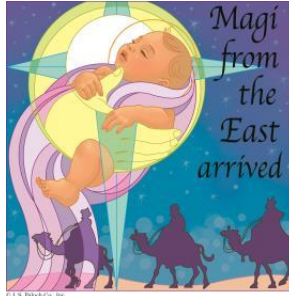


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January 5, 2025

Second Sunday of Christmas

The Epiphany of the Lord

Today's Scripture 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).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: 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.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

5:30PM Saturday - Jan 11th
Lector Volunteer

9:00AM Sunday - Jan 12th
Lector: Linda Lopez

Mass Intentions for the Week: (Jan 6th - Jan 12th)

MON	01/06	7:00AM. . . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilia Graicar
TUES	01/07	7:00AM. . . + Francis & Angela Komara - (Elaine Komara)
WED	01/08	7:00AM. . . + Michael & Frances Thomas - (Grandchildren)
THURS	01/09	7:00AM. . . + (B) Anna V Christian - (Husband, Bob)
FRI	01/10	7:00AM. . . + (A) Shelley Poplinski & (A) Margaret Blair - (Connie & Family)
SAT	01/11	5:30PM. . . + Jack & Ester Sloan - (Family)
SUN	01/12	9:00AM. . . Christian Mothers

January 5, 2025

Stewardship Reflections:

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, we observe today the great Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word 'epiphany' means manifestation and throughout the Christmas readings we have seen that the newborn King is eager to reveal Himself to all those willing to accept His presence in their lives. From poor and humble shepherds to the international group of magi featured in today's Gospel passage, Jesus makes it clear that He offers Himself as a gift to everyone.

We also see throughout the scriptures that God uses what is familiar to us to draw us to Himself, like using a star for the magi. Our Lord speaks to each of us daily, but we must be alert to 'hear' and 'see' Him our lives. To become better attuned to the ways God is speaking to us, we must strengthen our spiritual 'senses' by spending time with the Lord in prayer.

When we establish a regular, intentional, time for prayer daily, we will find that the Lord continues to speak to us throughout the day. We will more easily recognize the signs He places before us to draw us into a closer relationship with Him. We will begin to see that He is indeed present in our lives at every moment.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Dec 25th 2024)**

Weekly	\$ 355.00
Fuel	\$ 30.00
Flowers	\$ 30.00
Christmas	\$ 3,037.00
Monthly	\$ 5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 30.00

Dec 28th & Dec 29th, 2024

Weekly	\$ 2,220.00
Flowers	\$ 10.00
Christmas	\$ 275.00
Fuel	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!

The Knights of Columbus will hold their meeting **Tuesday, Jan. 7th** at 7PM in the St. Therese Church hall

Christian Mothers Mass & Meeting – will be held after the 9 AM Mass **next Sunday, Jan 12th**. Please plan to attend. All are welcome..

We are asking everyone during the month of January to write your name on your collection envelope to assist in posting. Thank you



Blessing of Homes...If you would like **Fr. Bernard** to bless your home in the New Year, please call the Rectory Office @539-7633 or put a note with your name, address and phone number in the collection basket.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group - next get together will be Wednesday Jan. 8th, 2025 3pm or 6:30pm for those who work.

That's right a **NEW** year, and the best way to kick it off is joining our group and seeing what learning and living Divine Mercy can be a blessing to your life!

Info : Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI -
MUSIC BINGO**

on **FEBRUARY 8, 2025.**

Doors open at 5:00 PM. First game starts at 7:00PM. Ticket includes food and non-alcoholic beverages. Cash prizes every half hour!! Also available for purchase will be Qualifiers, 50/50, & basket chances. \$7.00 Beer bracelets will be available. Tables can be reserved. \$20/person, tickets are available before and after all weekend Masses. You also can call Fran King at 814-536-3667.

The Lazer Room a division of the Jodat Technologies Co, INC, a regional commercial Manufacturing, is offering to contribute a percentage of 15% of gross sales when used by our parishioners. The Lazer Room can personalize almost anything, wood, glass metal, stone. Please pick up a flier in the back of the church or go on line <https://thelazerroomstore.com> or <https://www.etsy.com/shop/TheLazerRoom> When ordering do not forget to use the code St Therese is **STC20** St Anne **SAN20**

A Family Perspective

Epiphany (MT 2:1-12)
After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."



ABORTION:

Abortion interferes with God's plan – a plan He willed before He created the universe. Abortion is in violation of God-given life." Richard Halverson.

"We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life – the unborn – without diminishing the value of all human life." Ronald Regan

