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EPIPHANY of the Lord



Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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Worship Hymnal Readings – 1021

Hymns

Entrance - As with Gladness Men of Old #450

Offertory - What Child Is This #454

Communion - We Three Kings #452

Recessional - Go Tell It on The Mountain #428

Choir Anthem Lyrics may be found in this bulletin.

Gloria

All:



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good



will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we



glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,



Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al - might-y Fa - ther.

Choir (Cong. ad lib):



Lord Je-sus Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the



sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you



take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our



prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.

All:



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,




in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.


Holy




Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Mystery of Faith



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res - ur -



rec-tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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The Pastor's Corner

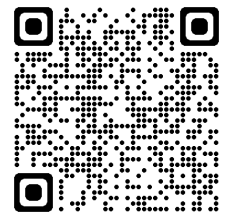


Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Staying informed: If you do not have Flocknote, I ask that you to please consider getting the app so you are "in the know!" To secure the Flocknote app, just go to stpacc.org/flocknote or text STPACC to the number 84576.

Happy Epiphany: On this great Christmas feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the Epiphany, or Manifestation, of the Lord! We celebrate that we have come to know the One who has been born for us a savior! The Catechism has a beautiful teaching on the Epiphany: "The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representative of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs" and acquires Israelitica dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel"). " (CCC 528)

The Domestic Church: As we celebrate this Christmas season, we also celebrate the importance of the family. I added a four-minute video to our parish website affirming the importance of the family as the Domestic Church. You can find that video by scanning the code to the right, or navigating to stpacc.org/resources/the-domestic-church.



Thank you for your generous Christmas collection! I want to thank the parish for so generously giving again this Christmas. A reminder for those who wish to give online, WeShare Online is an easy, secure, and convenient platform. Text stpaulohio to 800-950-9952 or give online at stpacc.org/donate. If you have any questions about your parish offertory or WeShare, please contact our Parish Accountant Deb Hawking at dhawking@stpacc.org or 614-882-2109 ext. 229. For those who prefer to use their offertory envelopes and may be unable to attend Mass, donations can be mailed directly to St. Paul Church, 313 N. State Street, Westerville, Ohio 43082. Thank you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Wilson

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

- 8:00 AM Sheumaker Family Intention (Living)
**10:00 AM † Mary Ann Mudd
12:00 PM † Jean Rizek
5:00 PM † Peachy Schoenenberger

Monday, January 8, The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

- 6:40 AM † Mary Lou Del Bianco
8:30 AM † Mary Deyo Walsh

Tuesday, January 9

1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

- 8:30 AM † William Wise

Wednesday, January 10

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

- 6:40 AM † Charles Leo Benso
8:30 AM † Sam Rizzo

Thursday, January 11

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

- 8:30 AM † Mary Yannon
6:15 PM † Larry English

Friday, January 12

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

- 6:40 AM † Rita Kaye
8:30 AM † Charles F. Menzel

Saturday, January 13, Memorial of St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

- 8:30 AM † Scott Peach

Vigil Mass for The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 PM † John Kenovic

Sunday, January 14, The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

- 8:00 AM Intentions of Sheumaker Family (Living)
**10:00 AM † Charles Vonderhaar
12:00 PM † Father Carmen Arcuri
5:00 PM † Roderick Frasher

**Mass with incense.

Choir Anthem Lyrics

Offertory Anthem – The Wexford Carol

Good people all, this Christmas time,
Consider well and bear in mind,
What our good God for us has done
In sending His beloved son.
With Mary holy we should pray,
To God with love this Christmas Day.
In Bethlehem upon that morn,
There was a blessed messiah born.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep,
To whom God's angels did appear
Which put the shepherds in great fear.
"Prepare and go," the angels said,
"To Bethlehem, be not afraid,
"For there you'll find, this happy morn
"A princely babe, sweet Jesus, born."

With thankful heart and joyful mind,
The shepherds went the babe to find
And as God's angels had foretold,
They did our Savior Christ behold.
Within a manger He was laid,
And by His side the virgin maid,
Attending on the Lord of Life
Who came on earth to end all strife.

With Mary holy we should pray,
To God with love this Christmas Day.
In Bethlehem upon that morn,
There was a blessed Messiah born.

Canticle of Praise – All Praise to Thee

All praise to Thee, eternal God
Who clothed in garb of flesh and blood
Dost take a manger for Thy throne
While worlds on worlds are Thine alone. Alleluia

Thou comest in the darksome night
To make us children of the light
To make us in the realms divine
Like Thine own angels, round Thee shine. Alleluia

A little child, Thou art are our Guest
That weary ones in Thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth
That we may rise, to heaven from earth. Alleluia

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, January 7

Join us for coffee and doughnuts in LL Rm. 3 after AM Masses

Guatemalan Coffee Sale, LL Rm. 3 (Church), after AM Masses
 RCIA, Klingler Center, 11:30 AM
 Pre-Baptism Workshop, St, Peter Room, 1:30 PM
 Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Classroom, 2:30 PM
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 2 (Parish Office), 6:00 PM
 Middle School Youth Ministry, Klingler Center, 6:30 PM
 Rosary, Church, 6:30 PM

Monday, January 8

Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church, 3:00 PM
 Walking with Purpose, LL Rm. 3 (Church), 6:30 PM
 Nar-Anon, Room 1 (Parish Office), 7:00 PM
 Walking with Purpose, LL Rm. 3 (Church), 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 9

Walking with Purpose, LL Rm. 3 (Church), 9:15 AM
 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church, 3:00 PM
 Handmaids of the Eucharist (Sacristan Training), Parlor 1, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 10

Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church, 3:00 PM
 Parish School of Religious Ed., School, 4:45 PM & 6:45 PM
 Overeaters Anonymous, Room 2 (Parish Office), 7:00 PM
 TMIY, St. Peter Room, Rosary at 6:30 PM; session at 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 11

TMIY, St. Peter Room, Rosary at 6:30 AM; session at 7:00 AM
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Church, 9:15—5:45 PM
 Confessions, Church, 9:15 AM
 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church, 3:00 PM
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church, 7:00 PM
 Men's Winter Social, Miller Hall, 7:00 PM
 Young Professionals Bible Study, LL Rm. 1 (Church), 7:00 PM
 Al Anon, Room 1 (Parish Office), 7:30 PM

Friday, January 12

Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church, 3:00 PM
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 2 (Parish Office), 7:30 PM

Saturday, January 13

Men's Bible Study, St. Peter Room, 7:30 AM
 Regnum Christi Day of Formation, LL Rm. 3 (Church) 9:15 AM
 Confessions, Church, 2:30 PM

Sunday, January 14


RCIA, Klingler Center, 11:30 AM
 Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Classroom, 2:30 PM
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 2 (Parish Office), 6:00 PM
 High School Youth Ministry, Klingler Center, 6:30 PM

*This may not be a complete list of upcoming meetings.
 Please refer to our parish website (stpacc.org) or call the Parish
 Office (614-882-2109) to learn about our many parish ministries.*



ST. PAUL SCHOOL INVITES
 NEW PRESCHOOL-8TH
 GRADE PARENTS TO

DISCOVERING CATHOLIC EDUCATION NIGHT

 **SAINT PAUL
 SCHOOL**

January 25, 2024 | 6pm
 St. Paul School
 61 Moss Road, Westerville, OH 43082
 Registration required at stpaulk-8.org

Applications Open January 5





Our Parish Staff

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St. Paul the Apostle's Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Our Recent Mass Attendance & Offertory Collection

Week Ending	Attendance	Collection
December 3	3,237	\$122,183.07
December 10	3,462	\$50,450.71
December 17	3,361	\$225,251.63
December 24	2,921	\$49,425.93

Year to Date Collection Summary through December 24, 2023

Note: Collection totals vary primarily due to the timing of online contribution reporting.

Summary for Week # 25	Actual	Budget	Difference	Last Year Actual	Prior Year +(-)
Sunday & On-line Collections	\$ 1,813,659	\$ 1,956,058	\$ (142,398)	\$ 1,679,768	\$ 133,891
Christmas	\$ 47,746	\$ 85,000	\$ (37,254)	\$ 22,268	\$ 25,478
Easter	\$ 728	\$ -	\$ 728	\$ 708	\$ 19
Major Collection Totals	\$ 1,862,133	\$ 2,041,058	\$ (178,925)	\$ 1,702,744	\$ 159,388
Prior Week Totals	\$ 1,785,608	\$ 1,877,815	\$ (92,207)	\$ 1,686,837	\$ 98,771

Special Collections To Date Include: St. Vincent DePaul \$ 44,693 WARM \$ 43,550 Missionary Appeal \$ 16,855	*Church Building Fund Envelopes: \$ 49,691 Church Loan Balance: \$3,742,142 *Parish fiscal year is July 1 to June 30	Our Offertory Weekly Goal is \$78,244. This amount includes weekly withdrawals for: Accelerated Principal Payments on Debt of \$ 7,750 Savings Deposit to our Emergency Fund of \$ 7,900
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Our Mass Schedule

Mon., Wed., Fri. 6:40 AM
Mon. – Sat..... 8:30 AM
Thursday. 6:15 PM
Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM
Sunday. 8:00 AM
..... 10:00 AM (with incense)
..... 12 noon (ASL interpreter)
..... 5:00 PM

Mass Times for Holy Days:

Please refer to the parish website (stpacc.org) or call the Parish Office (614-882-2109) to confirm Mass times.



We livestream our Sunday 10:00 AM, Saturday 4:00 PM, and 8:30 AM Masses, and weddings, funerals, and special events upon request at stpacc.org/livestream. Our livestream is also accessible via Facebook (stpacc.org/fb) and YouTube (stpacc.org/youtube).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursdays at 9:15 AM (after the 8:30 AM Mass) until 5:55 PM unless otherwise noted.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Mondays through Fridays at 3:00 PM.

Rosary:

Pray after the 8:30 AM weekday Masses; and on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Church; and on 1st Saturdays at 7:00 PM via at www.facebook.com/groups/StPaulRosary/.

Parish Office Hours

Our Parish Office is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Parish Registration

Welcome to St. Paul the Apostle Parish! If you will regularly be worshipping with us, we encourage you to register at stpacc.org/register.

Baptisms

Families wishing to have their child baptized should please contact Annette Ramos in the Parish Office at aramos@stpacc.org.

Confessions

9:15 AM on Thursdays; at 2:30 PM on Saturdays. The confessionals are located in the Church.

Marian Gift Shop

Our Marian Gift Shop is located in the Church and is open from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM on

Sundays; **closed on Mondays**; open on Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:30—6:30 PM; and on Wednesdays, Fridays, and also on Saturdays from 9:15 AM until 12:30 PM. 614-882-5257; www.stpacc.org/shop



Bulletin

Articles for the bulletin must be submitted two weeks in advance to stpaulcommunications@stpacc.org. Thank you!

Parish Office 614-882-2109
St. Paul School 614-882-2710
Preschool 614-394-9731
Parish School of Religion 614-882-5045
Prayer Line stpaulprayerline@stpacc.org
St. Vincent DePaul Helpline..... 614-973-9772

Young Professionals: StPaulYoungProfessionals@gmail.com
Spirit of Peace Counseling: stpacc.org/counseling-services



Pregnancy Support Resources

Pregnancy Decision Health Center: 614-444-4411

Birthright: 614-221-0844

Mommies Matter: 614-723-9308

Option Line: <https://optionline.org/> 1-800-712-4357

Women's Care Center: 614-251-0200

Stowe Mission, Columbus: 614-445-8400

Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County: 740-417-9358



The Catechetical Corner



I DID NOT KNOW THAT

Throughout my years of working in the Church in one capacity or another, I have noticed that one topic causes great confusion to many people. One would think this topic would be the mystery of the Holy Trinity or the hypostatic union of Christ's natures, but no. One of the most confusing and misinformed topics is that of divorce in the Catholic Church. As we are in the midst of the time of year when many young men and women are getting engaged, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the other reality. Sometimes, marriages do not work. Sometimes, it is not the fault of one party or the other, but a simple growing apart. Other times, there are traumatic events that lead to a divorce. No matter what the case may be, there is one certainty. Divorce is difficult. Even if you are delighted to get rid of your spouse and have one of those "divorce parties," deep down, a part of you is affected and diminished. Here, I would like to write about how the Catholic Church views divorce and how we are here to help you.

To understand the Church's view of divorce, one must understand our view of marriage. Marriage between a man and a woman is a sacrament in the Catholic Church. It's both a sign of the love between Christ and his Church and a participation in that love. St. Paul calls this a "great mystery" in Ephesians 5:32. Catholics believe that marriage is permanent "till death do us part." This teaching comes from Christ, as recorded in Scripture (Mt 5:31-32 and 19:3-9, Mk 10:2-12, Lk 16:18). Our marriage vows reflect this. We promise our spouse fidelity, indissolubility (permanence), and openness to children. This is not a list of rules cooked up by the Catholic Church. It describes what marriage is—natural marriage, as God intended, as we feel naturally drawn to. As Jesus said, "So

they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." (Mt 19:6). That's why we say that the Sacrament of marriage is indissoluble. And even the Catholic Church can't dissolve a valid marriage. If that is the case, how do we become free to marry another person?

When you become divorced through the civil court system, the Church still views you as being in a valid marriage. You may have heard it said that once you get divorced, you can no longer partake of the Sacraments. This is entirely incorrect. I wish I could collect everyone who says this and slap them around a little. Divorce does not bar you from receiving Holy Communion or any other Sacrament. What does bar you from receiving the Sacraments is getting remarried before receiving an annulment from the Church. Since the Church still views your first marriage as valid, any attempt to remarry without the Church declaring your first marriage invalid results in an irregularity. First, the Church will view you as being married to two people. Second, as you will have been married outside the Church (since the Church will not marry you again without an annulment), that too will be irregular. So how do we fix this?

If you are divorced, and you are looking to remarry or not planning on remarrying but want spiritual freedom, I would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the annulment process. By petitioning for an annulment, the Diocesan Tribunal and I will look for something (grounds) that made your marriage invalid before your vows. For example, if your soon-to-be spouse was a gambler and you believed that once you got married, he/she would stop gambling, this would be a grave lack of discretion, as marriage will not change habits. Marriage is not a silver bullet. Some other grounds are: at least one partner didn't fully and freely consent; someone wasn't mature enough to understand the full extent of what they were doing; there was never intent to be faithful; one or both partners did not intend to be open to children, etc. There is a plethora of other grounds that go beyond the scope of this article.



The St. Paul, St. Vincent de Paul Conference members wish you a blessed and happy New Year. Also, we appreciate your prayers and donations in order to

continue the SVDP mission in our community. Each year the need of our less fortunate neighbors increases and your generous giving enables us to assist where needed. Thank you.

Next weekend, January 13 and 14, the blue bins will be in the narthex of the church for food donations for the Holy Family and St. James the Less pantries. Items that are always needed **are individual fruit cups, cans (flip-top or not) of soup, chili, vegetables and fruit, cereal, packs of snack crackers, pasta items and toilet paper.** Bags of cookies, pretzels and oyster crackers that are divided into smaller bags for the bagged lunches given out at Holy Family. Also, during the winter the homeless at Holy Family need candles for heat and light. Even if the candles have been partially used, they are appreciated.

As a reminder there is a Box for Socks in the narthex for new men's and women's socks for the homeless. These socks are needed to keep their feet warm and dry but also for their hands and to carry small items. Also, needed are hand warmers.

In recommending these items, our intention is to make you aware of the items needed. We know it is impossible to supply all of their necessities, however, if we can assist in some small way, it is certainly appreciated.

Remember **our conference meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the lower level of the parish office from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.** If you are interested in joining SVDP or just want to come to see what we are all about, please join us for a meeting.

God bless, Jane Nieman, President,
SVDP Conference, 614-794-9605.

The Catechetical Corner (continued)

Another critical item to discuss is that an annulment does not make your children illegitimate. Children of a marriage that's determined to be invalid by a Catholic annulment are still legitimate. (Code of Canon Law, 1137). When a couple marries, they assume the marriage is valid and was entered into in good faith. Children conceived under this assumption of a valid marriage are considered legitimate. This fact does not change even if the marriage is later found to be invalid. In the United States, Catholic annulment does not affect state civil laws. It is unrelated to civil concerns such as illegitimacy, child custody, alimony, visitation rights, or property division.

Now I know I have thrown a lot of information at you (and there is more, believe me). Just know one thing: it is not too late. If you are currently in an irregular marriage, this can be fixed and set on the right path. Some annulments are fast, and others take longer due to delicate situations. Whatever the case, if you have a question about your marriage, divorce, or remarriage, please do not hesitate to contact me. Even if you are blessed to be in a happy marriage, please keep this article so that you can give it to someone who one day may be struggling. Also, please continue to pray. This is the key to peace.

St. Priscilla (patron saint of happy marriages), pray for us. St. Thomas More (patron saint of difficult marriages), pray for us. St. Adelaide of Burgundy (patron saint of second marriages), pray for us. St. Joseph (patron saint of married couples and foster father of our Savior), pray for us.

Andrew T. Burson

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Director of Parish Ministry

Help Children Pray and Follow Sunday Mass

Prepare. Read the Gospel readings together the night before you attend Mass and engage your child in discussion. Ask them simple, age-appropriate questions to get them thinking about what God is trying to tell us through His Word. Remind them to be listening for the reading during Mass.

Choose a Mass time that works well for your child's schedule. You don't want your child to be hungry or tired during Mass.

Help your children to feel engaged in the process of Mass. Show them how to genuflect before being seated. Have them walk with you during communion. Encourage them to offer a sign of peace at the appropriate time. Allow your child to put coins in the collection bowls. When you leave Mass, take a minute to have your child say hello to the priest if possible.

Identify aspects of the Mass that interest your child and make the most of them during Mass.

Help an emerging reader follow along with the readings, music, and prayers.



Prepare a "Mass bag." Fill a bag with special books such as a child's Bible or prayer book, a child-friendly rosary, saint cards, and/or a crucifix. Your child might especially enjoy a **MagnifiKid** booklet (bulletins for children in Preschool through 2nd Grade) that can be found in the narthex. Enjoy this free publication at church and at home.

Model. Model. Model. Young children learn best by doing. Modeling the behavior you expect from your child is often a big encouragement. Remember, praising God is truly a joyful experience! Help your children enjoy Mass by allowing them to see you enjoying Mass.

Sit close to the Altar. This may seem counter-intuitive, but when children can see what is happening on the altar, they are more fully engaged.

Whisper. During prayers and responses, lean toward your child and whisper the response in their ear. Whispering forces the listener to concentrate a little more, helping your child to be fully present. This creates a special, intimate moment between you and helps them feel and understand the reverence in those moments.

Practice prayer at home. Being able to practice quieting themselves and being still for a few moments during prayer is a great way to teach self-regulation to children. It also has the added benefit of teaching the importance of daily prayer.

Talk about aspects of the Mass throughout the week. Find at least one thing to talk about with your child throughout the week. Review parts of the readings, the homily, or things like why we kneel, why we cross ourselves, or what the priest is doing when he sits down quietly after the homily. If children understand what we are doing and why, they begin to take ownership of their actions.

Bonus Tip: Remember that Saint Paul is your parish community!

It's okay for children to be children and our parish community understands. A parent's role is to model, teach and encourage their children through Mass and St. Paul the Apostle Parish supports you and your family in your efforts!

Additional resources can be found at:

<https://www.foryourmarriage.org/how-to-take-young-children-to-mass/>



COLUMBUS CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

February 17, 2024 • 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Ohio Expo Center
Kasich Hall



Fr. John Burns



Heather Khyrn



Emcee, Jennifer Rice



Archbishop Timothy P.
Broglio, J.C.D.



Music By: Marie Miller



Claire Dwyer



Fr. Timothy Anastos



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Free Throw Contest!

The Knights of Columbus, Westerville Council 5776, will be holding its Annual Free Throw Contest **on Saturday, January 27, from 5 - 7 PM**, in the school's old gymnasium at St. Paul Parish.

All girls and boys, ages 9 - 14, are encouraged to participate! There is no fee to enter, and winners will receive an official Knights of Columbus basketball. Also, winners will be able to represent our Council at the District Competition!

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Scott Zacherl by email at: scott.zacherl@outlook.com.

Please make sure to save the date and time! We will look forward to seeing you at the contest!





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- Jan. 21** Middle School Night
6:15pm-7:45pm
- Jan. 22** St. Paul School Retreat
Monday
- Feb. 4** Middle School Night
6:15pm-7:45pm

High School

- Jan. 7** Damascus Jesus Night
6:00pm-9:00pm
- Jan. 14,28** High School Nights
6:30pm-8:00pm
- Jan. 17,24** Discipleship
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- Jan. 18-19** March for Life Trip
Thursday-Friday



More Info!

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Contact: Nathan Forsthoefel
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Around the Diocese of Columbus

ODU to Host St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture on Thursday, January 25

Ohio Dominican University will host its annual St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture on Thursday, January 25 as theologian and scholar Fr. Justin Brophy, OP, Ph.D. presents **"Thomas Aquinas: What is Truth in the Modern World."**

The free lecture will take place at 11:00 AM in the Matesich Theatre, located inside Erskine Hall on ODU's main campus, **1216 Sunbury Road**, Columbus, 43219. Fr. Brophy currently serves as an assistant professor of Political Science at Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island.

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Our Lady of Peace to Host Eucharistic Revival Talk

On Thursday, January 25 at 6pm, Our Lady of Peace Parish at 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus will be hosting Dr. Alan Mostrom. Dr. Mostrom will present a talk as part of the parish's Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series. The talk is titled: The Presence of God in the Soul, and the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN THE SOUL

and the presence of Christ in the Eucharist

Dr. Alan Mostrom
Thursday, January 25
6pm



Dr. Mostrom was raised in Tacoma, Washington in the Pentecostal tradition. He has received a BA degree in philosophy from Nyack College in New York, a Master of Arts degree in New Testament from Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky, and a PhD in Theological Studies from the University of Dayton. His dissertation was on Yves Congar and his theology of the laity. In 2009, Alan and his wife Sarah converted to Catholicism. Dr. Mostrom currently teaches at the seminary in Cincinnati - the Athenaeum of Ohio. He teaches classes on Christian Anthropology, Christology, Ecclesiology, Fundamental Dogma, as well as Evangelization.



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What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.



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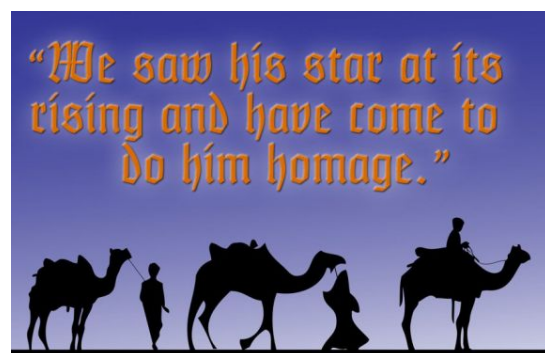
The Epiphany of the Lord, January 7

First Reading: *Isaiah 60:1-6* Second Reading: *Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6* Gospel: *Matthew 2:1-12*

Epiphany means "manifestation," a revelation of Jesus as truly God. Matthew and Luke show this child to be divine through stories of "signs and wonders" when Jesus was an infant. Matthew's account of the visit of the three magi also shows the Church's mission to the Gentiles. Matthew's audience, largely Jewish Christians, was struggling to accept the presence of Gentile Christians in their community. Matthew shows in this Gospel passage that the salvation of Gentiles as well as Jews was indeed God's plan.

What helps you stay focused on God's presence in everyday situations where God is usually not mentioned?

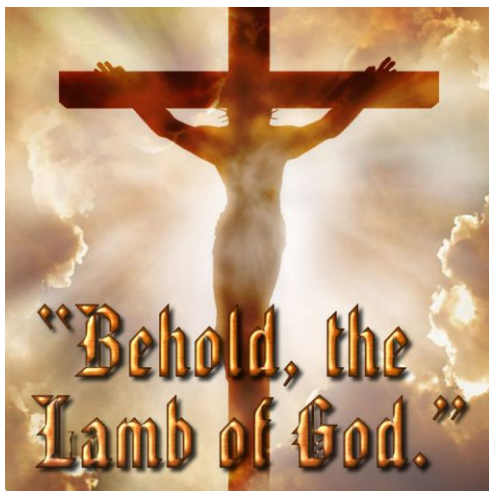
How do we reconcile the material gifts we have in our lives with the simple lifestyle of Jesus?



Preparing for Next Sunday's Mass...

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 14

First Reading: *1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19* Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20* Gospel: *John 1:35-42*



John the Baptist's role is to identify Jesus as the Lamb of God, who will forgive the sins of the world. This statement recognizes Jesus' importance and leads John's disciples to leave him to follow Jesus, the Son of God. In this short section of the Gospel, much is said about openness, for example, the ability to accept the word about Jesus and letting one's heart be moved.

Relate an experience when you met someone who helped you change your priorities, values or outlook.

Relate a time when you were stubborn about a new experience but eventually realized its value.



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WORD OF THE WEEK

Preparation of the Gifts \pre-pə-'rā-shən | 'gifts\

The set of ceremonial actions at Mass preceding the Eucharistic Prayer and Holy Communion. Includes dressing of the altar; bringing forward the bread and wine; and the community's personal sacrifices taken up in the collection. Formerly called the Offertory. The community offers a song of praise for all these gifts as the priest washes his hands in a purification rite.

CONTEXT

The **Preparation of the Gifts** allows time for the preparation of our hearts. Like the Magi bearing gifts and doing homage to Majesty, we bring our gifts and our praise to the Table.

—Father Paul Boudreau

God has first blessed us with the gift of creation. Humans take those gifts given, wheat and grapes, and, using our creativity, make bread and wine. Then, we bring those gifts we have received and labored over to present them at the Altar/Table that they might be transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Finally, we receive them back in Communion. The procession of the **Gifts** says, in essence, "Behold the gifts God has given us!"

—Father Roc O'Connor, S.J.

WHY IT MATTERS

We take great care preparing other festive tables for our most cherished gatherings. Could we do less for the table where the Real Presence of Christ will be made tangible for us?

From the General Instructions of the Roman Missal: The altar or Lord's table, which is the center of the whole Liturgy of the Eucharist, is made ready. . . . The offerings are then brought forward. It is a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful (73).

RELATED WORDS

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Is Epiphany about giving or getting gifts?

"We three kings of Orient are/ bearing gifts we traverse afar." Nowhere in the gospels does it claim there are three kings. They are magi, hereditary priests of the ancient Medes and Persians. At least the carol gets one thing right: this wise group does bear gifts. Gold symbolizes wealth and power. Frankincense, used in prayer, represents the divine Presence. Myrrh prepares bodies for burial. It's an ominous sign that would make a startling gift... But they were appropriate honors for the King of the Universe, the Divine Son, and the crucified Lord.

We also bear Jesus gifts at every Eucharist: bread, wine, and our financial sacrifice. "Made by human hands," these gifts are transformed and returned to us as the Body and Blood of Christ, and then redistributed for those in need.

More gifts come to us by way of this shared Table. Grace pours out on the assembly. Grace forgives sin, and rescues us from every evil. This is one gift you don't want to put at the bottom of a closet.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask*:
<https://tinyurl.com/QCA-presentation-gifts>

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (JANUARY 7)

Remember our migrant roots

America was once renowned as the land where people could come to breathe freely. Scripture reminds us of the considerable gifts that migrant people bring with them. Whether king or commoner, each person offers what they have to make the community more dynamic.

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010724.cfm>). "Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you."

FAITH IN ACTION

Let's welcome the newcomer and remember that the infant Jesus was once a migrant, too.



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