

WE THANK everyone who shared a portion of their blessings to God through your church.

Dec.26 & 27, 2020: Regular Collection: \$2,001.00, Building Fund: \$100.00, Christmas: \$5,804.50, Feast of the Holy Family: \$326.00, Anonymous donation: \$10,000.00 *Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity!*

MONEY COUNTERS (Note your day):

Monday, Jan.4: Barbara Malinowski, Joanie Correll, Doug Elder, Lillian Sechelski.

Monday, Jan.11: Virginia Malinowski, Ronnie Husky, Sally Jozwiak, Bernice Lewandowski.

Thanks to all who participated in the butter-braid/cookie-dough fundraiser for our CCE Program. The profit was \$1,278.20. Thank you for your support!

There will be NO CCE CLASSES on Jan.3. Classes will resume on January 10.

Help support our CCE Super Bowl Fundraiser! We are selling football squares again. The cost is \$20.00 per square. The payout: \$250.00 per Quarter! Look for Darrin or Margaret Zwerneman at church, or on Casino Night, to get your squares. The Football pot pays out a thousand, and the other thousand goes to the CCE fund. Thanks for your support, and Good Luck!

Let us pray for our sick, our cherished elderly & their families, namely:

Miranda Bohack, Pat Derkowski, Frank Gurka, Patricia Jozwiak, V.J. Jozwiak, Kathy Kitowski, Johnny/Carolyn Kopycinski, Christine Kuciembra, Willie Lewandowski, Jerry Novak, David J. Stegent, Mary Stempuhowski.

May Little Therese of the Child Jesus be your example of faith and confidence that God's loving touch will heal you and give you new life.

WEDDING

ANNIVERSARIES

Best Wishes and Congratulations to:

Elizabeth/Gary Korpe, Jan.14—38th
Betty/Oscar Becker, Jan.18—52nd
Lisa/Daniel Krolczyk, Jan.20—26th
Jennifer/Andy Faist, Jan.22—16th

Altar Society: Rosary and Meeting in the chapel and rectory, on Tuesday January 12 at 6:30 pm.

Tickets are now on sale for the annual CASINO NIGHT, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, to be held on January 16th. Ticket price includes a meal. For purchase or information, contact Eddie Kmiec at 979-277-8815, or one of the other Knights.

The 9th annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Feb.20, 2021 from 7 am to 3:30 pm at St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock, TX. Due to COVID guidelines only 450 attendees will be allowed in person, but there will also be a virtual option. Early bird tickets are \$50, purchased prior to 12/31, and are \$55 after 12/31, and \$60 at the door. Students are \$25 and clergy are free. The cost to attend virtually is \$25. Please go to www.centexcatholic.com to see the speakers and order your tickets. If you have questions, please email bcseanery@centexcatholic.com.

Explore these resources...

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1329500187572617217>

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1329484836512346112>

<http://biblechristiansociety.com>

<http://blog.newadvent.org/2020/04/dear-new-advent-readers-you-must-see.html>

Thoughts for Your Meditation

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is [less complete] than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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Throughout history, God has spoken to man. He spoke through Abraham, Moses and the prophets. God's Word became flesh in Jesus, and he continues to speak to us today through Scripture and the Tradition of the Church. God also speaks to each person through his or her vocation in life. Each person has a vocational calling. A person's vocation is the way in which he or she grows in holiness through service of God. Some people are called to marriage while others are called to the priesthood or religious life. Some people serve God in their single state of life. Regardless of a person's vocational calling, all of the faithful are called to serve God in charity and faithfulness. In his apostolic exhortation *Ecclesia in America*, Pope John Paul II said: "The word of God, faithfully read in the family, gradually builds it up as a domestic church and makes it fruitful in human and Christian virtues; it is there that the source of vocations is to be found." By remaining close to God's word in the Scriptures, families are able help each other discern God's voice in their own lives. In this way, families can support and nurture the vocation of its members as they help each other lead holy lives. What is a way that your family can share the Scriptures with each other? How can you support each family member's vocation?

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

"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, representatives 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').

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 528)

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Jan.3, 2021)

The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power.

Sat. Jan.2	6:00 PM	+VALERIE NOWAK by Charles Sulak
Sun. Jan.3	9:00 AM	+ESTHER SKWERES by Cindy/Ken Kendziora
Wed. Jan.6 **	6:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS (** out of parish)
Thur. Jan.7 **	8:00 AM	+FRANK NEWSOM by Karen/Ed Hoffart (** out of parish)
Fri. Jan.8	8:00 AM	+DOROTHY KITOWSKI by Cathy Polasek

FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Jan.10, 2021)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

When the Lord had been baptized, the heavens opened, and the Spirit came down like a dove to rest on him. Then the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with him I am well pleased.

Sat. Jan.9	6:00 PM	+PAUL BILSKI by Family
Sun. Jan.10	9:00 AM	+STANLEY SWIERKOWSKI by Stella Mikolajczak
Wed. Jan.13	6:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Thur. Jan.14	8:00 AM	LYDIA DOUCETTE by Diane/Brennan Peterson
Fri. Jan.15	8:00 AM	+VALERIE NOWAK by Charles Sulak

Anyone who is interested in joining the church choir for Sunday 9 am Masses, please contact Leslie Elder at 713-806-0979

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JANUARY 2ND & 3RD 2021

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Regular Mass Schedule:

Saturday :	6:00 PM
Sunday:	9:00 AM
Wednesday:	6:00 PM
Thursday & Friday:	8:00 AM

Sacrament of Marriage: Call at least 6 months before the planned wedding.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Parish Office at least 2 weeks in advance.

Parish Boards and Councils / Chairpersons:

Parish Council: Mark Bilski
Cemetery Board: Kenneth Kettler
Building & Maintenance: Lloyd Stelter
Altar Society: Gertrude Nowak
Religious Education: Peggy Husky
Knights of Columbus: Darrell Loukanis
Hall Committee: Janie Mikolajchak

Pastor: Fr. Jozef Musiol, SDS, JCD

**Parish Secretary:
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 5-5:45 PM/ Sun. 8- 8: 45 AM and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

