

St. William

January 2, 2021

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Thursday, December 31st 6:00 pm

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

People of the Parish

Saturday, January 2nd 6:00 pm

+Jim Sackett

by Joannie Thompson

Saturday, January 9th 6:00 pm

+Doug Loomis

by Jon Bristol



Weekly Contributions

December 24 & 26, 2020

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 555.00
Loose.....	\$ 214.50
Online Giving.....	\$ 210.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 10.00

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have continued to support our parish at Mass, online or by mail.



Saturday, January 9th 6:00 pm

Reader

Janie Fouts

Pray for Their Health and Welfare

Krista Hudacek Lambert

Julia Dalbec

Fr. Ron Olson

Judy Ross

Bill Ross

Jon Bristol

Maryann Grymala

Mary Kuntz

Patricia Lindquist

Erma Harty

Wendy Johnson

Carolyn Ward

Carl Schulz



Pray for Those in the Armed Forces

Nathaniel Grymala

Nathan Blair

Joe Austin

Brandon Anderson



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you for filling out a Catholic Services Appeal envelope. For those who did not fill one out, please do so today – either online through our secure website or by mailing your envelope to our office. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation.

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

December 2, 2020

**Together
in Mission,
Alive in
Hope**

2020-2021 Goal	\$ 5,454.00
Payments and Pledges	2,214.00
Remaining to Raise	\$ 3,240.00

If you are new to our parish and would like to register as a member, please call the office at 715-394-7919 or go to <https://superiorcatholics.org> and click on **Our Parishes, Become a Member & Parish Census**, and fill out the form for **St. William**.



The Epiphany of the Lord

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. - Mt 2:10-11



Wishing all a Blessed New Year!

WEEKLY MEDITATION

I was sitting in a Calculus class, and my blood was beginning to boil. For over an hour I had been trying to understand a concept without any success. The professor had patiently explained it twice (using two different examples), two friends tried (telling me how EASY it was - like that helped...), and I had read the "helpful hints" section of the textbook (which I still do not understand to this day).

I looked down on the page of equations, a seemingly meaningless series of numbers, letters, and signs, and put my head in my hands and took a deep breath. I then turned to look out the window and daydreamed for a couple of minutes. (I think the professor was just glad I was quiet...!) Then I looked back at the textbook.

It made sense.

I could not believe it. I finally understood in a span of three heartbeats what three different people had been trying to tell me for over an hour. The light bulb went on, and I said "OH!!!" just a little louder then I realized.

The professor, a gentle man with a deep faith, came over to me with a big smile. He said, "Do you get it?" When I told him how it came together he said, "Good for you, Andrew! You just had an epiphany."

There are times in life when an event or experience comes upon us in a rush. We are caught up in the moment, held in awe by our new awareness. We discover a new insight, understanding, or perspective which shapes and changes how we see the world.

In the Scriptures today we follow the journey of the wise men, guided by a star to the baby Jesus. As the star rose they pursued its course, searching for understanding and wisdom. When they found the child their response reveals the magnitude of their convictions. They knelt in homage, giving the very best gifts they had to offer.

As we journey on in our lives God places before us opportunities and events where the Lord is especially present. In these great and precious moments our eyes are opened - if only briefly - to the grace and blessings around us. **We can ask the Lord for this gift of understanding - a gift which recognizes and responds to God's presence in our midst.**

Fr. Andrew



Question for Children: In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

Question for Youth: The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

Question for Adults: How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?



Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Next Sunday: 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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, January 6th Religious Education

Grades 1-4: Parents will meet with Fr. Andrew in the upper Church from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Grades 5-11: (Virtual) Students will log in for class from 7:00-8:00 pm

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

With the help of Leah Brown, Kennedy Robelia and Griffin Anderson - UWS students working on a school project, Cora Jarman who volunteered and earned a scouting badge, and middle school students John Robbins and Maxwell Carey and their families who delivered gifts - we were able to provide gifts for 52 children and provide families with twelve hams and food gift cards for Christmas.

The gifts were donated by families from Cathedral School and other generous donors. The hams and gift cards were purchased from monies remaining from a food collection at Thanksgiving which was coordinated by our member Sandy Peterson. Thank you to all our other volunteers involved in helping to offer these special gifts to our neighbors this Christmas.

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

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Substitute Teachers Needed

Have you considered Substitute Teaching? Do you love working with children of all ages? Does your busy schedule keep you from working full-time? Would you like to supplement your current income? Cathedral School is looking for qualified substitute teachers. If you answer yes to the question, we need you!! A 4 year degree is required but the degree does not need to be in education. If you are interested please contact Melissa in the main office for more information - 715-392-2976.



Box Tops for Education (Cathedral Home And School Association) participates in several programs, which generate money for our school. Box Tops for Education can be found on several products including food, household items, tableware, office supplies, and even bake ware. **No more clipping.** No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. Tap the scan button and snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online. **(Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs!)**

St. Anthony—Superior
4315 E 3rd. St.
is holding another

"Take-out" Meatball Supper
on Tuesday, January 12, 2021
From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Included in your order:

Meatballs, Mashed potatoes &
Gravy, Vegetable, Dinner roll &
Dessert

\$10.00 for Adults,
\$5.00 for Students under 12
years of age

Handicapped accessible.

*Deliveries available by
calling*

*715-398-3261 on
Monday, January 11th or
Tuesday, January 12th
From 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon*



CLUSTER NEWS

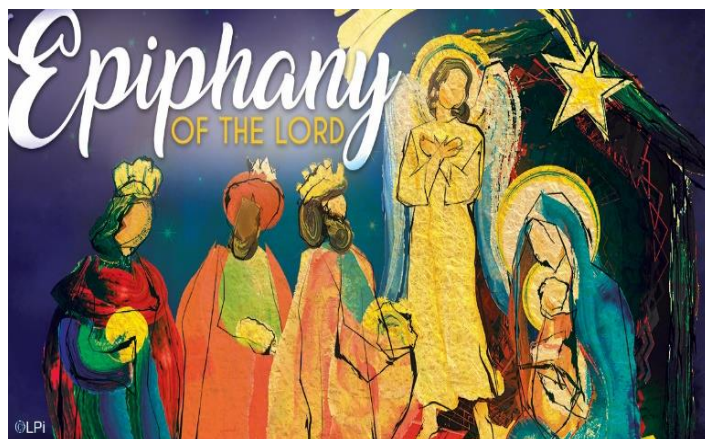
PASTY SALE

The Knights of Columbus, Superior Council 499 will hold a Pasty Sale on Friday and Saturday, January 8 & 9. The cost is \$4.00 for a 12 oz. pasty (filling: beef, potatoes, carrots, onions & rutabagas). Pasties will be available for pick-up between 12:00 Noon & 4:00 PM on Friday and Saturday at St. Anthony Church in Superior. On-line orders will be accepted until 12:00 Noon on January 5. After that point in time orders can be made only by calling as follows: Darryl at 218-349-9165, Tom at 715-392-2061, or Al at 715-364-2664. Leave a message if you get no answer. The link to order pasties online is <https://superiorcatholics.org/news-events/2438/>

ST. ANTHONY-SUPERIOR TAKE-OUT MEATBALL SUPPER

Please join us at St. Anthony – Superior for our **"Take-out only"** Meatball Supper on Tuesday, January 12th from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Menu includes: Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, and Dessert. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Take-outs are all that will be available and we are handicapped accessible. Facemask and Social Distancing policies will be in place.

Home deliveries will be available, within the city limits. Please call **715-398-3261** on Monday, January 11th or Tuesday, January 12th between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and Noon to place your order.



*Wise Men
Still Seek Him*



St. William Christmas Flower Memorials

In Memory of Marianne Bristol by Jon Bristol
In Memory of the McGuire Family by Tom Meierotto
In Memory of the Meierotto Family by Tom Meierotto
In Memory of the Morrisette Family by Tom Meierotto
In Memory of Loved Ones by Adam and Abigail Radzak
In Memory of Robert Gronski by Maryann Gronski
In Memory of Loved Ones by Lucy Verdoljak
In Memory of Brian Thompson by Joanne Thompson
In Memory of Vincent Lippai by Sonya Lippai
In Memory of Debie Lippai by Sonya Lippai
In Memory of the Radzak Family by Pete and Janet Radzak
In Memory of the Larsen Family by Pete and Janet Radzak
In Memory of the Deneweth Family by William and Judy Ross
In Memory of the Ross Family by William and Judy Ross
In Memory of the Radzak Family by Joannie and Chrissie Thompson
In Memory of the Thompson Family by Joannie and Chrissie Thompson
In Memory of Rich, Bob, Jack, Clem, Vie, and Wesley Thompson
by Sally, Kyle and Matt Thompson



In Loving Memory

Do You See What I See?

Today's Gospel answers this question quite definitively: No! Not everyone saw the guiding star in the sky. Not even those who, presumably, knew the prophecy found in the reading from Isaiah. That ancient prophet announced to the people of Jerusalem: "Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1). In fact, he promised them they would be so embraced by that light, they themselves would shine brightly with its radiance. But when the time came, not everyone saw it. Or, having seen it, they did not recognize it.

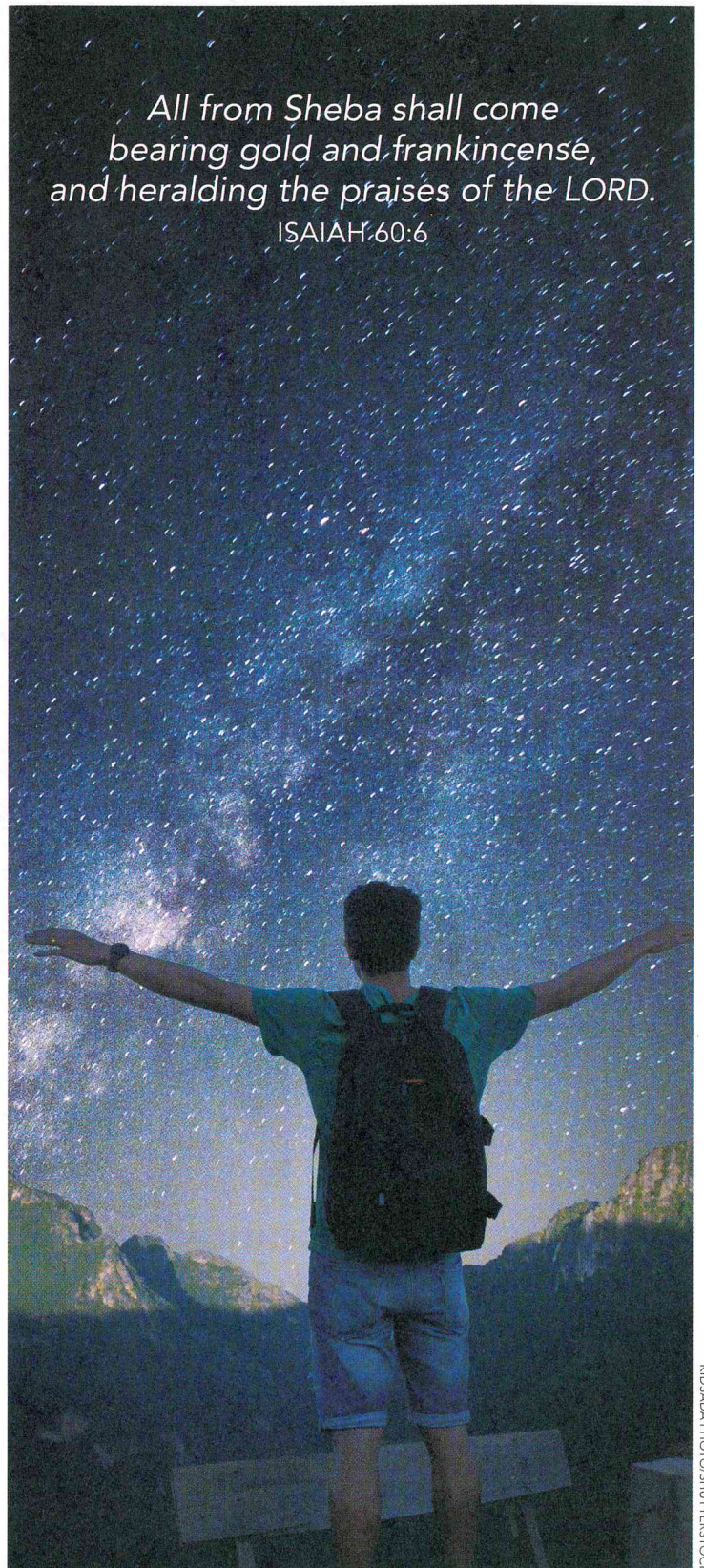
The people of Jesus' time were not ignorant of these prophecies. They knew what they meant and to whom they referred. Consequently, when the stargazers who saw the light inquired about it, those to whom they inquired knew where to send them. So what was the problem? Why were those men in Jerusalem not excited about the star? Very simply, a new king meant a rival king, and those who had power weren't eager to relinquish it.

We know that not everyone in Israel rejected Jesus. Shepherds had already thrilled at this birth. Someone in Bethlehem had opened his home to this child and his parents. Now we add to them the stargazers from another country. It seems the invitation to come to him is extended to all: political and religious leaders, the unsophisticated and marginalized, the established homeowner, the foreigners in their midst. They are all asked: "Did you see what I saw? What do you think of him?"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *How open are you to new thinking?*
- ✦ *God's invitation is offered to all. Is there any group of people you might have marginalized?*



*All from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and heralding the praises of the LORD.
ISAIAH 60:6*

Dear Padre,

A friend who is a fundamentalist insists Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I say there's no way it could have. Who is right?

Catholics believe each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial fact-telling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there is a saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1-12. And there is a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably did not happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true king, the light to all nations, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR
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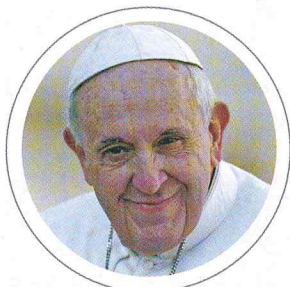


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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship....For worship involves making an exodus from the greatest form of bondage: slavery to oneself. Worship means putting the Lord at the center, not ourselves.

EPIPHANY HOMILY, JANUARY 6, 2020



Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Religious

1 Jn 3:22—4:6

Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann,

Bishop

1 Jn 4:7–10

Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday

JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11–18

Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4

Lk 4:14–22a

Friday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

JANUARY 9

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21

Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

JANUARY 10

Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1–11

1 Jn 5:1–9

Mk 1:7–11