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*The Wise Still Seek Him*

## The Epiphany of the Lord | January 8, 2023

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## HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

**Opening Prayer:** Jesus came and was born a Jew, but He brought other nations-gentiles to the knowledge and worship of Him through the revelation of himself to the three wise men from the East (Magi).

**How the Plan of God to Make us Co-heirs with the Jews was Effected:** It is the plan of God that the coming of Jesus will be beneficial to all the nations of the world not just the Jews. All nations belong to Jesus who came to redeem and justify people from every tribe, people and nation (Cfs. Revelations 5: 9; Psalm 96: 1-4). Although the Incarnation of Jesus, through which he took human flesh, is the first moment when Christ showed himself to the nations, it is through the three kings from the East that Jesus was shown to the nations of the world, that is, the gentile world. Through the visit by the three wise men from the East who represent all peoples-Jew and Gentile alike, the plan of God to give His only begotten Son as king and Savior for the whole human race, not just for the Jews alone was effected. Directed by a star, the three wise men, foreigners from the East, came to Bethlehem to discover, accept and worship the Child Jesus. When they found Him they fell to their knees and adored the one born as Lord. So, in the persons of the Magi, all people adore the creator of the whole world and God is made known, not only to the Jews, but to the whole world.

**Using the Gifts God has Given us to Discover, Worship and Serve God:** Today's passage concerning the news about the birth of Jesus and the three wise men is intended to urge us to become part of the group of wise men, women and children who use their God given talents to discover God, worship God and offer God gifts. The Magi had more faith in God than in their own ideas and understanding. God is the one who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the three wise men so they could come and worship his Son Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Cf. Isaiah 9: 6) and King of Kings (Cf. Revelations 19: 16). To each of us, God provides a star, that is, the gift of faith through which we recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior and are led to the glory of heaven. Through faith our hearts are moved and the eyes of our minds are opened so that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. Besides what faith does in our lives, we are also like the Magi called to offer Jesus our precious gifts in appreciation for the life, grace and salvation we have received from God. Hence, just as the three wise men offered their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, let us also offer part of our wealth, talents and precious time to the service of the Lord and each other through his Church. Since they did not only offer gifts but despite their greatness and age prostrated before the 'child' and did Him homage, may we also in our homes and communities always offer prayer and adoration to our Lord Jesus Christ.

**How Different People Cooperated with the Plan of God to Reveal His Son to the World:** In today's Gospel Reading three different groups of people reacted differently to the story of the birth of Jesus as it relates to the three wise men from the East who followed the star that led them to recognize and worship the Child Jesus. First, there is Herod who upon hearing the news of the birth of Jesus, pretended to be happy. Herod did not like the idea of the birth of a newborn king and so he did not waste time to plan to eliminate the child Jesus. Like Herod, we have some modern day "herodians" who discredit Jesus Christ or Christianity through books, movies or other forms of propaganda like the media. Other "herodians" of our age are people involved in occult practices or those who persecute Christians. Modern day "herodians" seek to promote their own interests instead of the will of God. They are only interested in their own selves and are ready to do away with anything that stands on their way. Second, another group of people shown in the news of the birth of Jesus as it relates to the Magi are the priests and scribes who when asked by Herod where the Messiah is to be born, did not hesitate to give the right answer but remained indifferent that Jesus was born. The priests and scribes had the knowledge of the Messiah and acted like road signs indicating the way to follow but remained unconcerned. Although they were expecting the coming of the Messiah, they did not run to Bethlehem, but remained comfortably in Jerusalem and did not care. Like the priests and the scribes, there are some professors or scholars who today know the Scriptures very well but doubt or are never concerned that Jesus ever live on this earth or even if he ever lived, he was just a mere powerful prophet, but not the Son of God. Other people who belong to this group of the chief priests and scribes of old include preachers who keenly study the Scriptures just to preach powerful sermons, make material gain or become popular, but their ultimate interest is not Jesus or the salvation of souls. Modern chief priests and scribes are also those who are hearers but not doers of the Word of God. The third group of people who behaved positively when Jesus was born were the Magi who were single minded, sincere, generous and welcoming. They had a dream and believed it. They saw the star and followed it. Working with the little information they had, they left the security of their familiar environment and continued to search until they found the child Jesus with his parents.

**Closing Prayer:** Like the three wise men from the East who followed the star and continued to search until they found the child Jesus, may our faith, our talents and our charity help us to continue to search for Christ in our communities, working places and our Churches so that we will adore and worship Jesus.

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

	<u>St. Anne</u>	<u>St. Catherine</u>	<u>St. Raphael</u>	<u>St. Gabriel</u>
<b>Needed Each Week:</b>	\$2,467.41	\$2,807.70	\$815.76	\$533.66
<b>Needed Year-to-Date:</b>	66,303.74	73,000.28	21,209.76	13,341.76
<b>Actual Year-to-Date:</b>	71,076.93	72,747.46	21,188.85	14,782.00
<b>Date: 12/25/22-1/1/23:</b>	3,104.00	4,726.75	2,309.02	1,184.25
<b>Other Collections:</b>	50.00	225.00	175.00	60.00
<b>December Online:</b>	3,201.69	1,411.51	133.28	96.20

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

### Saturday, January 7, 2023

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael  
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael  
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael  
(\*Ronald Skiba)  
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel  
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel  
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel  
(\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne,  
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)

### Sunday, January 8, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
(\*For the Deceased Members of K of C  
Council #6851)  
11:00am Mass at St. Anne  
(\*Robert Brackett)

### Monday, January 9, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Anne  
(\*Antonija Ovcjak)

### Tuesday, January 10, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Anne  
(\*Mary Fitzgerald)  
9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

### Wednesday, January 11, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
(For good weather)  
5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration &  
Reconciliation  
at St. Catherine  
6:30pm Holy Hour with the Lord at  
St. Anne Church in Harrisville

### Thursday, January 12, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
(For all parents)  
9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

### Friday, January 13, 2023

NO MASS  
6:30pm Bible Study in Maria Hall at St. Anne

### Saturday, January 14, 2023

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael  
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael  
4:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Raphael  
(\*In celebration of Fr. John William's birthday)  
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel  
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel  
6:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Gabriel  
(\*Oliver DeRocher)

### Sunday, January 15, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
(\*Edwin Paulson)  
11:00am Mass at St. Anne  
(\*Daniel Bruske)



# Happy Birthday

## TO REV. JOHN WILLIAM



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT HOLY HOUR WITH THE LORD

**Day:** Wednesday's  
**Time:** 6:30pm - 7:30pm  
**Where:** St. Anne Church

### FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY AT ST. ANNE

**Day:** Friday's  
**Time:** 6:30-7:30pm  
**Where:** Maria Hall at St. Anne  
Soup and bread will be provided.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!:** To Fr. John William who celebrated his birthday on Friday, January 6th.
- **ST. CATHERINE CHURCH CLEANING PERSON NEEDED:** If you are interested or would like more information please contact the parish office at 989-471-5121.
- **ST. CATHERINE'S ANGEL FUND COLLECTION:** Has collected a total of \$4,220.00. If you would like to donate there are envelopes at both entrances of the church, just drop them in the collection or at the parish office.
- **COFFEE & DONUTS ~ A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY SOCIAL TIME WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS!**  
**St. Catherine:** Coffee and Donuts will resume in May 2023.  
**St. Anne:** Coffee & Donuts after mass on Sunday's!  
**St. Raphael:** Refreshments will be after mass on Saturdays!
- Volunteer Cleaners needed for January - December 2023 for St. Anne Church.
- **MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year A)

### SUNDAY:

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

### MONDAY:

IS 42:1-4, 6-7,  
MT 3:13-17

### TUESDAY:

HEB 2:5-12,  
MK 1:21-28

### WEDNESDAY:

HEB 2:14-18,  
MK 1:29-39

### THURSDAY:

HEB 3:7-14,  
MK 1:40-45

### FRIDAY:

HEB 4:1-11,  
MK 2:1-12

### SATURDAY:

HEB 4:12-16,  
MK 2:13-17

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### OUR SICK:

Carolyn Lenhard,  
Beverly Aube,  
Betty Keen,  
Charles Carriveau,  
Karl Miltz Sr.,  
Carol Antkowiak,  
Carl Skwirsk,  
Mary Gruba,  
Mike Maturen

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

### Sunday:

Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh

### Monday:

Rev. Chet Collins

### Tuesday:

Rev. Nicholas Cooper

### Wednesday:

Rev. Anthony Cureton

### Thursday:

Rev. Robbie Dekka

### Friday:

Rev. James M. Doherty

### Saturday:

Rev. Charles Donajkowski

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PARISHES OF THE RESURRECTION:



### HOLY HOUR WITH THE LORD

**Day: WEDS. | Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm**  
**Where: St. Anne Church**

"Again, I say to you, If two of you agree on Earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." Matthew 18:19)



### FRIDAY NIGHT - BIBLE STUDY

**Day: Friday's**  
**Time: 6:30-7:30pm**  
**Where: Maria Hall at St. Anne**  
Soup and bread will be provided.

## Understand Your Catholic Faith with *The Catechism in a Year* Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

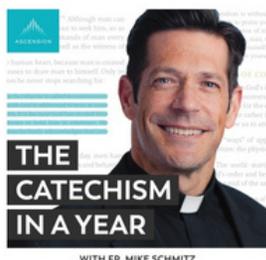
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## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging in the New Year? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on Feb 24-26, 2023. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room.

Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.michigan@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.michigan@gmail.com), or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

### FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD OZAR

Today's gospel tells us "All Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!