

...they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

Matthew 2:11

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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January 8, 2012

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass.....5:30 pm

Sunday Masses..... 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Daily Mass.....8:00 am (Monday - Friday)

Second Monday of the month, Mass is also offered at 3:00 pm at the Brethren Home.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sacraments:

Reconciliation - Saturday 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm or by appt.

Anointing - Please call the parish office to schedule.

Baptism - The first Sunday of the month after the 10:30 am Mass.

Parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation class in advance. Please call the parish office to schedule.

Marriages - Weddings are scheduled at least six months in advance.

Please call the parish office to schedule a meeting with the pastor.

Prayer Requests can be made by calling the office or on the website.

Any requests received by noon on Tuesday will be in the following weekend's bulletin.

Mass Intention Requests can be made by calling the office.

Intentions can be for the souls of the deceased, the special needs of the living, in thanksgiving for answered prayers or even in remembrance of a special occasion. The suggested stipend for a Mass is \$5, but any amount can be offered.



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Weekly Parish Calendar

Saturday, January 7 – St. Raymond of Penyafort

4:00 - 5:00 pm Reconciliation
 4:30 pm GLORY 1st Saturday Devotions
 5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 8 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am Mass
 10:30 am Mass
 4:00 – 7:00 pm K of C BBQ & Pork Chop Dinner

Monday, January 9 – The Baptism of the Lord

8am Mass
 7:00 pm Adult Study
 7:00 pm SDM Meeting

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Education Commission Meeting
 8:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday January 11

8:00 am Mass followed by Adoration
 9:30 – 1:00 Grace Soup Kitchen (correction of the monthly calendar)
 6:45 pm Sr. High GLORY
 7:00 pm Elementary PSR
 7:00 pm BOT Finance & Operations Meeting

Thursday, January 12

8:00 am Mass
 9:00 am Adult Study
 7:00 pm Trio Practice
 7:00 pm RCIA

Friday, January 13 – St. Hilary

8:00 am Mass – SMS attends

Saturday, January 14

4:00 - 5:00 pm Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 15 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Mass
 10:30 am Mass

Did you know...that the second week in January is Vocation Awareness Week? A vocation is the function or career toward which one believes himself/herself to be called, whether it be toward religious life (as a priest, brother or sister) or toward married or single life. Please pray for those discerning their call in life especially those discerning a religious vocation.

Recent Offerings from January 1, 2012

	Actuals	Goals
Sunday Collection:	\$7,866.20	\$8,200.00
Collections to Date:	\$231,317.07	\$238,200.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$133.00	
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$66.00	
School General Operations:	\$411.00	

2011 Contribution Statements. If you would like to receive a statement regarding your financial contributions to the parish for 2011, please complete this box and return it to the office or drop it in the collection basket. You may also email Sarah at stmjc@bizwoh.rr.com to request a statement. Statements can be mailed or emailed to you. Only contributions received by **December 31, 2011** will appear on this statement. Those received after this date will be credited to the 2012 year.

Name _____
 Envelope # _____ (if you have envelopes)

Prayers and Praises

Please pray for Mike Muhlenkamp and Norm Bauer. Please pray for the soul of Kathy Taylor.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 7

Missa pro populo

Sunday, January 8 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 Richard Manix & Family (Dale & Terri Crandall)

10:30 Thomas Beyke (His brothers & sisters)

Monday, January 9

Joanne Kaiser (Don Kaiser)

Tuesday, January 10

Dick Moores (Jean Moores)

Wednesday, January 11

Harold Goubeaux (Neil & Joan Shearer)

Thursday, January 12

Joan Pence (Clem & Eileen Eckstein)

Friday, January 13

David Karr (Neil & Joan Shearer)

Saturday, January 14

M/M Ervin Pequignot (M/M John Pequignot)

Sunday, January 15

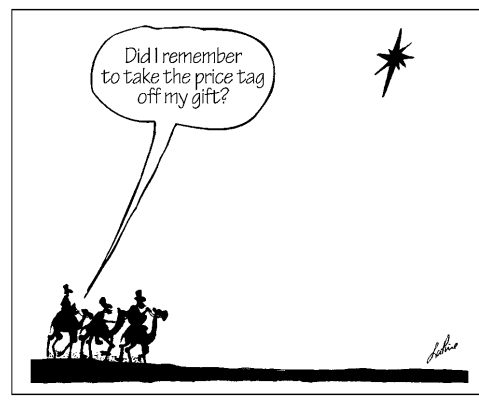
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10:30 *Missa pro populo*

January 14 & 15, 2012

Ministry Name	Sat 5:30	Sun 8:30	Sun10:30
Lector	R Gaerke	D Warner	M McGlinch
Euch. Min.	C Pope	T Shaw	R Gibson
Euch. Min.	M Rieman	A Kolb	C Holmes
Euch. Min.	A Rodenburgh	Mi Treadway	R Jones
Euch. Min.	J Rodenburgh	S Warner	S Kelly-Pressnall
Euch. Min.	E Stegall	A Cleere	R Moore
Euch. Min.			K Murray
Altar Server	J Troutwine	R Alette	J Liette
Altar Server	B Guaderrama	W Sharp	C Masso-Rivetti
Altar Server	T Boggs	E Tennant	T Masso-Rivetti
Gift Bearer	Myers Family	Durham Family	Children
Greeter	L Stebbins	J Fyffe	Jennings Family
Counter		J Moores	
Counter		L Harsh	

Just a little CHURCH HUMOR...



St. Mary's School

SCRIP Assignments

January 14 & 15

5:30 Beyke 8:30 Aulbach 10:30 Whitney

Around the Area



Blood Drive

The **Blood Drive** sponsored by the Greater Greenville Ministerial Association will take place Tuesday, January 10 from 12:30 to 6:30 pm at the Greenville Church of the Brethren.

Appointments are recommended. Contact Community Blood Center Representative, Dana Puterbaugh at 937-997-2199 or dputerbaugh@cbccts.org.



The next **Healing Mass** will be held January 10, at 7:00 pm in the chapel of The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. Within the Eucharistic Worship both the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Prayer for Healing are celebrated. Testimonies of healings will be given.

MEN'S RETREAT "Men's 12 Step Recovery Retreat" will be at Maria Stein on January 13-15. Contact the Spiritual Center for more information at 419-925-7625.

Vocation Information

Invite your spouse out to "**An Evening to Celebrate Marriage**," held Saturday, February 11 at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center. Join us for an elegant meal, inspirational speakers and a joy-filled evening. \$50 per couple. Limited seating, so call Craig and Connie Buschur to register at 419-678-8644. Deadline for registration is Feb. 1st.

ADULT SINGLES CLUB EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Jan. 8 – Bowling in Minster, OH

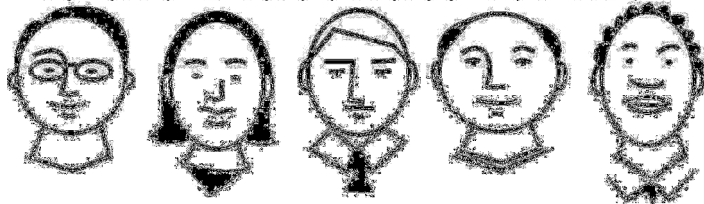
Jan. 14 – Mass in Coldwater, OH and movies in Celina, OH

Jan. 21 – House party in Coldwater, OH

Jan. 29 – Neil Armstrong Museum in Wapakoneta, OH

For more info, call Lou Ann Guggenbiller at 419-678-8691.

Is the Diaconate for Me?



Are you interested in becoming a deacon? The Archdiocese will be hosting informational meetings about the requirements for admission into the Deacon Formation Program and an explanation of the ongoing process of discernment to the diaconate. Please contact the office for more information at 548-1616.

Reflections on The Word of God

This week's reflection on the Word comes from an excerpt from *Living the Word: Scripture Reflections and Commentaries for Sundays and Holy Days (Year B)* by World Library Publications.

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Understanding the Word:

The story of the Three Kings or Three Wise Men was probably a kind of *haggadah* or popular Jewish story fashioned from diverse biblical material intended to make a spiritual rather than historical point. This does not mean that the story is not true. It means that the truth of it is more in the total story and its meaning than in any or all of its details. The point of the story is that these men were not Israelite, but they were nonetheless open to and in search of God's plan. The story illustrates that people of good will, regardless of their ethnic or religious background, can be responsive to the revelation of God. These men searched for and found the child, and they did not go away disappointed.

Reflecting on the Word:

"If there weren't any Wise Men, there should have been," a spiritual mentor once told me. This was at a time when a story's truth was equated with its being factual. The story of the Wise Men is true, whether it is factual in its details or not. From the beginning of time, there have been those who have been searching for "truth" or "light" or other divine signals. This journey often begins when something in our world catches the attention of those looking up or out from themselves, glimpsing a "star" beckoning.

The truth behind the story of the Wise Men affirms that God sends out signals for searchers to pick up on and move further down the road that will take them to God. Sometimes we might get lost for a while, our internal GPS ceasing to function because we have made a sudden turn or gone past a suggested turn-off.

But, then, in a moment of grace, we hear a welcome "recalculating," and we are off on our way once again.

Even when "darkness covers the earth and thick clouds cover the peoples," the One we are searching for is present, and will not let us go off the trail completely – at least not for long, and eventually, in "God's good time," we will find our way. The light will return and the Lord's glory will shine upon all seekers and searchers – even some not much interested in seeking or searching. These, especially, are the ones the Son of Man came to save.

Responding to the Word:

Jesus, send the guiding light we all need to find you. Sometimes there is only darkness and we grow tired, frightened, even hopeless. Be with us then and bring us to that place where you can be found. We pray with St. John Henry Newman: "Lead, kindly Light, amidst th'encircling gloom. Lead thou me on!" Amen.



The light that shines in darkness!