

# January 8, 2023

## The Epiphany of the Lord



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Bulletin Deadline: Noon Monday

### **BAPTISMS**

Contact Father at least 6 weeks prior to desired date.

### **WEDDINGS**

Contact Father 6 months prior to the desired date

### **ANNOINTING OF THE SICK**

Contact Father

### **HOMEBOUND / HOSPITAL VISITS**

Contact Father

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation - (217) 321-1155

## Father's Corner

Every year, sometimes every month or week, there are “new stars” that appear on the horizon of the political world, the sports world or the entertainment arena. And usually, we expect great things to come out of these stars. But when our expectations are not met, we might ask ourselves, what were we looking for? Was it even worth it? And we begin to look elsewhere. But the thing is, where is 'that' elsewhere? Where can we find the true star?

In the Gospel of this Sunday, the magi (the three kings) in their quest ended up in Jerusalem but did not find in the city what they were looking for. They were looking for Jesus in Jerusalem, but he was in Bethlehem. They were looking for a Jewish mighty king, but they found the Messiah-King baby, born not just for the Jewish people, but for the people of the world and of all generations.

In our journey through life, we have many expectations, and these expectations shape how we view life. But we must always remain flexible, be ready for God to appear and break in, to lead us into a new and different direction. Then we might find “the newborn king” (as the magi called him) among the poor, among the homeless, among those suffering persecution and injustice. Then we might find him in the truth of what our children may say to us, in the genuine reproach of our husband/wife, or in the simplest daily activities we perform with humility and love.

When we allow God to expand the vision of our expectations, we are on the track to finding more. We are going to find “the newborn King” ever born anew in our hearts, because he is the Only and True rising Star whose Light will never fade and which will enlighten our journey towards our eternal dwelling.

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### -Year of the Eucharist-

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#### **How should I approach the Mass?**

As faithful Catholics, our devotion to the Mass is based on **faith**, and we practice devotion with our will, which is guided by our mind as it grasps the truth of the Mass. As we grasp the truth of the Mass and cooperate with God's grace to believe these truths with our mind and choose to be reverent with our will, then we can please God by our active participation in the Mass with **faith** and **devotion**. Any error we might have concerning the truth of the Mass will lessen our ability to receive its spiritual fruits. This is why it is so important to **learn** about the Mass (through Bible Study, RCIA...).

#### **So, is it important to learn about the Mass with faith?**

Yes, our trust in God's Word and in His Church must be so strong that we are ready to believe whatever He has revealed with theological faith, even when our senses do not perceive the truth. With humble respect and firm adherence, we should approach the Mass realizing that human reason alone will not suffice to understand - **faith is needed**. The miracle of the Eucharist is not perceived by our senses, but by theological faith that relies upon the Church's divine authority. As believers, we have a duty to penetrate more deeply the truths of the Mass and the Eucharist, so by knowing God's truths more, we may love Him more.

#### **Is the Mass a Sacrament?**

The Sacrament of the Eucharist is at the **center** of the Mass. In the Mass, Christ imparts, communicates, and radiates supernatural grace. This happens objectively in every Mass, for the whole world, including all the persons in the world and all the souls in Purgatory. For those who are present and participating at Mass, the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Mass bestows upon them **grace** in accordance with their proper disposition and active participation. That's why it's so important to go to confession

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## Family of Faith

Dates to save:  
January 18<sup>th</sup> || February 15<sup>th</sup>  
March 15<sup>th</sup> || April 19<sup>th</sup> || May 17<sup>th</sup>

K of C Hall in Morrisonville 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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## Bible Study

Tuesdays  
St. Mary at 10:00 am  
St. Raymond at 6:30 pm

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## Reconciliation Times

Morrisonville: Saturday 3:00 pm –3:30 pm  
Farmersville: Saturday 4:00 pm—4:30 pm  
Raymond: Sunday 7:00 am—7:30 am

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**Join us in praying for life**  
Every Friday morning at 9:00 am  
in St. Raymond's main church



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

You are invited to join Catholics in our diocese by participating in a nationwide movement to grow into a deeper understanding and devotion of the holy Eucharist. This movement of Catholics, called Eucharistic Revival, is about healing, conversion, formation, and becoming a unified Body of Christ by focusing on encountering the real Body of Christ, present to us in the Eucharist. Visit [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org) to learn more about this mission, how to sign up for updates, the timeline of events, and how to get involved.



## PRAYER CORNER

Carrie Alkire, Margaret Angle, Wayne Angle, Ralph Bawden, Speed Beaty, Kathy Beckmier, Carrie Beeler, Martha Beeler, Ivan Benning, Kathy Bergschneider, Larry Bergschneider, Amy Bethard, Cooper Bethard, Helen Boehler, Monte Busen, Kathy Caraway, Tammy Carter, Susie Carter, Gaye Catlin, Raymond Coatney, Ruth Coatney, Jean Cole, Ron Cole, Georgetta Dean, Gerald Dean, Aaron Dejaynes, Carl Durbin, Adam Edwards, Jason Fark, Joyce Fesser, Mary Lou Fleigle, Susan Fleigle, Pat Forbes, Briar Gard, Derek Gatton, Joe Grundy, Dale Gudgel, William Gudgel, Bobbie Harker, Elayna Harker, Cameron Harmon, Gail Hartman, Harold Haslett, Richard Haynes, Gary Held, Ben Hobson, Sarah Hopf, Clarrissa Hupp, Angie Janssen, Gary Jones, Lori Johanson, Bob Karasch, Joan Keller, Larry Lanter, Scott Lindquist, Janet Locander, Drake Lucas, Peter Luczak, Brad Lush, Chad Lush, Christine Lush, Valarie Lush, Debbie Marten, Mike Martin, Alan McFarlin, Erma McKinnie, Frances Meyer, Jonathon Millburg, Boggy Miller, Dan Miller, Deanna Miller, Heather Miller, Chris Mizera, Hans Mizera, Missy Mizera, Shirley Mizera, Alta Mundhenke, Marilyn Murphy, Bodhi Niewinski, Rose Ann Olinger, Trevor James Oller, Millie Olsen, Brenda Ouelette, Ron Painter, Randy Patterson, Diane Pitchford, Michael Poleon, Carolyn Prose, Doc Prose, Roy Prose, Gary Ronchetto, Larry Saxe, Mike Sheedy, Rita Sloan, Dan Smith, Lenora Spencer, Tracy Stephens, Greg Stewart, Teresa Todt, Mary Frances "Toots" Walch, Larry Weber, Brant Weitekamp, Bev Weitekamp, Ed Weitekamp, Greg Weitekamp, Jodi Weitekamp, Steve Weitekamp, Pat Whalen, Jenny White, Larry Williams, Sandy Williams, Mary Zueck

**To add or remove someone on the prayer list, please email Kateri Marten at: [kmarten@stmr.org](mailto:kmarten@stmr.org)**

# St. Mary

## Liturgical Schedule

### Saturday, January 7

5:00 pm The Deceased Members of  
the Farmersville Knights of Columbus Council  
(The Farmersville Knights of Columbus Council)

### Tuesday, January 10

8:00 am Fr. Charles Dahlby  
(Fr. John Burnette)

### Saturday, January 14

5:00 pm The Parishioners of  
St. Mary, St. Maurice, & St. Raymond  
(Fr. Florent)

### Tuesday, January 17

8:00 am Dorothy Heaton  
(John & Rosemary Cowthon)

## Lector Schedule

Jan 7 - Tony Krager  
Jan 14 - Dan Martin  
Jan 21 - Kathy Rovey  
Jan 28 - Carol Hupp  
Feb 4 - Mary Jane Fuchs

## Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Jan 7 - Mary Jane Schmidt  
Jan 14 - Bea Leonard  
Jan 21 - Glenn Rovey  
Jan 28 - Mary Ann Rimini  
Feb 4 - Patty Clarke

## Marriage and Family

Fighting Fair Tip: Never say “never” or “always.”

It may seem like your spouse always leaves  
the gas tank on empty, but there’s always an  
exception that blows your argument. Be more  
accurate by saying “often” or “sometimes.”  
It stings less and creates less defensiveness.

## Farmersville Knights of Columbus Pork Chop Dinner

Saturday, February 18th  
At the Farmersville K of C Hall  
Serving from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Dine In or Carry Out  
Two Pork Chops, Baked Potato,  
Green Beans, & Cake  
\$15.00

## Winter Weather Mass Schedule Notice

As winter approaches, please note that if school is  
canceled due to bad weather, weekday mass  
will also be canceled.



## Finance Council

Bob Wagahoff  
Patty Clarke  
Donna Krager  
Bill Brown  
Fr. Florent

## Collection for December 31

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,785
Catholic Children's Home	\$50
Candle Fund	\$
Maintenance Fund	\$70
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$1,905</b>

# St. Maurice

## Liturgical Schedule

### Sunday, January 8

10:00 am Richard & Lou Norris  
(Jack & Patti Christian)

### Friday, January 13

8:00 am Mary Eileen Weitekamp  
(Ed & Linda Voorhees)

### Sunday, January 15

10:00 am Janice Sloan  
(Rita Sloan)

### Friday, January 20

8:00 am Lou Norris  
(Jack & Patti Christian)

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St. Maurice Parish is in need  
of organists or pianists.  
Are you able to play the organ or piano?  
Would you consider playing at least one  
Sunday Mass a month?  
If so, contact Fr. Florent.

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## Finance Council

John Fleigle  
Deb Forbes  
Brenda Deardorff  
Charlie Golitko  
Dale Brockamp  
Fr. Florent

Collection for January 1	
Envelopes & Loose Cash	\$4,055
Church Improvement Fund	\$
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$25
Catholic Children's Home	\$95
Candle Fund	\$
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$4,175</b>

## Ministry Schedule

### January 8

USHER: Mark Langen and  
Brian & Suzanne Grundy  
LECTOR: Catherine O'Connell  
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dale Brockamp  
ALTAR SERVERS: Adelaide & Gentry Dunkirk,  
and Macie Ferrill

### January 15

USHER: Mark Langen and  
Brian & Suzanne Grundy  
LECTOR: Larry Goebel  
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Charlie Golitko  
ALTAR SERVERS: Nathaniel & Nicholas DeBrun,  
Adelaide & Gentry Dunkirk, and Macie Ferrill

### January 22

USHER: Mark Langen and  
Larry & Karen Goebel  
LECTOR: Dereke Dunkirk  
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Marietta Dunkirk  
ALTAR SERVERS: Lucas, Noah, and Emma  
Grundy

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## St. Maurice Envelopes

Even though the order for the 2023 contribution envelopes was placed in July instead of November as in years past, the envelopes are on back order due to a paper shortage and a worker shortage at the Budget Envelope Company. They hope the order will be finished and shipped by the end of January. There are some envelopes printed in the back of church that can be used until your new envelopes come in or feel free to use any you didn't already use from your 2022 envelopes.

Thanks,  
Deb Forbes

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# St. Raymond

## Liturgical Schedule

### Sunday, January 8

8:00 am The Parishioners of  
St. Mary, St. Maurice, & St. Raymond  
(Fr. Florent)

### Wednesday, January 11

8:00 am Raymond Beiermann  
(Mary Marten)

### Sunday, January 15

8:00 am Julie & Anthony Eckstein  
(Doris & Charlie Morehouse)

### Wednesday, January 18

8:00 am Louis & Sharon  
(Maria & Stephen McCague)

## January Ministry Schedule

LECTOR Cheryl Gonet

CANTOR Deb Held

HOSPITALITY Paul Folkerts

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Donna Wagahoff

MINISTER TO THE HOMEBOUND:

January 1 - Mary & Julie Krager

January 8 - Dick Lyons

January 15 - Carl Marten

January 22 - Noller/Morehouse

January 29 - Dick Lyons

SERVERS:

January 1 - Denny Held

January 8 - Avery & Luke Pope

January 15 - Morgan Hampton

January 22 - Dan Held

January 29 - Jacob Mizera

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## Finance Council

Bill Held  
Marlene Marten  
John Barto  
Allen Poggenpohl  
Fr. Florent

## Collection for January 1

Envelopes and Loose	\$2,225
Candle offering	\$3
Building Fund	\$
Church in Latin America	\$100
Catholic Children's Home	\$20
Catholic Times	\$75
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$2,423</b>



## Raymond Knights of Columbus Annual Fried Chicken Dinner

Sunday, January 8, 2023 - 10:30 am to 1:00 pm  
at the Raymond K of C Hall  
Dine-in, Carry Out, or Drive-Thru

1/4 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,  
Green Beans, Corn, Cake, and Drink  
\$12.00

Children 8 and under \$8.00, Pre-School free

