

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, January 3

The Epiphany of the Lord



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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.

- Mt 2:10-11

Reflect

AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

In late 6th century BC, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed an unimaginable future of glory for Israel in the wake of their return from seventy years of captivity in Babylon.

What message of hope does our nation need today?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of God's "revelation" to include Gentiles as "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus.

How welcoming are you to those you consider outsiders?

Gospel:

The magi's visit to discover the "newborn king of the Jews" caused great anxiety for the religious leaders of Jerusalem, including King Herod.

Why do you think some people are not open to the good news of Jesus Christ?

Dear God, Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. Amen





HEARTS ON FIRE at Sacred Heart

Where Faith is Known, Lived, & Shared

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing. (Luke 12:49)

On November 22, 2020, the fourth anniversary of Synod 16, Archbishop Vigneron wrote a Pastoral Note on Families of Parishes: Led by the Spirit on Mission. In the following weeks we will view and pray with excerpts from that Note.

LISTEN to the Archbishop: At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, we see the final earthly exchange between Jesus and his Apostles. He gathers them with him and gives them encouragement, a charge, and a promise before ascending to heaven: (Mt. 28:16-20). This final conversation between Christ and his disciples is meaningful to us because, like them, we too have been asked to unite and go on mission together in Families of Parishes, enhancing each other's strengths and working collaboratively to unleash the Gospel around us. . . "The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them" (Mt. 28:19). . . There are only 11 disciples, but the elev-en are enough. They are enough because they are obedient to him. . . while there is much they do not yet know, they obey. The Church of Christ is always marked by those who are willing to go where Jesus leads.

NOTE ON FAMILIES OF PARISHES: LED BY THE SPIRIT ON MISSION, PG 1-2

PRAY: *Tear or cut off this prayer and keep it where you'll remember to pray it throughout the week*

Come, Holy Spirit, to Sacred Heart Church and to our new Family of Parishes. Make us "enough". Unite us as you did the disciples to "go on mission together." Lead us to "enhance each other's strengths" and to "work collaboratively so that we will unleash the Gospel around us. Give us the desire, the will and the strength to at all times be "obedient to Him" even and especially when there is much we do not yet know or understand. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love as we always "go where Jesus leads." Amen!

ACT: What is this Note saying to **me**? As we journey forward to implement the Families of Parishes initiative with our (now literally) sister parishes, we each must ask the Holy Spirit to show **me** how to cooperate with the graces given **me**. Am I willing to "go where Jesus leads"? How will I use **my** gifts to in union with our sister parishes to fulfill our mission to Unleash the Gospel.

To read or to order the entire Note, "Led by the Spirit on Mission go to familiesofparishes.org.



Saint OF THE WEEK

JANUARY 5 | SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

Today's saint worked like a mule. He studied, he wrote, he prayed, he preached, he traveled, he built, he founded, he

guided, he taught. And then one day, carrying construction plans for his Cathedral in Philadelphia to an office, he collapsed and died in the street. He had worked himself to death. He was 48 years old.

St. John Neumann was born in central Europe in what is today the Czech Republic. Like many people born in small countries, he had to learn more than his native tongue in order to become a success. But St. John outdid himself. He learned seven languages in addition to his native Czech. He had a gift. Yet he found it hard to find a bishop to ordain him after he had completed his theological studies. He wrote to numerous bishops throughout Europe and to one on the other side of an ocean he had never seen. The other-side-of-the-ocean bishop wrote back: If you can get here I'll ordain you. Saint John got there and was ordained in 1836 by Bishop John Dubois of New York, himself a transplant from Paris, France.

He was assigned to rural areas in upstate New York and was outstanding in his zeal for souls. But the isolation was a burden, and he felt the need for priestly community. So he joined the Redemptorist Order and began many years of priestly service in Maryland. His intelligence, ability to preach and hear confessions in multiple languages, extraordinary work ethic, life of poverty, good nature, and general holiness were traits that all observed and all admired. He was named the fourth bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. The city's growth was exploding, especially its Catholic population of immigrants. Saint John threw himself into his work with no concern for his own well being. He was a tornado of apostolic activity. He was everywhere. He did everything. The Church benefited and grew at an extraordinary pace. But St. John did not benefit. His only gear was overdrive. Zeal for His house consumed him. Zeal for His house killed him, in fact. That is probably the way that he wanted it. Saint John was buried in a Redemptorist Church in Philadelphia. His reputation for holiness spread after his death. The faithful asked. The faithful received. The miracles were documented and Philadelphia had its saint. Saint John Neumann was canonized by Pope Saint Paul VI in 1977, an immigrant who was the first male American citizen to be raised to the altars.

SCAMS ARE HAPPENING AT AN ALARMING RATE BE CAREFUL! BE ALERT!

Please take the following advice on Scams:

1. If you get an email or text from Father Cavellier or anyone from our staff asking you to buy gift cards and send them the PIN it is a scam! Do not open....do not do anything with the message!
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3. Do not wire money to someone you do not know personally before verifying where the money is going and EVERYTHING about the entire message.
4. Resist high pressure tactics (like this offer is only available over this phone call or needs to be finalized now). Always take time to ask questions and do your research before making any decisions



We invite **YOU** to join with the Intercessory Prayer Team at Sacred Heart. Those who enter into intercessory prayer ministry make a decision to pray specifically on behalf of our parish, our community and the world. **The fruitfulness of evangelization depends upon the graces called down through intercession.** Join us as we pray this week:

Lord, we pray In the Name of the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit:

- ~ *For the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds as we celebrate the Epiphany, that, as the Wise Men did, we will each bring our particular gifts to offer before the Lord for His service to build His Church.*
- ~ *For our new parish leadership team in our Family of Parishes, that they be docile to the Holy Spirit and overcome any individual desires, prejudices, or pride in a spirit of cooperation.*
- ~ *For our representatives on the Family of Parishes team, that they be inspired by the Holy Spirit to create new opportunities for our faith to shine forth in this dark world.*
- ~ *For all victims of the pandemic and their families, especially those who must be separated from each other at a time of trial.*
- ~ *For our pastors, parishes, and families to embrace and share the message of Christ's love for us.*

We ask all this in the Name of the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination

we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for! ©LPi



Thank You to our Religious Education students and families who made 75 Christmas Cards for Pomeroy Living! These cards will truly make a difference this Christmas season. They will bring the love and joy found through Christmas to all who receive them.



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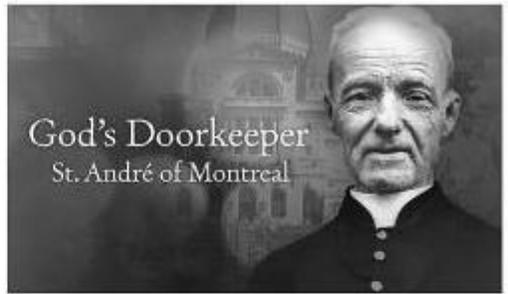
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 3, 2021

WATCH

GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

LISTEN

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



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Mass Intentions

Rosary said one-half hour
before daily Mass

Saturday, January 2, 2020

4:00 p.m.

† Kevin Sheridan by Family

Sunday, January 3, 2020

10:00 a.m.

† Joann Beckman

† Fred Samrah by Family

Monday, January 4, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† Ed Lesperance

† Thomas Reckling

Tuesday, January 5, 2020

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 6, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† Jean Sylvester

† Ruth Caspary

Thursday, January 7, 2020

NO MASS

Friday, January 8, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† Marie Monti

† John Dzienisowicz

Saturday, January 9, 2020

4:00 p.m.

† Margaret Warczak

Sunday, January 10, 2020

10:00 a.m.

† Suzanne Augustyn

† Dee Parent

† Fred Samrah by Family

PRAY FOR . . .

Names will be published for 3 weeks.
If a name has been removed that you wish
to have re-established, please call the
Parish Office at 248-852-4170

Kathleen Stachurski

John Latella

Elizabeth Jeri

David Sargent

Tommie Miller

Margaret O'Donnell

Gabrielle Roth-Haver

Don Boudreaux

Jackson Hensley

Deacon Jack Parent

Marguerite Fishbaugh

Joe Kroetsch

Joan Martus

Laurie Graves

JoAnn Eaton

Dora Murray

Diane Hurd

Richard Booms

Doreen Valente

Mary Bourbeau

Lori Crowl

Bill Reilly

Dennis Spensley

Rolf Maier

Stella Lentz

Tom Guibord

Nancy Delosh

Michael Delosh

Frank C. DeFelice

Nick Rennels

Tom Coburn, Sr.

Jim Clem

Resi Cavellier

Scripture Readings for the Week



Sunday, January 3:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11,
12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt
2:1-12

Monday, January 4:

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a
[8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 5:

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4,
7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 6:

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10,
12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 7:

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and
15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 8:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15,
19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 9:

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5
and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 10:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
[11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or
Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1
Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

2nd Lt Carrigan Berard, Army NG
CPL Christopher Berard, US Marine Corp
Sergeant Joel Bock, National Guard
Lt Christopher Burns, Navy
Lt Molly Hamilton Burns, Navy
Lt Jamel Chokr, Coast Guard
Sra Jake Coll, Air Force
Ssgt Joshua Coll, Air Force
AMS3 Christion Compton, Navy
Joseph Destefano, serving in Iraq
Capt Brent Drabek, Air Force
Lt Linda Erickson, Army
Petty Officer Anthony Giacobelli, Navy
Lt Stephanie Herderich, Air Force
Lt Nicholas Hughes, Army
LCPT Dawson Innis, Marines
Capt Benjamin Lloyd, Marines
Capt Kaitlyn Tullock Lloyd, Marines
Lance Corporal Adam Mather, Marines
Capt Sean McQuade, Army
Capt Sarah Burns Mobilio, Marines
Sergeant Daniel Pendell
Lt Ronnie Robinson, Army
1Lt Billy Romine, Army
Gunnery Sgt Michael Schuhler, Marines
Capt Todd Sullivan, Army
Senior Airman Scott Socia, Air Force
Tom Yombor, Army Ranger 1175
Ian Zdral, Army



Liturgy Schedule		
January 2–3, The Epiphany of the Lord		
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	TBA	TBA
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	TBA	TBA
January 9–10, The Baptism of the Lord		
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	TBA	TBA
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	TBA	TBA

Parish Mission Statement

Sacred Heart parish is a loving and giving Roman Catholic community. We welcome people from all walks of life as we celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist and we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving all, teaching boldly and rejoicing always.

Sacred Heart Parish		
<p>SACRED HEART OFFICE 3400 S. Adams, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 248-852-4170 FAX: 248-852-5745 sacredheartauburnhills@gmail.com www.esacredheart.org</p> <p>Follow us on facebook, instagram and twitter @sacredheart7009</p>  <p>OFFICE HOURS: Mon. & Tues.: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Thurs & Fri.: By Appointment Wed, Sat & Sun: Closed</p> <p>LEADERSHIP AND STAFF Pastor: Rev. Fr. Richard Cavellierx22 Pastoral Associate & Director of Religious Education: Michael Merlo ...x12 Deacon: Rev. Mr. Jack Parent Office Assistant: Carol Bissax10 Music Minister: John Welch</p>	<p>MASS SCHEDULE Mon., Wed., Fri.: Mass 9:00a.m. Tues., Thur.: NO MASS Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL COMMISSIONS Christian Service Member Colleen Sylvester 248-853-5717 Education Member JoAnn Eaton 248-361-2854 Finance Member Ron Iwaszkiewicz 248-852-1303 Worship Member JoAnn Eaton 248-361-2854 Member at Large Mary Alice Merlo 248-375-5378</p> <p>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Sacred Heart Council 8659 kofc8659.com Dan Heath (GK) 248-343-9622 Sam Crowl (MD) 248-980-4636 samcrowl@comcast.net</p>	<p>SACRAMENTS & INFORMATION RECONCILIATION Saturday, 3:00 p.m. BAPTISMS Please call the Parish Office for arrangements, Call 3 to 6 months before birth of child. MARRIAGES Arrangements to be made with priest. Call at least 6 months to a year prior to wedding. RCIA RCIA program for adult entrance into the Church begins each fall. Please call the Parish Office for information. EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL Come and pray anytime. NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION Please stop by or call the Parish Office BULLETIN Deadline: Articles are due by Friday (10 days before) at 5:00 p.m. Bulletin Editor Email: bulletin@esacredheart.org</p>

3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

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