



# CHURCH OF THE DIVINE CHILD

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**JANUARY 3, 2021**  
*The Epiphany of the Lord*

# The Infant

## **PASTOR**

Rev. Robert J. McCabe

## **ASSOCIATE PASTORS**

Rev. Paul Graney

Rev. David Pellican

## **PERMANENT DEACON**

Rev. Mr. Robert Calleja

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

*Weekday: 6:30 AM and 8:30 AM*

*Saturday: 8:30 AM*

*Saturday: Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM*

*Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM  
and 12:30 PM*

*Holy Day: 6:30, 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM*

## **RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**

*Saturday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM*

*And after the 4:30pm Mass*

**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Church is the work of God  
initiated by Christ and held  
together by the Holy Spirit.  
Divine Child is a Catholic Parish  
entrusted with the responsibility  
of bringing people to the Lord and  
answering the call to holiness.*

## Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021 - Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00am People of the Divine Child Parish

**MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021**

6:30am Helen Lukuc, by Dennis & Linda Caratelli

8:30am Norman Skruch, by Pat Mertz

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021**

6:30am Stephen Ciochon, Jr., by Dick & Ben Haines

8:30am Milton Molina, by Scott & Laura Tackett

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021**

6:30am Donna Jarden, by The Diez Family & Tim Wolski

8:30am Eleanor Hernandez, by Lyle & Sue Young

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021**

6:30am Harry Martin, by Scott & Laura Tackett

8:30am Angeline Ferracciolo, by McKeough & Guadagnino Family

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021**

6:30am Gabrielle Keeley, by Family

8:30am Ed Van Elslander, by DC Rectory Staff

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021**

8:30am Mary Patterson & George Farrugia, by Family

1:00pm Wedding - John Paul Carzon & Kelsey Joseph

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021 - Baptism of the Lord**

8:00am People of the Divine Child Parish

### MASSES TO THE MISSIONS

Jan 02: (Spec. Int.) Fr. Ray Arwady, by Parishioners for Priests

Jan 03: (Spec. Int.) Fr. John Shi, by Parishioners for Priests

Jan 04: (Spec. Int.) Pope Francis, by Mindy

Jan 06: (Spec. Int.) Msgr. Todd Lajiness, by Parishioners for Priests

Jan 07: (Spec. Int.) Fr. Tom Urban, by Parishioners for Priests



## DIVINE CHILD WEEKLY LIVE STREAMED EVENTS:

**Mass: Sundays at 10:00am**

**United in Prayer: Thursdays at 7pm**

The live stream events can be viewed by visiting the parish website at **DivineChild.org** (click on Live Masses and/or Prayer Service).

**Note: Dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is granted to all the faithful until Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.**

## THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

**Weekdays - 6:00am to 7:00pm**

**Saturday - 7:00am to 6:00pm**

**Sunday - 6:00am to 3:00pm**

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND NOVENA

Eucharistic Adoration is on Tuesdays from 6pm - 7pm followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena at 7pm.

### Please Pray For Our Sick

Sean Armstrong

Erin Maddis

Yvonne Harvey

Joseph Ellul



### Rest in Peace

Father of Marc Wolney

Aunt of Linda Collins

Mother of Valerie Ciavaglia

Son of Alice Skelly

Alfonso Iniquez

Rita Misiolek



*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*

-Matthew 2:6

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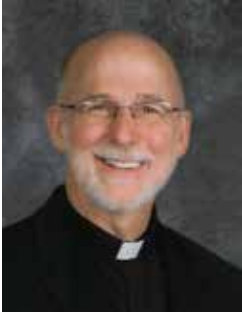
### Rectory Office Remains Closed to Visitors

The Rectory Office is closed to visitors, until further notice. If you need to contact us, please call the Rectory at 313-277-3110. The phones are being monitored and messages are retrieved and returned as promptly as possible.

*In the case of an emergency, such as anointing of the sick or funeral preparations, please call the rectory and select the appropriate prompt. Your message will be given first priority and returned promptly.*



## The Big Picture With Fr. Bob



Dear Friends,

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. We reflect on the journey of the Wise Men. They did not know what to expect when they began their journey.

Every year is a unique journey for each one of us. I am sure none of us anticipated on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 the unprecedented journey we would all take!

Now, we begin a new year. Like the Wise Men, may we be faithful, courageous, and single-hearted. Even 2021 will have surprising turns on the path we will take. Nonetheless, every journey, every year, and every day is an opportunity to draw closer to Jesus.

No doubt we all have learned some good lessons over the past 12 months. Now it is time, in the words of St. Teresa of Avila, to "Begin again." May we do so with great confidence in the Lord who loves us with an infinite love.

The following is a beautiful prayer written by St. Faustina. It appears on the first page of her Diary. It is a good reminder of how we should live our lives.

### O My God

*When I look into the future, I am frightened,  
But why plunge into the future?  
Only the present moment is precious to me,  
As the future may never enter my soul at all.*

*It is no longer in my power,  
To change, correct or add to the past;  
For neither sages nor prophets could do that.  
And so, what the past has embraced I must entrust to God.*

*O present moment, you belong to me, whole and entire.  
I desire to use you as best I can.  
And although I am weak and small,  
You grant me the grace of your omnipotence.*

*And so, trusting in Your mercy,  
I walk through life like a little child,  
Offering You each day this heart  
Burning with love for Your greater glory.*

The Lord is indeed with us throughout each and every day. Let us strive not to dwell on the past or be overly preoccupied with the future. May we make the most of the precious gift of the present moment. That is where we will encounter Christ. In the present moment, we are called to live, love, and serve God and the people the Lord has placed in our lives.

Like the Wise Men, let us trust that God will guide and strengthen us for our daily journey.

Jesus, we trust in you!

God's Peace and Joy,

Fr. Bob

# Happy New Year 2021



**Divine Child Parish  
brings you the  
Light of Christ.  
Please help keep the  
light shining  
by sending your  
weekly offertory.**

**-Mail your offertory to the Parish at 1055 N.  
Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128  
-Drop it off through the mail slot at the Rectory  
Office  
-Make a donation online via FaithDirect.net**

***Thank you for your continued support!  
We are so grateful for your generosity!***

## From the PAULpit



Winter time is usually a time that I get excited for, but this year is different. It's been a long time under the COVID restrictions and entering into winter with no more long, warm, sunny days is wearisome. It may be cold

but it feels more like a pressure cooker!

This experience has brought my attention to one of my favorite stories in the Bible from the book of Daniel. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are three men of an unshakeable faith. They refuse to bow down and worship a golden idol set up by the king of Babylon, who was the most powerful man in the world at that time.

To refuse to worship the idol would result in being thrown into a furnace. But they tell the king to his face, "If our God, whom we serve, can save us from the white-hot furnace and from your hands, O king, may he save us! But even if he will not, you should know, O king, that we will not serve your god or worship the golden statue which you set up."

In other words, they say to the king, "I love my God and even if he will not save me from the fire, I will not turn my back on Him." The king becomes enraged and they are thrown into the furnace but an angel of the Lord enters the furnace with them and the flames do no harm.

This story is an example of incredible courage and faith. It may be a bit of a stretch but I do not think it is crazy to draw some similarities between the experiences of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and all of us during this pandemic. We've been going through it for a while. It has been going on for 10 months and it feels like being in a white-hot furnace. We want to get out. We want it to end. We feel captured and tied up and unable to go about life as normal.

Though, as in all things, no matter what with no exceptions, Jesus Christ uses whatever our situations are to make us better sons and daughters of His Father. And the times when we grow the most are the most difficult times. God will allow for hardships but what He always does, every single time, is jump into them with us. He is not up in the sky as an onlooker. Not at all. He enters into the furnace with us so that we can walk out of them with greater faith and purer hearts. Sometimes our walk through the furnace we are in, does not seem to have an end in sight. We may feel defeated, exhausted, and we want to give up and throw the towel in – but that is the moment of victory. It is when we are at our weakest that we learn to use God's strength. The flames may not stop but they begin to lose their power over us.

Fr. Paul

A BIG THANK-YOU to 12 junior high students who completed a service project for the Parish. They placed a DC bookmark in 2,500 books that were given as gifts to every family this Christmas.



### Monthly Canned Food Collection

Remember this is the weekend for canned food for the less fortunate. Please leave your donations in the Gathering Room or any entrance to the church. God bless you for your generosity!







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DETROIT**

**RISE  
&  
BE NOT  
AFRAID**

# Make a gift to CSA!



**OUR GOAL:**  
**\$207,805**

**FUNDS RAISED  
TO-DATE:**  
**\$138,966**

## WAYS TO GIVE |

- 1. Give online at [www.givecsa.org](http://www.givecsa.org)**  
Select *Divine Child Parish* as your home parish.
- 2. Mail payment with your CSA donor card to:**  
Archdiocese of Detroit  
PO Box 44077  
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*Make checks payable to: Archdiocese of Detroit - CSA*
- 3. Drop off your donation to the rectory.**  
*Parishioners are asked to indicate "Divine Child Parish" as your home parish on your check's memo line. If you received a CSA donor card in the mail, please use it to accompany your donation.*

*Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help Novena  
Tuesdays at 7pm, in the  
Church*

Let us join together in prayer, asking the Blessed Virgin Mary for her intercessional aid, especially during this uncertain time.



### Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue

Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue has been in the parish since the 1970s. If you would like to request a visit from the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, please contact Laurie Lundblad at 313-320-3127 or [Llundbl@aol.com](mailto:Llundbl@aol.com).



Please join us for our next  
**ROSARY RALLY**  
**Saturday, January 9**  
**12:00pm**  
**Divine Child**  
**Marian Shrine**

(outside in front of the high school)

Please join us as we all come together, while keeping socially distant, and pray the Rosary in public to honor Mary, our Blessed Mother. Rain or shine!

If you have questions, please contact Virginia May at 734-748-4442 or Linda Wielkopolan at 313-563-2427.

Sunshine is not canceled  
Love is not canceled  
Relationships are not canceled  
Reading is not canceled  
Devotion is not canceled  
Music is not canceled  
Dancing is not canceled  
Imagination is not canceled  
Kindness is not canceled  
Conversations are not canceled  
HOPE is not canceled



## Mary's Chord

By Robert Calleja

*O' eucatastrophe, so bright with joy's light,  
radiating, razing, dark silent night  
sonic wave tremors unnerve a devil's mute land 'scaping,  
releasing man's music from clenched demon fist, shaking*

*A chord struck so sweet that reshaped Fallen melody -  
Adam's discord plucked dissonant from so woeful a tree,  
music of Eden ill-treated, Eve's nevermore,  
like thunder transgressing in Death's evermore.  
But ...*

*As in the garden of sorrow, in a garden most dear,  
an angel spoke boldly for a Virgin to hear  
yet Mary by wonder, healing curious Eve  
arose overshadowed to crush serpent's deceit*

*Woven in freedom, ariose was its sound,  
one syllable, three notes of harmonic renown  
and Gabriel privileged first to hear the inception  
of song ever-blest, themed for God's Incarnation*

*With humility's courage Our Lady thus revealed,  
the chord that dead-halted Satan's terrible wheel.  
melodic triad intoned to Triad Most Blest,  
such rang out in Mary's fiat when to God she sang ... **YES.***





### History of the Divine Child Nativity

In 1986, Fr. Kucyk, who wanted to honor the life of Monsignor Weier (1904-1983), ordered new, large Nativity figures from Italy. In order to make the elaborate figurines correspond to a more substantial scene, Mike Foye '63, a long-time art teacher at the Divine Child High School, designed and built a new Nativity with the help of the 1986 stage crew. One of our Bernardine Sisters, S. Josephenia, a home economics and art teacher, painted the backdrop of Bethlehem.

Mr. Foye and his crew presented the Nativity to Fr. K on the Sunday before Christmas. Fr. Kucyk loved the new Crèche and it has been displayed on the St. Joseph side chapel ever since.

The reigns have since been turned over to Walter Grysko, an '07 DC graduate and current Divine Child High School art teacher, and some of his former classmates. The stage crew and friends from former students continue this long-standing tradition today by always displaying the Nativity on the Sunday before Christmas.

"This is our 17th year participating in this tradition for our alma mater and Parish," says Mr. Grysko. "It's important for us to remember where we came from and to make time to do things together which are truly important in life. It's something we really look forward to every year and plan on continuing for many years to come."

*The Nativity display is available for your enjoyment  
until January 10, 2021*

## READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.

### PRAYER

God, thank you for all the people who helped me find Jesus.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.

## KIDS CORNER

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

WISE MEN  
STAR  
HEROD

MESSIAH  
WORSHIP  
EXCITED

GIFTS  
WARNED  
DREAM

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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD







# Christmas Gift Collection



Thank you D.C. parishioners for making our 2020 gift collection for Detroit's inner-city parishes a huge success!

The representatives from each of the recipient parishes (Nativity of Our Lord, Holy Redeemer, St. Aloysius, St. Charles Lwanga, and St. Hedwig/St. Francis), were overwhelmed by the generosity of our D.C. Community.

Each parish received 2-3 large bags of stuffed animals, 2-3 large bags of clothing for children of all ages, and 5-6 large bags of toys, plus 1 or 2 boxes of household items or other gifts for the elderly. These items will be provided to parents/families at each of the recipient parishes, to give to their children and family members on Christmas.

Every D.C. parishioner who provided a gift at our collection actually gave it twice – first, to the parent giving the gift, and second, to the child receiving it. In addition, each parish received gift wrapping supplies, to provide directly to their parishioners.

A special thanks to Audrey Waszkiewicz who overheard our discussion that we were running short on stuffed animals and returned with a donation of several large bags of GIANT stuffies, and to our "Secret Santa," who showed up at the side door of the Gathering Space with an extra 8 large bags of toys!

And thank you to all who donated wrapping supplies at the last minute, to provide to the parishes. They certainly appreciated it.

Thank you to Marilyn O'Brien and Marie Boyle for helping us to get the word out to our parishioners about this collection.

Finally, thank you to Fr. Bob, for allowing us to use the Gathering Room for the entire weekend to collect, sort, and distribute the gifts.

May God Bless you all for your kindness and generosity this Advent season!

~ The D.C. Christian Service Commission

# **READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**

## **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah*

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13*

**℟. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
he shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment. **℟.**

Justice shall flower in his days,  
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth. **℟.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;  
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.  
All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him. **℟.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,  
and the afflicted when he has on one to help him.  
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;  
the lives of the poor he shall save. **℟.**

## **SECOND READING**

*Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

*A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians*

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

*Matthew 2:2*

We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

## **GOSPEL**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

*"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

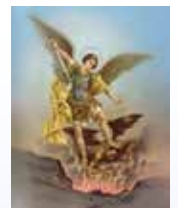
## **St. Michael Prayer**

*St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.*

*Be our protection against the  
wickedness and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the  
Heavenly host, by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan*

*and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking  
the ruin of souls.*

*Amen.*







## Marriage Coaching – Help for Your Marriage

Are you struggling in your marriage or in need of a marriage refresher and not sure where to turn for help?

The Marriage Support Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit is pleased to offer the Marriage Coaching program – a couple-to-couple mentoring opportunity designed to assist couples live out God's plan for their marriage.

When differences begin dividing, hurt is hardening the heart, “growing pains” are becoming “regular pains”, and the passion and affection is lacking, then your marriage needs help. Like our vehicles that need preventative care, tune-ups or repairs to prevent major damage, so do our marriages.

Trained Coaching Couples will give the support and practical tools needed to help couples restore and realize the fullness they desire for their Catholic marriage. The Marriage Coaching program consists of seven main coaching sessions that are strictly confidential and provided at no cost.

To learn more and get started with the help you need for your marriage contact: 313-237-4680 | [www.aod.org/marriagecoaching](http://www.aod.org/marriagecoaching) | [familyministry@aod.org](mailto:familyministry@aod.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Whether you are wanting a marriage tune-up, feeling stalled, or experiencing a downward spiral, you need not settle for anything less than the fullness that God intends for your marriage relationship.

No need to delay, there is help for your marriage ...contact us today!

*Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit, Office for Marriage Support*



### Praying with the Mass Readings

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture is a form of prayer called **lectio divina**.

1. Begin... *Come, Holy Spirit*
2. Read (lectio): Read the Mass Bible passage. Read it carefully, two or three times. Let it really soak in. Underline a word or sentence that stands out to you.
3. Meditation (meditatio). Ponder the words of the passage that stood out to you. Allow yourself to be moved by the Word of God to discover its meaning for your life.
4. Prayer (oratio). Speak to God about the passage. Be yourself. Allow time for silence to let God speak back to you. In this prayerful engagement with the Bible passage, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.
5. Contemplation (contemplatio): Resting in silence ask, “God, show me the way.”

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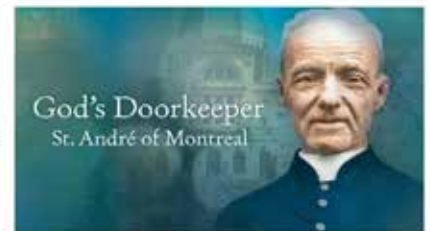
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 3, 2021

WATCH

### GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



### FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

LISTEN

### PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



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## PSALM 91

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shade of the Almighty,

Say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress,  
my God in whom I trust."

He will rescue you from the fowler's snare,  
from the destroying plague,

He will shelter you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you may take refuge;  
his faithfulness is a protecting shield.

You shall not fear the terror of the night  
nor the arrow that flies by day,

Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness,  
nor the plague that ravages at noon.

Though a thousand fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
near you it shall not come.

You need simply watch;  
the punishment of the wicked you will see.

Because you have the LORD for your refuge  
and have made the Most High your stronghold,

No evil shall befall you,  
no affliction come near your tent.

For he commands his angels with regard to you,  
to guard you wherever you go.

With their hands they shall support you,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You can tread upon the asp and the viper,  
trample the lion and the dragon.

Because he clings to me I will deliver him;  
because he knows my name I will set him on high.

He will call upon me and I will answer;  
I will be with him in distress;  
I will deliver him and give him honor.

With length of days I will satisfy him,  
and fill him with my saving power.



## EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

*This ceremony of the blessing of the home and the inscription of the initials of the three Magi above each door can be performed by the head of the family or another designated family member. Have some chalk on hand in preparation for the prayer.*

**Leader:** In the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen

**Leader:** From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial. The star burned like a flame, pointing the way to God, the King of kings.

The wise men saw the sign and brought their gifts in homage to their great king.

Lord, bless this chalk, and let it be a help to our family. Let us use it with faith in your most holy name, and with it inscribe on the doors of their homes the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health in body and protection of soul; through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

**Leader:** O Lord, Almighty God, bless our home that it may become a shelter of health, chastity, humility, goodness, mercy, obedience to the commandments, and thanksgiving to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May your blessing come upon this house, those who live here, and those who visit, through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

After the prayer of the blessing are recited, inscribe the initials of the Magi upon the main entrance of your home as indicated below:

**20 + C + M + B + 21**

The initials, C,M,B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase - Christ us mansionem benedicat - which means "Christ bless this house." The plus signs represent the cross, and the numbers in the beginning and end mark the year.

**Leader:** Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us. Our Father....

**All:** Amen.







## KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM



Coats for Kids is a national program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The distribution of coats is organized by State and local councils. The Foley Knights purchased 72 coats through private donations and fund raising. Six Foley Knights and family members joined neighboring Detroit Diocesan councils to distribute coats to children on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Basilica of Sainte Anne de Détroit. Over 800 coats were available at St. Anne's and every single one went home with a thankful child. The State of Michigan sponsored additional distribution sites including the diocese of Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Pontiac, Flint, Lansing, and Saginaw. **Well over 6,700 coats were distributed in Michigan** by the State and local councils this year.

The Basilica of Sainte Anne de Détroit was one of many locations chosen to distribute coats for children across the State of Michigan (right). Foley Knights and family members gathered on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> to support the Coats for Kids program (center above). The Foley Knights contributed 72 of the 800 coats that were distributed that day (far right).



Detroit Archdiocesan Program Director Lou Brotnier did a great job organizing the Detroit Coats for Kids Program (left). The Knights were ready for the lineup of cars that were filled with eager families (center). Lou and the State Advocate Charles E. McCuen welcomed families as they entered the facility (right).



Knights and their families were on hand to make sure coats were properly fitted.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday and Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Recite Life Prayer during Mass and Distribute Novena for Life Pamphlets after all Masses

Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Membership Meeting – Gathering Space

Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – Individually Directed Novena for Life

Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – Prayer Service for Life 7:00 PM in the Church

Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary



### EXPLORE THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

**The Visit of the Magi**  
**Mt 2:1-12**

See page 10 for the Gospel reading.

### TAKE TIME TO CHAT:

- What would it be like to encounter the baby Jesus?
- To prostrate oneself is to lay flat on the ground, face down in reverence. Why was it appropriate and fitting for the Magi to worship Jesus in this way?
- Like Herod in the Gospel and the Emperor Diocletian in the story of St. Philomena, sometimes people tempt us to do something wrong or against God's will. Share a time when you acted in a just way in spite of a temptation.
- St. Philomena was committed to living a holy life. What are some of the challenges of living a holy life today?

### Meet Our Extended Family:

**St. Philomena**  
**(Feast Day August 11)**

Jan. 10, 291 - Aug. 10, 304

It is said that St. Philomena revealed her story to three people who did not know one another and who resided in different parts of the world. These private revelations unveiled the story of St. Philomena's life in great detail and were amazingly identical accounts. One of the revelations came to Sister Maria Luisa di Gesu. St. Philomena came to her and told her she was the daughter of a Greek king who converted to Christianity. When Philomena was 13 years old, she took a vow of consecrated virginity. After her father took his family to Rome to make peace, Emperor Diocletian fell in love with Philomena. When she refused to marry him, she was repeatedly subjected to torture. Yet, in the midst of this torture, God continued to miraculously comfort her and heal her. This infuriated the Emperor who finally had her beheaded. St. Philomena said to Sister Maria Luisa di Gesu, "My soul took flight towards my heavenly Spouse, who placed me, with the crown of virginity and the palm of martyrdom, in a distinguished place among the elect. That day was so happy for me..."

The young virgin willingly traded her earthly life for heavenly salvation and continues her work today promoting the virtues of purity and sanctity among the world's youth and bringing the faithful closer to our Blessed Mother and Jesus Christ. Her name means "daughter of light" (Latin: *filia luminis*), and she is credited with countless miracles and intercessions since discovery of her tomb in the most ancient catacombs of St. Priscilla in Rome in 1802.

### Family Fun! Paper Crowns

Make paper crowns for the whole family and wear them at dinner to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany!

Materials:

- Thin cardboard (poster board or old cereal boxes work well)
- Foil gift wrap or construction paper
- Scissors, glue, stapler, paint, crayons or felt tip pens
- Optional: stickers, markers, glitter, shapes cut from construction paper

Instructions: Cut a strip of cardboard 3 or 4 inches wide and long enough to go around each person's head and overlap slightly. Cut a piece of construction paper or foil gift wrap the same length but slightly wider (2 inches wider). Glue the construction paper to the cardboard so the bottom edge lines up. Cut a zigzag in the top edge of the construction paper. Note: The construction paper is wider to make it easier to cut the zigzag; it is difficult to cut the zigzag from the cardboard. Decorate using markers, glitter or stickers. Make a ring with the cardboard facing in (toward the head) and the paper facing out and staple to make a crown.

### New Year's Resolution:

Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute [you], bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation.

-ROMANS 12:5-16b

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK:

#### Apple Crisp



Epiphany is celebrated in different ways all over the world. In England, there is a custom of blessing apple trees. Enjoy this apple dessert on this holy day.

- 8 large apples, peeled and sliced
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 cup melted butter (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 F. Place sliced apples in greased 9x13 baking dish. Combine cinnamon and brown sugar. Sprinkle 1/2 of mixture over apples. Combine granulated sugar, flour, egg, salt, and baking powder. Spread this mixture over apples, which will act as a crust. Sprinkle remaining cinnamon/brown sugar mixture over top. Optional: pour butter over everything. Bake for 40 minutes or until golden brown and bubbly.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY**

*"Heavenly Father, protect these members of our Armed Forces. Be their constant companion and their strength in battle, their refuge in every adversity. Guide them, Lord, so that they may return home safely." Amen.*

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*Please let us know if you have a loved one who is serving in the military and we will acknowledge them in our weekly column. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!*

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED:**

*May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He show His face to you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with kindness and give you peace.*

*~ Blessing of St. Francis*

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*Please pray for these young men who is discerning God's call to the religious life.*

**James Bird**, a 2016 DCHS graduate, is in formation for the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

**Joseph Lennon**, a DC Parishioner & 2017 St. Frances Cabrini HS graduate, is in formation for the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021**

**SUN 1/03** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**MON 1/04** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**TUE 1/05** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

**WED 1/06** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

**THR 1/07** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

**FRI 1/08** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

**SAT 1/09** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

**SUN 1/10** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021**

**Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

**Monday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

**Tuesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop

**Wednesday:** St. André Bessette, Religious

**Thursday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

**Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

*"I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

**Romans 8: 38-39**

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*-1 Peter 4:10*

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On Tuesday, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is in the Church from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

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## Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory Office to request this Sacrament. In emergency situations when the office is closed, the emergency line attendant will take the call.

## Marriages

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance and couple must be active, registered members at a Catholic Church. Potential wedding date is not confirmed until couple meets with a Divine Child priest. Officiant at the ceremony will be a priest from Divine Child unless the couple has someone close to them who is a Catholic priest. Music for the liturgy must be coordinated with our Director of Music Ministry, Mr. Matthew Simpson.

## Funerals

Arrangements are made in conjunction with the funeral home. Eulogies must be given at the funeral home or at the funeral luncheon; no eulogies at the funeral Mass, please. *Memorial Masses* are scheduled Monday-Friday only.

## Baptisms

Arrangements must be made in advance and parents must attend a **Baptism class** prior to the Baptism.

The Church requires that at least one of the parents and one of the godparents/sponsors be practicing Catholics; that is, they attend Mass each weekend.

## Quinceañeras

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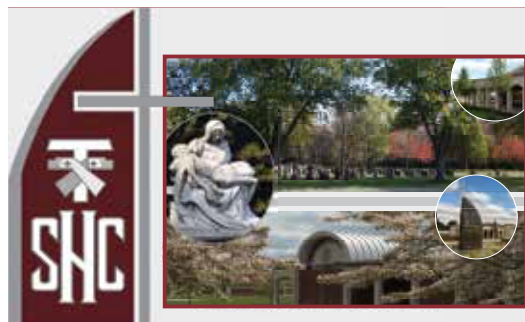
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