

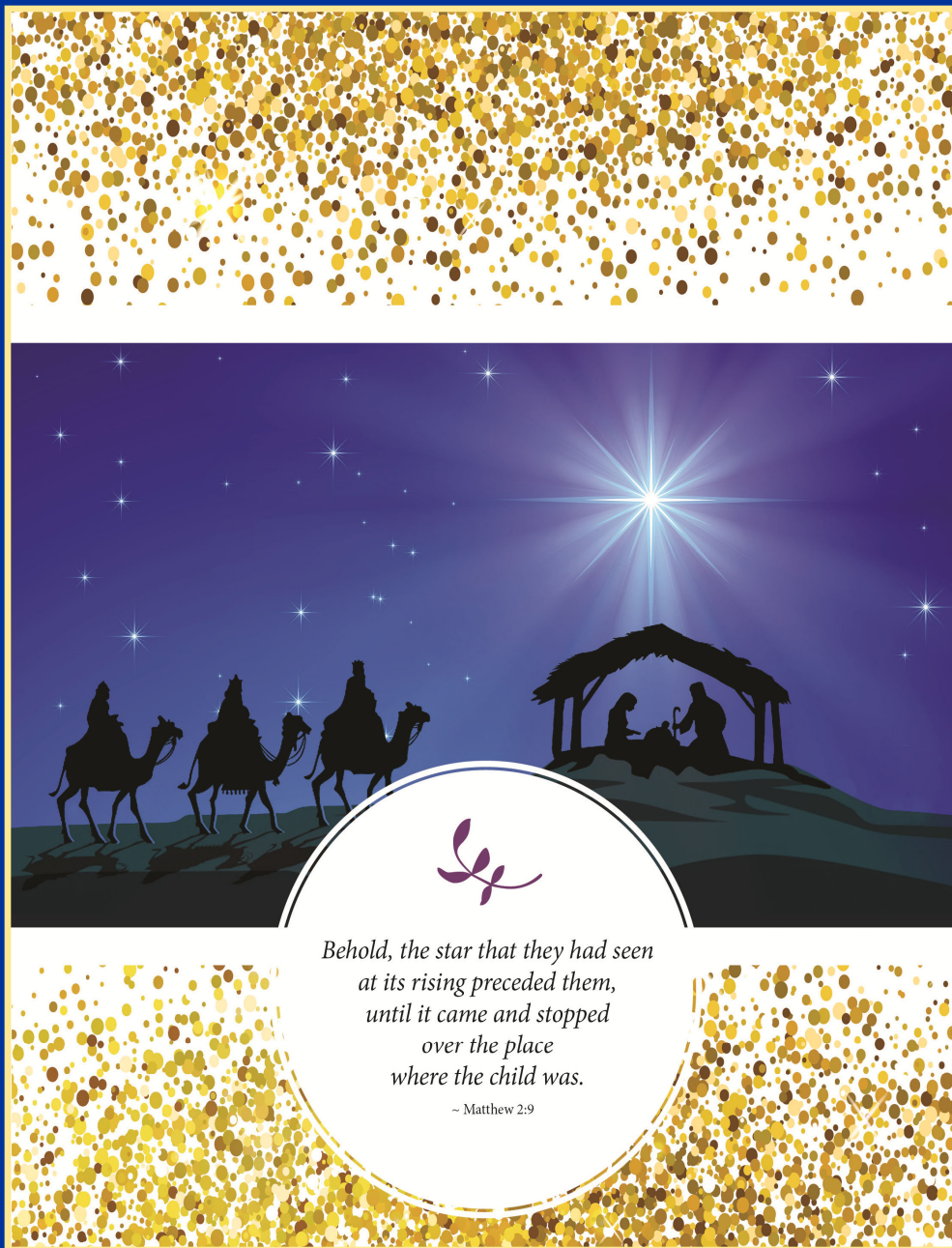
Saint James Catholic Community

*The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021*

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*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place
where the child was.*

~ Matthew 2:9

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Mass Schedule:

Weekdays: Monday - Friday, 8:15am

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Sunday, 8:00am and 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4pm and Anytime by request

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Mission Statement

We, the community of St. James, are a prayerful and Eucharistic people who treasure our Catholic traditions. We strive to grow in our faith by being good stewards of the gifts God has given us; sharing God's truth with all. As the Body of Christ, we are called to love and serve everyone, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.

Blessing of Baby Jesus

Fr. Mike blessed Baby Jesus figurines at all Masses on December 20 and during a drive-thru later that day.



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
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From the Pastor's Pen

As we enter into a new year, we hope and pray that we can make new beginnings, putting behind us the frustrations and fears of COVID. There is hope that a vaccine will eventually come to all people of our country and world, and that COVID will be relegated to the history books. I'm proud of the way that our parish and school have responded to the pandemic, cooperating in all ways with the necessary precautions. Thank you for that generous response.

On this first weekend of 2021, we celebrate the feast of Epiphany. This word, taken from the Greek, means "revelation" or "manifestation." The Incarnate Word of God is revealed in Jesus Christ. In the eastern part of the Roman Empire (Greek speaking), this feast honored the baptism of Jesus. In the western church (the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar) we have a separate feast set aside for that commemoration (next weekend). In Church history, three "revelations" of Jesus as the Incarnate Word of God were recalled on this feast: the visit of the Magi; the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan; and the wedding feast of Cana. Each of these events pointed to the divine nature of Jesus.

In earlier times, Epiphany was associated with the 12th day of Christmas. We are all familiar with the popular song "The Twelve Days of Christmas." In some countries, gift-giving (because of the gifts brought to the Christ child as recounted in the gospel of Matthew) was more customary on Epiphany than on Christmas.

Another beautiful Epiphany custom or tradition is "chalk marking." Above the door (especially the front entrance) a symbol was written in chalk. For this year it would be: 20 + C + M + B + 21. It signifies the date (2021) and the initials that stand for the three Magi, Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar. The initials could also mean "Christus mansionem benedicat," meaning "May Christ bless this house." The chalk can easily be erased, but it is a beautiful way of saying that this family belongs to Christ. Some traditions included a blessing of the home on Epiphany day.

May you bring the gifts of love and kindness into your homes in this new year. Please know that my prayers are with you each day. God Bless.

Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of January 4 - January 10

Monday 8:15am	<i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i> †Florence Brzezinski
Tuesday 8:15am	<i>St. John Neumann</i> †Charles (Dick) Pitts John Cambiano Mreen
Wednesday 8:15am	†Fr. Vincent Capodanno (intercession) †Christina Timms-Eberts
Thursday 8:15am	†Jim Streu
Friday 8:15am	The Anthony Sellmeyer Family
Saturday 5:00pm	†Alan Cram †Kelly Caldwell
Sunday 8:00am 10:30am	†Frances Mentch R.C. Arciga



From Death to New Life

Our prayer support is with ...

Ken and Lori Tajchman and their family and friends on the death of Ken's mother Mary who passed away on December 15.

Rick and Mary George and their family and friends on the death of Rick's mother Dorothy Ann who passed away on November 30.

May the healing hand of our Lord Jesus be felt by all who are coping with grief and missing loved ones.

Contact Info

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat 4pm until finished; any time requested.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptismal Preparation Classes: Once a month
Contact Kirsten Maggi in the parish office, ext. 202 or
kirsten.maggi@stjames-liberty.org

Religious Education: For Preschool through adult
spiritual development, please notify office of needs.

New Parishioners: Please register at the parish office.

We Welcome You!

St. James School: PS-8th grade offered.

Call the School Office, to inquire, 781-4428

Sacrament of Marriage: 9 months advance notice

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

To Schedule an event in our Parish Facility:

email daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org
or call Daryl in the Parish Office.

**All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday
12Noon to: bulletin@stjames-liberty.org**

Someone is Watching and Wondering



Today, on this first Sunday of 2021, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and once again we hear Matthew's account of the visit of the magi to pay homage to Jesus. The

magi studied the stars and followed the brightest which lead them to Bethlehem.

As we begin the new calendar year, perhaps you made a New Year's Resolution. I must say making a resolution to begin a new calendar year has never been a custom which I follow. On the other hand, as I think about today's feast, I am challenged to ask what changes I need to make to see and follow the star which will lead me to a richer life with Jesus. During Advent I tried to embrace an attitude of hope. Reflecting on the past year, however, there were so many times when hope seem like a distant dream. I read the daily scriptures and spent time in prayer but what seemed to lift my emotions toward hope was simply looking at the stable with Mary, Joseph, Jesus, the angels, shepherds, and magi (my nativity also has children bringing their gifts to the Christ child). My hope was found in thinking of that small baby resting in a manger made for animals to feed. That baby, Emmanuel, became my savior who continues to nourish me with the Eucharist and shows His love in so many other ways. My peace, my joy and my hope come from His perfect gift; a gift that is freely given to all humanity. A gift I did not earn through any act of my own, but a gift so precious I cannot fail to embrace and accept it every moment of my life. I know I must not simply follow His star; I must let go and let Him lead me. This is my epiphany – to freely give myself to Him so that I can share His love with others.

On this day let me share my humble prayer of letting go: *Lord Jesus, replace the tension and turbulence within me with your peace. Replace my anxiety with confidence and trust in your love. Replace my fears with faith, my anger and bitterness with grace. Fill my inner darkness with your light, replace my inner coldness with your tender warmth and care. Straighten my crookedness, fill my emptiness, replace my pride with humility. Light the fire of your love burn within me and quench the flames of my desires. Help me see myself as You see me. Help me to see others as my brothers and sisters. Give me the courage to go where you lead. Strengthen my will to let go, to surrender myself to you, and to share your love with those in need. Lord, you know I tried to be strong, work hard, and reach goals. Yet, you whispered, "All I ask is that you give yourself to Me. I will care for you, guide you, and provide all you need."*

Brothers and sisters, this prayer is both my epiphany and resolution. May you also open your hearts to His loving care,

Your sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*



**Our
Lady
Of
Guadalupe
Vigil Mass
December
11**

Pick Up Your 2021 Calendar



**2021 Calendars
Are Available
To Pick Up
In The
Gathering Space**

Thanks to Newcomer's Church-Archer-Paisley Funeral Home for providing these complementary calendars.

Thank You!

Thank you for the many kindnesses, comforting words, cards, calls, and prayers shared with our

family during our time of loss.

The outpouring of concern, sympathy and love from our St. James family was truly overwhelming and meant so much to us.

The Chris Rupp Family

*Wishing You
A Blessed
2021*

Birthdays this week: Today we celebrate all that you with God's help, have accomplished.

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