

TODAY
The Epiphany of the Lord

**Saturday, January 5th**

4:30 p.m. Laverne & Sherry Brown (Stephanie Brown)

Sunday, January 6th

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. Dominic & Lucia Ciotola (Guido Ciotola)

6:00 p.m. Chris Brush (Carole Crooks)

Monday, January 7th

9:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Laurinaitis (Fr. David)

Tuesday, January 8th

9:00 a.m. James McNeal (The Laipply Family)

Wednesday, January 9th

9:00 a.m. Armando Falasca (Josephine DiCristofaro)

Thursday, January 10th**NO MASS****Friday, January 11th**

9:00 a.m. Charles W. Swartz (Helen Chirakos)

For the Weekend of January 12th and 13th**Saturday, January 12th**

4:30 p.m. Tom Eviston (Ted & Sheila Pendergast)

Sunday, January 13th

9:00 a.m. Tom Croarkin (Marytherese Croarkin)

11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Anthony Kearns Davis (Drew Sanderell)



Geri Radivich, Marybelle Hannum, Maryann Hogan, Jean Montenaro, Anna Reed, Teri Ruzicka, Andrea Stanley, Dannie & Crystal Terrel, Sophia Basil, Henry Drayer, Betty Evans, Elaine DiSalvo, Mark Evans, Virginia LeDonne, Sheila Pendergast, Mia Newsome, Sr. Mary Franz, OSF, Al Kramer, Jim Hornback, Linda Boyd, Dan Danielson, Scott Gossett, Tim Cavanaugh, Charlaire Menedian, Kyler Hansen, Flora Valentino, Glenn Glassner, Mary Buttress, Susan Allardyce, Rosaleen Kelly, Melba Miller, Evan Messman, Margaret Dawson, Danny DiSalvo, Kathy Jones, Dr. Lager

*Parish Activities for the Week***Saturday, January 5th****NO PARISH ACTIVITIES****Sunday, January 6th**

8:40 a.m. Church

10:00 a.m. Cafeteria

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4:30 p.m. Cafeteria

4:30-6:00 p.m. St. Albert

K. of C. Rosary

PSR (Epiphany Celebration)

AFF (joins PSR)

AFF (A Lifetime of Liturgical Music)

Youth Group

Monday, January 7th

6:00 p.m. Rectory

6:30 p.m. St. Albert

7:00 p.m. Rectory

7:00 p.m. Conference Room

8:00 p.m. Rectory

Finance Committee

Liturgy Committee

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Parish Life

Pastoral Council

Tuesday, January 8th

6:30-9:00 p.m. Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. St. Albert

Women's Club

RCIA (The Eucharist)

Wednesday, January 9th

7:00 p.m. Cafeteria

Daughters of Erin

Thursday, January 10th

5:00 p.m. Church

6:15 p.m. Church

Children's Choir Practice

Adult Choir Practice

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Before & After Mass

Women's Club Soup Sale Orders

Sunday, January 13th

Before & After Masses

Women's Club Soup Sale Orders

10:00 a.m. Cafeteria

10:00 a.m. Library

1:00 p.m. Cafeteria

4:30-6:00 p.m. St. Albert

PSR

AFF (Old Testament Study)

Daughters of Erin

Youth Group

Parish Giving
Weekly Offertory Breakdown
December 22nd and 23rd

Total Envelope Count – 87

Total Envelope \$ Amount

\$ 4,779.25

Loose Checks – 21

Total Loose Checks \$ Amount

\$ 3,080.00

Total Loose Cash \$ Amount

\$ 1,400.00

Total Collection \$ Amount**\$ 9,259.25****St. Vincent DePaul****\$ 3,356.90**

**THE EPIPHANY: WHAT IT IS
AND HOW DO PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD
CELEBRATE?**

By Kenya Sinclair (Catholic Online)

Each year, the Pope leads an Epiphany Mass in St. Peter's Basilica and people around the globe take part in celebrations specific to their region. In Spanish-speaking countries, The Epiphany is called Dia de los Reyes, meaning "Three Kings' Day," while in Pamplona, Spain celebrates with a Cabalgata Los Reyes Magos parade.

There are several traditions and names for celebrating the Epiphany, but what is it?

The Epiphany is celebrated each January 6th and is a day dedicated to the birth of Christ, which includes a nod toward the three Kings who came to visit Him.

According to Dictionary.com, the word "epiphany" means "an appearance or manifestation, especially of a deity."

Appearance is correct, as Christ revealed himself in the form of a newborn babe to the Three Wise Men, who traveled from their countries to pay tribute to the Son of God.

It is also a reference to the baptism of Christ by John the Baptist. The six Sundays following Epiphany are known as the time of manifestation.

The *Gospel of Matthew* describes three Wise Men, named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, who were told of Christ's birth and set off, following the Star of Bethlehem, to meet the baby Jesus.

Each king brought with him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to represent Jesus' elevated position, divine birth and mortality respectively.

Historically, Christmas was celebrated each day from Christmas Eve to the Epiphany, with January 6 being as large a celebration as December 25.

Though Protestant churches celebrate a season of Epiphany from January 6 to Ash Wednesday, the Catholic Church observes Epiphany as a single day, with some in America celebrating the Epiphany feast the Sunday following January 6.

In Spain, children believe their Christmas presents are delivered by the Three Wise Men on January 6, while in Venice, children believe "La Befana," an imaginary old woman in Italian folklore, brings gifts to them on the Epiphany Day.

An old Catholic tradition is the Star Singers, which are groups of people who dress as the Wise Men and carry a wooden star who go door-to-door to sing and collect donations for the poor.

In Germany, if the Star Singers (Sternsinger) come to your door, they offer a blessing for your home. If you accept, they write 20*C+M+B+14 in chalk above your doorway. The numbers represent the year and the letters represent the phrase *Chustus mansionem benedictat*, meaning "God bless this house."

In Bulgaria it is traditional for an Eastern Orthodox priest to throw a cross in a river. It is believed whoever recovers the cross will be healthy through the rest of the year, as will any who join in a dance within the river's frigid waters.

Mexico makes King's bread, called *Rosca de Reyes*, which has a circular shape and is decorated with figs, cherries or dried and candied fruits. In Spain, the King's bread includes baking a Jesus figurine and a bean into the bread. Whoever discovers the figurine is crowned king or queen of the celebration, while the person who discovers the bean must pay for the following year's Epiphany party.

Parish Activities

WOMEN'S CLUB SOUP SALE

Be sure to order your homemade soup from the St. Christopher Women's Club next weekend, January 12th and 13th, between and after the Masses. The soup will be made the following weekend and you will be able to pick yours up after the Masses on January 19th and 20th.



2018 CHARITABLE TAX STATEMENTS

Please note that we will **NOT** be distributing the charitable tax statements this year. Due to tax law changes in the past year, many people are not using them. If you do want your tax statement, please contact the parish office by January 27 at stchris@aol.com or 614-754-8888.

Outside Activities

TUTORS NEEDED

For adults seeking basic education skills, GED preparation or English as a second language. The Dominican Learning Center will hold its next Tutor Training Workshop on Saturday, January 19, from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 1111 East Stewart Avenue, Columbus, 43206. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and be a high school graduate. Teaching materials are free to tutors. To register, please call 614-444-7330, ext. 1, or email DLCcolumbus@oppeace.org to sign up. Visit www.domlearningcenter.org to find out more.

YOUR SPOUSE WILL THANK YOU!

Give thanks and plan now to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next weekend is February 15-17, 2019 in Central Ohio. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus on each other. For more information or to apply, contact Paul and Marilou Close at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at www.wmecolumbus.org.

FROM THE DIOCESE

January is Poverty Awareness Month: visit USCCB's Poverty USA website at www.povertyusa.org.

Respect Life Mass is Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral.



Is God Part of Your Family?

Many of us designate our children as beneficiaries of a life insurance policy. As stewards of God's gifts, we should include our Catholic faith, too. Consider adding St. Christopher Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of your insurance policy to help support the future of our parish community. For more information, call *The Catholic Foundation* at 614-443-8893 or visit catholic-foundation.org.