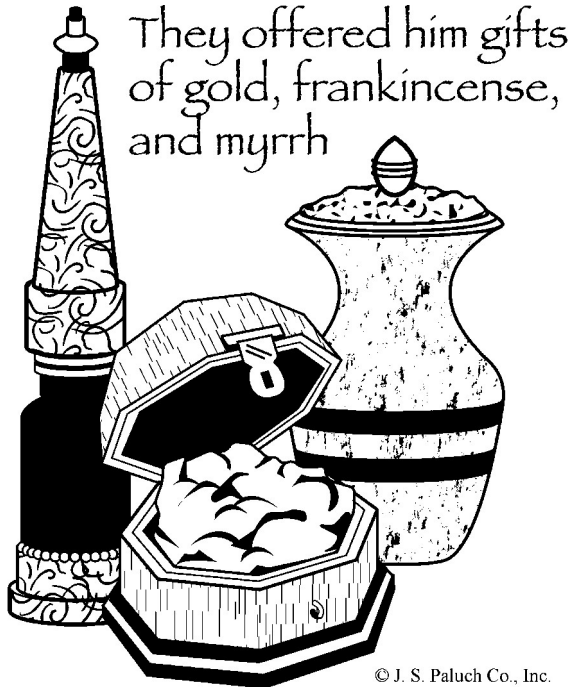


# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 2, 2022

Epiphany of the Lord



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FORMED: St. Mary, Glasgow, MO

Confessions: Tuesday: 5:15 to 5:45 pm  
Sunday: 7:45 to 8:15 am

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Parish Secretary: Beverly Markland  
Office Hours: Wednesdays 9:00 to 1:00

Parish Bookkeeper: Pam Flaspohler

Pastoral Council President:  
Beth Lammers

Religious Ed Coordinator and Community  
Outreach: Amy Nation

**Sunday Mass: 8:30 am**  
**Weekday Mass: Tuesday 6:00 pm**

**Ministry to the Hospitalized or Homebound:** Please contact Father or Parish Secretary when someone is hospitalized, ill, or homebound so we may schedule the appropriate visit. Holy Communion is provided to those unable to attend Mass, but please let us know so the proper arrangements may be made.

**Sacraments of Baptism or Marriage:** a preparation process is required before either of these Sacraments is celebrated. Please contact Father or Parish Secretary at least 6 months before a wedding is planned or as soon as the pregnancy is known so that proper arrangements may be made for the spiritual preparations.

**Bulletin deadline:** Deadline for Jan. 9th bulletin is Tues. Jan. 4th. If you need to make contact with Father, please email [him](mailto:him@jduncan@diojeffcity.org) at [jduncan@diojeffcity.org](mailto:jduncan@diojeffcity.org).

What can I do this week to come to know God better?

# ✚ Masses

## Church Support December 19, 2021

### Sunday, January 2

Epiphany of the Lord  
Mass at 8:30 am—Intention for Loraine Wies

### Tuesday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious  
Mass at 6:00 pm—Intention for Rosemary Young

### Sunday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord  
Mass at 8:30 am—Intention is for the people of  
St. Joseph and Saint Mary

### St. Mary, Glasgow, Mass times:

Saturday at 5:30 pm  
Sunday at 10:00 am  
Wed., Thurs., Fri. at 8:15 am  
Adoration, Exposition/Benediction  
First Friday 8:45 am to 2:30 pm

### Pray For

Mildred Whiston, Father Paul Hartley-healing, Larry Leech, Debbie Wiswall, Nancy Dunwiddie, Jessica Gardiner, Linda Wallace, all military personnel and their families, Will Beaman, healing, Joe Fuemmeler, healing, Marjorie Koenig, Elaine Smith, healing, Rich & Sebastian Eiken, Stacy Wilder, safety for all travelers, Jim Murphy family, Michael Pendleton family.

*Bishop McKnight's monthly prayer intention for churches in our Diocese: As we begin a new year, may the opportunities for the grace to clearly recognize the dignity of life, education and ecumenism allow us to better support our brothers and sisters who need the warmth of Christ's love and our compassion during this winter season*

Offering	\$1,880.00
Hall rent	200.00
Votive Candles	4.00
Christmas flowers	45.00
Seminary	130.00
Christmas offering	520.00
Care fund	3.00

**Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) - Our Parish goal is \$5610.00. To date \$2,820.00 (50% of goal) has been received and \$3,695.00(65% of goal) has been committed to the campaign.** Thank you to all who have given so far – if we reach our Parish goal, we will receive 10% of our goal back + 90% back of whatever we go over our goal as a rebate check from the diocese! Last year, because of your generosity, we met our goal and received \$734.50 in return that helped with our general operating expenses. Thank you!

## Calendar of events

Sun. Jan. 2	No CCD Class
Wed. Jan. 5	6:30 pm Pastoral Council
Sun. Jan. 9	CCD after Mass
Sun. Jan. 9	6:30 pm Bible Study
Tues. Jan. 11	10:00 am Bible Study
Tues. Jan. 18	Adoration 2:00—5:45

### The Epiphany of the Lord

Gifts are everywhere at this time of year. Christmas gifts. Hostess gifts. Hidden gifts. Wrong-size gifts. Unexpected gifts. Unwanted gifts. Unreciprocated gifts. And in today's readings we hear about even more gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But we know intuitively (or, one hopes, eventually!) that gifts are symbols of something much deeper and less tangible. The gift of God's Son is, of course, at the heart of our Christmas festivities. We are not--and never--alone, because "God is with us." (Thus the name Emmanuel.) But wait, that's not all! The liturgy reminds us over and over that this is a "holy exchange." As Christ came to share in our humanity, we come to share in his divinity. The full significance of that mystery is a gift we have yet to unwrap completely.

### Birthdays

Amber Overfelt	Jan. 4
Jim Kurtz	Jan. 7
Clifford Innes	Jan. 9
Camryn Ballew	Jan. 12
Paula Thies	Jan. 15
Nan Geha	Jan. 16



# LITURGICAL ROLES JANUARY, 2022

**January Eucharistic Minister:** Joe Geist

**Sunday, January 2:** **Lectors:** Carly Dorson, Roger Dorson; **Servers:** Xavier & Frankie  
**Music:** Pam; **Sacristan:** Frank Flaspohler

**Sunday, January 9:** **Lectors:** Susan Thomas, Joe Geist; **Servers:** Xavier & Jayden;  
**Music:** Glenn, Nancy, Allie, Kaleigh; **Sacristan:** Benji Dorson

**Ministers taking Communion to shut ins:**

**Church cleaning:** Jan. 2 to Jan. 8 (Sally Coats), Jan. 9 to Jan. 15 (Cris Roberts)

***If you are unable to serve in your ministry at the scheduled time, please find a substitute or trade with someone on the schedule.***

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Christmas Flower offering in honor/memory of:

Larry & Colleen Wies (**Loraine Wies, Jake & Mildred Johnmyer, Patty Estill**), Larry & Wanda Fuemmeler (**Fernando Flores**)

Our Poinsettias came from Glasgow FFA .

**Please keep our Seminarians in your prayers.** Christopher Hoffmann, Philip Novotony, Garren Gray, Jacob Hartman, Shane Kleithermes, Gage Neisen, Bryce Smith, John Paul McGuire.

A rather liberal priest was teasing one of the women of the parish, asking, "How do we know the Wise Men weren't Wise Women?" She answered, "If they were, they'd have brought bottles, diapers, and a bassinet, instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Maybe they were wise enough to know that Mary could have bought a lot of diapers with the gold.

The gifts, of course, are symbols of who Jesus is: a king who is both God and human. And I wonder what our gifts to the Lord say about our faith in him. Remember the song about the little drummer boy, who had no gift to bring but his ability to play the drum? Or the parable of the woman who brought two small coins to donate at the temple (Mark 12:42)? They both remind us that a person who gives all they have, no matter how little it seems, is the most generous.

So what do we bring to the newborn king? I can give my time by coming to church for the feast of Epiphany and actually paying attention. How often do I sit in the pews, answer the prayers by heart, and suddenly realize that I can't remember what the first reading was, or what the homily was about? Just making the effort to listen to the words of scripture, to hear what God may be trying to tell me, could be a great gift. Or I could bring someone in our family, or a friend, who doesn't go to church very much.

Now let's not forget the meaning of "epiphany." In ancient times it meant the appearance or manifestation of a divine being. In the early church the feast included the baptism of Christ (with the voice of the Father and the Spirit as a dove) and the miracle at Cana, as well as the visit of the magi. So what we celebrate is not so much our gifts or those of the Wise Men, as it is a gift from God, manifest in Jesus. Maybe a way to celebrate the Epiphany is to reflect on how God has been made known to me. Simple things, like a hug from a friend or an answered prayer, or major events like a wedding, the birth of a child, or a funeral, can all be ways to experience the Lord. The Wise Men received the gift of an epiphany by following a star. May the light of Christ lead you to him also.  
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