

January 6th & 7th, 2024 — Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

St. Joseph (SJ) & St. Patrick (SP) Mass Schedule						
Date			Place	Time	Mass Intention	Sacred Scriptures
Mon	Jan	08	SJ	No Mass		Baptism of the Lord: Isaiah 55: 1-11; Mark 1: 7-11
Tues	Jan	09	SJ	6:15 PM	+ Ruth Cunningham	1 Samuel 1: 9-20; Mark 1: 21-28
Wed	Jan	10	SJ	8:00 AM	+ Merallene Dooley	1 Samuel 3: 1-10,19-20; Mark 1: 40-45
Thurs	Jan	11	SP	5:45 PM	+ Vincent Dooley	1 Samuel 4: 1-11; Mark 1: 40-45
Fri	Jan	12	SJ	8:00 AM	+ Margaret Tiernan	1 Samuel 8: 4-7,10-22; Mark 2: 1-12
Sat	Jan	13	SJ	5:00 PM	+ Don Hermanstorfer	1 Sam.3:3-10,19;1 Cor.6:13-15,17-20; John 1: 35-42
Sun	Jan	14	SP	8:00 AM	For Our Parish	1 Sam.3:3-10,19;1 Cor.6:13-15,17-20; John 1: 35-42
Sun	Jan	14	SJ	10:00 AM	+ Samuel Kasup	1 Sam.3:3-10,19;1 Cor.6:13-15,17-20; John 1: 35-42

Prayer Chain: Courtney Bieghler, Nellie Bindel, Shirley Bittinger, Bob Casper, Malcolm Cortner, Linda Darling, Mike Forsyth, Christina Hefele, Glenn Kordick, Julia Koster, Melinda Morrisey, Josetta Mulvihill, Frank Phillips, Clare Ritchie, Jo Schurman, Linda Sullivan. Please contact St. Joseph office at 515-462-1083 or at office@ saintjosephchurch.net to be added to the prayer line.

Father's Thank You: Father Dooley would like to express a heartfelt gratitude to all who sent cards, gift and warm greeting this Christmas season. May all be truly blessed in the New Year.

Catechesis: Here in the West, Epiphany has come to mean the visit of the Magi, who represent all nations Here it refers to God being made known in the person of Jesus to the Magi. You can find the record of the event in the Gospel of Matthew. The Fathers of the Church interpret the gifts the Magi brought to be symbolic: Gold- royalty, Frankincense-divinity, and Myrrh- passion, of Christ. Please pray the Novena to the Magi in anticipation of Epiphany to honor the wise men from the Gentiles who faithfully sought out the Christ Child near the time of His birth. Tradition holds that they returned home, converted to the Catholic Faith, and were later baptized by St Thomas the Apostle.

Jesus and the Eucharist: Jesus didn't simply leave us a message or instructions to follow. He left us a Church, where we uniquely encounter the love of God through the sacraments and in community with other believers. Come to the next Jesus and the Eucharist session and learn more! Saturday, January 13, 8-10AM in St. Joseph Parish hall. Coffee will be on! The January Encounter Night has been cancelled due to the Diocesan listening night on Jan. 16.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule for January 13 & 14, 2024			
Ministry	St. Joe's Sat. 5:00 PM	St. Pat's Sun 8:00 AM	St. Joe's Sun. 10:00AM
Lector	Sue Williams	Larry Watts	Heather Honkomp
Extra Ordinary Holy Com.	Terry & Sarah Cowman Jim Murphy	Jody Watts, Al Sieren Angie Hall	Jeff Honkomp, Victoria Williams Jill Hatten
Gifts		Justin & Katie O'Neal	
Servers			Jimmy & Louis Hanson, G. Hilbert
Usher		Justin O'Nealm Al Sieren	
Greeter		Angie Hall	
Coffee & Rolls			Harvey & Marianne Eivins

From the Father's desk: Today the Church celebrates the great Feast of Epiphany. God's light is revealed to the nations. The light is of course the Christ Child and the coming of the Magi from the East represents all non-Jewish coming to worship the newborn King. These wise men following a bright star until it led them to the small hamlet of Bethlehem in Judah. There they offer the child gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Each of these gifts reveals to us who the Christ Child really is: Gold for a king, Frankincense for a prophet and Myrrh for a priest or sacrifice. Jesus is king and prophet and priest for all nations.

It is perhaps a good time for us to reflect on who Jesus is for us. If He truly is our king then we should give him honor and glory everyday, not just on Sunday or when it is convenient in our busy schedules. If He is a prophet, then we should listen to His words that guide and direct our lives toward the kingdom of heaven. If He is our priest, then we should be uniting our sacrifice with His before the throne of God.

If we believe that Christ Jesus is who Magi believe him to be, King, Prophet and Priest then there should be nothing that would stand in the way of following Him. The Magi follow a star and found the promised one of God, a savior. We are called to follow the savior and find a home in the heavenly kingdom. The Wise men, like the Shepherds before them went home rejoicing for all they had seen. We too should be rejoicing for the promise of salvation has been extended to us to be grafted on to the branch of Jesse and made heirs to the kingdom of God.

Questions: How is the celebration of Epiphany relevant to me today? Do I think of Jesus as a king, prophet and priest? Is the gift of salvation something I take for granted?

Confession Times: St. Pat's 7:15 am on Sundays; St. Joe's 3:30 pm on Saturdays,

Eucharistic Adoration: St. Joseph Adoration Tues 11 am to 6pm. St. Patrick's Holy Hour is Tuesday at 4:30pm followed by evening Mass at 5:45pm.

St. Joseph's Parishioners: you are invited to a Listening Session with the diocese on Jan. 9th or 16th. Please come and share your hopes, concerns and aspirations for the parish with Tom Green. All are invited to attend either session that will begin at 7pm and conclude by 8:30pm. Please contact John Gaffney with any questions @jgaffney@dmdioocese.org

St. Joe's Friday Morning Bible Study: Meets on Friday after Mass. **Acts-The Spread of the Kingdom.**

Winterwear for CRISP: The Christian Family Movement is hosting a winterwear drive for CRISP. There will be a box in the entryway of St. Joe's to donate gently used or new items:

Invitation to pray the Rosary a half hour before Masses at St. Joe's on the weekends .

FORMED our Catholic Streaming Service: all parishioners can check out the latest Christmas offerings at FORMED. Go to formed.org, type/click on 'Signup as parishioners' click on Find your parish, enter Winterset's zip code 50273, click on St. Joseph Catholic Church, enter name and email address. The enjoy amazing and catholic things.

Altar & Rosary Upcoming Events: Potluck Soup Supper on Saturday January 13 at 6 PM after Mass. Bring a soup or a dessert to share. Beverages and soup "toppings" will be provided

Trivia Night - Sign up your team now! Saturday, January 27, 2024. Doors open at 6 pm. Trivia at 7 pm. Teams of 8. \$15/person. Optional addition of 2 ringers at \$25 each. Free-will donation beverages. Bring your own snacks. Theme is Beach Party. Certificates for best decorated tables, best costumes, etc. Online signup available at <https://form.jotform.com/233436613570050> or pick up a form. Co-Hosted by St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Society and Winterset Knights of Columbus.

St. Patrick's Bunco will be played again on Sunday, January 14 at 3pm at the church house. Its simple! Its fun! Come and join us! Please bring \$5 to play (plus \$3 for LRC) and a snack to share.