



**January 3, 2021
Solemnity of the
Epiphany of the Lord**

Go ahead and be a “Wise Guy (Gal)” !!!

Many times, at Christmas, after we open all the presents that Santa brings, we also have time to share gifts that we have wrapped and wish to give to loved ones. I am sure you have had an experience that I have. We get really excited about giving a very special gift to someone who has great importance in our life, and we have grown to love them dearly. We want this gift to be so special, and often it is a sign of the love, admiration, and respect you and I have for this special person. We anticipate that moment when they unwrap it and we get to see their reaction. I love those moments.

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh were the three gifts given by the Wisemen to Jesus in Bethlehem, lying in the manger, asleep in the hay, wrapped in swaddling clothing. I don't think that Jesus showed much reaction since he was little baby. These symbolic gifts stood for many things. The gift they really gave was the gift of their faith, their prayer, their gift of trusting the lead of the (Holy Spirit) star in the sky. Their wisdom was strong which led them to say yes to the journey, yes to their humble acceptance of their messiah, yes to God's plan.

In my first week of Christmas, I have not seen many folks come to the manger. I saw a grandmother bring her granddaughter into the church to see the baby Jesus. I was not surprised, but I was in awe of the beauty of this scene of a grandmother handing on the faith.

This Feast day which is celebrated towards of the Christmas season is one which calls forth from us some element of gratitude for God sending us His son, gratitude for we know “the rest of the story” and how much Jesus will give up for us, gratitude for this past liturgical year as we enter into this new year of prayer and worship, living our call to be true intentional disciples who follow Jesus, who teaches us this way, this truth, and this life. What do I pledge to offer back to God in 2021. Daily mass is offered for us to keep receiving the gift. The Sacraments are here for us to received and be blest by our loving, ever blessed God. Grace continually is poured out for us by the Holy Spirit. With all these gifts and more, surely, I must be willing to make a pledge and seek with a firm commitment to become the “very best version of

myself” as Matthew Kelly speaks of. For those who will encounter my love, my care, my friendship, my good intentions will they see and encounter me, or will they see and encounter the Christ in me? These wise men left not just these 3 symbolic gifts but left their pledge to make HIM the Lord of their life, the King of Kings (they returned home by another route and avoided the earthly king). Now that we have heard the “Good News” of the Christmas stories once again, have we made the same firm commitment? There is nothing to lose and EVERYTHING to gain.

As your pastor “THANKS” for all you do as a steward of all God's gifts. Your time, talent, and treasure will show the world the faith you have, and the love for God you have in your heart. Give your very best and watch how God will take and receive and then bless you back 100 fold. HE can never be outdone in generosity....Amen....Amen !

Peace,

Jr. Chuck

**Parish Sacrificial Giving
Fiscal Year 7/1/2020-6/30/2021**

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (61)	\$ 6,880.00	\$ 135,162.00
Electronic Funds (23)	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 31,485.00
Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 73.00	\$ 6,436.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 215.00	\$ 3,778.00
Poor Fund	\$ 117.20	\$ 1,695.49
Catholic Times (2)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Children's Offerings(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Children's Home (33)	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 1,840.00
EFT-Children's Home(1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 117.00
Christmas Offering(55)	\$ 5,999.00	\$ 6,744.00
EFT-Christmas Off.(14)	\$ 355.00	\$ 355.00
Immac. Conception(1)	\$ 5.00	\$ 797.00
Retired Religious(2)	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,276.00
EFT-Retired Religious(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 137.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 75.00
Total this week:	\$ 17,359.20	
Total given FY2021	\$202,056.49	

St. Jude Parish Weekly Reconciliation Times

Tuesday-Friday 6:45-7:15 a.m.

Saturday 3:15-4:00 p.m.

(Reconciliation also by appointment)

Happenings This Week!!!

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

Saturday, January 2nd:

St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

No Morning Mass

9:00a.-4:00 p Eucharistic Adoration

3:15-4:00 p Reconciliation

4:30 p Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)

Sunday, January 3rd :

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a Mass (Int: Bill† & Gwen Berutti)

10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Monday, January 4th:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30 a Communion Service

9:00 a Counting Team 1

Tuesday, January 5th:

St. John Neumann

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation

*6:00 p Mass (Int: Jennifer Shaffer†)

7:00 p Pastoral Council/Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 6th:

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation

7:30 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)

6:30 p PSR

Thursday, January 7th:

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation

7:30 a Mass (Int: Kathy Blasko†)

Friday, January 8th:

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation

7:30 a Mass (Int: Harold Sheppard†)

Saturday, January 9th:

12:00 noon Sew-n-sews

3:15-4:00 p Reconciliation

4:30 p Mass (Int: Mary Kates†)

Sunday, January 10th:

The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)

10:30 a Mass (Int: Shirley Howe†)

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:

Parishioners

Megan Lee, Gary Dumonceaux, Shirley Crawford, Rene Runions, Ray Roland, Lynn F. Leach, JoAnn Camille, Betty Rowden, JoAnn Barber, Glen Butcher, Mary Rodgers, Ann Carel, Evelyn Conboy, Carolyn Carmichael, Bill White



Ron Bortmess, husband of Diane Bortmess
Kelsie Riedle, niece of David & Tess Riedle
Robert Goin, father of Vicki Walker
Harry Buck, brother of Teri Dambacher
Troy Sweeney, nephew of Maggie Patterson
Yvonne Butcher, mother of Barrie Blough
Aloysious Staff, brother of Sylvia Thull
Glen Limper, son of Al & Betty Limper
Hope Power, daughter of Yvonne Brandis
Donna Meyers, mother of Kellie Brewer
Jerry McCormick, brother of Tom Walker
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
Carolyn Carmichael, mother of Leanne Collings
Button Pemberton, friend of Guerrettaz family
Teresa Cieciora, friend of Guerrettaz family
Aliana Marecki, friend of Guerrettaz family
Rick Perez, friend of Mary Jo & Jerry Jasinski
Brigham Lanweir, friend of the Zucco family
Megan Mahoney, friend of the Zucco family
Rachel Copp, sister of Mary Beth McClintock
John Naffziger, nephew of Michele Naffziger
Special Intentions of Andy Mihelich
Sarah Thatcher, granddaughter of Elaine Hundley
Lary Garrett, father of Carrie Zucco
Jennie Harling, sister of Leanne Collings
Mary Hadden, friend of Mary Bruno
Bella Hadden, friend of Mary Bruno
Lee Cook, brother of Sue Bozarth
Sabrina & Baby Rice, niece of Les & Beth Auxier
Special Intentions of Sue Bozarth
Diane McClelland, sister of Roberta Vanover
Jodi Finzel, cousin of Frances Tomashavich

Advertiser of the Week:

McGraw Family Companies
Carpenter Street Hotel, Nancy's Pizzeria,
McDonalds
Litchfield, Springfield, Williamsville

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, January 9th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Tom

Lectors: Auxier, Bertrand

Hospitality: T & K Riedle, M & C Zucco

Sunday, January 10th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Ray

Lectors: Dowding, Nelson

Hospitality: Dahlkamp, McClintock, McWard

Sunday, January 10th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Warren

Lectors: Kohlrus, Warren

Hospitality: A & V Powell

Volunteers for the week of January 4th:

Church Duster: Donna Spurlock

Jan. recycling volunteer: Gleason Family

January Food Volunteers: Carlo Catalano

SCRIPTURE READING: Jan. 3rd – Jan. 10th:

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 60:1-6	EPH 3:2-3, 5-6
		MT 2:1-12



Snow & Mass times – Mass will occur even when it snows. If Rochester schools close due to snow, the Mass time will change to Noon.

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Jan. 5, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Pastoral & Finance

Councils meeting

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 – 6:30 p.m. PSR

Jan. 18 – Office closed – MLK Day

Jan. 19 – 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting

Jan. 21 – 7:00 p.m. Finance Council meeting

The Parish Office will be closed from noon December 31st until Monday, January 4th in celebration of the New Year.

PSR News!

We will resume our normal classes on January 6th! We will return just in time to celebrate the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Epiphany!



Catechist Needed!

We are in need of a 1st Grade Catechist or for a few catechists to rotate weeks. Mr. McKenzie will still be able to provide lessons but is unable to continue teaching in person. If you are interested in the position or have suggestions of who we can contact, please let us know! If you are interested but are unable to commit to the remainder of the year and would be willing to help in a rotation, please let us know! Please contact Jennifer Frericks at 217-498-9191 or jfrericks@stjude.dio.org! Unfortunately, if we can't fill the position in some way, we will have to have the first graders work from home and that is the last thing we want to do!

January Food Drive

We will be collecting Cereal for the month of January! Please bring your items to PSR and put in the designated boxes in your classrooms! November the 6th grade won and in December our 2nd grade won. Who will be our January winner?



Jennifer Frericks

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.



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. If you plan to have your child baptized, please call or e-mail Deacon Tom at 498-8651 or twalker@dio.org.



January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Brad Hardiek Anna Lindstrom Steve & Kara Gray	2 Wesley Ferrill Henry Patterson Al & Diane Urbanckas
3 Matt Cochran Carroll Heissinger Jr. Christina Rollins Frankie Stefano Tony & Teresa Paulek	4 Kathryn Felts Jason Feraris Dennis Godar Sarah Petty Donald & Alyce Ferrill	5 Raymond Bruzan Zenia Garcia Illana Grenda Jerry Lafferty Hannah Weier JP & Amy Kain	6 Stanley Gunter Jan Pietras Anna Staley	7 David Ramsey Charlene Weitekamp	8 Steve Gray Jenelle Ishmael Warren Kelly Marc Staley	9 Carrie Ross Kathryn Ryan
10 Jillian Anderson Jenna Bales Elizabeth Fjelstul Gary McBride John Perona Daniel Ryan Henry & Margaret Patterson Brian & Angy Torres	11 Daniel Eichholz Dashiell Ostrowski	12 Gianna O'Sullivan Paul Presney Jeannette Waters Devan Whitney Patrick Witcik Eli Woehrmann	13	14 Jessica Schudel Jeff Vose	15 Marc Zucco	16 Mary Gartner
17 Jill Beckham Raeanna Jones Jackson Siders Angy Torres	18 Brad Clare Theresa Gegen	19 Jim Trepanier	20 Jasper Capriotti	21 Evelyn Conboy Margaret Martyn Joe & Laura Dorman	22 JoAnn Camille Emma Eairheart Joshua Ferrill Olivia Heiple Paula Jones	23 Marie Bales Robby Gillespie Molly Godar Mitch Ingold Monroe McWard Dylan Patton
24 Aniston Farris Henry Gartner Margaret Possley Abby Riedle Michael Wrincik	25 Cassandra Bax Raegan Reynolds Marlee Trame	26 Chris Bax Gary Helling Randy Western Bob & Cathy Davis	27 Kathi Best Tom Hagerman William Newman Kiley Torres Mike & Jan Sponsler	28 Jasper Capriotti Tony Colantino Scott Melton	29 John Dietrich Jacob Duban	30 Kathryn Long
31 Carrie Auxier Judy Bedore Brenda Schnepf						