at this time)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Please join us next Sunday, January 9th beginning at 8 a.m. for breakfast in the Deacon Joe Zickgraf Community Center sponsored by our Knights of Columbus.



Proceeds will go to help pay for picnic tables for our new pavilion. Our Blood Drive will also be going on in the other half of the gym.

WOMEN'S EVENING

“Living your Faith” will be presented by Erin Shidler on Friday, January 14, 2022 from 6-9 p.m. in the Deacon Joe Zickgraf Community Center. Mark your calendars and watch for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

From the Desk of Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers and Sisters

As we continue to celebrate the Christmas season we contemplate the child Jesus born in a humble condition in a manger and yet searched by mysterious astrologers that come from the Orient to worship the new born king of the Jews. The Magi, offer to the newly born King the treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Mt 2:11). The old points to the fact that he is royal. The incense points to the fact that he is divine, that is, He is God. The myrrh reminds us that he is mortal, which means that he will die for us, as myrrh was used to embalming a dead body in those days.

Traditionally the feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th as is the case in my native Puerto Rico and many Latin-American countries. It is the day that children receive their gifts. The tradition is that on the night of January 5th, before the children go to sleep, they leave a small box full of grass for the Magi's camels to eat when at night the Magi leave presents for the children and in the morning the box is empty since the camels have eaten the grass; and of course the children are excited that the Magi came by at night and left them presents.

The liturgical aspect of this feast reminds us that God manifests His presence and power to all people of all nations. All of us are invited to belong to God's family. As the Magi found the child Jesus with Mary, may we always worship Jesus with much awe and reverence in the Eucharist for we too have the privilege of encountering Him at each Mass. When we come to this and any Catholic church we too have the opportunity to fall down and worship Christ. It is joy that led the Magi to encounter Christ and it is joy that leads us to encounter Him in the Eucharist and in one another. May the Child Jesus transform us and as the Magi "departed to their own country by another way" (Mt 2:12) may we have a conversion that impels us to live life another way, for Christ is the way!



BLOOD DRIVE

The next Knights of Columbus Blood drive will be Sunday, January 9, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. Donors from our last drive in November are eligible to donate again. If you have never donated, please consider donating for the first time. Individuals sixteen years of age and older are eligible to donate. Your forty minutes of time could save the lives of three people.

The Red Cross would like **ALL** donors to sign-up online. Please sign-up online @redcross.org or use the Blood Donor App. Get the free Blood Donor App by texting BLOODAPP to 90999. This will make signing up and filling out your rapid pass the day of your donation very simple.

Pick up an information card at the posting in the Narthex. If you have any questions or need help, please feel free to call John Herrmann @ 260-229-5499. Donation times have been filling up just before our drives, so sign up now to get your preferred time slot.

THANK YOU TO OUR BULLETIN SPONSORS

Thank you to the businesses and parishioners who so generously support our parish by paying for the advertisements on the back of our bulletins. This support helps our parish with the cost of printing our own bulletins. We also want to thank Smith & Son Funeral Home for furnishing the calendars for our parishioners every year.

Please take time to check out the businesses on the back of our bulletin and support them if their services are ever needed.

YOUTH PROTECTION

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the protection of children and young people. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org, under "Youth Protection."

If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator, at (260) 399-1458 or mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org; or Rev. Mark Gurtner, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46801; at (260) 399-1419, or at mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org. The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.