



The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2018

EPIPHANY Each year when we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, we hear the account of the visit of the Magi as recounted in Matthew's Gospel. I'm always moved by the final words of the Gospel which state that "they departed for their country by another way" (Mt 2:12).

On one hand, we can read this as their wanting to avoid any trouble with King Herod. On the other hand, I think we can also read it in a more spiritual sense. After encountering the newborn King, they couldn't go back to life as normal. Their lives would have been undoubtedly changed and going back "by another way" could also mean another way of life in which Christ became the center of everything.

As we reach the conclusion of our celebration of the Christmas season, it's worth our reflecting on whether our encounter with the newborn King has had an impact on us to the point of committing to going back "by another way." I'm not suggesting that everything in our lives will change drastically, though that certainly could be the case if God so wills it. I think each Christmas is an invitation to consider deepening one aspect of our relationship with Jesus in the year ahead, sort of like a spiritual New Year's resolution.

I'd like to invite you to reflect on what one thing you feel called to undertake this year in order to deepen your relationship with Jesus. This doesn't mean you don't do other things, but you try to put special attention on one area or practice, and the other areas will certainly grow.

Might I suggest a few ideas to get the ball rolling? If you are not committed to getting to Mass every Sunday, then that is the most important place to start. As Catholics, no practice is more essential or useful for our relationship with Him. You might consider a more frequent use of the Sacrament of Penance. How about going to confession once a month? That may sound intimidating, but I guarantee that it's not as daunting as it sounds and the benefits to your relationship with Jesus are huge. Maybe you could plan to read the Bible for a few minutes every day. Maybe you could commit to praying the Rosary on your way to or from work or school, even if it's only a few decades. Maybe you could commit to a weekly practice of listening to one of the many talks available with our parish

subscription to FORMED.org. Whatever you choose to do, do it with the desire to grow in your relationship with Jesus and you will see your life slowly going a different way, closer to Him and His love for you.

Father Alford

Anointing of the Sick:

If you are going into the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.

Prayer List:

- Lynn F. Leach**, parishioner
- Kathy Smith**, parishioner
- Evelyn Conboy**, parishioner
- Jim & Mary Kates**, parishioners
- JoAnn Camille**, parishioner
- Harold Sheppard**, parishioner
- David Laub**, parishioner
- Betty & Ray Rowden**, parishioners
- John & Co Fox**, son & daughter-in-law of John & Mary Fox
- Bob Goin**, father of Vicki Walker
- John Rentschler**, son of Ginger Rentschler
- Diane Bartlett**, sister of Jeannette Waters
- Adam Garrett**, brother of Carrie Zucco
- Margie Lammert**, mother of Sarah Clare
- Nick Riordan**, cousin of Amy Zack
- Steven Butts**, brother of Michelle Bullock
- Mary Ann Midden**, mother of Kathleen Quinn
- Reba Cloyd**, mother of Anita Schwab
- Ray Roth Sr.**, father of Deacon Ray Roth
- Jim Reiser**, father of Kevin Reiser
- Joanne O'Connor**, sister of Ginger Rentschler
- Jennifer Harbeck**, cousin of Brad Zack
- Joanna Laabs**, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
- Mary Alice Tuxhorn**, friend of JoAnn Camille
- Louise Cardoni**, aunt of Frances Tomashavich
- Paul Huber**, brother-in-law of Marie Ginter
- John Vercautern**, cousin of Laurie White
- Fr. Barry Harmon**, Diocesan Priest



In Memory:

Carrolyn Anderson, mother of Char Weitekamp

Kevin McDermott, Attorney

Springfield – 753-4070

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HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/17-6/30/18

Last Week Year to Date

Collection (91)	\$ 5,626.53	\$145,907.66
Electronic funds (19)	\$ 2,005.00	\$ 31,260.60
Bldg. Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 85.00	\$ 7,174.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 225.00	\$ 3,853.00
Poor Fund	\$ 33.06	\$ 1,478.39
Children's Stewardship(0)	0.00	\$ 16.00
Catholic Times (2)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Immac. Conception (1)	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,072.00
Cath. Childrens Home(10)	\$ 240.50	\$ 1,453.50
Christmas Offerings (23)	\$ 1,215.00	\$ 5,360.00
Solemnity of Mary (20)	\$ 496.00	\$ 551.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	133	
Number of electronic contributions:	40	

Saturday, January 6th
8:30 a **Confessions**
9:00 a **Mass** (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)
3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Robert Green†)

Sunday, January 7th
7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Mickey McKinzie†)
9:10 a **NO PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Wrincik
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)

Monday, January 8th
9:00 a **Counting Team #2**
5:00 p **Confessions**
5:30 p **Mass** (Int: Christopher Weier†)
6:00 p **The Bible Timeline**
7:00 p **Pastoral Council meeting**

Tuesday, January 9th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Wednesday, January 10th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: All Souls†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
1:00 p Ladies Tea/Bunco
6:30 p **PSR**

Thursday, January 11th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Carol Bourland†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p **RCIA**

Friday, January 12th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Kathy Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, January 13th
1:00 p **Sew-n-Sews**
3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Jim Waters†)
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Sunday, January 14th
7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Joyce Hogan†)
9:10 a **PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)

PLEASE NOTE: 2017 Financial Contributions Statements will be mailed before January 31, 2018.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, January 13th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Egizio, Tomashavich Williams

Lectors: S & I Long

Servers: H, M, M Weier

Hospitality: Auxier, S & J Thull

Sunday, January 14th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Godar, Nelson, Rayhill

Lectors: C & D Merriman

Servers: Deen, Lauwerens, McClintock

Hospitality: A & Z Dahlkamp, R & B Yong

Sunday, January 14th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Livengood, Warren Deacon Tom

Lectors: Schudel, Warren

Servers: Martyn, E & T Schudel

Minister of Care: Nelson

Hospitality: Brewer Family

CLOW: Martyn Family

Volunteer for this week –Jan. 8th - Jan. 14th

Church Dusters: Dianne Felts

Recycling Vol. Jan.: Gleason Family

Jan. Food Volunteer: Carlo Catalano

Coffee & Donuts: Sun., Jan. 14th

Don & Roberta Vanover

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jan. 7 – Jan 14

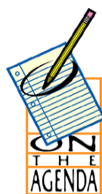
Sunday:	IS 60:1-6	EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6
		MT 2:1-12
Monday:	IS 42:1-4, 6-7	MK 1:7-1
Tuesday:	1SM 1:1-9	MK 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1SM 3:1-10, 19-20	MK 1:29-39
Thursday:	1SM 4:1-11	MK 1:40-45
Friday:	1SM 8:4-7, 10-22A	MK 2:1-12
Saturday:	1SM 9:1-4, 17-19	MK 2:13-17
Sunday:	1SM 3:3B-10, 19	
	1COR 6:13C-15A, 17-20	JN 1:35-42

Feeling the call to become more active within the Parish?

A **Protecting God’s Children** session has been scheduled at St. Jude Parish Center, **Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.** Please contact the Parish Office (498-9197) to register for this session. Please assist the parish in providing various services for our youth and children by fulfilling the requirement for all parish volunteers. **The Protecting God’s Children Adult Training Session is a requirement for anyone age 18 or older who is volunteering within the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.**

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Mon., Jan. 8	7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Mtg.
Wed., Jan. 10	1:00 pm	Ladies Tea/Bunco
Thurs., Jan 11	6:30 pm	RCIA
Sat., Jan. 13	1:00 pm	Sew-n-sews
Mon., Jan. 15	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Tues., Jan. 23	6:30 pm	Protecting God’s Children Session in Parish Center
Thurs., Jan. 25	6:30 pm	RCIA



We are pleased to welcome Lennox Rose Bivens, who received the Rite of Baptism on Saturday, December 23, 2017.

Bivens Family



St. Jude’s Women’s Tea/Bunco Group will meet on Wednesday, January 10th at 1:00 p.m. All women of the parish are invited. Bring a friend!



The St. Jude Sew-n-Sews will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, 13th. Bring your projects and enjoy some snacks and good company! All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

Catholic Times subscription renewal – It is time for our parish to pay for the renewal fee for the Catholic Times newspaper, which is delivered to each Parish household. Please use the envelope you received in your monthly packet to help defray the cost charged to the parish this year. Thank you.

St. Jude Parish Confession Times

Monday	– 5:00-5:20 p.m.
Saturday	– 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
Sunday	– 7:30 a.m.- 7:50 a.m.
Sunday	– 9:45 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.



The 2018 Mission Trip team will soon be taking orders for freshly-made **LASAGNA!**

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast!



St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Chatham, IL will hold its Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at the Church located at 700 East Spruce, Chatham on Sunday, January 14th, serving from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost for Adults is \$5.00, Children 4 to 11 - \$3.00 and Children under 4 eat free. Proceeds to benefit Local Food Pantries in Chatham and Springfield.

PSR NEWS – January is when we collect boxes of cereal to donate to the Food Pantry. Remember to bring in your donation to PSR!



The Meal Train is leaving the station!

Beginning in January, parishioners will have the opportunity to sign up to provide a dinner meal for Fr. Alford through the “Meal Train” website. Organized by parishioners who acknowledge the heightened duties he has been asked to shoulder for our parish and the wider diocesan church, this is an opportunity to show support and gratitude for all that Fr. Alford does for others. (FYI – Fr. Adam has other meal arrangements.) To sign up, go on-line to <https://mealtrain.com/3lk360> and scroll on down to the calendar. You’ll be able to select one of the open dates when you’re able to provide dinner. There are details on suggested items along with instructions for how to deliver the meals. Thanks for helping to demonstrate HOSPITALITY which is the first pillar of discipleship and stewardship for our diocese.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

“Samuel answered, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” Let us practice listening better to God and our spouse by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend in Springfield, IL on March 23-25, 2-18. The next weekend in the St. Louis area is on February 2-4, 2018. To register or for more information, call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

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- Visit stjude.formed.org with a web browser
- Click on Register (lower right of page)
- Enter Parish Access Code: 3VFNXZ
- Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)
- Enjoy and share with others in our local community!

PASTORAL COUNCIL POSITIONS

Each year three to four persons are selected to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council for a three-year term. The qualifications are: an actively participating and registered member of St. Jude Church and a willingness to commit to monthly meetings generally on the first Monday of each month. The Pastoral Council offers counsel and/or recommendations to the Pastor regarding the pastoral activity of the parish.

If you are interested in serving or wish to nominate someone to serve on the Pastoral Council, please contact Mark Schudel, chairman, or the parish office by Friday, January 5, 2018. The names of those willing to serve on the Council will be placed in a bowl and four names will be drawn during the 5:30 Mass, Monday, January 8th. The First meeting of the new Council will be February 5, 2018.



Pre-Jordan Class.

Your child’s baptism is a time for celebration and joy. And, naturally, you want the best for your child. We want to help you plan and prepare for the baptism in the best possible way. please call or e-mail Deacon Tom at 498-8651 or twalker@stjude.dio.org to schedule a session.

RECYCLING CANS FOR ST. PATRICK SCHOOL



Don’t forget to save your aluminum cans, bag them and bring them to the brown wooden box at the front of the Parish Center. Volunteers take them in to the Recycling Center and all monies are donated to St. Patrick School!

We are in need of a volunteer for February. Please contact the parish office is you are able to help. Thank you.



FOR ST. MARTIN DePORRES

Each Sunday you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to mass and place them in the baskets as you enter the Church. All food is taken to St. Martin dePorres Center in Springfield to help their great mission to feed the poor and hungry. Volunteers take the food in weekly to the Center.