

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—JANUARY 3, 2021

Sat.	1-2	5:00 p.m.	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> (St. Francis) +Jeanette Wolken
Sun.	1-3	9:00 a.m.	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> (St. Francis) +Herb Moses
Sun.	1-3	11:00 a.m.	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> (St. Francis) People of the Parish
Mon.	1-4	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) D of I
Tue.	1-5		NO MASS
Wed.	1-6	7:00 p.m.	PSR Mass (St. Francis) +Albert Grosdidier
Thur.	1-7	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Sandra Schoenhofer
Fri.	1-8	9:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Fr. Ray Joyce
Sat.	1-9	5:00 p.m.	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> (St. Francis) +Bettie Paulie
Sun.	1-10	9:00 a.m.	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> (St. Francis) +Ed & Bernedette Diskin
Sun.	1-10	11:00 a.m.	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> (St. Francis) People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be heard on the west side of the St. Francis Rectory every **Saturday from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** Follow the signs and cones and remain in your vehicle.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Pat Moore, Vence Segraves, Sheri Bell, Bailey Shaw, Billy Brown, Adam Westhoff, Stephanie Thompson, Lisa Edwards, Ron Lallemand, Donna Little, Mary Ann Dougherty, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, Jerry Beachner, Lu Reeves, Lou Severt, Isla Taylor, Charlie Gottlob, Nina Madl, Diane Davis, Helen George, Phyllis Coomes, Barbara Workman, Peg Brown, Dorothy VanLeeuwen, Jamie & Dakota Holding Family, David Lero, Jason Schoenhofer, Fran Dooly, Karen Steinbacher, Marilyn Dugan, Frances Fox, Nicholas George, Don Smith, Lorene VanLeeuwen, Jenny & Eliza Wren Snell, Ethan Yarnell, Paul Irelan, Jack McGowen, Sarah Norris-Crews, Laura Kay Nutter, Ed Lero, Helen Coomes, Joan Unruh, Virginia Westerman, Francie Casey, Christy Torchia, Mary Ann Remer, Carl Yockey, Chris Vitt (Greg's son), Janel Diskin Scales, Vickie Rike, Mike Keal, Mary Ann Rehnert, Carolyn McGowen, Viola Gouvion, Rene Miller, Judy Diskin, Mary Claire Stockebrand, C.L. & Mitzi Warstler, Gary Kilgore, Randy Leach, Jeanine Schettler, Beverly Simmons, Lisa Johnston, Mark VanLeeuwen. **If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the parish office at 449-2224.**

Anointing of the Sick: If you are going to have a significant surgery, please call for Anointing of the Sick before you enter the hospital.

Stewardship of Treasure

Total Amount Needed

St. Francis: \$7,561.35	\$5,565.38
St. Ambrose: \$3,710.00	\$985.77

Christmas Offering

St. Francis: \$6,350.00
St. Ambrose: \$603.00

Please remember your parish in your Will.

Offertory/Tithe: Place your church envelope inside a regular mailing envelope with your return address on the mailing envelope. Mail to St. Francis Church, P.O. Box 216, KS 66771. **DO NOT MAIL CASH.** Also, you may leave your envelope in the basket upon entering Mass.

Parish Ministries:

Saturday, January 9-5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Connie Spielbusch

Lector: Cindy Schoenhofer

Rosary Leader: Cindy Schoenhofer

Ushers: Dan Spielbusch, Mike Schoenhofer,

Steve Spielbusch

Sunday, January 10-9:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Laura Hoppas

Lector: Felix Diskin

Rosary Leader: Teresa Grosdidier

Ushers: Dennis Westhoff, Don Smith, Ken

Chambers, Mike Grosdidier

Sunday, January 10-11:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Rodney Noe

Lector: Keaton McCracken

Rosary Leader: Elaine VanLeeuwen

Ushers: Joe Smith, Mark Smith, Keith

VanLeeuwen

Church Cleaners for January 8:

Kristi Dillinger, Angie Gahman, Melinda Ewan

Parish Office: Due to the Coronavirus, the Parish Office is closed to your physical presence and entrance. To schedule Mass Intentions or such, please call Jackie Harmon, our Parish Secretary, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday through Friday at 620-449-2224.

Our Parish Website:

<https://www.stfrancis-stambrose.org>

CHURCH DECORATIONS: The church was beautiful this year! Thank you to all who helped decorate for Christmas and purchased the poinsettias for their loved ones.

2021 CALENDARS are on the tables at St. Francis and St. Ambrose Churches. Please take one per family. We would like to thank Forbes-Hoffman Funeral Home and Carson-Wall Funeral Home for supplying these calendars again this year.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: There will be PSR Mass on January 6, from 7:00 –8:00 p.m.

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THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH: 2021 has been dedicated to Saint Joseph, Patron and Protector of the Universal Church. There are St. Joseph holy cards on the tables in the churches. Please take them for you and your family.

GUARDIAN OF THE VIRGIN; FOSTER FATHER OF THE SON OF GOD: God called Joseph to be the protector of and provider for his greatest treasures: his divine Son and his mother, Mary. Joseph was protector and provider from the beginning. Jesus wanted to protect Mary from the law when she was found with child. Joseph gave Mary the protection of a husband when he took her into his home as his wife. He provided for her urgent need when he anxiously sought among the dwellings of Bethlehem for a place for Mary to give birth. Joseph named the infant "Jesus" and established his status in Israel. He fled into Egypt with Mary and Joseph to escape Herod's murderous grasp. After Egypt he established a home for them in Nazareth and there he worked diligently at his wood craft to provide for his little family. There he taught Jesus to grow in wisdom and grace. There, Mary called Joseph "husband" and Jesus called him "father." The mysteries of the holy Virgin, Mother of God, and the Son, God Incarnate, placed in the care of Joseph, transformed a simple carpenter into the image of the eternal Father. Saint Joseph guardian of Mary, and foster father of Jesus, provide for and protect now the Mystical Body of Christ. (What meaning does this have for us, for me personally?)

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: "Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die." — St. Peter Chrysologus

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"). *The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 528)*

STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? An act of FIAT requires more than just a bit of blind faith. We have many examples in Sacred Scripture of people who do not hesitate to respond to God's call, no matter how intimidating that call may be! Today we look to the magi from the east, who followed a star in the night sky to the crib of the newborn King. On the way, they encountered Herod, whose reaction to Jesus was one of jealousy and fear. They also encountered the chief priests and the scribes, who were fairly indifferent to the news of Jesus' birth. Yet these wise men persisted on, keeping their gazes on the star that led them to the Holy Family, where they paid homage to the Christ child. In your own efforts to grow in discipleship you may encounter similar difficulties. There will be people who react to you with hostility, trying to steer you off course. There will be people who are completely unconcerned with your efforts. They don't interfere, but they certainly don't help. Like the magi, you must lift your eyes to heaven and trust God to guide you to the exact place He intends you to be.