January 5 – The Epíphany of the Lord

"LORD, EVERY NATION ON EARTH WILL ADORE YOU."

> Look! Look up, O Jerusalem! The world is coming, running to walk in your light.

We are the sparkling and dull, the border agents and the undocumented, the kings and the hobos.

Lord, please shine your light upon us all. Let your star chase away our darkness and fill us with your radiant love. Make us into epiphanies overflowing with care for each other.

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FORGIVE: FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE

"When you go into God's Kingdom, you go through the door of forgiveness," says author Dwight Moody.



Are you unable to grow spiritually because you hold bitterness in your heart?

Are you harboring any hard feelings toward another? Give yourself a gift during this year of 2020 and release your ill feelings into the hands of a loving God. Allow God to turn your heart of stone into a heart of flesh.

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Jan. 8	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., Jan. 10	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan. 4	4 PM	Urban Johannigman
Sun., Jan. 5	10 AM	Pat Hermesch
Sat., Jan. 11	4 PM	Don Gilland
Sun., Jan. 12	10 AM	Phil Wittich

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – January 11 at 4:00 PM

- Greeters: Nathan and Courtney Wagner Dennis and Flo Wagner Server: Kayla Simon Cantors: Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning Lectors: Elizabeth Hermesch, Jack Ferkinhoff Euch. Ministers: Roseann Wirth, Janet Wagner John Wagner, Terry Harmeyer Sunday – January 12 at 10:00 AM
- Greeters: George and Mary Bultman Ben Harlemert Servers: Brady Borgman, Wyatt McCain Cantor: Scott Simon Lectors: Greg Wagner, Doug Stier Euch. Ministers: Katie Spreckelson, Leslie Hicks Cindy Weisenbach, Paige Simon

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3372.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 4.60
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 568.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$3944.60

\$3,193.00 needed weekly to meet budget.

Special Collections	\$5347.00
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- + Capital Improvement \$1920.00
- + Christmas Flowers \$150.00
- + Christmas \$3277.00

God Bless You!

"But what is the 'truth' that Christ came into the world to witness to? The whole of his life reveals that God is love: so this is the truth to which he witnessed to the full with the sacrifice of his own life on Calvary." ~ Pope Benedict XVI <u>AT HOME WITH GOD</u> – Of all persons, the Christian should be best prepared for whatever the New Year brings....In Christ, the Christian has disposed of a thousand enemies that other people must face alone and unprepared. A Christian can face their tomorrow cheerful and unafraid because yesterday they turned their feet into the ways of peace and today they live for God. The person who has made God their dwelling place will always have a safe habitation. ~ A.W. Tozer

<u>SANCTUARY LIGHT</u> – The sanctuary light will burn January 5 through January 12 for Urban Johannigman.

There are openings for memorials for the candle for the rest of the year. The suggested offering is \$5.00. If you would like to make an offering in memory of a family member, friend, etc., please place your offering in an envelope marked "sanctuary light." Also include the name of the person you are remembering and the week you want.

<u>BLOOD PRESSURE</u> – You can get your blood pressure checked this weekend in the St. Anne Room after the Masses. Shannon Kuntz and Brandi Merkel will be there to assist you.

ETERNAL PEACE – St. Maurice parishioners extend sympathy to the family of Hazel Steuri, who died on December 26th. May she be given Eternal Peace!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – We give thanks to all who added to the beauty of this Christmas season, especially our liturgy committee and volunteers who decorated the church, and our liturgical ministers, ushers, and musicians whose gift of service brought beauty to our Masses. We give you thanks!

<u>OFFICE</u> – I will be out of the office on Wednesday, January 8, attending a Parish Life Coordinator meeting in Indianapolis.

<u>UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL</u> – Our third report shows a slight increase. We are now at **83%** of our goal with **\$11,410.00** being pledged. Let's continue to work toward our Archdiocesan goal of \$13,683.00. Thank you.

<u>CYO BASKETBALL</u> – The next CYO game is TODAY, January 5, at 3:30 PM. They will play Holy Family Team at Batesville.

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS – "Dear Sister Shirley and the Parishioners of St. Maurice: On behalf of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, thank you for the hundreds of supply items you provided for our elderly Sisters here at our Motherhouse. These gifts will be used by our elderly Sisters and will certainly save us a great amount of money. Your thoughtfulness and generosity in giving to us as your Advent project was indeed a tremendous Christmas gift. May God bless each of you very specially now and always! Know you will continue to be in our prayers." In Gratitude, Sister Joanita Koors, Motherhouse Minister

<u>WORDS OF THANKS</u> – "It is only with gratitude that one's life becomes rich." Thank you for your generous parish Christmas gift and all other gifts this Christmas. I am indeed grateful and, with your prayers, will continue to serve you. (Sr. Shirley)

Both Fr. John and Fr. Bill wish to thank you for your generous gifts. Fr. John writes, "It is a blessing to be able to serve the parishes at my age."

A monetary gift is given to our wine-maker, Mary Ann Schwering, and she writes, "Thank you very much for the money. I am glad to furnish the wine."

And the following thank you: "Thank you for your donation to the Delaware United Methodist Church Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry. Your support is truly appreciated. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

<u>RELIGIOUS ED</u> – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5, Wednesday, January 8, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served: Hot Dogs.

Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next week, January 12, 8:30 AM.

<u>THE LORD'S LAUGHTER</u> – The two shortest wires on record concerned a rather long novel. Wondering how the sales of *Les Miserables* were going, Victor Hugo, in exile on the island of Guernsey, telegraphed his publisher: ?

To which the reply came back: ! (from *Telegram*! by Linda Rosenkrantz)