



SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 3rd, 2021 Epiphany of the Lord



Mass Intentions

No Masses : Jan 5, 6, 7 and 8.
Fr. Jeff on retreat.

Area Weekday Mass Schedule:

Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby
Wed, Thurs, Fri @ 9:00am

Holy Trinity, Bucyrus
Tues 6:30pm, Wed & Fri 9:00am

St. Joseph, Galion
Mon & Thurs 9:00am

Saturday

No Confession at SHJ
4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: Mary Alice Biglin; Mark Wolford; The Moore Family

Sunday

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intention: Mike Tesso

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart
*** Live Streamed ***
Mass Intention: Jim Finnegan; Rodney Cole;
Deacon Joe Burkhart

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Convocation Center
Mass Intention: Barb Swain; Natasha Early;
John Smarto

Dear Parishioners,

On January 6th, 2021 we will be celebrating the **Epiphany**, or the 12th Day of Christmas, it commemorates how a star led the Wise Men, to the baby Jesus.

The Wise Men had seen a new star, (the Star of Bethlehem), in the sky. They knew it told of the birth of a special king in Israel. When the Wise Men met Jesus, He would have been between one and two years old.


The Wise Men gave Jesus, gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts might seem unusual to give to a baby, but as Catholic Christians we believe that they have the following meanings:

- **Gold:** is associated with Kings and as Catholic Christians we believe that Jesus is the King of Kings.
- **Frankincense:** is sometimes used in worship in churches and it showed that people would worship Jesus.
- **Myrrh:** is a perfume that is put on dead bodies to make them smell nice; as Catholic Christians we believe that it showed that Jesus would suffer and die for us.

As we celebrate the Epiphany, the 12th day of Christmas on January 6th. I ask you to reflect on the importance of this feast day. On the feast day we celebrate the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ!

God bless,

Lisa Myers, Principal

<p><i>Attention Eucharistic Ministers:</i></p> <p><i>Please send me a quick email (see back of bulletin) so I can have a record of your most current emails!</i></p> <p><i>Thank you!</i></p> <p><i>Becky Kromer, Parish Secretary</i></p> 	LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
	Wednesday Jan 6th: No Mass	
	Saturday, January 9th.	Sunday, January 10th.
	<p><u>MUSIC MINISTER</u> <i>TBD</i></p> <p><u>SERVERS</u> <i>Matthew Gosser</i></p> <p><u>OFFERTORY</u> <i>None Needed</i></p> <p><u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u> <i>Greg Keller & Tanya Hartings</i></p> <p><u>USHERS</u> <i>Shannon Finnegan Steve Gosser</i></p> <p><u>LECTOR</u> <i>Tanya Hartings</i></p> <p><u>GREETERS</u> <i>None Needed</i></p>	<p><u>MUSIC MINISTER</u> <i>Katie/Sean</i></p> <p><u>SERVERS</u> <i>Charly Milligan & Lincoln Milligan</i></p> <p><u>OFFERTORY</u> <i>None Needed</i></p> <p><u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u> <i>Steve Vogt & Chuck Weaver</i></p> <p><u>USHERS</u> <i>Gary Biglin & John Bonen</i></p> <p><u>LECTOR</u> <i>Steve Metzger</i></p> <p><u>GREETERS</u> <i>None Needed</i></p> <p><u>COUNTERS</u> <i>Barbara Weaver & Donna Biglin</i></p>

Bible Readings for the Week of January 3, 2021

Monday	1Jn 3:22-4:6, Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a, Mt 4:12-17, 23-28
Tuesday	1Jn 4:7-10, Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1Jn 4:11-18, Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13, Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1Jn 4:19-5:4, Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17, Lk 4:14-22a
Friday	1Jn 5:5-13, Ps 147:12-15, 19-20, Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1Jn 5:14-21, Ps 149:1-6a, 9b, Jn 3:22-30
Sunday	Is 42:1-4, 6-7, Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, Acts 10:34-38, Mk 1:7-11



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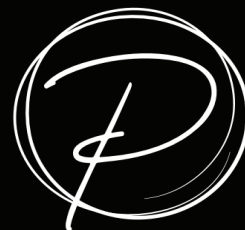
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The faithful are reminded that the dispensation to attend Sunday Mass, and Holy Days of Obligation, remains in place for the foreseeable future until you are notified otherwise. Those who are at high risk, especially the elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions are to be strongly advised to refrain from Mass attendance out of concern for their own well-being and out of Christian charity for others.



Congratulations to Adam and Samantha Schroeder on the baptism of their son, Soloman L. Schroeder. Soloman was baptized by Fr. Jeff Smith on December 26th after Mass. May God continue to Bless Soloman and his family!



Meeting Reminders :

Parish Council (Meet in Hall)	Jan 12
School Advisory	Jan 19
Finance Council	Jan 26



January Birthdays



Jerry Schumacher	(3)	Margaret Keller	(10)
Joyce Timmer	(5)	Jim Gwirtz	(16)
Joyce Murphy	(5)	Edna Keller	(21)
Robert Bell	(8)	Doug Crawford	(24)
Rosemary Sutter	(9)	Gary Borgelt	(24)
Tom Young	(9)		

COLLECTION:

December 20, 2020

\$ 6,524.00

Offertory
\$ 2,069.00

Christmas
\$ 4,175.00
Christmas Flowers
\$ 70.00
Gen Maintenance
\$ 50.00
Retired Religious
\$ 160.00

Thank You !
(Online N/A)



COLLECTION:

Christmas 2020

\$ 16,827.00

Offertory
\$ 2,666.12

Christmas
\$ 11,975.00
Christmas Flowers
\$ 100.00
Church Maintenance
\$ 25.00
Retired Religious
\$ 100.00

Thank You !
(Online \$360.00)



COLLECTION:

December 27, 2020

\$ 5,637.00

Offertory
\$ 1,397.00

Christmas
\$ 4,025.00
Gen Maintenance
\$ 75.00
Latin America
\$ 45.00
Eastern Europe
\$ 35.00
Black/Indian Missions
\$ 60.00

Thank You !
(Online N/A)

Sacred Heart End-Of-Year Statements:

Last year we learned many parishioners no longer need an end of year statement. As a cost saving measure, we will only be sending statements to those who request one. If you would like one please call the parish office at any time 419-342-2256 and leave your name. The statements will be mailed by the middle of January 2021.

Thank you for your continued and generous support of Sacred Heart Church and School !

The Epiphany of the Lord

JANUARY 3, 2021



"As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship. If we can fall on our knees before Jesus, we will overcome the temptation to set off on our own path." ~ (Pope Francis, Jan. 6, 2020)

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we remember that God came to earth for everyone, every nation, every people.

January is Poverty Awareness Month!

Poverty does not strike all demographics equally. For example, in 2018, 10.6% of men, and 12.9% of women lived in Poverty USA. Along the same lines, the poverty rate for married couples in 2018 was only 4.7% - but the poverty rate for single-parent families with no wife present was 12.7%, and for single-parent families with no husband present was 24.9%.

In 2018, the poverty rate for people living with a disability was 25.7%. That's nearly 4 million people living with a disability—in poverty.

Visit [PovertyUSA](https://PovertyUSA.org) for education on economic justice, resources for prayer, and key conduits for action.



Something in me wants to be born in winter

Lord of All Light,

When my days are filled with doubt,
Something within me will not cease believing.
When I feel despair,
Something in me still hopes.
Even when I see hatred,
Something within me is still moved to love.
I am not Mary:
Sinless, blameless, ever-virtuous.
Yet something in me wants to be born in winter.

Teach me to nourish it, protect it
Give it life.
Teach me to say **Yes**.
To faith, and to hope, and to love.
To your coming to live among us in this strange place.
For even when I am broken, fragmented, shattered even.
Something in me wants to be born in winter.
And in that **Yes**
Beyond any mercy I can imagine
I am made whole.

Amen



This prayer card may be distributed at any time in the Advent season, but may be especially helpful in the week of Christmas.

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January 2021

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Rev. Jeff Smith, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Tough times?

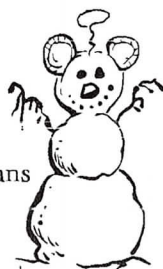
Throughout history, God has proven his faithfulness and care over and over again. He promises that He will help you through whatever tough times you face. *"God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it"* (1 Corinthians 10:13). Lean on Him.



Tune out the world and tune into God

In our noisy world, it can be hard to hear God's voice over the din. Yet, listening is as important as talking during prayer. *"By waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies"* (Isaiah 30:15). Talk to Him often, but make a point of listening for God's voice.

"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).



Give the gift of friendship in the New Year

When times are tough, it can be our family and friends who help us through. There wasn't much Jesus wouldn't do for His friends. In fact, He was more concerned with being a good friend than with having one. In our current pandemic situation, we can care for our loved ones as Jesus would:

Make spending time together a priority. Connections between loved ones are critical now. When meeting in person isn't possible, phone calls, letters, and emails can keep us connected. Video conferencing has become a staple of daily life; consider organizing regular get togethers with friends and family using your favorite conferencing program.

Help other people feel important. No matter how you interact, give the other person your full attention in conversation, and show appreciation and understanding for what he is saying.

Celebrate your friends' successes. A true friend is genuinely happy when something good happens in the other's life.

Value differences. Don't try to change your loved ones.

Celebrate their diversity.

Be willing to apologize. You may let each other down but a sincere apology can bring friends closer together.

Don't forget old friends. Call someone you haven't been in touch with for a long time. Don't know what to say? Try, "I don't want another moment to go by without being in touch. I've missed you."



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a symbol of Christ's love for us. It is often a heart surrounded by flame, pierced by a lance, topped by a cross, and circled by a crown of thorns.



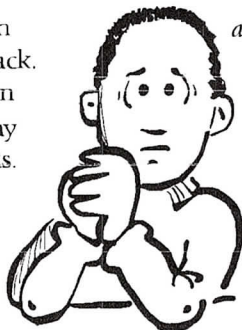
Jesus' love for us burns bright and intense like a flame. His heart is pierced by the lance representing our sins and the crown of thorns and the cross remind us of the death he suffered to bring us life.

"What do you want from me, Lord?"

God gives to us freely, but what does he want in return? Simply put, God wants us to love Him back.

Know Him. God made each of us with a space in our heart just for Him. Until we discover it, we may try to fill it with earthly things, but nothing else fits. When we turn to Him, the reward is beyond our dreams.

Love Him. Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul,



and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). He wants us to surrender to his infinite love. Show your love by praying frequently, seeking Communion with Him often, and praising Him continually.

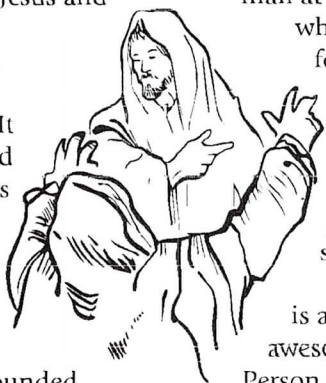
Serve Him. "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). When we make sure everyone has enough to eat, warm clothes to wear, and a place to stay, Jesus takes it personally. It's what he wants from us.

from Scripture

Mark 1:21-28, God's authority is not a formality

In this Gospel passage, Jesus and his apostles entered the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered at the Sabbath. It was customary for learned teachers to say, "Thus says the Lord..." Instead Jesus said, "I say to you..." He taught as one who spoke with the authority of God.

His calm authority astounded Jesus' listeners. Just as they began to wonder what it meant, he gave them a sign. He further demonstrated his authority by performing an exorcism. Spirits that bedeviled an unfortunate

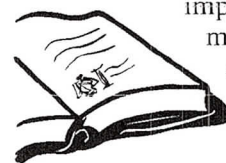


man at the synagogue recognized who Jesus was. They were forced to obey Him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance. In fact, God's power and authority isn't just a formality. What God says, happens.

Our kind and gentle Savior is also our powerful and awesome Lord. As the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus has supreme majesty and we will one day appear before Him to be judged. Yes, he is our divine savior and mediator. But if we say, "Jesus is Lord," then we give Him our loyalty and obedience.

Q & A How can I choose Catholic references that are accurate and faithful?

One good way to determine whether or not a book or pamphlet accurately reflects Catholic doctrine is to look for an "imprimatur" printed in the first few pages of the book. The presence of an



imprimatur generally means that a bishop's office has determined it to be free of doctrinal or moral errors. It may be accompanied by a "nihil obstat" (Latin for "nothing stands in the way") which means that someone well-versed in Catholic theology has reviewed the contents and found the same thing. Keep in mind that neither the imprimatur nor the nihil obstat imply agreement with the content or opinions.

It is particularly important for a book that purports to teach about the faith of the Church to carry the approval of the Catholic Church. There are many well-meaning people who intend to educate others about God's infinite love but may have an imperfect understanding of Catholic doctrine. When choosing materials to learn more about our religion, you will want to be sure that they are accurate.

Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 1 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Today, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God. In their honor, pray a Rosary. Although not a Holy Day of Obligation in many dioceses this year, Mass attendance or streaming is encouraged.

Jan. 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (1st Century). Setting out for Damascus to carry on the persecution of the Christians, he encountered Christ (Acts 9:1-19; 22:5-16; 26:12-18) while on the road to Damascus. He was struck blind from

the experience until he was baptized by Ananias three days later. He converted and began preaching the faith as he travelled around the Mediterranean.

Jan. 26 – Sts. Timothy and Titus (1st Century). Timothy was a convert of St. Paul's and later became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. Titus, also a friend of Paul's, served the early Church as a peacemaker and administrator to a community on Crete.



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YEAR-END GIVING 2020

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act has established two temporary changes to how charitable donations are treated this year.

The CARES Act will allow taxpayers who take the standard deduction, to claim an additional deduction up to \$300 for charitable gifts made in cash. This means that married families filing jointly will get a deduction of up to \$600.

The adjusted gross income (AGI) limit for cash donations was increased for individuals donors. Donors can now deduct qualified contributions of up to 100% of their AGI (up from 60%). The AGI limit for corporate donors who make a cash donation was also increased. Corporations can now deduct qualified contributions of up to 25% of their taxable income (up from 10%).

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Mass Cancellation During Inclement Weather

**The following policies are in effect for Sacred Heart
when inclement weather threatens.**



*On mornings when there is a school Mass, if there is a 2 hour delay the Mass will be at 1:30 p.m. IF school is cancelled, the Mass is CANCELLED. (Exception Wednesdays. @ 1:00pm Mass) If unsure call Parish Office.

*If school is cancelled on a day when Mass is in the evening, please listen to the radio or call the Parish Office to check to see if Mass is cancelled for that evening. Father Jeff will make a decision by Noon on those days.

(Tune in to WVNO @ 106.1 FM or WMFD.com)

Please use your best judgment & Be Safe !



THANK YOU !

*A big thank you to all who gave of their time &
talent to make our church look its best for
Christmas ! It was gorgeous !*