



## 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>!

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6-8 <sup>th</sup> Parent Meetings for 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jan. 16:	Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm 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 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
Feb. 26:	Rosary Wednesday, 6pm PSR, 6:30-7:30pm Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm

## VBS!

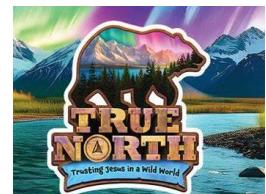
Now is the time to get your VBS dates down on that calendar!

### 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>**

## 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)**

	<b>Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>:</b>
7:30am	Mass (Int: Gabriel Garcia Pantoja†)
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: Ed Bedore†)
	<b>Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>:</b>
8:00 am	Mass (Int: Gary Leach†)
10:30 am	Mass (Int: Joe Rupnik)
	<b>Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Fred & Mary Lou Devera)
	<b>Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>:</b>
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Dave & Ann Marie Hillyea)
	<b>Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>:</b>
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Christopher Hoffman)
	<b>Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>:</b>
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Herbt and Helen Dulle)
	<b>Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>:</b>
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Noah Guerrettaz†)
	<b>Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>:</b>
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: Vernita Serrano†)
	<b>Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>:</b>
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
<b>Total this Week:</b>	<b>\$ 6,125.00</b>	
<b>Fiscal Year Total:</b>		<b>\$ 227,923.26</b>

**January 2025 Volunteers: Week #1****Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, Counting Day:**

Team #1

**Church Dusters:**

Laurie McWard &amp; 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 12<sup>th</sup> – 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 12<sup>th</sup> - 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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) Feree** – 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 Hendricksons  
**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.

