



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

January 2, 2022 | The Epiphany of the Lord

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Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Wednesday -
Word & Communion Service
5:00 pm Saturday - Jackson, Vigil Mass
11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Ministers for next Sunday, January 9, 2022

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Damron
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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[The Lord] is our light: a light that does not dazzle but accompanies and bestows a unique joy. This light is for everyone, and it calls each one of us...At the beginning of each day we can welcome this invitation: arise, shine, and follow today—among the many shooting stars in the world—the bright star of Jesus!

ANGELUS ON EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017



Epiphany Party

Today following Mass we will have an Epiphany potluck celebration. Bring a dish to share and we will celebrate with food, games, and shared fellowship.

Calendars

Please pick up a wall calendar and a date book. They are gifts on behalf of the parish.

Envelopes & tax Donation Letters

The new offertory envelopes will begin arriving shortly. They will be mailed to your home on a regular basis. Please talk with Lori if you have any questions. Also remember that any donations you are wishing to make need to be dated December 31, 2021 to be considered under the year 2021. Donation Letters for Tax Year 2021 will be sent out in January to all donors who contributed in calendar year 2021 to the parish.

Becoming Catholic

The OCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic is in full swing. Classes return this Tuesday January 4, 2022. The topic for class this week will be : Introduction to Sacraments.

Feast of Mary Mother of God

January 1st marks the feast of Mary Mother of God, and although not a holy day of obligation this year, we will have a vigil Mass at 7 pm on December 31, 2021.

Decorations

On Sunday January 9 following Mass we will be taking down Christmas decorations. Plan to saty and put away decorations if you are able.

Cleaning the Church in 2022

The new schedule for cleaning the church is 2022 is available. Please sign up for a slot to clean the church during those couple of weeks. This service helps to keep our church clean and provides an opportunity to maintain our facility.

Parish Planners

The next parish planners will take place on January 23, 2022 following Mass. Come and join us as we plan for events and happenings at Mother of Good Counsel in the upcoming months.

Listening Sessions for the Synod

Synod for a Synodal Church – The Diocese of Lexington officially kicks off the Synod for a Synodal Church with Deanery level listening sessions beginning January 30, 2022. Mountain East Deanery will hold its listening session on March 13, 2022 at Mother of Good Counsel following the 11:30 am Mass.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for 2022

January: For true human fraternity
We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Epiphany House Blessing

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 22 while saying:

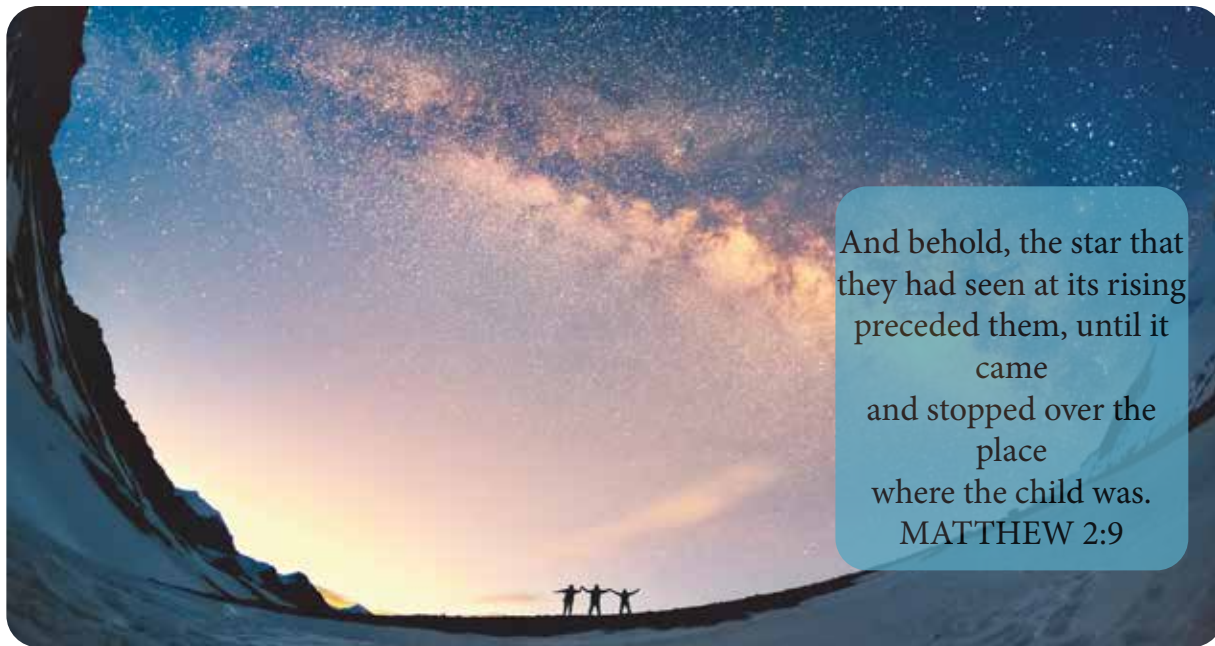
The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty two years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

“Chalking the door” is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, Christus mansionem benedictat, “May Christ bless the house.”

Adapated from: <http://www.carmelites.net/news/chalking-door-epiphany-house-blessing/>





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.
MATTHEW 2:9

All in the Family

Many traditional religions have in some way ascribed divinity to light—either they claim that light emanates from a god or that light itself is divine. This is probably because light is a primal necessity, essential for life. We find such thinking in today’s readings.

“Your light has come” (Isaiah 60:1) says today’s Old Testament reading. This is Isaiah’s glorious message for the people of Jerusalem. The city had been destroyed; the people scattered; the future looked bleak. This message must have filled the people with hope. Not only does light bring them hope, but the light actually streams from their God. It is the Lord who shines, bestowing his radiance upon them. This light is filled with promise.

The story of the Magi is not meant primarily for children who delight in moving figurines of the three kings a bit closer to the stable every day. This is an adult story about inner darkness and enlightenment. The strangers, ignorant of ancient Israel’s traditions, were able to read the signs of the times. Because of their openness, they found the Light of the World. The learned men of Jerusalem were well-schooled in the ancient promises, for they knew where to send the strangers. However, they felt threatened by these signs. They closed their minds and hearts to any omens that might imperil their positions of privilege. They had a chance to benefit from this new light, but they turned their backs on it

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

What is your attitude toward new ways of understanding your faith?

Pray that all people will be open to read the signs of the times.



Readings for the Week

Monday

JANUARY 3

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22–4:6

Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann

Seton, Religious

1 Jn 4:7–10

Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday

JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann,

Bishop

1 Jn 4:11–18

Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19–5:4

Lk 4:14–22a

Friday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21

Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

JANUARY 9

The Baptism of the

Lord

Is 42:1–4, 6–7

or Is 40:1–5, 9–11

Acts 10:34–38

or Ti 2:11–14; 3:4–7

Lk 3:15–16, 21–22



Dear Padre

January 2, 2022

How is Twelfth Night related to Christmas?

Twelfth Night is another name for the Epiphany, which traditionally occurred on January 6, the twelfth day after Christmas. Since the 1980s, United States Catholics have celebrated the Epiphany on the first Sunday after January 1, which is why we're celebrating it today instead of Thursday.

Liturgical celebrations are distinguished as solemnities, feasts, and memorials according to their importance. The two greatest solemnities, Easter and Christmas, continue for an octave (eight days). Since the octave of Christmas runs from December 25 through January 1 (the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God), it's not affected by the transfer of the Epiphany celebration.

Christmas is the great gift-giving day in the United States. In other cultures—for example, the Latino community—the anticipation and excitement of gift-giving is saved for Epiphany, the day the Magi brought their gifts to Jesus.

We often complain about how frenzied Christmas is—how much shopping, wrapping, and baking there is to do. But Christmas should be a time of worship and acknowledging the gift God gave us by sending his Son.

Epiphany, on the other hand, is made for celebration, gift-giving, going all out. Perhaps someday we can return to the traditions of Epiphany and restore Christmas as a day of rejoicing and worship.

The Redemptorists

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Happenings this Week

Tuesday

7- 9 pm OCIA Meets

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary

7:00 pm Word & Communion

Service



Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhem, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Mike Caldwell, Monica Spare, The Rice Family, Renee Messer, Maria Hall, Elizabeth Pennington, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Mandi Dishner, and Ron Brunty.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

Prayer Family:

Alita Vogel

Birthdays

1/4: Christina Elsoueidi

1/5 : Cassidy Turner

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Our Weekly Offering

for 12/26/21

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Special Collection for Western

KY: \$100

Online: \$ 75

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