

## 'Staff'

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**Pantry:** & many volunteers  
(Food Pantry)

Please contact the office for communication  
with council members or other 'staff'

## Week At a Glance

### **Sunday**

8:00a: Reconciliation  
8:30a: Mass  
9:45a: Bible Study (FF Building)  
9:45a: OCIA  
9:45a: Altar Server Training

### **Monday**

7:00p: Women's Meeting

### **Tuesday**

8:30a: **NO** Services until further notice  
7:00p: AA (closed meeting)

### **Thursday**

5:00p: Reconciliation  
5:30p: Mass

### **Friday**

7:00p: AA (closed meeting)

### **Sunday**

8:00a: Reconciliation  
8:30a: Mass  
9:45a: Bible Study (FF Building)  
9:45a: OCIA

## Last Week's Collections

Christmas - \$1913  
General Collection - \$2177  
Building Fund - \$250



Today is the Epiphany of the Lord – January 4, 2026  
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**Bartolome Esteban  
Murillo  
Adoration of the  
Magi**

*We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage.*

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<b><u>Sunday Mass</u></b> 8:30am Facebook live @ 8:30  <b><u>Confessions</u></b> Sunday @ 8:00am Thursday @ 5:00pm or by appointment	<b>Communion Service</b> <b>NO</b> Services until further notice  <b>Mass</b> Thursday @ 5:30p	<b><u>Office Hours</u></b> Tues. 10:00a-2:00p Thurs. 10:00a-2:00p  (If calling outside of office hours, please leave a message.)	<b><u>New, interested in joining or reconnecting?</u></b>  Please call the office to schedule an appointment.
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## Parish News

Fr. Boutin is away with students from  
Troy University Jan. 1-5<sup>th</sup>  
Fr. Smiley will celebrate mass on Sunday,  
January 4.

Altar server training  
Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> after mass  
for children and adults interested.

Women's Meeting  
January 5  
7:00p

Social Committee  
If you are interested in serving on the new  
social committee that is being formed,  
please contact Amber Williams.  
Text (334) 797-5202 or email  
[amberamusowilliams@gmail.com](mailto:amberamusowilliams@gmail.com)

Blessings of Blankets  
If you would like to donate a NEW lap  
blanket to be given to our homebound,  
sick, or those in need, please drop it in the  
basket at the entrance to the church or to  
Amber Williams or Janet Amuso.

IGiveCatholic  
\$17,875 donations to date.

## Ways to Give to St. John

[sjccozark.com](http://sjccozark.com)  
and click "Menu" in upper R corner  
"online giving"

Or



QR Code linked to our online giving

Or

Text to Tithe - Text GIVE to 334-633-0906

## Support our Parish – Support our Website

Be a part of our mission and sponsor our  
parish website. We are searching for a  
sponsor to support our website and your  
business or family will be showcased with  
gratitude at the bottom of the opening  
page. The sponsorship will defer the cost  
of this website so that we can continue to  
share our message across the world. If  
interested, visit our website

([sjccozark.com](http://sjccozark.com)) and click on the link at the  
bottom of the page to share your contact  
information. Someone from the  
advertising department of the company  
that supports our site will reach out to you  
with more information. Thank you for  
considering this ministry of support.  
Contact JoAnn McCaffrey if you have any  
questions.

## Focusing the Gospel

*Key words and phrases:* Born in Bethlehem,  
magi ... arrived in Jerusalem, Where is the  
newborn king of the Jews

*To the point:* Arriving at Jerusalem, the magi  
thought they had come to the birthplace of  
"the newborn king of the Jews," for  
Jerusalem was the traditional home of the  
Jewish king. But the "newborn king" was not  
where they expected to find him. He was in  
Bethlehem, the home of David before he  
was made king, when he was still a simple  
shepherd boy. This king "who is to shepherd  
... Israel" was not born in a palace, but in a  
simple abode; was not given homage by  
Jewish elite, but by foreigners; was not given  
only gifts acknowledging his kingship but  
also a gift of myrrh pointing to his passion;  
was not to be limited in his reign to the  
Jewish nation, but would reign over all  
peoples. Where do we expect to find this  
"newborn king," and who do we expect him  
to be?

*Connecting the Gospel ...*

*... to the Second Reading:* The Second  
Reading makes explicit that Christ came for  
all peoples: the "Gentiles are coheirs" and  
"copartners in the promise" of Christ for  
salvation.

*... to experience:* Expectations shape our  
attitudes and actions more than we realize.  
If we expect failure, we will probably fail. If  
we expect happiness, we have a better  
chance of finding it. If we limit where and  
how we expect to encounter Christ, we will  
miss so many opportunities to find him.

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## Feast Day

January 6

In the USA the Church celebrates  
the **Optional Memorial of Saint André  
Bessette (1845-1937)** was born near  
Quebec, and entered the Congregation of  
the Holy Cross as a Brother. He performed  
humble tasks for over forty years and  
entrusted all of the poor and sick who  
flocked to his cell to the care of St. Joseph.  
During his life he was able to have a chapel  
built to the spouse of the Virgin Mary.  
After his death, the shrine grew into the  
great basilica known as St. Joseph's  
Oratory in Montreal.

According to the Canadian Conference of  
Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) calendar, the  
Optional Memorial of Saint André Bessette  
is celebrated in Canada not on January 6  
but on January 7.

In some parts of the world and also in the  
former calendar (1962) is the [Solemnity of  
the Epiphany of Our Lord](#).

The Roman Martyrology  
commemorates Saint Andrew Corsini  
(1302-1374), Carmelite, later Bishop of  
Fiesole, Italy. He is known for his  
peacemaking.

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