

January 3, 2016



THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IS BEING OFFERED FOR...



Day	Date	Feast/Holiday	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday	Jan. 2	Vigil	5:00 pm	† William & Mona Henley	Paula Bush Adam
Sunday	Jan. 3	Epiphany of the Lord	9:00 am	People of St. Peter	
Monday	Jan. 4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	8:00 am	† Larry & Janeen Lackey	Joe & Deb Allarding
Tuesday	Jan. 5	St. John Newmann	8:00 am	† Alice Frey	St. Peter Prayer Group
Wednesday	Jan. 6	Christmas Weekday	8:00 am	† Paul B. & Mary D. Henley	Paula Bush Adam
Thursday	Jan. 7	Christmas Weekday		No Mass	
Friday	Jan. 8	Christmas Weekday	Noon	† Augustine Marino	Ann Kurtz
Saturday	Jan. 9	Vigil	5:00 pm	People of St. Peter	
Sunday	Jan. 10	Baptism of the Lord	9:00 am	† John & Esther Allarding	Bruce & Mary Davis

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND — JAN. 9 & JAN. 10

Mass Time	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Cup Ministers	Greeter
Saturday 5:00 pm	Austin Zody	Cole Zody	Leslie Kamenik	Please sign up	Mary Davis
Sunday 9:00 am	Tom Esselburn	Joe Henley & Christian Gutierrez	Janet VanKuren	Please sign up	Larry Kline

COUNTING 1-4-16 TEAM 1                      1-11-16 TEAM 1

TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



PRAY FOR...

Jane Bible, Sarah McAlister, Dan Sved, Renee Burnason, Rich & Gloria Stoker, Rose Hiesser, Kyle Kauffman, Buzz Henley, Kathy & Pat Grego, Joseph Hiesser, Nathan Esselburn, Maye Donelson, Betty Ginnetti, Nancy Karabinus, Bill & Verna Woodson, Trina Smith, Myke O'Diam, Skylar O'Diam, Dick Porter, Eric Stitzlein, Linda Sage, Micki Gaines, Clara Jane Conrad, Mrs. Jackson, Ginny Dunmire, John Metzger, Martha Henley, Chuck Henley Sr., Taylor Kinney, Bea Blubaugh, Angela Plant, Eileen Esselburn, Fr. Elmer Marquard, Pope Francis, and for peace throughout the world.

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Stewardship Report  
December 27, 2015

Christian Giving

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Thank You!

It is important for us to meet or exceed our budgeted amounts each week in order to ensure that we are able to meet our financial needs for operation, maintenance and savings for the future.

	This Week	Weekly Budget	Actual to Date	Budget to Date
Offertory	\$7,356.00	\$2,913.00	\$75,095.09	\$75,738.00
General Fund Envelope	600.00	305.00	7,947.00	7,930.00
Unrestricted Donations and Bequests	1,310.00	288.50	3,406.65	7,501.00

# Epiphany of the Lord

## Meetings & Events

Jan. 4	Bible Study	7:00 pm
Jan. 5	Community Meal	5:30 pm
Jan. 6	ESL Class	6:30 pm
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
	K of C Fun Night	7:00 pm
Jan. 7	ESL Class	6:30 pm
Jan. 9	Parish Pastoral Council	9:00 am
	Parish Fellowship Night Out (Jellystone Park—see notice in next column)	6:00 pm
Jan. 10	Afterglow of the Eucharist	10:00 am
	PSR	10:15 am
	RCIA	10:15 am
	Confirmation Class	1:00 pm
Jan. 11	GRM	10:00 am
	Bible Study	7:00 pm
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	Stitzlein Benefit Meeting	7:00 pm

### Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

The William H. Ankney Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual basketball free throw contest. It will be held at Loudonville High School gym on Saturday January 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. The free throw event is for boys and girls ages 9-14 (as of January 1, 2016). Prizes and certificates will be awarded for both boys and girls in each age group. Applications can be picked up at your school office or at the rectory office. Please bring your completed application (signed by your parent or guardian) to the event. Questions can be directed to Chuck Henley Jr. @ 419-994-4408.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways:

"20 + C + M + B + 16." The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for "May Christ bless this house." The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi's. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi's quest for meaning and peace.

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### LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

"Appearances can be deceiving," as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the "appearing" of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God's glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God's glory in our lives: Jesus Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### Breakfast Schedule

- Jan. 3 No Breakfast/ No PSR
- Jan. 10 Knights of Columbus



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When Christ is your friend, you have joy, serenity, happiness.

### Parish Fellowship Night Out

Jan. 9 – Fellowship Night Out. In lieu of a potluck, the Chapman family is hosting a dinner to celebrate Roger's 80th birthday at Whispering Hills Jellystone Park on SR 514 in Big Prairie from 6-8 p.m. Please join us. No presents please.

### Grief Recovery Method Classes Starting Soon

Grief comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. If you are experiencing grief in your life from a death, divorce, estrangement, health issues, loss of a pet, moving, or any other life event that has left you wanting things to be better, different or more, please call Linda at the parish office about the Grief Recovery Method classes that will begin in January. 419-994-4396.

### ESL Class

We are offering a weekly English as Second Language class on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30—8:00 pm. If you or someone you know could benefit from this class, please contact Monica Sved for details.

### Mass Intention Scheduling for 2016

If you would like to have a Mass, or a number of Masses scheduled during the 2016 calendar year, please contact Linda by either emailing (linda@loudonvillecatholic.org) dates and names, or call the office during business hours.