



Epiphany – The Manifestation of Jesus as The Christ.

Today, the One Holy Catholic Apostolic Church celebrates the Feast of Epiphany. On this feast, the Church invites us all to reflect on the profound mystery of Christ's revelation to the world. This feast marks the manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God, not only to the Jewish people but also to the Gentiles (the rest of the world), symbolized by the visit of the Magi. Their journey from distant lands to pay homage to the newborn King reminds us that Christ's light shines for all, transcending cultural, racial, and geographical boundaries.

As we contemplate the gifts presented by the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—we are called to consider what we bring to the Lord. What are our gifts, offerings and tithes as members of the Church to support the mission of Christ in our Churches and the world? How much of our time, skills, talents and gifts do we offer to Christ in His Church? The Magi left us a wonderful example to follow! Gold represents Christ's kingship, inviting us to acknowledge His sovereignty in our lives. Frankincense, used in worship, calls us to deepen our prayer life and recognize the divine presence in our midst. Myrrh, a symbol of suffering and death, reminds us of the sacrifice that Jesus would ultimately make for our salvation. Together, these gifts challenge us to reflect on our own discipleship and how we can respond to God's call in our lives as members of the Church.

The Epiphany also highlights the importance of seeking and recognizing God's presence in our everyday experiences. Just as the Magi followed the star to find Jesus, we too are invited to seek the light

of Christ in our lives. This feast encourages us to be attentive to the signs of God's love and grace, guiding us through the challenges and uncertainties we face. In a world often overshadowed by darkness, the Feast of Epiphany serves as a powerful reminder of hope and revelation. As we celebrate this feast, may we open our hearts to the transformative power of Christ's light, allowing it to guide our paths and inspire us to share His love with others. Let us embrace the call to be bearers of that light, reflecting the joy and peace of the Savior in our communities.

My prayers are with you and your loved ones this New Year and always!

Fr. Peter



St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless,

pray for us. I will never forget thy graces and favors you obtain for me and I will do my utmost to spread devotion to you.

Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. Say this prayer 9 times a day for 9 days.

Thank you, St. Jude, for Prayers Answered.



We would like to thank all those who helped with the Christmas Party! It was a great success and a wonderful night of fellowship celebrating Christmas together!

A special thank you to the KC, the Martha's Group, and of course to Mary Bruno and Peggy Cochran for coordinating the event!

Our parish is so blessed to have so many volunteers- without you we couldn't host such wonderful parish events!

**Fishes and Loaves / Faith in Action ~ Love
Thy Neighbor**

Donations for our Homeless Mission

♥ MAKE A DONATION ♥



Donations for our homeless brothers and sisters in Christ, can be placed year-round in the wooden box in the back of the church.

If you would like to contribute to the Homeless, here are some of their likes and needs:

Fruit Cups, Cookies, Muffins,
Candy bars (soft), Gum, Bottled Water &
Flavor Powder Pkts, Gatorade, Cocoa Mixes,
Crackers, Healthy Chips,
Granola Bars, Apple slices, Oranges,
Toothbrush & Toothpaste, Deodorant,
Hand and Feet Warmers, Hygiene Wipes,
Tampons and Pads, Religious
Prayer Cards & Religious items, and
knife/fork/spoon pkts.

We are also collecting new or gently used and clean: Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Blankets,
Sleeping Bags, Winter Coats,
Light jackets (needed for layering/warmth),
T-shirts and pants, new packs of Socks or
Underwear (boxers are preferred).

Please contact Jeannette Waters at
(217)652-4039 or (217)529-7280 with any
questions. Thanks in advance for making a
difference in the lives of the less
fortunate.



2025 Wall/Pocket Calendar Donations

In the back of church, we will be collecting all of your 2025 Wall/Pocket Calendar Donations that you receive in the mail from various charitable organizations. These calendars will be taken to local nursing homes for their residents to use. If you would like to make a donation to this cause, there will be a basket labeled in the back of church to place your calendars. Thanks for your generosity as it is appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE FOR.....



January Ladies Bunco

Date: Wednesday, January 8th, 2025

Time & Location: 1:00pm-3:00pm in the Parish Center

Come share fellowship, delicious refreshments, and Bunco (or learn to play). All women of the parish and community are invited to attend.

Hope to see you there!



Faith Formation Update

Rosary Wednesday!

We will return January 8th!

Please join us in the church at
6pm!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

We are learning about the beginnings of the Catholic Church!

Upcoming dates are: 1/9, 1/16, and 1/23
All meetings are Thursdays at 10am

CLOW

Please consider joining the line up to help teach the lessons on Sundays at the 10:30am Mass!

Lessons are provided for you OR you can create your own following the readings!

Contact Jennifer if you'd like to help!

High School Youth Group "Propelled"

If interested in joining us, please contact Jennifer or just join us and bring a friend!

We WILL RETURN January 8th and be sure to bring your prayer notebook to decorate!

ALL meetings, for now, are on Wednesdays from 7:45-8:45pm.



Faith Formation Schedule

- Jan. 8: Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
- Jan. 9: Adult Faith Formation, 10am
- Jan. 15: Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Child Safety Classes for 6-8th
Parent Meetings for 2nd and 3rd
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
- Jan. 16: Adult Faith Formation, 10am
- Jan. 22: Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Child Safety Classes for K-2nd
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
- Jan. 23: Adult Faith Formation, 10am
- Jan. 27: Lasagna Sales END!
- Jan. 29: Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Child Safety Classes for 3rd-5th
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
- Feb. 5: Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
- Feb. 12: Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
- Feb. 19: Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Parent Meetings for 2nd and 3rd
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
- Feb. 26: Rosary Wednesday, 6pm
PSR, 6:30-7:30pm
Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm

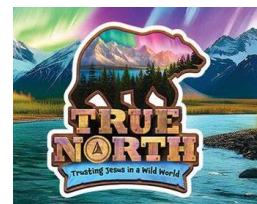
VBS!

Now is the time to get your VBS dates down on that calendar!

We will be doing VBS

Monday, July 21-Friday, July 25, 2025. The VBS program

will be from 9-11:30am and will include Pre-K-5th graders! Childcare and meals will be available for those who sign up in advance from 8-9am and from 11:30a-1pm to assist parents more with transportation to and from this event!



Lasagna Sales



**Sales are going on NOW!
Sales conclude on January 27th**

Flavors Available

Sausage
Cheese
Veggie

**We also have a Gluten Free Lasagna available! This will
ONLY be available in Large Sausage!**

Sizes Available

Small (round 7in): \$10 each
Large (9x13): \$22 each
Large Sausage Gluten Free: \$25 each

Payment at pick up

**Place your order by contacting Jennifer or by filling out
the order form in the back of the church.**

Pick up will begin the weekend of Feb. 8-9th!

Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

Saturday, January 4th:

7:30am Mass (Int: Gabriel Garcia Pantoja†)

4:30 pm Mass (Int: Ed Bedore†)

Sunday, January 5th:

8:00 am Mass (Int: Gary Leach†)

10:30 am Mass (Int: Joe Rupnik)

Monday, January 6th:

7:30 am Mass (Int: Fred & Mary Lou Devera)

Tuesday, January 7th:

7:30 am Mass (Int: Dave & Ann Marie Hillyea)

Wednesday, January 8th:

7:30 am Mass (Int: Christopher Hoffman)

Thursday, January 9th:

7:30 am Mass (Int: Herb† and Helen Dulle)

Friday, January 10th:

7:30 am Mass (Int: Noah Guerrettaz†)

Saturday, January 11th:

4:30 pm Mass (Int: Vernita Serrano†)

Sunday, January 12th:

8:00 am Mass (Int: Greg Park†)

10:30 am Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)

Sacrificial Giving, July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary Env's	\$ 2,993.00	\$ 102,344.00
EFT-Ordinary	\$ 290.00	\$ 40,355.00
Dev. Fund Env's	\$ 88.00	\$ 5,190.00
EFT-Dev. Fund		\$ 2,588.00
Loose Checks	\$ 1,315.00	\$ 45,077.81
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 1,439.00	\$ 11,440.80
Total this Week:	\$ 6,125.00	
Fiscal Year Total:		\$ 227,923.26

January 2025 Volunteers: Week #1

Monday, January 6th, Counting Day:

Team #1

Church Dusters:

Laurie McWard & Zana Dahlkamp

January Aluminum Cans Recycle:

Barry Houmes

January St. Martin de Porres Food:

Carlo Catalano

Advertiser of the Week:

**Johnson & Johnson Auto Service
Center**

Kevin Johnson, Owner

1325 Stevenson Drive

Springfield, IL

(217) 529-9200

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, January 11th- 4:30 pm

Euch. Min.: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker, V. Walker, and J. Biesiada

Lectors: J. Kohlrus & T. Bertand

Servers: **NEEDED**

Hospitality: F. Yocum and R. & M. McClintock

Sacristan: C. Mataya

Sunday, January 12th – 8:00 am

Euch. Min.: Fr. Peter, D. Wuellner, C. Leach, and M. Godar

Lectors: S. Garcia and B. Connolly

Servers: B. Britz

Hospitality: C. Vogt, Z. Dahlkamp, and D. Anderson

Sacristan: E. Van Dyke

Sunday, January 12th- 10:30 am

Euch. Min.: Fr. Peter, D. Roark, H. Crusen, and S. Swaney

Lectors: M. & E. Schudel

Servers: C. Conway and T. & M. Mankowski

Hospitality: A. & V. Powell

Sacristans: R. & J. Militello

CLOW: Sarah Kerley

Diocesan Victim Assistance To report an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor. Victim Assistance
Diocesan Hotline: (217) 321-1155



Spiritual Support for the Sick

Request the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one facing illness or surgery. The Sacrament may be administered privately or after any Mass. If you or a loved one is in the hospital, Father would like to know so it is possible for him to visit. Please call the Parish Office at (217) 498-9197 for the anointing and/or a hospital visit.

Eucharistic Ministers taking communion to Carriage Crossing & Rochester Estates at 9:15 am every Sunday,

Frances Yocum is having a Communion Service at 2:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesdays at Rochester Estates.

It is a privilege to pray for those who are ill. In hopes of keeping our list current, parishioners and parishioners' family and friends will be on the prayer list for 1 month unless the office is contacted to notify us that additional time is necessary. We are happy to keep people on the list as long as needed.

Please remember the elderly and homebound of our parish in your daily prayer.

God bless them all, and

Pray for Parishioners – JoAnn Camille, Ann Carel, Carolyn Carmichael, Evelyn Conboy, Shirley Crawford, Lenna DeGroot, Carrie Downey, Herta Duban, Helen Dulle, Gary Dumonceaux, Paul Harris, Jerry Jasinski, Janet Kalb, Jillian Kohlrus, Betty Limper, Andrea Miller, Scott Moss, Jim Nelson, Ginger Rentschler, Ray Roland, Rene Runions, Brittany and Steve Smith and family, Owen Smith and his family (Kristin, Paisley and Adam), Frances Tomashavich, Al Urbanckas, Bill White, LuAnn White, Patrick Witcik, Laurie White, and Ron Wojcicki.

*** = new this week**

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

Mary Aplington – sister of Beth Yong
John Aplington – brothers of Beth Yong
Maryann Bailey – mother of Dean Bailey
Carolyn Binion – friend of Paulette Dumonceaux
John Brunsman – father of Laura Horstman
Steven Butts - brother of Michelle Bullock
Virginia Chineke – mother of Fr. Peter
Leo Conway – father of Gary Conway
Judy Conway - friend of Maggie Patterson
Eddie Cook – friend of Lenna DeGroot family
Dave & Trish Crusen – brother of Tom Crusen
Chris Crusen – brother of Tom Crusen
Linda Curtis – sister of Connie Leach
Bill Davis – friend of Donald & Lou Ellen Markovitch
Kelly Diaz – niece of Stan & Mary Jo Duesterhaus
Alison Donoho – friend of Jane and Harry Hendrickson
Sarah Egizio – daughter-in-law of Mary Ann Egizio
Frank Emerson- brother-in-law of Jean McDonald
Lynne (Auxier) Feece – sister-in-law of Beth Auxier
Cindy Frericks- mother-in-law of Jennifer Frericks en
Frericks – father-in-law of Jennifer Frericks
Jody Frese – sister-in-law of Barb Scheufele
Lauren Friedmeyer & her baby, Nellie – granddaughter & great granddaughter of Bill & Laurie White
Dolores Pantoja Salgado – mother of Diego Garcia
Steven Godar - father of Dennis Godar
Jennifer Harbeck - cousin of Brad Zack
Jennie Harling - sister of Leanne Collings
Mark Hill – friend of Hartzel and Mary Bruno
Chad Kunkle – friend of Pat & Steve Jones and Family
Dale Laningham – friend of the Hendrickses
Glen Limper - son of Al & Betty Limper
Francis Lynam - son-in-law of Tom & Helen Crusen
Robin Mahnken – friend of Jerry & Mary Jo Jasinski
Joyce Ann Marr – first cousin of Beth Auxier
Ann Martin – sister of Betty Downey

Mark Maxwell – brother-in-law of Beth Auxier
Mitchell McDevitt – son of Steph McDevitt, Rochester
Paula McDonald- sister-in-law to Jean McDonald
Donna Meyers - mother of Kellie Brewer
Cindy Murdock – sister of Carolyn Carmichael and aunt of Leanne Collings
Fred J. Naffziger – brother of Michele Naffziger
Theresa Oldani – friend of Diane Bortmess, friend of Kelly Conlon & Family
Emily Parnell – daughter-in-law of Peggy Parnell
Ozzie Ostrowski – grandson of Marty & Debby Coe
Mark & Chris Riedle – family of Tess & David Riedle
Teresa Rouse – friend of Jane Molohon
Bud Saputo- brother of Vito and Edna Saputo
Joe Saputo – brother of Vito & Edna Saputo
Gary Schmidt – friend of Hartzel & Mary Bruno
Special Intentions of Andy Mihelich
Special Intentions of Barb Scoggins
Rita Spannagel, mother of Jill Whitney
Russ Steil- father of Teresa O'Sullivan
Edward Stein – brother of LuAnn White
Mary Stewart – friend of Suzanne Moss
Tom Uzzo- brother-in-law of Jane Molohon
Kathy Whitaker – friend of Peggy Parnell
Mike Wilkin- brother of Leigh Ann Szabados
Vicki Will – sister-in-law of Brian Sommer

Mittens for the Breadline



This winter St. Jude's is collecting monetary donations to purchase mittens for the less fortunate in our community who go to the St.

John's Breadline all year long. Please consider a donation to this cause to help keep our homeless in our community warm this winter. God bless and thank you in advance for your generosity.

