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Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation.

Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (Ceremony only)

Sacrament of Baptism: Second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Session must be completed before Baptism. Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for details.

January 2, 2022



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The Epiphany

OF THE LORD

*Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."*

Matthew 2:I-2

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EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

*(Before the blessing begins the Leader may wish to explain that Epiphany is a customary time to bless homes and families. The blessing often includes a 'chalking' of the front door with the year and the letters "CMB." These refer to the traditional names of the magi – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar – or to the Latin phrase, "**Christus mansionem benedicat – May Christ bless this house.**" Another tradition is to take the first Christmas card received that season with the image of the magi and tape it above the inside lintel of the front door. Both traditions remind us to seek and welcome Christ every time we pass through the doors. The family and their friends, holding lit candles, gather outside the open front door of the home and sing a verse or two of "O Come All Ye Faithful".)*

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: AMEN.

As the Magi followed the light of the star, we too follow the light of Christ to be a place of welcome, a people of generosity, and a dwelling place for God. Let us ask God to open our hearts so that, as the doors of this home are opened to neighbor and traveler, this family may be a source of welcome for all in need and a place where Christ is found.

Let us consecrate this door and the home it protects to Christ who is the sheepgate. Let this door be the threshold that leads both ways to the blessings of God.

The oldest and youngest persons may inscribe with chalk 20 + C + M + B + 22 on the outside lintel of the front door as another person reads from John 1:14 –

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."

Another family member tapes the Epiphany card over the front door inside the house as another person proclaims Matthew 2:9-11 –

After their audience with the king they set out. 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. 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 treasure and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

All enter the home and place the lit candles in appropriate places throughout the main gathering space.

Leader: Let us pray that this home shines radiantly with the love of God.

Leader or Reader: Our response is **"Make us your dwelling place, Lord."**

With Mary and Joseph...With Anne and Joachim...With Elizabeth and Zechariah...With Anna and Simeon...
With shepherds and the kings...With all the angels and saints...With all holy men and women...For the sick and the hungry...For the homeless and the lonely...For friend and stranger... For neighbor and traveler...in our hopes and dreams...In our faults and failings...In times of joy and peace...In times of sadness and

grief...When anger and fear confuse us...When pride and pain confound us...When the plans we make must change...
When you call us home by a different way...
In all things, great and small...

Our Father...

Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation, for you give us shelter from the cold and the light of your Word to brighten the night. We come bearing no gifts for everything is a gift from you. All we can offer is our love for each other and our faith in your Son. Transform, then, these humble gifts into a sign of your presence, and bless this house and all who come to it. May this home and this family be a light for all who are lost and afraid, a place of peace and hospitality for those in need, and a sign that you are indeed God with us.

When our long journey has ended, lead us all by the star of your mercy that we may come home to you to the dwelling place you have prepared for us in heaven. Grant this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

(Sing a verse or two of Joy to the World. Then share a sign of Christ's peace).

JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

St. Isaac Jogues Upcoming Events

Sunday –

Music Ministry Christmas Concert, 3 p.m., Church, free will offering

Monday –

RE Family Event, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday –

OLPH Novena after 8 a.m. Mass

First Friday –

Adoration & Benediction beginning at end of 8 a.m. Mass until 9:30 a.m.

Saturday –

Confessions in Church, 11 a.m. – 12 Noon; usual 5 p.m. Mass for Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, 1/9 –

Masses at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. for Baptism of the Lord (end of the Christmas Season)

Tuesday, 1/11 –

Spiritual Life Commission, 7 p.m., HFR

Wednesday, 1/12 –

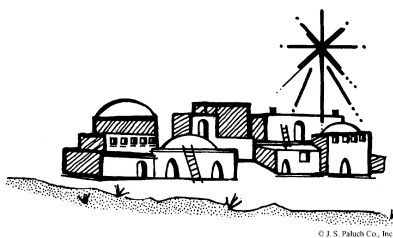
Morning Bible Study resumes, 9:30 a.m.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Epiphany of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



The Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2022

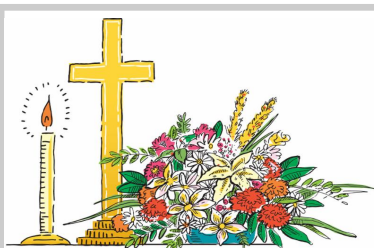
Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— Isaiah 60:1



THE BIRTHDAY OF A KING

The music ministry of St. Isaac Jogues will present a concert of holiday music on Sunday, January 2 at 3:00pm in the church. Our adult choir, youth ensemble, praise singers and cantor ensemble will provide you with an entertaining and joyous afternoon of music and laughter. After the rush of preparations, sit back and let the peace of the Christmas season and its music surround you.



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a lovely way to remember a loved one or a special occasion. Flower arrangements are \$55 each and two can be purchased each weekend from January 9th to February 16th and again after Pentecost. Your intention and name will be placed in the bulletin each weekend. If you would like to purchase an arrangement, please call the rectory. Available dates go quickly, so you may want to reserve your date soon.



Outreach Pantry Wish List

The cabinets are scarce because we've been helping a lot of families for the holidays Please help us restock the following items would be helpful: canned veggies, canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, jelly, crackers; soups & stews that eat like meals, canned fruit, rice, macaroni & cheese, canned meats, cereal & oatmeal, shampoo, and deodorant. We are unable to accept fresh foods, packages that are open and partially used or items that are out of date. Please bring donations to Mass or call the Rectory to set up a time to drop them off during the week. Thank you!

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



Even if we are unable to physically receive Holy Communion at times we can enter into spiritual Communion with the Lord by praying:

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul. I am sorry for ever having offended you.

Since I am unable now to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never, never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Religious Education

* Religious Education resumes Monday with a Family Event at 6:30 p.m. in the church. At least one parent or guardian is asked to attend with their child. This is a class night and attendance will be taken.

*Confirmation Year II Candidates who did not turn in Part I of the Gifts of the Spirit Journal need to do so on Monday.

*First Communion Preparation Meeting for Ms. Bello's class on Monday, Jan. 10, 6:45 p.m., in church. At least one parent/guardian is to attend.

*Confirmation Yr. I Preparation Meeting for Mr. Foote's class on Monday, Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m. in church. At least one parent/guardian is to attend.

*Confirmation Year II Candidates will go to St. Martha's Church for class on Jan. 31st. Father Dennis will talk about the Shrine of All Saints and the relics. Parents are to bring the Candidates to St. Martha and pick them up from there. Mr. Lenart will meet them there at 6:45 p.m. and be with them the whole time. Please be on time. Attendance will be taken.



Jubilee Year in Honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Canonization of Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the canonization of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, **known by many as Mother Cabrini**. To celebrate the occasion, the National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, located in Lincoln Park, is launching a jubilee year on Nov. 13, 2021. The year includes a plenary indulgence for those who make a pilgrimage to the shrine or to Holy Name Cathedral, walk through its holy door and complete the necessary requirements.

A Holy Door, which symbolizes the doorway to salvation, is only opened at a cathedral, basilica or parish of special significance that becomes a pilgrimage site during a Jubilee year. The Holy Father has given bishops around the world the power to designate Holy Doors in their own diocese as places of pilgrimage for the faithful. Pilgrims passing through them secure the remission of their sins.



Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	TONY LIVORSI
MICHAEL NOBLE	JOHN ROMANO
JULIE HIGGINS	AUDREY JANS
CARL AFFATATI	DAVID FORST
EMILY SITKOWSKI	KIMBERLY KNOX
CYNTHIA MELNICK	NONA YOAKUM
MICHAEL FOLISI	ROBERT STEPHENSON
DOROTHY BEZDON	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
LORNA ALBA	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
SUSAN ARENDT	MATTHEW PONDER
CINDY NOLAN	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
MARTHA DEMKO	BRAD BOWER
REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY	LAURA & DANNY MORA
TIM DENDOR	SHARON KILIKVICE
CAROLYN BEIL	PELAGIA SAJULGA
NELSON PETINES	PATTY ZEMAN
TERRY GAZDZIAK	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
FR. DAN FALLON	NORBERT FLOREK
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JOHN FOLISI	CATHY FORST
ALISON TOLSON LORD	BERNITA DEL ROSARIO
GARZA	ROSE SIMPSON
	KATHY EGLOFF
	JOSEPH WHITE

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans—purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

Centuries ago, today's feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ's identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ's coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer.

Father of grace and mercy, be with our loved ones and friends as they serve and protect our nation and communities. Bless them and fill them with newness of life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

First Responders - Shane Long, Brad Markovich, Greg Zalewski

United States Air Force - Joshua Aujero
Mason Janzen

United States Army - Brian Caplin, Gale Renner,
Jordan Irving, Violet Ennis

United States Marines - Patrick Edward Echavez
Joseph John Zimmerman III
Lance Renner, Kyle Franklin
Gian Patrick Reyes
Christopher Pruden

United States Navy - David Perez,
Paul Matthew Ledesma

Illinois National Guard - Nathaniel Janzen

To add a name to the prayer list please contact the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Mass Intentions

Sunday - January 2, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Filomena Cataldo
10:00 a.m.	Marie De Meo Dean Johansen

Monday - January 3, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Marie De Meo
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Tuesday - January 4, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Cheryl Klein John Areno
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Wednesday - January 5, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Amilia Cymorman & Family
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Thursday - January 6, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Jeev Babu - Special Intention
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Friday - January 7, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Inge Zajac
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Saturday - January 8, 2022

5:00 p.m.	Dean Johansen Josefina Lynch Alice Abraham
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Sunday - January 9, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Shirley Allio Bucci
10:00 a.m.	Stanley Jezior

Next Week Liturgy Schedule January 8th & 9th

Reconciliation 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Dennis/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul

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