

January 7, 2018
The Epiphany of the Lord

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Serving the People of God
Spiritually and Physically since 1848"*

1101 S. LAFAYETTE, FT. WAYNE, IN 46802

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 10:45 am

Holy Day - 5:15 pm



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Karen Grashoff..... (260) 424-8231

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Julie Crouch (260) 424-8231

Sacramental Coordinator

Mary Kay Matasky..... (260) 424-8231

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Liturgical Environment

Chuck Luther (260) 424-8231

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Therese Spencer.....(260) 747-4242

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Jennifer Hayes (260) 450-2193

St. Mary's Soup Kitchen Cook

Diane Day (260) 426-1217

Soup Kitchen Volunteer Coordinator

Dee Kumfer (260) 422-4968

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Dottie Carpenter..... ..(260) 424-3355

Building Operations & SK Deliveries

Tom Freehill.....(260)424-8231

Prayer Line

Dottie Carpenter.....(260) 705-1690

Sacraments

Matrimony

Arrangements are to be made with priest at least 6 months in advance. Pre-marriage instruction required.

Sick and Communion Call

Please keep the Church Office informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

Baptism

For details please call the Church Office.

Baptismal Preparation is required for parents.

Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:00am-10:30am OR

Anytime by appointment.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Call Parish Office for information.

Parish Pastoral Council

Nov, Jan, Mar, May, 2nd Sunday, after Mass

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 pm

Call or email submissions.

Parish Mission Statement

"Believing in faith in action, St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church strives to reach out to others through the joyful celebration of Word and Sacrament, embracing diversity, and working for peace, justice, and non-violence."

Parish Membership Welcome

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. *We thank God for you.* If you wish to register, please call the parish office, pick up a registration form in the pew, or complete below and place in collection basket.

Name _____ Phone No _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Check one:

New Parishioner New Address New Phone Number Moving, remove from list

The Epiphany of the Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God's word, spoken through the prophet Micah: "And you, Bethlehem ... from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel" (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to "prostrate themselves" and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother.

The generosity of these three "kings" is also evident

as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death.

Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country "by another way." Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves.

Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Sunday, January 7

Sacristan: Sue Jehl

Commentator/Petitions: Tom Rumschlag

Servers: German Cronin, Andrew Cronin, John Peterson

First Reading: John Brennan

Second Reading: Carmen Doyle

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Jehl, Andrea Thomas, John Barnett, Judy Wagoner, Barb Chmiel, Jennifer Hayes, Peggy Neidhart, Joanne Miller

Ushers: Liz Peterson, Val Vorndran, Dennis Doyle, Gary Grider

Greeters: Sue & Irv Arnold



2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 14

Sacristan: Susan Berghoff

Commentator/Petitions: Greg Gemperline

Servers: Kera Parrott, Katy Parrott, Aric Koenig

First Reading: Pat McBride

Second Reading: Metrice Smith

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Susan Berghoff, Dottie Carpenter, Chuck Luther, Sue Koester, Maureen McCon, Ken Yahne, Louise Yahne, Celeste Streicher

Ushers: Adam Huth, Jim Huth, Julie Huth, Antonio Salazar

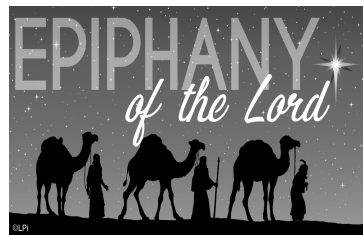
Greeters: Cliff & Jane Kimmel

Coffee & Donuts: Cathy & Dennis Doyle, Pam & Patrick Mitoraj

To all those who remembered me at Christmas time with prayers, gifts and good wishes, know of my sincere and heartfelt thanks for your generosity. As always, you remain in my prayers. -- Fr. Phil

CONFIRMATION MEETING

Confirmation meeting for candidates and parents/and or sponsors **January 14, 2018** at 11:30 in the Religious Ed Office. *Topic: Baptism and Confirmation.*



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Mt 2:10-11

Readings for the Week of January 7, 2018

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is
12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1
Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and
1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and
9a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor
6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

SERVERS MEETING TODAY

There is a refresher training meeting for all Servers today after Mass. Pizza and soda will be served after training.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 7

10:45 am For the People of St. Mary Mother of God Parish

Sunday, January 14

10:45 am Kay Horacek



Altar of Service

Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

Please mark your grocery lists for our Soup Kitchen. This week we are asking for ...MACARONI.

Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

Sunday, January 7: Brice Hohn

Saturday, January 13: Matthew & Lynn Q

Sunday, January 14: Shanebrooks

Saturday, January 20: Bob & Deb H & Jim Schmidt

Sunday, January 21: Brice H & R. Fairman

Saturday, January 27: Roterex & Jordan

AVE MARIA HOUSE PANTRY: SNACKS

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you feel a calling to minister to our shut-ins? Please call the church office at 424-8231 or Sue Koester at 493-4282 for more information, or if you know of a parishioner who may be homebound and in need of communion brought to them.




The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 7

- *Mary's Kids* resumes today, 9:15am.
- An Epiphany Concert will be held **Sunday, January 7 from 4:00 to 5:00pm** in the Mother Guerin Chapel on the corner Calhoun and Lewis Streets. Free parking in all lots. Handicap accessible with a reception following. All are welcome.

Sunday, January 14

- *Mary's Kids* 9:15 am
- Second Collection is for St. Vincent DePaul Society



Church Support

Monthly & Fiscal Year-to-Date Summary

	<u>Dec 2017</u>	<u>Jul 1-Dec 31, 2017</u>
Adult Collection-Actual	\$ 18,597	\$ 98,658
Adult Collection-Budget	\$ 18,750	\$ 101,250
Loose Collection-Actual	\$ 2,774	\$ 12,199
Loose Collection-Budget	\$ 1,750	\$ 9,450
Average % Envelopes Used	35%	31%
SVDPCollection-Envelopes	\$ 681	\$ 3,733
SVDPCollection-Loose	\$ 116	\$ 874

Many thanks for your support of St. Mary Mother of God.

Parish Announcements

LITURGICAL TRAINING

The Office of Worship has organized diocesan liturgical trainings on upcoming Saturdays in early 2018 for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Training will be held at St. Charles Church, 4916 Trier Road, 46815. There is no charge to attend a training, but advance registration is required by mail or email. For registration and instructions, please visit www.diocesefwsb.org/Trainings-And-Retreats.

Contact: Karen Fitzpatrick 260-399-1414 or kfitzpatrick@diocesefwsb.org

BISHOP LUERS FINANCIAL AID MEETING

The Bishop Luers High School Business Office will present the New Family Financial Aid Knight on Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 6-8 p.m. in the media center. Business office staff will answer questions about Indiana Choice Scholarship, financial aid, all Bishop Luers High School scholarships and the FACTS tuition management system. There will also be a question-answer session. No reservations are necessary. Coffee and snacks are available. In case of inclement weather check the website at bishopluers.org for information. The reschedule date is Jan. 16. Additional information is available by contacting Lori Price at lprice@bishopluers.org or Melissa Belleville at mbeleville@bishopluers.org in the business office or call 260-456-1261, Ext. 3026.

WINTER HOMECOMING/ & CASA KNIGHT

The Bishop Luers High School's Winter Homecoming and Casa Knight is Friday, Jan. 26.

- The BLHS girls' varsity basketball game is at 6 p.m.
- The boys' game is at 8 p.m.
- The Class of 1967 and the Bishop Luers Distinguished Knight award recipients will be recognized during half-time of the boys' varsity game. Please cheer on the Knights.

Casa Knight will open the homecoming activities. Dinners will be served in the cafeteria from 4:30-7 p.m.

Dinner orders must be purchased in advance for the following prices:

- Meals are \$8 or \$4 for Bishop Luers students and includes a choice of spaghetti and meatball or lasagna with meat sauce, salad, bread and cheesecake. Dinners for children 10 and under are \$3 and include spaghetti with meat sauce, bread and cheesecake. Reservations can be made by contacting Shawn Johnson at PreLKEvents@gmail.com or call 260-385-3947. A dinner order form is available in the "Latest News" feed at www.bishopluers.org.

A limited number of Casa dinners will be available at the door while supplies last. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10, \$6 for Bishop Luers students.