



January 6, 2019 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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 am always moved by the final words of the Gospel which state that "they departed for their country by another way" (Mt 2:12).

I think these words are so fitting for us as we begin a new calendar year. We often approach the new year with the hopes of making changes for the better in our lives, going about things "by another way." And while we can apply that to every area of our lives, I would like to take just a moment to reflect on how we might approach that with our spiritual lives.

I recently came across a fairly simple process of review that I find helpful in deciding how best to move forward. It is called the KISS principle, but it is not the one you might be thinking of which has to do with keeping things simple. This principle goes like this:

- K – What should I **keep** doing?
- I – What will I **improve** doing?
- S – What should I **start** doing?
- S – What should I **stop** doing?

I would invite you to take some time in the next couple of weeks to ask yourself those questions as they relate to your spiritual life. Your answers should really be specific to you, so they can be quite varied. But there are some objective things that I feel we all need to be aware of when we ask these questions.

A big one to consider is this: if you are not in the practice of going to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, that is really the most important place to start. Why? Because to intentionally exempt yourself from going to Sunday Mass or a Holy Day of Obligation Mass without a serious reason (i.e. infirmity, hospitalization, illness, caring for an ill person, hazardous weather) is a mortal sin, which would then require you to go to confession to be restored to the life of grace and which is required in order to receive Holy Communion again worthily. Granted, it may be possible that you have never heard that before, but now you know. It's not something I have made up, so please do not shoot the messenger! In all seriousness, as your Pastor, I cannot avoid providing that reminder from time to time, otherwise it would show that I was not really concerned about

your spiritual well-being and your salvation. And I want both of those things more than you can know, so I beg you to receive this reminder with humility and a willingness to make the necessary course correction if it is so needed. The Lord will bless you abundantly for doing so!

- Father Alford

Anointing of the Sick

If you are going to 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:



Rene Runions, parishioner
Ray Roland, parishioner
Lynn F. Leach, parishioner
Kathy Smith, parishioner
Evelyn Conboy, parishioner
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Betty & Ray Rowden, parishioners
Trish Leach, parishioner
JoAnn Barber, parishioner
Terese Hurst, sister of Diane Bortmess
Donna Meyers, mother of Kellie Brewer
Julie Sinkus, daughter of Barb Sinkus
Tom Helling, brother of Gary Helling
Jim Felts, husband of Dianne Felts
Tim Dunbar, nephew of Ginger Rentschler
Jerry McCormick, brother of Tom Walker
Jean Seward, sister of Mary Jo Duesterhaus
Tommy Martin, nephew of Debbie Decker
Margie Lammert, mother of Sarah Clare
Steven Butts, brother of Michelle Bullock
Reba Cloyd, mother of Anita Schwab
Jennifer Harbeck, cousin of Brad Zack
Joanna Laabs, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
John Vercautern, cousin of Laurie White
Logan Flotkoetter, friend of Mary Bruno
Cherie Peterson, niece of Peggy Parnell
Fr. Gerald Bunse, Diocesan Priest

In Memory:

Mary Kates, parishioner
Gerald Gifford, father of Jennifer Western

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HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

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

Saturday, January 5th

9:30 a Eucharistic Adoration
 3:45 p Confessions
 4:00 p Rosary/Benediction
 4:30 p Mass(Int: James E. Williams†)

Sunday, January 6th

7:30 a Confessions
 8:00 a Mass (Int: for the Parish)
 9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson
 9:45 a Confessions
 10:00 a Rosary
 10:00 a Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 a Mass (Int: John Bedore†)
 12:00 p RCIA

Monday, January 7th

9:00 a Counting Team #2
 5:00 p Confessions
 5:30 p Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)
 7:00 p Pastoral Council meeting

Tuesday, January 8th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 10:00 a Women's Bible Study
 6:30 p Pre-Jordan Session

Wednesday, January 9th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a Mass (Int: David Brandis†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 1:00 p Ladies Tea/Bunco
 6:30 p PSR
 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 10th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a Mass (Int: All Souls†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Friday, January 11th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a Mass (Int: Kathy Blasko†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, January 12th

1:00 p Sew-n-Sews
 3:30 p Confessions
 4:30 p Mass(Int: Christopher Weier†)

Sunday, January 13th

7:30 a Confessions
 8:00 a Mass (Int: Joyce Hogan†)
 9:30 a Wyndcrest: Deacon Roth
 9:45 a Confessions
 10:00 a Rosary
 10:00 a Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 a Mass (Int: for the Parish)
 12:00 p RCIA

Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/18-6/30/19

	Last Week	Year-to-date
Collection (209)	\$ 13,318.10	\$147,201.57
Electronic Funds (5)	\$ 2,015.00	\$ 27,913.40
Bldg. Dev. Fund (10)	\$ 547.00	\$ 6,074.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 225.00	\$ 3,738.00
Poor Fund	\$ 98.75	\$ 1,282.24
Children's Stewardship (5)	\$ 0.00	\$ 5.00
Christmas Flowers (3)	\$ 37.00	\$ 1,061.00
Children's Home (73)	\$ 2,833.31	\$ 2,975.31
Christmas Offering (136)	\$ 7,027.81	\$ 7,352.81
Retired Religious (5)	\$ 66.00	\$ 2,055.00
Immac. Conception (3)	\$ 36.00	\$ 1,502.00
Solemnity of Mary (34)	\$ 900.00	\$ 935.00
Catholic Times (6)	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00

Number of collection envelopes used: 484

Number of electronic contributions: 9

Due to the Parish Office closing for the Holiday, the amounts shown reflect the last two weeks.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, January 12th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, I Long, Maynerich, Scheufele
Lectors: Auxier, Bertrand
Servers: M, H M Weier
Hospitality: H & M Bruno, Egizio

Sunday, January 13th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Dowding, Rayhill, Deacon Roth
Lectors: Helling, Deimel
Servers: Delgado, Lauwerens, McClintock
Hospitality: McClintocks, Vogt

Sunday, January 13th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Guerretaz, Kohlrus, Deacon Walker
Lectors: D & S Kuntzman
Servers: Martyn, E & T Schudel
Minister of Care: Deacon Roth
Hospitality: Zucco Family
CLOW: Martyn Family

Volunteer for this week – Jan. 7-Jan. 13

Church Duster: Michelle Bertrand
Jan. Recycling Volunteer: Gleason Family
Jan. Food Volunteer: Carlo Catalano
Coffee & Donuts – Sun., Jan. 13th:
Don & Roberta Vanover

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jan. 6th – Jan. 13th

Sunday: IS 60:1-6 EPH 3:2-3a, 5-6
MT 2:1-12
Monday: 1JN 3:22-4:6 MT 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1JN 4:7-10 MK 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1JN 4:11-18 MK 6:45-52
Thursday: 1JN 4:19-5:4 LK 4:14-22A
Friday: 1JN 5:5-13 LK 5:12-16
Saturday: 1JN 5:14-21 JN 3:22-30
Sunday: IS 42:1-4, 6-7 ACTS 10:34-38
LK 3:15-16, 21-22

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 – Noon RCIA
Jan. 7 – 6:30 p.m. Mission trip meeting
Jan. 7 – 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting
Jan. 8, 22 – 10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
Jan. 8 – 6:30 p.m. Pre-Jordan
Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 – 6:30 p.m. PSR
Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 – 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Jan. 14 – 7:00 p.m. Finance council meeting
Jan. 15 – 6:45 p.m. Women’s Bible Study
Jan. 15 – 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting
Jan. 17 – 7:00 p.m. Men’s Prayer Group

Mission Trip 2019 Meeting

The next mission trip meeting will be **Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Jude Parish Center. Please plan to be there as we will be completing forms for CHWC camp registration, distributing order forms and sign-up schedules for the upcoming take & bake lasagna sales. This is a great fundraiser for the trip!

→PSR NEWS←

During January, the PSR classes will be collecting Cereal to benefit the Food Pantry. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

St. Jude Parish Weekly 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.

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 use the form below, contact Mark Schudel, chairman, or the parish office. The First meeting of the new Council will be February 11, 2019.

Recommendation for Pastoral Council

I would like to be considered to serve a three-year term on the St. Jude Pastoral Council.

Name: _____

I would like to nominate the following person to serve on the St. Jude Pastoral Council:

Name: _____

St. Jude’s Women’s Tea/Bunco Group will meet on Wednesday, January 9th 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, 12th. Bring your projects and enjoy some snacks and good company! All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

SHG PLACEMENT TEST- The SHG Placement Test will be offered on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Becky Jones, Tuition Manager, and Sr. Katherine O'Connor, President, will be available to answer parents' questions at 8:30 a.m. in the Choral Room. Please contact our Registrar at 217-787-1595 ext. 126 if you are unable to take the test. Students will need to bring #2 Pencils and \$10 testing fee. No calculators will be allowed. Pre-registration online is required by Friday, January 11. Use the following link to register:

<http://bit.ly/SHGPlacementTest2019>



Worn out from the holidays? Are you looking for a way to avoid the winter blahs? How about a special weekend just the two of you that will reinvigorate your marriage? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Jan. 19-20, 2019 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Lawrenceville, IL; or Feb. 8-10, 2019 at Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stlwwme.org/schedule.php> or call 1-314-649-7317.

Companions on the Journey is the name of the lunch-time for seniors that is held on the first Monday of each month. Our hope is to promote positive social connections, offer an array of speakers on relevant spiritual topics and to encourage people to enjoy the beautiful spaces at the Chiara Center. A delicious lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and followed by a presentation and discussion. Our presenter for January 7th is Sr. Anita Cleary, OP who serves out at Jubilee Farm; a Dominican center for ecology and spirituality in New Berlin. Sr. Anita recently returned from El Paso, Texas where she assisted those who were awaiting asylum hearings in the U.S. Following the presentation, participants are welcome to stay for the duration of the afternoon to walk the grounds or for some quiet reflection. We ask for a \$20.00 fee to honor the support given by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis who sponsor the Chiara Center. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 217-523-0901 or sending an e-mail to info@chiaracenter.org. To learn more about the Chiara Center, visit www.chiaracenter.org.



The St. Raymond K. of C. Council #4696 will hold their Annual Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, January 13, 2019, in the Raymond K. of C. Hall, Raymond, IL. Serving will be from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, salad, bread, assorted desserts, and drink. Adults \$10.00, children 12 & under \$5.00, and pre-school free. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will also be Drive-Thru service and carry-outs available.

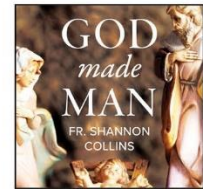
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Adult Formation at the Cathedral

The Gospel According to St. Luke

The beginning of a new liturgical year brings a new cycle of readings with this year's focus on the Gospel of St. Luke. Join Fr. Friedel in exploring this Gospel's teachings, Structure and themes.
Thursdays – January 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st